

## Colossians 3:16

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,  
teaching and admonishing one another  
in all wisdom,  
singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,  
with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*



*Who is God? What is He like? Can He be known? These are the most important questions in the universe. The good news is God has answered these questions by revealing Himself through His attributes. The most important thing we can do in the universe is grow in our knowledge of God. We have been created by God to know God.*

## Spirit

God is Spirit. By this we mean not just the Holy Spirit, but the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Spirit. Spirit in the Bible refers to both an attribute of God and to the third person of the Trinity. God is pure essence. He is pure life and energy. God is Lord over and above matter and visible things.

Because God is spirit, God is invisible, immaterial, without form, shape, weight. God has no physical parts or limitations. God is not seen, cannot be seen, and will never be seen, by humans or angels. Angels are created spirits and as such have limitations. God is an infinite Spirit. We can only see God as much as He reveals Himself, but we can never see Him as He truly is. No one can see God and live.

God as Spirit is manifested in His power, authority, and presence in all creation. The Bible uses metaphors like wind and breath to describe God's presence in the world. We should not try to visualize God or form a mental picture in our mind. Nothing in our finite minds can even begin to imagine God. Even pictures of Jesus are all false images.

## Scripture on God as Spirit

*Exodus 20:4 You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.*

*Exodus 33:20 The Lord said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live."*

*Deuteronomy 4:15-16 Therefore watch yourselves very carefully. Since you saw no form on the day that the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, beware lest you act corruptly by making a carved image for yourselves.*

*II Chronicles 2:5-6 The house that I am to build will be great, for our God is greater than all gods. 6 But who is able to build him a house, since heaven, even highest heaven, cannot contain him? Who am I to build a house for him.*

*Psalms 139:7-8 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!*

*Jeremiah 23:23-24 Am I a God at hand, declares the Lord, and not a God far away? Can a man hide himself in secret places so that I cannot see him? declares the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? declares the Lord.*

*John 1:18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.*

*John 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.*

*Acts 17:24-25, 29 The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.*

*<sup>29</sup> Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man.*

*II Corinthians 3:17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.*

*Colossians 1:15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.*

*I Timothy 1:17 To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.*

*I Timothy 6:15b-16 The King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see.*

*I Peter 1:8-9 Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

## **Song**

*Psalm 59:16 But I will sing of your strength; I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning. For you have been to me a fortress and a refuge in the day of my distress.*

### ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible, hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might,  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all, life thou givest, to both great and small.  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all.  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish, but naught changeth thee.

Great God of all glory, great God of all light,  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight.  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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## **Prayer**

*II Chronicles 7:14 If my people, who are called by my Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.*

Holy Father in heaven, who alone dwells in light so brilliant no human can even approach your presence. Creatures in heaven veil their eyes with wings. Our human minds try to visualize you but it is impossible. This is why we are so prone to idols, to making some tangible form to help us worship. But every idol is a false god, a false image. This is why you tells us again and again to make no image, no representation, that you detest such things for they are all lies, they limit and misrepresent you.

This is a hard attribute for us to wrap our minds around. How can you be personal without being material? When we say we are made in your image we must constantly remember this image is not of some physical characteristic in you. We are not able to perceive you with our physical senses.

While all of this is divine mystery and too much for us, thank you that we can “see” you with the eyes of faith, that we can love you even though we cannot see you. Thank you that you are a God who is without limitations in your power, authority and presence. Because you are spirit you can be with us wherever we are and you can be with each of us always. No matter where we are you are there. Make us more aware of you and your presence, in Jesus name, Amen.