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The Holy Spirit is referred to with a personal pronoun distinguishable from God and Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit is under the direction of God.

The Holy Spirit is a distinct personality with power: He helps and eternally abides within the Believer.

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The divine attribute is all powerful or omnipotence. God, His Son, and His Spirit were all involved with Creation and the creation of man.

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The divine attribute is omnipresence. Just as it is impossible for anyone to hide from God, Jesus Christ is forever with Believers, and the Holy Spirit is in each Believer all the time and anywhere the Believer goes.

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The divine attribute is omniscience. As God and His Son knows all things, Isaiah teaches that no one can teach the Holy Spirit, because the Spirit already knows everything, and Paul teaches that the Holy Spirit knows all of what God knows.

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The divine attribute is eternal. Just as God is timeless and existed without a beginning, Jesus Christ is without a beginning or end, and the Holy Spirit is described as eternal.

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The divine attribute is truth. All three personalities of the Trinity factually truly exist and in accordance to reality. The historical existence of all three and what they say about the life and soul of a human being are fundamental realities of life.

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The divine attribute is sanctifying, setting apart, each Believer for God. When God commands Believers, "be holy for I am holy" (1 Pet 1:16), He is speaking of abiding to His commands and moral code, which would distinguish Believers as "My treasured possession, a kingdom of priests, and my holy nation" (Ex 19:5-6). God sanctifies by instructing how to be holy, Jesus Christ sanctifies by providing the means of atonement of sins, and the Holy Spirit sanctifies by indwelling, helps the Believer understand the Bible and provides the power to resist the temptation of sin.

3. From the above data, what do you conclude about the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit has divine qualities that are like and equivalent to God and Jesus Christ. This evidence supports the concept of the Trinity, because if they were not the same, they would not share the same characteristics. They are God, because there is only one God.

Upon closer examination, **the uniqueness of the Trinity is found in their service of selfless love towards each other.** The Father serves the Son, the Son serves the Father, and both defer to the Holy Spirit who also defers and serves the Father and the Son. This concept is what makes Christianity unique, a model for Christian living, and is beyond human nature and comprehension.