

SPIRIT ITSELF AND THE BEREAN PRINCIPLE

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Itself occurs 48 times in the Bible. Except for two verses, it always refers to a thing rather than a person. If there is a grammatical rule that makes itself possible to be used for the Holy Spirit, then the code of ethics regarding a person would deem it inappropriate, and it does. Why? The Spirit is a Person, not a thing. The Holy Spirit in Romans 8:16, 26 (KJV) should be Spirit or Spirit Himself because referring to a Person of the Godhead as *it* would be disrespectful and unethical.

Further evidence can be found in the first English translation of the New Testament from the Textus Receptus (TR) by William Tyndale in 1525 AD. He is called the Father of the English Bible. His translation was the primary text used by Coverdale, Matthews, Great, Geneva, Bishops, and King James Bible. Nearly 90 % of the New Testament and 66% of the Old Testament is from the pen of William Tyndale. They copied his text because it was a God-given work of genius.

Desiderius Erasmus and William Tyndale are ranked two of the most outstanding scholars and theologians of the Renaissance. They were free-spirited men with unparalleled God-given skills, and their spirits were yielded to the Lord, and they feared neither popes nor kings.

Erasmus wrote a book, *De Copia*, that Oxford University used as a textbook. It's been said that there would be no William Shakespeare without that book. Tyndale earned his Doctorate at Oxford University, and during his studies, he learned and mastered seven foreign languages. As a student at Oxford, Tyndale, by studying *De Copia*, learned the art of articulating the English language to the point where it was no longer considered a primitive language unworthy of use for Scripture. One example was to take a sentence like this: *Your visit has given me great joy*. It would have to be written no less than 150 ways until it was polished to brilliance. It was primarily William Tyndale's skills that made the King James Bible the greatest piece of English literature ever written.

Tyndale Bible 1535

Tyndale New Testament

[16](#)The **same spirit** certifieth our spirit that we are the sons of God.

[26](#)Likewise the spirit also helpeth our infirmities. For we know not, what to desire as we ought: but the **spirit** maketh intercession mightily for us with groanings which cannot be expressed with tongue.

<https://biblehub.com/tnt/romans/8.htm>

Ge 1:11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose **seed is in itself**, upon the earth: and it was so. {grass: Heb. tender grass}

Ge 1:12 And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose **seed was in itself**, after his kind: and God saw that it was good.

Le 7:24 And the fat of the **beast** that dieth of **itself**, and the fat of that which is torn with beasts, may be used in any other use: but ye shall in no wise eat of it. {beast...: Heb. carcase}

Le 17:15 And every soul that eateth **that** which died of **itself**, or that which was torn with beasts, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger, he shall both wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even: then shall he be clean. {that which died...: Heb. a carcase}

Le 18:25 And the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the **land itself** vomiteth out her inhabitants.

Le 22:8 That which **dieth of itself**, or is torn with beasts, he shall not eat to defile himself therewith: I am the LORD.

Le 25:11 A jubile shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which **groweth of itself** in it, nor gather the grapes in it of thy vine undressed.

De 14:21 Ye shall not eat of any **thing that dieth of itself**: thou shalt give it unto the stranger that is in thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien: for thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk.

1Ki 7:34 And there were four undersetters to the four corners of one base: and the undersetters were of the very **base itself**.

Ezr 4:19 And I commanded, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein. {I commanded: Chaldee, by me a decree is set} {made insurrection: **Chaldee, lifted up itself**}

Job 10:22 A land of darkness, as **darkness itself**; and of the shadow of death, without any order, and where the light is as darkness.

Ps 41:6 And if he come to see me, he speaketh vanity: his heart gathereth **iniquity to itself**; when he goeth abroad, he telleth it.

Ps 68:8 The earth shook, the heavens also dropped at the presence of God: even **Sinai itself** was moved at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

Pr 18:2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his **heart** may discover **itself**.

Pr 23:31 Look not thou upon the **wine** when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth **itself** aright.

Pr 27:16 Whosoever hideth her hideth the **wind**, and the **ointment** of his right hand, which bewrayeth **itself**.

Pr 27:25 The hay appeareth, and the tender **grass** sheweth **itself**, and herbs of the mountains are gathered.

Isa 10:15 Shall the **axe** boast **itself** against him that heweth therewith? or shall the **saw** magnify **itself** against him that shaketh it? as if the **rod** should shake **itself** against them that lift it up, or as if the **staff** should lift up **itself**, as if it were no wood. {the rod...: or, a rod should shake them that lift it up} {**itself**, as if...: or, that which is not wood}

Isa 37:30 And this shall be a sign unto thee, Ye shall eat this year **such** as groweth of **itself**; and the second year that which springeth of the same: and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof.

Isa 55:2 Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your **soul** delight **itself** in fatness. {spend: Heb. weigh}

Isa 60:20 Thy sun shall no more go down; neither shall thy moon withdraw itself: for the LORD shall be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended.

Jer 31:24 And there shall dwell in Judah itself, and in all the cities thereof together, husbandmen, and they that go forth with flocks.

Eze 1:4 And I looked, and, behold, a whirlwind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a fire infolding itself, and a brightness was about it, and out of the midst thereof as the colour of amber, out of the midst of the fire. {infolding...: Heb. catching itself }

Eze 4:14 Then said I, Ah Lord GOD! behold, my soul hath not been polluted: for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth.

Eze 17:14 That the kingdom might be base, that it might not lift itself up, but that by keeping of his covenant it might stand. {but...: Heb. to keep his covenant, to stand to it }

Eze 29:15 It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it exalt itself any more above the nations: for I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations.

Eze 44:31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that is dead of itself, or torn, whether it be fowl or beast.

Da 7:5 And behold another beast, a second, like to a bear, and it raised up itself on one side, and it had three ribs in the mouth of it between the teeth of it: and they said thus unto it, Arise, devour much flesh. {it raised...: or, it raised up one dominion }

Mt 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Mt 12:25 And Jesus knew their thoughts, and said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:

Mr 3:24 And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand.

Mr 3:25 And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand.

Lu 11:17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth.

Joh 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

Joh 20:7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

Joh 21:25 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, the which, if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.

Ro 8:16 The Spirit ~~itself~~ beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Ro 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Ro 8:26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit ~~itself~~ maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Ro 14:14 I know, and am persuaded by the Lord Jesus, that there is nothing unclean of itself: but to him that esteemeth any thing to be unclean, to him it is unclean. {unclean: Gr. common }

1Co 11:14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

1Co 13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, {vaunteth...: or, is not rash }

1Co 13:5 Doth [charity] not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil;

2Co 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; {imaginations: or, reasonings}

Eph 4:16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Heb 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Jas 2:17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. {alone: Gr. by itself }

3Jo 1:12 Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.