

Theology Uncorked

What We Believe and Why It Matters

What We Believe about the Holy Spirit

1. Who Is the Holy Spirit?

A. The Holy Spirit is a Person (John 14:17, 26; 16:14; 1 Cor. 12:11; Rom. 8:26)

John 16:13-14 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

B. The Holy Spirit is God

- Part of Trinity: Matthew 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14; 1 Cor. 12:4-6; Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2; Jude 20-21, Rom 15:30.
- Referred to as God: Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor. 2:10-11; Heb. 10:15-17; Job 33:4; Psa. 106:33; 2 Cor. 3:17.

2. What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

A. The Story of the Spirit

Cosmos - Creation – **Gen. 1:2**, Job 33:4, Psa. 104:30

Tabernacle/Temple—Exodus 28:3; **31:1-3**; 35:30ff

Moses/Judges/Kings/Prophets - **Judg. 3:10**, 6:34, 11:29, 1 Sam. 11:6, 16:13; 1 Chr. 12:18, 15:1

Prophecy—**Joel 2:28**, Isa. 44:3, Ezek. 36:24ff, 39:29

Jesus – Isa. 61:1, 42:1... **Luke 3:22, 4:1, 18**, Acts 10:38

Church—**Acts 1:8**, 2:17, 33, 38

New Creation—**Isa. 32:15-17**

B. Focus of the Spirit's Work

Question: How do we live the Christian life?

WSC 69 Q:How are we made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ?

A: We are made partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit. (Tit. 3:5, 6, 2 Thess. 2:13-14, Jn. 1:11, 12)

2 Corinthians 3:17-18 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

1. Word of the Spirit—Inspiration: 2 Tim. 1:13, 14, 1 Pet. 1:11; 2 Pet. 1:21; Illumination – 1 Cor. 1:10-12; Testifies – 1 Jn. 3:24, 4:13, Rom. 8:15-16

2. Gifts of the Spirit

<u>Roman 12:3-8</u>	<u>1 Cor. 12:28-30</u>	<u>1 Cor. 12:8-10</u>	<u>Ephesians 4:7-12</u>	<u>1 Peter 4:10, 11</u>
prophecy	apostles	word of wisdom	apostles	speaking
ministry	prophecy	word of knowledge	prophets	servicing
teaching	teaching	faith	evangelists	
exhortation	miracles	healing	pastor-teacher	
giving	healing	miracles		
ruling	tongues	Prophecy		
showing mercy	Interpreting tongues	discerning of spirits		
	helping	kinds of tongues		
	Governing	interpreting tongues		

“What about the Miraculous Gifts?” – Heb. 2:4, 2 Cor. 12:12, Acts 2:22, 14:3, Rom. 15:18-20

- Prophecy—Lk. 11:49, 1 Cor. 12:28, 29; Eph. 2:20, 3:5, 4:11; 2 Pet. 3:2
- Tongues—1 Cor. 14; Acts 2:3-11
- Healing—Jas. 5:13-18

3. Indwelling of the Spirit—1 Cor. 3:16, 6:19; **2 Cor. 6:16**; Eph 2:21; 1 Pet. 2:5

3. Facets of the Spirit’s Work

Question: What does Christian growth look like?

Galatians 3:2-5 ^{NLT} ² Let me ask you this one question: Did you receive the Holy Spirit by keeping the law? Of course not, for the Holy Spirit came upon you only after you believed the message you heard about Christ. ³ Have you lost your senses? After starting your Christian lives in the Spirit, why are you now trying to become perfect by your own human effort?... ⁵ I ask you again, does God give you the Holy Spirit and work miracles among you because you obey the law of Moses? Of course not! It is because you believe the message you heard about Christ.

1. Baptism – (1 Cor. 12:13, Matt. 3:11, Acts 1:5, 11:16)

2. Filling – (Eph. 5:18, Acts 4:31)

3. Fruit – (Gal 5:22-23)

4. The Future-Oriented Nature of the Spirit’s Work

Question: How do we deal with ongoing suffering/sin/struggles in our Christian lives?

Romans 8:22-25 ²² For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. ²³ And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

1. Pledge—2 Cor. 1:22

2. First fruits—Rom. 8:23

3. Seal— Eph. 4:30, 1:13; 2 Cor. 1:22

“God’s highest purposes are realized when the Holy Spirit makes man’s heart His dwelling-place.”
—Abraham Kuyper

Resources for Further Study

The Holy Spirit—Sinclair Ferguson***
Keep In Step with the Spirit—JI Packer**
Systematic Theology —Wayne Grudem*

*Good place to start

**A little more advanced

***Stuff you read in Seminary