

NBC Proposed Confession of Faith

Sunday School Class

December 19, 2010

Class Outline



Class #1: Introduction: *Why Do This Study?*

Class #2:

1. The Tri-une God
2. Revelation (Part 1)

Class #3:

2. Revelation (Part 2)

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3. Creation of Humanity

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4. The Fall
5. The Plan of God
6. The Gospel

Class #6:

7. The Redemption of Christ

Class #7:

8. The Justification of Sinners

Class #8:

9. The Power of the Holy Spirit

Class #9:

10. The Kingdom of God

Class #10:

11. God's New People

Class #11 & 12:

12. Baptism and the Lord's Supper
13. The Restoration of All Things

The Power of the Holy Spirit

"Without the presence of the Spirit there is no conviction, no regeneration, no sanctification, no cleansing, no acceptable works . . . Life is in the quickening Spirit." – **W A. CRISWELL**

Paragraph #9 "The Power of the Holy Spirit"

We believe that this salvation, attested in all Scripture and secured by Jesus Christ, is applied to his people by the Holy Spirit. (**Titus 3:3-7**) Sent by the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ, and, as the "other" Paraclete, is present with and in all believers. (**John 14:15-16; 15:26**) He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment, (**John 16:4-15**) and by his powerful and mysterious work regenerates spiritually dead sinners, (**Ephesians 2:1-10, 18-22**) awakening them to repentance and faith, baptizing them into union with the Lord Jesus, (**Acts 11:15-18**) such that they are justified before God by grace alone through faith alone in Jesus Christ alone. (Ephesians 2) By the Spirit's agency, believers are renewed, sanctified, and adopted into God's family; (**Romans 8:14-17**) they participate in the divine nature and receive his sovereignly distributed gifts. (**1 Corinthians 12:4-11**) The Holy Spirit is himself the down payment of the promised inheritance, (**2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14**) and in this age indwells, guides, instructs, equips, revives, and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service. (**Galatians 5:16-26**)

"I have in a former discourse shewn how all the three persons have shared and distributed the whole work of our salvation amongst them, unto three several parts. 1. Election is appropriated to the Father. 2. Redemption to the Son. 3. Application of both to the Holy Ghost; who accordingly doth bear several offices suited to these three works."

– **Thomas Goodwin**