

The Holy Spirit

Text: I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; (John 14:16)

Question 53: *What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?*

Answer:

- First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God.
- Second, that He is given to me, so that, through true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all His benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

Intro: Pentecost

Truth 1: the Deity of the Holy Spirit

Acts 5:3, 4

Matthew 28:19

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit:
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen

The Nicene Creed 325ad:	The Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed 381ad:
...and in the Holy Spirit.	...and in the Holy Spirit, who is Lord and Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spake by the prophets.

Truth 2: The Gift

Acts 2:32-33; 10:45

Truth 3: Christ & the Spirit

Ephesians 3:14-17; 2 Corinthians 3:15-18

“...and all His benefits”

Faith, the power of sin,

An Advocate

For how long?

Application 1: Why Controversy?

“The Church has always advanced toward clearer conceptions and more accurate definitions of divine truth through a process of active controversy.” --Hodge

Augustine & Pelagius

Roman Catholicism & Protestantism

Liberals & Evangelicals

Credo & Paedobaptists

Application 2: Comfort

Suppose a man under the greatest calamity that can possibly befall a child of God, or a confluence of all those evils numbered by Paul in Romans 8:35, etc. let this man have the Holy Ghost performing the works mentioned before towards him, and, in despite of all his evils, his consolations will abound. Suppose him to have a sense of the love of God all the while shed abroad in his heart, a clear witness within that he is a child of God, accepted with him, that he is sealed and marked of God for His own, that he is an heir of all the promises of God, and the like; it is impossible that man should not triumph in all his tribulations.

--Owen