

Good Shepherd Community Church, Dallas, TX

## **The Faith Statement**

### Article: 4 **Holy Spirit**

**We believe** in the absolute Deity of the Holy Spirit; that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the LORD Jesus Christ, to convict men of sin, to regenerate sinners, to baptize them into the Church, to seal them until the day of redemption, to indwell, guide, instruct, empower, and fill the believer for godly living and witness, and to give spiritual gifts to each believer for the edification of the Body.

### **A Brief Confession**

We believe in the divine person and work of the Holy Spirit who testifies of Christ Jesus and ministers to and through the church.

#### **Scripture Foundations:**

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. Genesis 1:1-2

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. John 14:26

"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me. John 15:26

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. John 16:13-15

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**12** So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" "The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. Romans 8:9-17

## The Confessional Statement with Representative Scriptures

1. We believe in the absolute Deity of the Holy Spirit. He is God.
  - A. Names of God

*But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.* 1 Corinthians 6:11

- B. Work of God: Creation

*Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the water.* Genesis 1:2

2. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the LORD Jesus Christ.

*The Spirit of truth will bring glory to me, because he will take what I have to say and tell it to you. All that the Father has is mine. That is why I said that the Spirit will take what I have to say and tell it to you.* John 16:14f NCV

When He comes, He will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment: About sin, because they do not believe in Me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will no longer see Me; and about judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. John 16:8-11

3. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to regenerate sinners.

*Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born <sup>(A)</sup> of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.* John 3:5

4. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to baptize (place) them into the Church.

*For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.* 1 Cor. 12:13

5. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to seal them unto the day of redemption.

*In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit.* Eph. 1:13

6. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to indwell them.

*Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own.* 1 Corinthians 6:19

7. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to guide believers.

*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.* Romans 8:14

8. We believe that the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to instruct believers.

John 16:12-15 (spoken to the apostles and from which activity the gospel narratives were written)

9. We believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to empower, and fill the believer for God centered worship, godly living and Christ exalting gospel content witness

Acts 1:8

10. We believe that a ministry of the Holy Spirit is to give spiritual gifts to each believer for the edification of the Body

1 Corinthians 12:7,11