

Romans 8; Lord's Day 20
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

- I. Who He is.
 - A. The Holy Spirit is a real Person (not an impersonal force of nature).
 - 1. He is a distinct Person in the Godhead, the third Person, God the Spirit.
 - 2. He is not just any person, but a divine person, the third person equal with God the Father and God the Son.
 - B. He is the Spirit of Christ (Rom. 8:9).
- II. The work of the Spirit.
 - A. There is His work which is more broad than just in us individually.
 - B. And His work is deeply personal: "given to me."
 - 1. He indwells each elect (I Cor. 6:19; Gal. 4:6), uniting each elect to Christ and to each other (I Cor. 12:12,13; Eph. 4:3).
 - 2. The Spirit regenerates, giving the new life in Christ to those previously dead in sin (John 3:8; Rom. 8:10,11; Ezek. 37).
 - 3. The Spirit convicts of sin (John 16:9).
 - 4. The Spirit convinces the regenerated that Jesus is the Son of God who earned forgiveness in His suffering and death.
 - 5. The Spirit sanctifies, conforming us more and more to the image of God's Son (Titus 3:5; II Thess. 2:13; I Peter 1:2).
- III. The blessing of the Spirit.
 - A. By true faith, the Spirit makes each elect a partaker of Christ and of all His benefits (Rom. 8:9).
 - B. Another benefit of the Spirit is His comforting presence ("Comforter," John 14:16).
 - C. The Spirit seals us "to the day of redemption" (Eph. 4:30).
 - D. See evidence of the Spirit at work in us.