



"I Believe In The Holy Spirit"

Series: The Apostles' Creed, #7

Selected Scriptures

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Who Is The Holy Spirit?

1. He is not just the power of God or an impersonal force.
(e.g., Isaiah 11:2; John 14:26, 16:13; 1 Corinthians 2:10-11, 12:11; Ephesians 4:30; Acts 13:2, 16:6-7)
2. He is God, equal with God the Father and God the Son.
(e.g., Genesis 1:2; Psalm 139:7-10; Isaiah 11:2; Matthew 3:16-17, 28:19; John 14:17; Acts 5:1-11; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 9:14)

What Does The Holy Spirit Do In The World?

1. His role in creation.
(e.g., Genesis 1:1-2, 26-27; Psalm 104:30)
2. His role in giving us the Scripture.
(e.g., Acts 1:16, 28:25-27; 2 Peter 1:20-21 cf. 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 3:7-11, 10:15-17)
3. His role in restraining sin and convicting concerning sin, righteousness and judgment.
(e.g., John 16:8-11; 2 Thessalonians 2:6-7)

What Does The Holy Spirit Do In Believers?

1. His vital role in salvation.
(e.g., John 3:3-5; 1 Corinthians 6:11, 12:12-13; 2 Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13-14, 4:30; Titus 3:5)
2. His vital role in every believer's life.
(e.g., John 16:12-15; Romans 5:5, 8:10, 14, 26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, 12:1-31 cf. Romans 12:6-8, Ephesians 4:7-16, 2 Peter 4:10-11; Ephesians 3:16-17, 4:3, 5:8, 6:18)

3. His vital role in the church.

(e.g., Acts 13:2; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Ephesians 4:3)

The Apostle's Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ His only 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 hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy *Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

* or "catholic"

In My Life This Week

(As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.)

Monday. Today focus on the reality of the Holy Spirit as God. The Trinity is a reality of God we can describe to some extent, but never come close to fathoming because it is beyond us. Check the references on "Who is the Holy Spirit?" on the outline. Evaluate your view of and relationship to the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday. God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are One, and are equal. The Father, Son and Holy Spirit are involved in all God's work in time and space but with specific emphases, e.g., the Bible describes all things coming from ("out of") God the Father and through the Son and Holy Spirit. Review the three examples of the Holy Spirit's work in the world. Thank God for this work. How does this affect your thinking about each of these things?

Wednesday. The Holy Spirit is active in our salvation and ongoing spiritual life. We gave a few examples on Sunday. Review the references and add other activities you may think of or find in the Bible. Thank God today for the past, present and future work of the Holy Spirit in you.

Thursday. The Holy Spirit also is active in the church, that is groups of believers — in us collectively as well as individually. What does this tell you about the importance and value of other believers to yourself, particularly those in our own church?

Friday - Saturday. On Sunday we plan to look at the Creed's statement "I believe ... in the holy Christian (catholic) church, [and] the communion of saints." Think about these truths as you prepare for Sunday.