

John 14:15-17; 15:26; 16:5-15
Series – The Holy Spirit: Growing in Relationship with God the Spirit
Message – The Person and Work of the Spirit
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Who Is the Holy Spirit?

- “I believe in the Holy Spirit....” – Apostles’ Creed

A Person

- The Holy Spirit is a _____.
- “We see from the Bible that the Holy Spirit has intellect, emotions, and will” (Billy Graham, *The Holy Spirit*, p.17).
 - He speaks (Rev. 2:7).
 - He _____ (Rom. 8:26).
 - He testifies (John 15:26).
 - He leads (Acts 8:29).
 - He commands (Acts 16: 6, 7).
 - He _____ (John 16:13).
 - He appoints (Acts 20:28).
 - He can be lied to (Acts 5:3, 4).
 - He can be insulted (Heb. 10:29).
 - He can be _____ (Eph. 4:30).
 - He can be blasphemed (Matt. 12:31, 32).

A Divine Person

- The Holy Spirit is a _____ person.
 - Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 25
 - Belgic Confession, Article 8
- “There is nothing that God is that the Holy Spirit is not” (Billy Graham, *The Holy Spirit*, p.23).

What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

The Spirit in the Old Testament

- The Holy Spirit was _____ in creation along with the Father and the Son (Gen. 1:1-2).
- The Holy Spirit is the giver of _____ life (Psalm 104:30).
 - Christian cornerstone for the ethics of life

- The Holy Spirit came upon judges, prophets, and kings to _____, speak, and lead God’s people.

The Spirit During Jesus’ Life

- During this time, the work of the Spirit focuses mostly on the _____ of Jesus.
- Jesus was:
 - Conceived by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:35).
 - Baptized by the Spirit (John 1:32-33).
 - Led by the Spirit (Luke 4:1).
 - Filled with the Spirit’s power (Luke 4:14).
 - Anointed by the Spirit (Luke 4:18).
 - Empowered by the Spirit (Matt. 12:27-28).
 - Raised by the Spirit (Rom. 8:11).
- John 7:37-39

The Spirit After Pentecost

- The work of the Spirit is to _____ the work of Jesus.
 - John 14:15-16
- The Holy Spirit lives _____ you and _____ you forever.
- Eph. 3:16-17

Reflection Questions

1. Is your instinct to refer to the Holy Spirit as an “it”?
2. In the list of person-like characteristics, which captured your attention? Why do you think that is?
3. Was it helpful to you to think of the work of the Spirit through three periods of time? How so?
4. Where and how do you sense the Holy Spirit continuing the work of Jesus in you?
5. What have you learned about discerning the presence of the Spirit with you or in you that might be helpful to others seeking to discern the Spirit in them?
6. How is God getting your attention?
7. What might God be saying to you?
8. What are you going to do about it?