



THE HOLY SPIRIT

the agent of grace

John 14: 15-21

I. INTRODUCTION

A. The Biblical teaching on the Trinity.

“And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and Son together is worshipped and glorified.” Nicene Creed

We believe in one God who eternally exists in three persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

B. The Holy Spirit, the forgotten member of the Trinity.

C. Conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit for Christian life and service.

“God never designed the Christian life to be lived in our own power. Jesus, the only person who ever made it through this world without sin, lived every second by the power of the Holy Spirit. If Jesus needed the Holy Spirit, how much more do I need the Spirit. The needs, burdens, hurts, expectations and challenges of this life are designed to draw us constantly back to the Spirit. He is here as our Paraclete; the Divine Helper, Counselor and Comforter in Christ’s stead, called alongside of us in every situation.

Any good that we do is done in the power of the Holy Spirit. Any good fruit or any influence for Christ is produced by the Holy Spirit. Any victory over sin which we experience is the Holy Spirit’s victory, any progress in spiritual maturity, is a step the Holy Spirit enables us to take.” Paul Kooistra, Thirty-one Days of Grace

The life of grace is the life lived in conscious dependence on the Holy Spirit.



II. THE HOLY SPIRIT, GOD'S GIFT TO EVERY BELIEVER.

- A. The Holy Spirit produces the new birth, creates spiritual life and enables us to respond to Christ with saving faith. John 3:1-8; I Corinthians 12:3

- B. Every Christian is indwelt by the Holy Spirit.
Romans 8:9; I Corinthians 6:19, 20

- C. Every Christian has the Holy Spirit as the earnest and first fruits of his/her eternal inheritance.
Ephesians 1:13, 6:14

- D. Every Christian has the Holy Spirit as the source of assurance.
Romans 8:15, 16

- E. Every Christian has the Holy Spirit as an earthly intercessor.
Romans 8:26, 27

- F. Every Christian has been given gifts for ministry by the Holy Spirit.
I Corinthians 12; Romans 12:3-8



III. THE HOLY SPIRIT AND THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

IV. THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, THE CHURCH.

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT & THE GREAT COMMISSION: THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

“Our confidence should be as unbounded as our dependence is complete. Our desires and intercessions should be as extensive as the promises of God (Genesis 22:18; Psalms 2:8), and as extensive as the commission to disciple all the nations. Defeatism and discouragement are the hallmarks of unbelief and the counsel of the enemy.” John Murray