

UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY GHOST
(HOLY SPIRIT)
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UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY GHOST (HOLY SPIRIT) AGENDA

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Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit (John 14:15- 17)

¹⁵“If you love me, keep my commands. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever ¹⁷the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

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(All Scripture references unless otherwise noted are from the New International Version(NIV) of the Bible.)

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INTRODUCTION

Dear Student,

Welcome to the course on Understanding the Holy Ghost (Holy Spirit). The Holy Spirit is often described as the “Third Person of the Trinity”, which means he is a member of the triune Godhead and he too should be honored and adored. However, often, we like the disciples lack understanding of his role and how to relate to him.

With that in mind the objective of this class is to deepen both your understanding of the person and work of the Holy Spirit and the personal experience of the presence and power of the Spirit to enhance your devotional life and position you to fully participate in our 2018 vision of, “Intentionally leading as many persons as we can to a dynamic, engaging and loving relationship with Jesus Christ.”

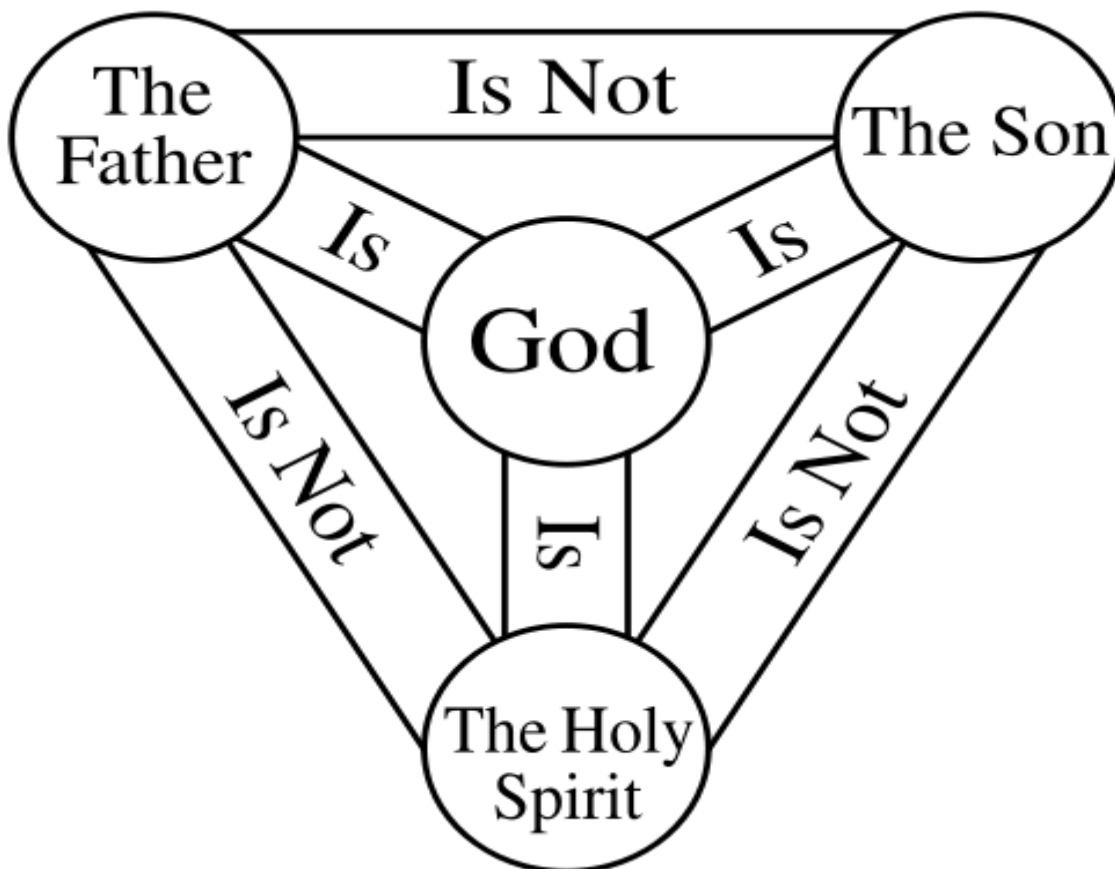
Keep in mind that this is not an exhaustive study. However, whether you need to get acquainted with the Holy Spirit, or get reacquainted, I believe God desires to meet you at your place of need so you can be released to walk fully in the power and understanding of the Holy Spirit!



WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit is God.

The Bible reveals that God has a triune nature. He is three persons, yet one God. The Holy Spirit is part of the triune nature of God which consists of the Father, the Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. The three persons of the Godhead are of one divine essence, same nature, distinct in their roles, yet unified, indivisible, and eternal.



ONE GOD,
THREE DIVINE PERSONS,
CO-EQUAL AND CO-ETERNAL

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Scripture:

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one.

Creation:

Genesis 1:1-2: In the beginning God (Elohim) created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the face the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. (The verb is singular and should have a singular subject, *Elohim*, the Hebrew name for God in this verse, is plural, points to a plurality of persons in the Godhead)

Genesis 1:26: Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals,¹ and over all the creatures that move along the ground." (Plural pronoun present)

Job 33:4: The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life.

Divine Attributes:

Eternal: (Hebrews 9:14) How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Omniscient: (1 Corinthians 2:10) For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

Omnipotent: (Luke 1:35) The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

Omnipresent:(Psalm 139:7-12) Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? ⁸ If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. ⁹ If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, ¹⁰ even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," ¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OLD TESTAMENT
DOES OLD TESTAMENT BEAR TESTIMONY TO THE HOLY SPIRIT'S
PRESENCE?

CREATION

Psalm 104: 29-30 When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

ENABLED LEADERS

Exodus 31:1-3 Then the Lord said to Moses, 2 “See, I have chosen Bezalel son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, with wisdom, with understanding, with knowledge and with all kinds of skills.

Numbers 11:16-17 The Lord said to Moses: “Bring me seventy of Israel’s elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people. Have them come to the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with you. 17 I will come down and speak with you there, and I will take some of the power of the Spirit that is on you and put it on them. They will share the burden of the people with you so that you will not have to carry it alone. (Nation of Israel a million people or more)

Numbers 11:24-26 So Moses went out and told the people what the Lord had said. He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the tent. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke with him, and he took some of the power of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied—but did not do so again. 26 However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp. They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the tent. Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp.

Judges 6:34 Then the Spirit of the Lord came on Gideon, and he blew a trumpet, summoning the Abiezrites to follow him.

Judges 11:29 (Jephthah) Then the Spirit of the LORD came on Jephthah. He crossed Gilead and Manasseh, passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from there he advanced against the Ammonites.

Judges 15:14 (Samson) As he approached Lehi, the Philistines came toward him shouting. The Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon him. The ropes on his arms became like charred flax, and the bindings dropped from his hands.

I Samuel 10:10 (Saul) When he and his servant arrived at Gibeah, a procession of prophets met him; the Spirit of God came powerfully upon him, and he joined in their prophesying.

I Samuel 16:13 (David) So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers, and from that day on the Spirit of the Lord came powerfully upon David. Samuel then went to Ramah.

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2 Chronicles 24:20 Then the Spirit of God came on (literally clothed...exposes and rebukes sin) Zechariah son of Jehoiada the priest. He stood before the people and said, "This is what God says: 'Why do you disobey the Lord's commands? You will not prosper. Because you have forsaken the Lord, he has forsaken you.'"

INSTRUCTED/TAUGHT

Psalms 143:10 Teach me to do your will, for you are my God; may your good Spirit lead me on level ground.

Nehemiah 9:20 You gave your good Spirit to instruct them. You did not withhold your manna from their mouths, and you gave them water for their thirst.

INSPIRED HOLINESS

Ezekiel 36:26-27 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

FORTOLD MESSIAH'S MINISTRY

Isaiah 11:1-5 A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. 2 The Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of might, the Spirit of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—3 and he will delight in the fear of the Lord. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; 4 but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked. 5 Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

(This was a vital text for the rabbis of Jesus' day because they equated the Spirit that moved over the waters at creation with the Spirit that would come upon the Messiah at the end time)

Isaiah 61:1-2 The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, 2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn,

PROMISED TO POUR

Joel 2:28-29 "It will come about after this That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions. 29 "Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.



THE PERSON AND PERSONALITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Is the Holy Spirit a Person?¹

This is a more difficult question than was a Christ a person. He lived among us, walked, ate, wept, and all of things. No one ever question the personhood. The questions were more in line with what kind of person was He and the natures and all that? It was complicated but of the Spirit this is not as easy of issue. The Spirit is invisible, by definition Spirit not being physically present. The words for the Spirit throughout the New and Old Testament pneuma (πνεῦμα) and ruach (רוח) do not necessarily communicate persons. In both cases the terms can be translated wind, breath. So why take The Spirit of Adonay (אֲדֹנָי רוּחַ) as a personal entity. Why not take expressions like the “hand of the LORD” the “eye of the LORD” is on those who fear Him; the “strong right arm of the LORD” and the “Spirit of the LORD” in the very same way as some manifestation of the presence of God in some respect; watchfulness eye of the LORD, power of the LORD the strong right arm of the LORD. The manifestation of the LORD in some respect. Why not take it as the “breath of the LORD”? What He is wanting to bring; the life that He wants to bring. Why take it as Spirit. That is what is behind this question. Some books on the Holy Spirit use the pronoun “it” instead of He to refer to the Spirit. Some feminists use the pronoun “She” instead of He to refer to the Spirit.

¹ <https://www.biblicaltraining.org/holy-spirit-part/systematic-theology>

EVIDENCE OF HOLY SPIRIT BEING A PERSON

MIND (Intelligence)

I Corinthians 2:10-11 These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. 11 For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God

Romans 8:27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

WILL:

I Corinthians 12:11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines (wills).

KNOWLEDGE:

I Corinthians 2:10-11 However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love him ¹⁰ these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. ¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

EMOTION:

Ephesians 4:30 And do not grieve (deep sorrow) the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

HE SPEAKS:

Mark 13:11 Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit.

John 16:13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

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Acts 8:29 The Spirit told Philip, "Go to that chariot and stay near it."

Acts 10:19-20 While Peter was still thinking about the vision, the Spirit said to him, "Simon, three men are looking for you. So get up and go downstairs. Do not hesitate to go with them, for I have sent them."

Acts 13:2 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them."

HE TEACHES:

John 14:26 "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 said to you.

HE PRAYS:

Romans 8:26-27 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. 27 And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

HE COMFORTS:

John 14:26 But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counselor, Strengthener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf, He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you (Amplified Bible)

HE CAN BE BLASPHEMED:

Matthew 12:31 "Therefore I say to you, any sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven people, but blasphemy against the Spirit shall not be forgiven

HE CAN BE LIED TO:

Acts 5: 3-4 Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? 4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."

.JESUS AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. 6 And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" 7 So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God. (Galatians 4:4-7 ESV)

THE INCARNATION: (Conceived) Luke 1:35 The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God.

John 1:14 The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

THE BAPTISM: (Anointed) Matthew 3:16-17 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. 17 And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased."

Luke 3:21-22 When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened 22 and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Mark 1:10-11 Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. 11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased." (First event of Jesus' ministry was not something he did but something that happened to him)

John 1:32-34 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One.

The Spirit's descent symbolizes Jesus' empowerment for ministry and his uniqueness as God's Son.

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THE TEMPTATION: (Led) Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted[a] by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

EMPOWERMENT FOR MINISTRY: Luke 4:14-15 Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. 15 He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him.

Luke 4: 16-21 And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. 17 And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

18“The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me,

Because He anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor.

He has sent Me to proclaim release to the captives,

And recovery of sight to the blind,

To set free those who are oppressed,

19To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord.”

20 And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. 21 And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” (Jesus will loose His people from bondage of sin)

Matthew 12:28 But if it is by the Spirit of God that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. (Jesus restores, Holy Spirit empowers to defeat demonic opponents).

John 3:34 For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God[a] gives the Spirit without limit.

Acts 10:37-38 You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached— 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

JOY: At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, “I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.

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PROMISE OF HOLY SPIRIT: John 14:15-17 “If you love me, keep my commands. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another advocate** to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.

John 7:37-39 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.” 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

John 14:26 But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

John 16:7-8 7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate (Helper, Counselor) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.

Luke 24:49 I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Acts 1:4-5 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

RESURRECTION: Romans 8:11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

GREAT COMMISSION: Matthew 28:18-19 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-21 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. 7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?" 13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. 15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:17" "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

MINISTRY AND WORK OF HOLY SPIRIT

INSPIRES: 2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,

ADOPTS: Romans 8:15-16 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

BAPTIZES: 1 Corinthians 12:13 For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.

Mark 1:8 I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

REGENERATES John 3:3-8 Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." 4 "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" 5 Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. 6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' 8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

INDWEELS: John 14:17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be[a] in you.

1 Corinthians 2:13 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

(The indwelling of the Holy Spirit is the action by which God takes up permanent residence in the body of a believer in Jesus Christ.)

SANCTIFIES: 2 Thessalonians 2:13 But we ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters loved by the Lord, because God chose you as first fruits to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit and through belief in the truth.

Romans 15:16 to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles. He gave me the priestly duty of proclaiming the gospel of God, so that the Gentiles might become an offering acceptable to God, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

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I Peter 1:1-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

CONVICTS: John 16: 7-11 But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will **convict the world of guilt in regard to sin** and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

FILLS: Ephesians 5:18 Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,

Acts 4:8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people!

Acts 4:31 And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God with boldness.

Acts 13:52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

GUIDES: John 16:13 But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

Romans 8:14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

Galatians 5:18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Acts 16:6-7 Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. 7 When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.

SEALS: Ephesians 1:13-14 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

SYMBOLS OR EMBLEMS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

(What then can we learn about His nature?)²

DOVE: John 1:32-34 Then John gave this testimony: "I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. 33 And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

The dove conveys a gentle presence, peace, purity, and devotion.

FIRE: Acts 2:3-4 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

Fire symbolizes purging, purity, protecting, sanctifying, transformative (convicts & comforts).

FINGER OF GOD: Matthew 12:28 /Luke 11:20 But if it is by the Spirit of God (Finger of God) that I drive out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.

Finger of God suggests power, authority; We should expect to experience God's personal touch.

OIL: 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, 22 set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

Oil soothes and oil keeps fires burning.

WATER: John 7:37-39 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them." 39 By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Water is essential for life, a source of life and provides cleansing.

WIND/BREATH: John 3:8 The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit."

Wind cannot be seen, it is unpredictable and powerful.

² <http://pneumareview.com/biblical-imagery-the-metaphorical-symbols-of-the-holy-spirit/3/>

NEW TESTAMENT: GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

A spiritual gift, then, is any ability and accompanying spiritual ministry and effect that God, through Christ, enables a believer to use, or motivates him to use, for His glory, in the body of Christ, through the energizing work of the Spirit. God may grace the believer with a gift or gifts, or bring them to light, at salvation or later, but these abilities are only gifts when used for edification in the church. Today, as in biblical times, these enablings differ among churches according to the needs of the church and vary greatly as the needs vary³.

The Ministry Gifts (offices): Ephesians 4:11-13 So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

The Motivational Gifts: Romans 12: 6-8 We have different gifts, according to the grace given to each of us. If your gift is prophesying, then prophesy in accordance with your faith; 7 if it is serving, then serve; if it is teaching, then teach; 8 if it is to encourage, then give encouragement; if it is giving, then give generously; if it is to lead, do it diligently; if it is to show mercy, do it cheerfully.

The Manifestation Gifts: I Corinthians 12 Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. 2 You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to mute idols. 3 Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, "Jesus be cursed," and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit. 4 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. 5 There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. 6 There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. 7 Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. 8 To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, 9 to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, 10 to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. 11 All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

³ James F. Stitzinger, Spiritual Gifts Definitions and Kinds (<https://www.tms.edu/m/tmsj14f.pdf>, Fall 2003), 161.

THE NINE GIFTS OF THE SPIRT

The nine gifts listed in I Corinthians 12 are called the manifestation gifts by some because of the Greek word used by Paul that means an exhibition, expression or manifestation. In other words, Paul defined these as supernatural manifestations of the Holy spirit working through a believer.⁴

1. **The word of wisdom**, a revelation of wisdom beyond natural human wisdom that enables a person to know what to do or say.
2. **The word of knowledge**, a revelation of information for a person, group, or situation that could not have been known by natural means.
3. **Faith**, the kind of wonder-working faith that moves mountains and waits expectantly for results.
4. **Gifts of healings**, the many different ways and varieties of degrees in which God manifests healing.
5. **Working of miracles**, the demonstration of the power and action of God that goes beyond natural laws.
6. **Prophecy**, an anointed proclamation of God through an individual to encourage, exhort or comfort.
7. **Discerning of spirits**, a person's ability to perceive what type of spirit is in operation in a given situation.
8. **Various kinds of tongues**, the languages given to the believer by the Holy Spirit but not learned or understood by the speaker.
9. **Interpretation of tongues**, the supernatural ability to express the content of what has been spoken in tongues.

⁴ Don Fortune and Katie Fortune, *Discover Your God-Given Gifts* (Grand Rapids: Chosen Books, 2007) 15.

LOVE

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

4 Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. 5 It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. 6 Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. 7 It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

8 Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part, 10 but when completeness comes, what is in part disappears. 11 When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put the ways of childhood behind me. 12 For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.

13 And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

NEW TESTAMENT: FRUIT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT⁵

Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Love, by which Paul means the love of God poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 5:5). The Greek word is agape. This is a responsive love that evokes in us a love for God and a desire to please Him. Worship, wholehearted surrender, and obedience are at the heart of pleasing Him. God's love also produces in us a love for our neighbor, a servant love that is rooted primarily in the will and acts for our neighbor's best interest and highest good. As Paul says in Galatians 5:6, the only thing that matters in the Christian life is "faith working through love," and in Galatians 5:13, "through love serve one another." This humble, servant love was the dominant characteristic of Jesus' life and is to be so for His followers. In a very real sense, the other eight characteristics of the Spirit are expressions of this agape love.

Joy flows out of the awareness of God's gracious favor to us and the hope of living with Him and His Son and all His children in the world to come. Hope for the future is a key part of joy and is an anchor that keeps us from being blown to and fro by the many and varied circumstances of life and the hard times that sometimes overtake us. Unlike happiness, its worldly and elusive equivalent, joy does not depend on favorable circumstances.

Peace is not simply the absence of conflict, but the deep abiding peace of God, the sovereign and almighty King of creation. It is grounded in the assurance of God's rich mercy and personal love for us, shown supremely in His saving us by grace alone, through Christ alone and not by our works. This produces a tranquil heart that is at rest in God. And it impels and enables us to be peacemakers, to pursue peace with others, including those in our family, community, church, and beyond, and across all ethnic, racial, political, and other barriers that separate and divide people.

Patience, also translated as long-suffering, is chiefly a matter of forbearance with other people and of not being easily offended. This particularly includes people who displease, irritate, provoke, or mistreat us—including those who persecute us. Steadfast endurance with difficult people and circumstances is the idea. Such patience illustrates the patience of God and is a powerful witness to others.

Kindness is an attitude of graciousness and goodwill toward others, especially those who do not deserve it. Kindness is an expression of love that goes above and beyond what is warranted and demonstrates the kindness of God. It resists all harshness and coldness toward others.

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Goodness is love and kindness in action, an expression of moral excellence. It gives generously and spends itself to help others, without any expectation of return.

Faithfulness is a matter of being trustworthy and reliable to God and to others, being dependable and true to one's word and commitments, someone in whom others can have confidence.

Gentleness is not weakness but strength under control, rooted in humility. Jesus was gentle yet capable of expressing righteous indignation, when appropriate. Gentleness is not arrogant, doesn't bully or force others, but is considerate and exercises mildness in dealing with them.

Self-control engages both mind and body in the business of properly regulating one's life in all its parts. The scope of self-control ranges from such mundane matters as food and drink to material possessions, to one's thought life, to speech, to the expression of emotions and much more, but with special attention to sexual matters and the mastery of our passions.

⁵ http://www.cslewisinstitute.org/Being_Led_and_Transformed_by_the_Holy_Spirit_FullArticle

WALK IN THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:16-17

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.

Galatians 5:25

If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

John 16:13-14 "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. 14 "He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.

John 14:12 Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

One of clearest and greatest manifestations of a Spirit filled person or a Spirit filled church is not the Spirit, but Christ; Christ is honored, Christ is esteemed, Christ is cherished and obeyed.

Appendix A

THEOLOGICAL TERMS⁶

CANON is from a Greek word that means measure, rule or standard. In the New Testament and early church it came to refer to the rule or order of apostolic instruction (Gal 6:16) or Christian tradition (1Clem 7:2). By the end of the 4th century CE, it came to refer to the list of sacred books accepted as scripture, but discussion of which books should be so accepted goes back much earlier. Although some books of the TANAKH (the Jewish canon) were deemed sacred (canonical) as early as Ezra (c. 400 BCE), the final listing did not occur until sometime after 200 CE. Similarly, Christians began to regard some letters of Paul as "scripture" even in the NT period (2 Peter 3:15-16), but differing lists and sometimes vigorous debates continued well into the fourth century and beyond. All Christians now agree about the canon of NT books, but (mostly friendly) disagreements continue.

COVENANT denotes a sacred treaty or agreement; it can be between humans (1 Sam 11:1; 18:3) or between humans and God. It is the latter which is most important in scripture, beginning with God's covenant with Abraham (Gen 15 and 17). The solemn covenant ratified between God and Israel at Mount Sinai (Exod 19-20), after the exodus, is the one to which the prophets mostly refer (e.g. Is 24:5; Jer 11:8-10), even when not naming it (Hos 11:1). Jeremiah especially looks forward to God making a "new covenant" with Israel (Jer 31:31; also Ezek 16:60), and this idea was picked up in the New Testament, especially in relation to the Eucharist (1 Cor 11:25) and by the writer of Hebrews (Heb 8:6-13).

FILIOQUE is the doctrine that the [Holy Spirit](#) proceeds equally from both the Father and the Son ⁷

HOLY SPIRIT is the powerful, loving, active presence of God in the world. "Holy Spirit," as such, is mostly a Christian term, referring to the "helper" or "comforter" (*Paraclete*) sent by Jesus (e.g. John 16:7) and as experienced through faith in him (e.g. Gal 3:2-5). However, both the *Old Testament* and other Jewish writings (see *apocrypha*) speak of the Spirit of God, especially in the context of creation and new life (e.g. Gen 1:2; Ps 104:30; Ezek 37:1-14). To understand the texts well, it is important to know that both the Hebrew and Greek words for "Spirit" (*Ruach* & *Pneuma*) can also denote "wind." According to Luke, *Pentecost*, with the signs of wind and fire, was the occasion of the Spirit coming upon the first apostles and disciples (Acts 2). John places Jesus' "breathing" of the Spirit into the disciples on the evening of the day of the resurrection (John 20:22-23). In later theology, the Holy Spirit is thought of as the third person of the *Trinity*.

INCARNATION is the event in which God became human (literally, became "In fleshed") in the person of Jesus Christ (John 1:14; see also Phil 2:6-8). Early Christian councils (Nicea, 325; Ephesus, 431; Chalcedon, 451) made clear that "incarnation" meant belief in *Jesus Christ* as fully divine and fully human

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MESSIAH is the Hebrew word for "anointed" [by God]; it originally referred to the priests (Exod 40:15) and kings of Israel (1 Sam 10:1; 16:13; Pss 2:2; 18:50), as God's chosen instruments. Isaiah 45:1 applies the term to king Cyrus of Persia, whose decree of 538 BCE allowed the *Babylonian exiles* to return to Judah. In Isaiah 61:1-3 the "anointed one" (Messiah) speaks of his mission "to proclaim good news to the poor ..." Late in the *Old Testament* period, mostly in apocryphal texts, the term was sometimes used to refer to the figure Yahweh would send to save Israel. Luke 4:18 shows Jesus applying Isaiah 61:1 to himself, and during his ministry there was much speculation whether Jesus was the promised Messiah (e.g. Mk 8:27-30; Luke 7:18-23). The Church proclaimed Jesus to be "the Messiah" from its very earliest days (e.g. Rom 1:3-4; Acts 2:36). The Greek translation of Messiah is *Christos*

PENTECOST is originally a harvest festival of ancient Israel, called the "feast of weeks" (Exod 34:22), which was celebrated fifty days after *Passover* and therefore coincided with the giving of the Law on Mount Sinai. By Jesus' time Greek-speaking Jews referred to it as Pentecost (a Greek word meaning "fifty" – e.g. Tobit 2:1) or *Shavu'ot* ("Weeks"). It was during this festival, according to Luke (Acts 2), that the *Holy Spirit* descended on the men and women, the first apostles and disciples, gathered in the upper room (Acts 1:13-14). Christians celebrate Pentecost fifty days (seven weeks) after Easter as the feast of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church.

REGENERATION is the act of God whereby He renews the spiritual condition of a sinner. It is a spiritual change brought about by the work of the Holy Spirit so that the person then possesses new life--eternal life. Regeneration is a change in our moral and spiritual nature where justification is a change in our relationship with God. Also, sanctification is the work of God in us to make us more like Jesus. Regeneration is the beginning of that change. It means to be born again.

SANCTIFICATION means to be set apart for a holy use. [God](#) has set us apart for the purpose of sanctification, not impurity ([1 Thess. 4:7](#)), and being such we are called to do good works ([Eph. 2:10](#)). Sanctification follows justification. In justification, our sins are completely forgiven in Christ. Sanctification is the process by which the Holy Spirit makes us more like Christ in all that we do, think, and desire. True sanctification is impossible apart from the atoning work of Christ on the cross because only after our sins are forgiven can we begin to lead a holy life.

TEMPLE: The first temple in *Jerusalem* was built by *Solomon* (c. 950 BCE; see 1 Kings 6), but it was destroyed by the Babylonians (2 Kings 25) early in the period of the *Babylonian exile* (586 BCE). After the exile, the returnees built a second temple (completed c. 515 BCE; see Ezra 6), which was substantially rebuilt by *Herod the Great* (34--4 BCE) and was the temple known by Jesus (e.g. Mark 13:1-2). This temple was destroyed by the Romans after the Jewish rebellion of 66-70 CE; the "wailing wall" in modern Jerusalem is a part of its ruins.

TRINITY is a term of Christian theology (not found in the Bible) that refers to the “three in one” (Father, Son, Holy Spirit) of the Godhead. Matthew 28:19 and 2 Corinthians 13:14 are the clearest Bible texts referring to the Father, Son and Spirit together. Trinity is a Latin word, first used by Tertullian (c. 200 CE), but the doctrine of the trinity was already being developed before his time. The first official statement of the doctrine was at the Council of Nicea in 325 CE; it was further developed at the councils of Ephesus (431) and Chalcedon (451)

⁶ <https://www.csbsju.edu/documents/Theology/111%20glossary.pdf>

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Appendix B

The Nicene Creed

Introduction

The Nicene Creed, also called the Nicaeno-Constantinopolitan Creed, is a statement of the orthodox faith of the early Christian Church, in opposition to certain heresies, especially Arianism. These heresies disturbed the Church during the fourth century and concerned the doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ. Both the Greek, or Eastern, and the Latin, or Western, Church held this Creed in honor, though with one important difference. The Western Church insisted on the inclusion of the phrase and the Son (known as the Filioque) in the article on the procession of the Holy Spirit, which phrase to this day is repudiated by the Eastern Church. Though in its present form this Creed does not go back to the Council of Nicea (325 A.D.), nor to the Council of Constantinople (381 A.D.), as was erroneously held until recent times, it is in substance an accurate and majestic formulation of the Nicene faith.

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds; God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made. Who, for us men and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. AMEN.

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