

Holy Spirit

1. Who is He?

- a. He is a person.
 - i. He thinks (intellect) (1 Cor. 2:11)
 - ii. He feels (emotions) (Eph. 4:30)
 - iii. He decides (will) (1 Cor. 12:11)
- b. He is God. (Acts 5:3-4, John 14-16)

2. What does He do?

"We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service."

Article 6. EFCA Statement of Faith

- I. Glorifies Jesus
- II. Convicts
- III. Regenerates
- IV. Baptizes
- V. Indwells
- VI. Illuminates
- VII. Guides
- VIII. Equips & Empowers

1. Glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ

- a. Known as the "shy sovereign" because his ministry is to point us to Jesus, not himself.
 - i. John 15:26
 - ii. John 16:14

"So the Spirit is the floodlight, illuminating the Lord Jesus; he is the contact lens that enables us to see him clearly; he is the matchmaker, leading us to Christ for a permanent union; he is the intercom, making constant communication between Christ and us a reality of our experience; and he is the channel through which Christ pours his life and power into us for worship, sanctity, and service. But in all of this...he keeps himself out of sight. When the Spirit works in us, Christ himself, and not the Spirit, is the focus of our attention."

-J.I. Packer

2. Convicts

- a. In regard to unbelievers he proves them guilty of sin, wrong about righteousness, and deserving of judgment. This helps them see their need for a Savior.
 - i. John 16:8-11
- b. In regard to believers the Spirit cleanses us from sin and makes us holy, (this is a process known as sanctification).
 - i. Galatians 5:22-25

3. Regenerates

- a. Physically: The Spirit of God is the giver and sustainer of human and animal life.
 - i. Genesis 1:30; 2:7
 - ii. Job 34:14-15
- b. Spiritually: He gives new life to those who believe in Jesus Christ.
 - i. Titus 3:5
 - ii. John 3:3-6

4. Baptizes

- a. God the Holy Spirit immerses believers into Christ.
 - i. Mark 1:8
 - ii. Acts 1:5
 - iii. 1 Corinthians 1:13
- b. Through this baptism believers are:
 - i. United with Christ.
 - 1. Romans 6:1-23
 - 2. 2 Corinthians 5:17
 - 3. Galatians 3:27
 - ii. United with believers.
 - 1. Romans 12:5
 - 2. 1 Corinthians 1:2

3. 1 Corinthians 12:13
4. Galatians 3:28

iii. Adopted as heirs into the family of God.

1. Romans 8:15-23
2. Galatians 4:6
3. 1 John 3:14-18

5. Indwells

a. He lives _____ in all believers.

- i. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20
- ii. Romans 8:9

b. He dwells in them permanently _____.

- i. John 14:16
- ii. Ephesians 4:30

c. He did not indwell Old Testament believers this same way.

i. John 14:17

1. The Holy Spirit was “with _____” them, (He came upon them for certain tasks, but departed from them when they continued in sin).

a. Numbers 11:16-30

2. He was promised to soon be “in _____” them, (He no longer leaves us when we sin, but is grieved by our sin).

a. Ephesians 4:30

3. This change took place on the Day of Pentecost _____ (50 days after Jesus’ resurrection).

a. Acts 2:1-41

6. Illuminates

a. The Holy Spirit inspired the Old Testament prophets _____ & New Testament apostles _____ to know the truth as they wrote the words which became Scripture.

i. 2 Peter 1:20-21

- ii. John 14:26
- iii. John 16:23

b. In the process of illumination, He helps God's people understand the words of Scripture.

- i. 1 Corinthians 2:12-14

7. Guides

a. The Holy Spirit provides direction for God's people.

- i. Matthew. 4:1, Acts 8:29, 10:19-20, 11:12, 13:2, 15:28, 16:6-7, 20:22-23
- ii. The Holy Spirit is the "agent of mission" for the Church. He launches the Church on God's mission.

b. He will personally and directly lead all who have found life in Jesus.

- i. Romans 8:14
- ii. Galatians 5:18, 25

8. Equips & Empowers believers for Christ-like living and service

a. The Holy Spirit empowers us to witness for Jesus.

- i. Acts 1:8
- ii. Acts 10:38

b. He helps us to pray effectively.

- i. Rom. 8:26

c. He gives us spiritual gifts to equip us for ministry.

- i. Romans 12:4-8
- ii. 1 Corinthians 12-14
- iii. 1 Peter 4:10-11
- iv. Ephesians 4:7-13

d. He fills us as we grow to maturity.

- i. Ephesians 5:18

- ii. To be filled w/ him means to be controlled _____ by his power.
 1. Like when a person is drunk they are controlled by a substance outside of themselves, we are to allow the Holy Spirit to control us.
- iii. To be filled with the Spirit does *not* mean to have more _____ of him but for him to have more of you _____.
- iv. The filling of the Spirit is a continual _____ experience, not one-time event.
- v. We can be filled w/ Him if we confess _____ our sins, look to Him, and live in dependence upon his power.
 1. Galatians 5:16
- vi. The real evidence that we are filled w/ the Spirit is shown in our attitudes _____ and lifestyle _____.
 1. Ephesians 5:18-21 – “Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.
 2. Galatians 5-6
- vii. The filling of the Spirit is different than the baptism _____ of the Holy Spirit.
 1. 1 Corinthians 12:13
 - a. Baptism
 - i. occurs at conversion
 - ii. is once-for-all
 - iii. is not commanded
 - iv. is for all Christians.
 - b. Filling
 - i. continually occurs
 - ii. is repeated
 - iii. is commanded
 - iv. is for yielded Christians.