

I. Text from the Apostles' Creed: "I believe in the Holy Spirit."

II. The Personhood of the Spirit

1. He is a Person (John 14:16-26)

1. He has an Intellect (Jn. 14:26)
2. He has a Will (1 Cor. 12:11)
3. He has Emotions (Eph. 4:30)
4. He possesses self-awareness (Acts 13:1-2)

ii. He does personable things

1. He Rebukes (Jn. 16:8)
2. He Guides (Jn. 16:13)
3. He Intercedes (Rom. 8:26)
4. He Loves (Rom. 15:30)
5. He Speaks (Rev. 22:17)

i. He can be affected as is a person

1. He can be lied to (Acts 5:4)
2. He can be resisted (Acts 7:51)
3. He can be blasphemed against (Matt. 12:31)

b. He is God. The Third Person of the Trinity. (Acts 5)

i. Terms are interchangeable (1 Cor. 3:16 & 1 Cor. 6:19)

ii. At Jesus' Baptism you have

1. The Son being baptized
2. The Father's Voice
3. The Spirit descending like a dove

The Spirit is one in essence and equal with the Father and the Son, yet at the same time, the Spirit is distinct from the Father and the Son

III. The Work of the Spirit- the Holy Spirit is He is the One who accomplishes God's purposes.

1. In History

- i. Creation (Gen. 1)

- ii. Empowering God's People for Specific Tasks
 1. Those who led God's People (Numbers 27)
 2. Those who defended God's people (Judges 3:7-11)
 3. Those who served God's people (Ex. 31:1-5)
 4. Those who spoke God's Word (Ez. 2:1-5)
 5. Those who wrote God's Word (1 Pet. 2:19-21; 2 Tim. 3:16)

2. In the Life of Christ

- i. His Conception (Lk. 1:35)
- ii. His Ministry (Lk. 4:17-21)
- iii. His Cross (Heb. 9:14)
- iv. His Resurrection (Rom. 8:11)

3. In Your Life—4 Ways the Spirit is at work

- i. He Enlivens You—The work of Regeneration
 1. Conviction of sin (Jn. 16:5-11)
 2. Draws you to Christ
 3. Produces New Life (Tit. 3:3-8)
- ii. He Enlightens You – The work of Illumination
 1. 1 Cor. 2:14
- iii. He Equips You—Spiritual Gifts
 1. 1 Cor. 12:1-11
 2. Not one person has all the gifts.
 3. We need each other (more than we know and care to admit)
 4. The gifts are given for the building up of the Body of Christ and for outreach.
- iv. He Empowers You
 1. For Obedience to the Lord (1 Cor. 3:17-18)
 2. For our service to the Lord (Acts 1:8)

IV. Paul tells us in Galatians 5 that since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit, so how do we do that? 3 Pieces of Advice.

1. **Set your Mind on the Things of the Spirit (Rom. 8:5).** What does this look like practically?
 - i. Remind yourself of God's work in your life, through the Son and Spirit.
 - ii. Listening carefully to God's Word and seeking to apply it to your life.
 - iii. Praying that the Spirit would reveal anything that keeps you from obeying God's will.
 - iv. Having a heart disposition that says, "I want to be filled with the Spirit, not so that I can get more of the Spirit, but so the Spirit can have more of me!"
2. **Let Your Heart Rest In Your Father's Love (Rom. 8:12-17)**
 - i. When we live according the flesh, we serve as slaves and our motivation is fear.
 - ii. When we live according to the Spirit, we are led and we serve the Father out of a deep sense of love and gratitude.
 - iii. Christian, let your heart rest in the Father's love—you have been adopted into His family. You have protection, assurance and His love set on you!
3. **Get Busy with the Mission of the Son—using the gifts the Spirit has given us.**
 - i. The reality is the Spirit is prompting each of us to a part of Christ's mission, using the gifts we've been given to further the work of the Kingdom, not to build a name for ourselves, but to be of service to Christ the King.
 - ii. Where are you contributing right now to the mission of Christ?