

What We Believe Series

Part 9: I believe in the Holy Spirit

A. Who “He” is

1. The Holy Spirit is a distinct _____ of the Trinity/Godhead.
 - Certain characteristics are ascribed to the Holy Spirit that could only belong to God: omniscience (Isaiah 40:13; 1 Corinthians 2:10-12), Omnipresence (Psalm 139:7-10), omnipotence (Job 33:4; Psalm 104.30; Romans 15:18-19), eternity (Hebrews 9:14)
-Thomas Oden, Systematic Theology pg. 513
2. The Holy Spirit is _____ to God the Father, and God the Son.
 - The Great Commission was established on the Trinity (Matthew 28:19).
 - Peter says our “chosen-ness” is the result of the work of all three members of the Trinity/Godhead (1 Peter 1:1-2).

B. What He does

1. He _____ us keep Jesus’ commandments (John 14:15-17).
 - He empowers us by abiding in us (forever) and leading us in truth.

2. He _____ us (John 14:17, 26).

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3. He _____ us of the truth (John 14:17, 26).

Truth (Greek noun: alētheia): is used objectively, signifying "the reality lying at the basis of an appearance; the manifested, veritable essence of a matter"

- Strong's Hebrew and Greek Dictionaries

C. Three warnings Scripture gives us concerning the Holy Spirit. (Thoughts from Dr. Benjamin Reed from his book *Glory to the Spirit* pgs. 53-63)

1. Do not _____ the Spirit (1 Thessalonians 5:19).

“...resist the free flow or exercise of the Spirit. ...to quench the Spirit is to refuse to allow the Spirit the liberty to act freely in the heart and life of a believer.”
2. Do not _____ the Spirit (Ephesians 4:30).

“The Holy Spirit is grieved when Christians live sinful and inconsistent lives. ..The Holy Spirit is grieved when outward appearance is more important than inward experience. ...Since the Spirit desires to abide with us always, he will not leave easily or lightly but will always let us know in our spirits when we grieve or displease him.”
3. Do not _____ the Spirit (Matthew 12:31).

“Seldom, if ever, do Christians have to worry about this unpardonable sin (Matthew 12:22-32). I sincerely believe that this warning is basically for hardened, embittered and rebellious unbelievers. ...knowingly attribute the blessed workings and ministry of God to the devil.”