

# Essentials.

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## Fundamental Elements of The Christian Faith

Equipping Class March / April 2023

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## The Holy Spirit

March 26, 2023 (Class 3 of 7)



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# “Essentials”

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The Critical,  
Foundational Truths  
Comprising the Formula  
of Biblical, Orthodox  
Christian Faith.

# The Objective

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- Theology Survey Class
- Insight to the Curious
- Helpful to New Believers
- Missional to All Believers

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# God

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## **Who is God?**

- His Attributes
- His Eternal, Unified Nature
- His Sovereign Power

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# Jesus

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## **Who is Jesus?**

- His Divine / Human Natures
- His Mission as Messiah
- His Resurrected Power



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**What did you say?**

# The Holy Spirit

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“There is a special responsibility on us today to know and experience the Holy Spirit”

– John Piper

# The Holy Spirit

“The sin of despising the Spirit and rejecting His work now is of the same nature with idolatry of old and with the Jews’ rejection of the Person of the Son”

– John Owen

# Holy Spirit

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“Even in my own church I heard the words, ‘Francis Chan’ more than I heard the words, ‘Holy Spirit.’”

– Francis Chan

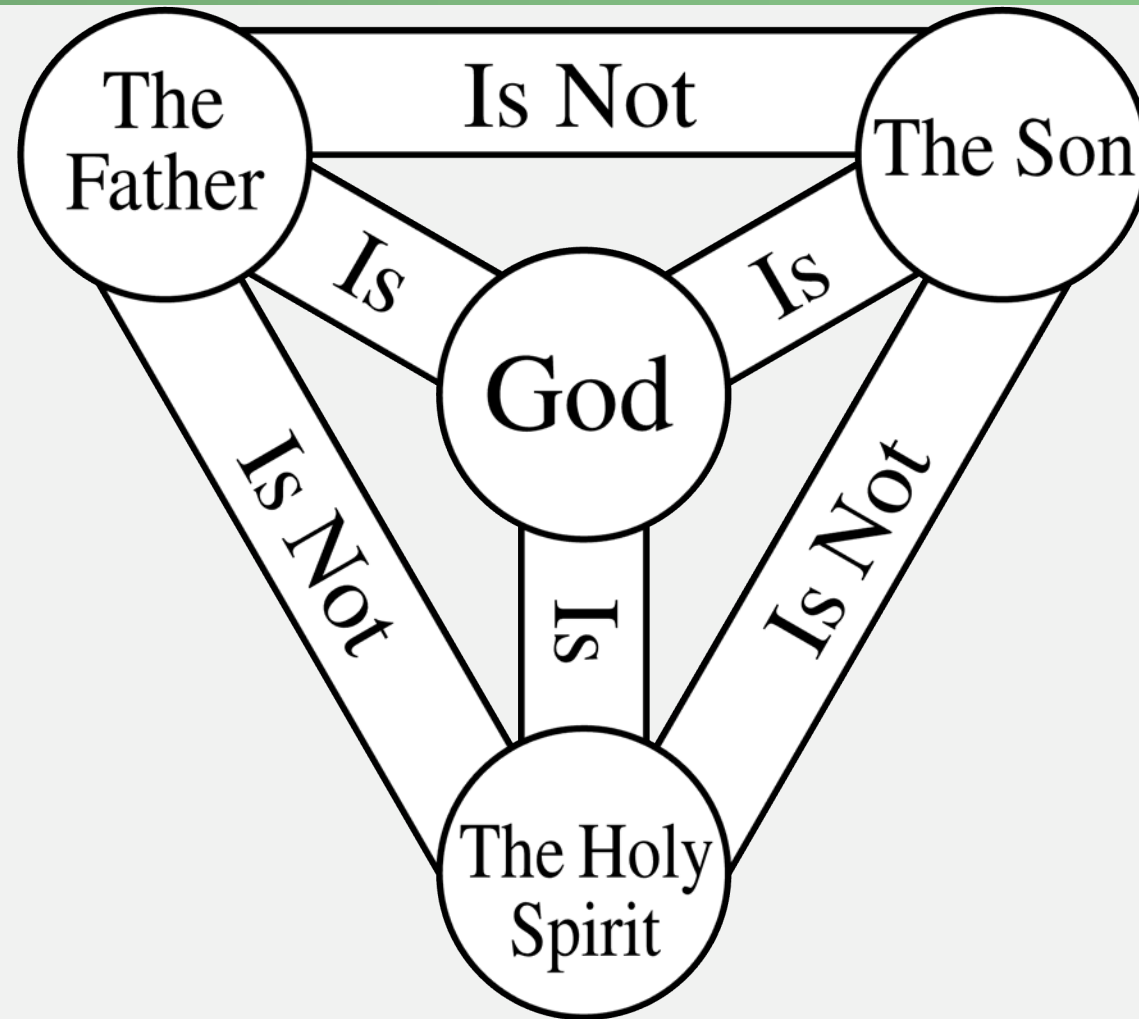
# The Holy Spirit

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## Knowing the Holy Spirit

- He is God
- He is a Person
- He is at Work

# Holy Spirit – God



# Holy Spirit – God

- “the Spirit,” “the Spirit of God,” “The Spirit of the Lord,” “the Holy Spirit,” “the Spirit of Holiness,” “the Spirit of Christ.”
- Genesis 1:2 (At work in Creation)
- Judges 3:10 (God was Upon Him)
- Ephesians 4:30 (The Spirit “Seals”)
- 2 Peter 1:21 (Inspired Word of God)
- 1 John 5:7 (The “Three-in-One”)



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So, the Holy Spirit is perfectly God, the same divine essence as Father and Son, but also ....

# Holy Spirit – Person

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... the Holy Spirit is a  
Person, **not** an ethereal,  
impersonal “force.”

# Holy Spirit – Person

The Spirit is Never “It”

- ἐκεῖνος – “He” (John 15:26)
- Speaks 1<sup>st</sup> Person (Acts 13:2)
- Personal Capacities

# Holy Spirit – Person

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“Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you.”

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# Holy Spirit – At Work

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... the Holy Spirit is  
presently at work in us  
and in the world.

# Holy Spirit – At Work

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## In Believers

- The Promised Revelation

# Holy Spirit – At Work

- Isaiah 32:15 (Until the Spirit Arrives)
- Ezekiel 36:26-27 (Promise of the Spirit)
- Joel 2:28-29 (I Will Pour out My Spirit)
- Luke 24:49 (Go and Wait for the Spirit)
- Acts 2:1-14 (Day of Pentecost)

# Holy Spirit – At Work

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## In Believers

- The Promised Revelation
- *Indwelling* Presence

# Holy Spirit – At Work

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“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper (Paraclete), to be with you forever, even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.”

– John 14:16-17

# Holy Spirit – At Work

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“Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.”

– 1 John 4:15

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you”

- 1 Corinthians 6:19



# Holy Spirit

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“Those in whom the Spirit comes to live are God’s new Temple. They are, individually and corporately, places where heaven and earth meet.”

– N.T. Wright

# Holy Spirit – At Work

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## In Believers

- The Promised Revelation
- *Indwelling* Presence
- Regeneration / Renewal

# Holy Spirit – At Work

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“But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us ...” – Titus 3:4-5

# Holy Spirit – At Work

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## In Believers

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- Life Transformation

# Holy Spirit – At Work

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- 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 (Gifts / One Body)
- Romans 8:26-27 (Intercessor in Prayer)
- Galatians 5:16-26 (Fruit of the Spirit)



*Fruit*

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Galatians 5:22-23

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- Ephesians 5:18-19 (Be Filled With Spirit)
- 2 Thessalonians 2:13 (Sanctifying Work)

# Holy Spirit – At Work

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In the World



# Holy Spirit – At Work

“And when he (the Holy Spirit) comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgement: sin, because they do not believe in me; righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; judgement, because the ruler of this world is judged.” -John 16:8-11

# Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit has come to glorify Christ and to apply the saving work of Christ to our hearts. He convicts us of sin and draws us to the Savior.

Indwelling our hearts, He gives new life to us, empowers and imparts gifts to us for service. He instructs and guides us into all truth, and seals us for the day of redemption.



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# Holy Spirit

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
*(\* 3rd section of Apostles Creed)*

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,

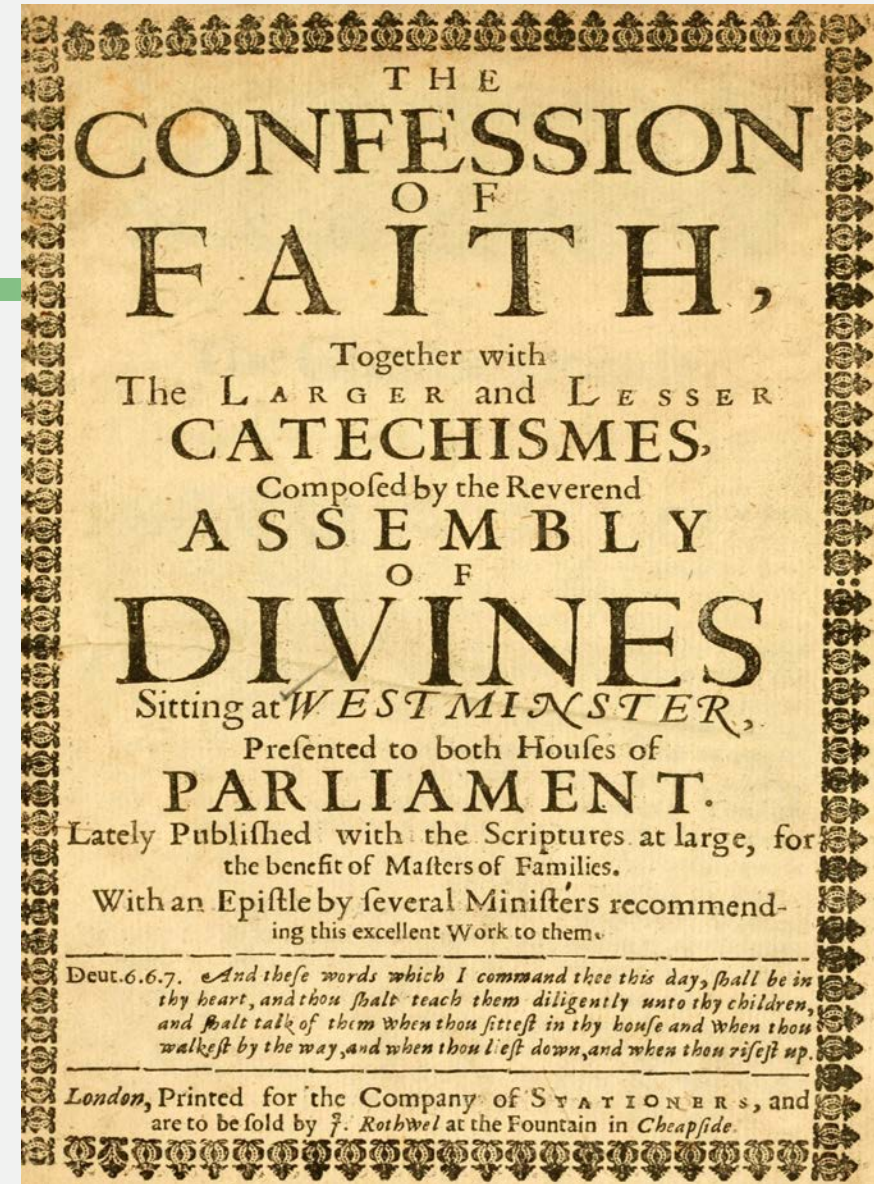
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried;  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He arose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy catholic church;  
The communion of saints;  
The forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body;  
And the life everlasting.

Amen.

# Holy Spirit

- Chapter 34 “of the Holy Spirit”
- Throughout WCF as Godhead
  - Creation, Trinity, Salvation, Sanctification,





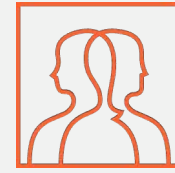
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*Q. 36 – What Do We Believe About the Holy Spirit?*

That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.

# Holy Spirit



*Q. 37 – How Does the Holy Spirit Help us?*

The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

# Holy Spirit

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“I believe that wherever the church of God declines, one of the most effectual ways of reviving her is to preach the truth concerning the Holy Spirit. After all, He is the very breath of the church. And where the Spirit of God is, there is power.”

– Charles Spurgeon

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## Saving Grace

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