

We Believe in the Holy Spirit
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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.

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- Genesis 1:1-2 - *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.*
- Acts 2:1-2 - *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting.*

2. What does the Holy Spirit do?

- The Holy Spirit advocates for us - John 14:26a - *But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,*
- The Holy Spirit teaches and reminds us - John 14:26b - *will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.*
- The Holy Spirit guides us - John 16:13 - *But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth (past). He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears (present), and he will tell you what is yet to come (future).*

3. How am I indwelt and filled with the Holy Spirit?

- Indwelt by the Holy Spirit - Ephesians 1:13b - *When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.*
- Filled with the Holy Spirit - Ephesians 5:18 - *Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,*

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At Home Study Guide

For the week of November 7, 2021

We Believe. We – Bethel Evangelical Free Church and all those who call this local body of believers our church home. We Believe – we have confidence that these essential truths are what we hold onto in common. Over this 10-week series we will cover ten essential truths of our faith. We pray you will grow deeper in knowing what you believe and why you believe it.

1. The Holy Spirit is often called the forgotten member of the Trinity, because we don't often talk about him. What did you learn today about the Holy Spirit?
2. The Holy Spirit takes what Jesus has achieved and accomplished and effectively applies it to give life through the Word. Read John 3:5-8. How do these verses help prove that statement?
3. Read John 14:15-27. What does Jesus teach us in these verses about the Holy Spirit?
4. If the Holy Spirit works in and through God's Word, what does that mean for your practice of reading and meditating on God's Word?

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