

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- **He is a Divine Person:** the Spirit of God, of the LORD, of Christ (Jn 16:13; Ge 1:2, 26; Is 11:2; Ro 8:9; Mt 28:19; Ac 5:3f; 2Co 13:14)
→ Should we worship the Holy Spirit? Yes –in a Trinitarian way (Scripture’s emphasis: worship in/by the Spirit – Jn 4:23; Php 3:3)
- **He is the Spirit of Truth** (Jn 16:13; Jn 14:17; 15:26)
- **He is the Helper** (Advocate, Counselor, Intercessor): a legal counselor (helping presence) who comes along side to intercede, encourage & exhort (Jn 7:39; 14:16; 16:7; Jer 31:31ff)
- **He is God’s gift who we can receive** (Ac 2:38; Jn 7:39; Joel 2:28ff): the promised Spirit who characterizes life in the kingdom age
→ Should I be baptized in the Spirit? (Mk 1:8; 1Co 12:13)
Yes – that happens when you believe in Christ.

2. What does the Holy Spirit Do?

- **He manifests God’s holy presence for God’s glory** (Ex 40:34; Is 6:1ff; 11:2ff; Ezk 36:22ff; Mt 3:16; Ac 2:1ff)
- **He reveals God’s word** (2Pe 1:21; Ac 1:16; Jn 14:26; 2Ti 3:16)
- **He glorifies Jesus Christ** (Jn 16:14)
→ in Evangelism: the Spirit anoints our gospel proclamation, reveals Christ & convicts the world (Ac 1:8; 1Co 1-2; 2Co 3-4; Jn 16:8-11)
→ thru Conversion: the Spirit regenerates sinners, and in Him we are baptized into Christ & experience adoption into God’s family (Jn 1:12; 3:1ff; Ti 3:5; 1Co 12:13; Ro 6:3; 8:14ff; Gal 4:6; Eph 1:4f)
→ in Discipleship: the Spirit indwells believers – He illuminates, leads, sanctifies, equips, empowers, assures, intercedes, unifies the body, & speaks to the churches (Ro 8:9; Eph 2:22; Jm 4:5; 1Co 2:12ff; 1Pe 1:2; Gal 5:16ff; 1Co 12; Eph 4-5; 1Jn 4:13; Ro 8; Rev 2-3)
→ unto Glorification: the Spirit is a deposit guaranteeing our eternal inheritance (Eph 1:14; 2Co 1:22; Ro 8:23)

3. A Summary Statement (EFCA Statement of Faith #6): The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

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.

4. How then shall “We” live? (Glorifying Jesus thru the Spirit)

- **Relationships:** (Eph 5:18; 4:3; Php 2:1ff; Ro 15:5-7)
be filled with the Spirit to follow Jesus & be united as one body
- **Character-Lifestyle:** walk by the Spirit to bear the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:16ff; Jn 15:1ff)
- **Service:** use our spiritual gifts to build up the church (1Pe 4:10-11; 1Co 12-14; Ro 12:4ff)
- **Witness:** (Ac 1:8; Ac 4:13, 31)
share Christ thru the Spirit’s power to save the lost & glorify God