

III. OF THE HOLY SPIRIT!

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person; equal with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the Evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of judgment and of righteousness; that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony; that He is the agent in the New Birth: that He indwells the believer, that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies, and helps the believer.

WE BELIEVE THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A DIVINE PERSON; John 14:16-17; EQUAL WITH GOD THE FATHER AND GOD THE SON AND OF THE SAME NATURE;

Matthew 28:19; "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:" Hebrews 9:14; "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." John 14:26; "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance; whatsoever I have said unto you." Luke 1:35; "And the angel answered and said unto her, 'The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God." John 15:26; "But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of Truth, which proceedeth from the Father, He shall testify of me."

THAT HE WAS ACTIVE IN THE CREATION; Genesis 1:1-3; THAT IN HIS RELATION TO THE UNBELIEVING WORLD HE RESTRAINS THE EVIL ONE UNTIL GOD'S PURPOSE IS FULFILLED;

II Thessalonians 2:7; "For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only He who now letteth (hindereth) will let (hinder) until He be taken out of the way."

THAT HE CONVICTS OF SIN, OF JUDGMENT AND OF RIGHTEOUSNESS; John 16:8-11; THAT HE BEARS WITNESS TO THE TRUTH OF THE GOSPEL IN PREACHING AND TESTIMONY; Ephesians 1:13-14; I Corinthians 2:7-10;

THAT HE IS THE AGENT IN THE NEW BIRTH: Mark 1:8; "I indeed have baptized you with water: but He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost." I Corinthians 12:14; "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit." John 3:6; "That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit." Matthew 3:11; "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance; but He that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:" Luke 3:16; "John answered, saying to them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: He shall

baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." John 1:33; "And I knew Him not: but He that sent me to baptize with water, the same said unto me, Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit descending, and remaining on Him, the same is He which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost." Acts 11:16; "Then remembered I the word of the Lord, how that He said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost."

THAT HE INDWELLS THE BELIEVER:

1 Corinthians 6:19; "What, know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? Romans 8:9b "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His." Galatians 4:6; "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts crying, Abba, Father." II Corinthians 5:5; "Now He that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest (guarantee) of the Spirit." II Corinthians 1:22; "Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest (guarantee) of the Spirit in our hearts."

THAT HE SEALS, ENDUES, Ephesians 1:13; "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise," II Corinthians 1:22; "Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest (guarantee) of the Spirit in our hearts." Luke 24:49; "And, behold, I send the promise of my father upon you; but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

THAT HE GUIDES, TEACHES, WITNESSES, SANCTIFIES, AND HELPS THE BELIEVER. John 16: 13; "Howbeit when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will guide you into all truth: for He shall not speak of Himself; but whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak: and He will shew you things to come." Romans 8: 14; "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." Romans 8: 16; "The Spirit, itself (Himself) bearth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." II Thessalonians 2:13; "But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth." I Peter 1:2; "Elect. according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." Romans 8:26-27; "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself (Himself) maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. And He that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

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