



Part 3: God the Spirit
Pastor Grant Fishbook
March 21 & 22, 2009

We believe that there is one God, Creator of all things, infinitely perfect and eternally existing as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe the ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict and regenerate sinners in salvation. He indwells, seals, guides, instructs and empowers believers in sanctification for godly living and service.

The doctrine of the Trinity changes our lives because we get to witness the role of God the Spirit as Director:

1) Points us to Jesus

When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me." – *John 15:26*

2) Convicts us of sin so that we can be free

For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. – *Romans 8:13-14*

3) Takes us deeper into God's presence through...

a. Prayer

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express. – *Romans 8:26*

b. Revelation

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints... – *Ephesians 1:17-18*

c. Freedom

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. – *2 Corinthians 3:17-18*

d. Spiritual Gifts

(*1 Corinthians 12*)

(Continues on back)

What does it mean to be filled with the Holy Spirit?

Empowered

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." – *Acts 1:8*

Directed

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God (the Holy Spirit) who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. – *Philippians 2:12-13*

Connected

The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. – *Romans 8:16*

"If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?"

– *Luke 11:13*

As a believer in the Trinity, my entire life is to be lived:

By the Spirit,
Through the Son,
To the glory of the Father.

Next Steps

Opening Hearts Workshop; Saturday, March 28; 9 AM-6 PM.
Register today at the Connection Point.

On Your Way Home

Sit in silence for the whole drive home. Silence is hard isn't it? What did you hear in the silence? Did God say anything?

Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) What is your favorite form of communication and how do you use it? (talking, IM, e-mail, written notes, etc.)
- 2) How does God speak to you?
- 3) When you are praying, do you approach each person of the Trinity differently? What do you go to the Father for? How about the Son? What about the Spirit?
- 4) How are you using the freedom that the Holy Spirit brings in worship, stewardship and sharing your faith?
- 5) Has your understanding of the Trinity changed through the series? If not, how have your convictions deepened?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?