

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- Key truths about the Holy Spirit:

1. **The Holy Spirit is a Person**

- Shorter Catechism Q6 “*There are three persons in the Godhead...*”
- By ‘person’ we don’t mean ‘human’, but that the Holy Spirit is similar in being to God the Father and God the Son
- He is not a symbol of God’s power. He is not an ‘it’
 - He is called ‘He’ in scripture – John 14:17, 16:8
 - He has personal characteristics – Knowledge (1 Cor 2:1), Emotion (Eph 4:30), Can be lied to (Acts 5:3)
 - He has personal abilities – helper, comforter, teacher, speaks to the churches, prays with us, gives gifts, commands
- Powerful, but not a power. Extremes of Pentecostalism reduce Holy Spirit to an experience not a means to a personal relationship with God.

2. **The Holy Spirit is Divine**

- Shorter Catechism Q6 “*...and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.*”
 - Scripture gives the Holy Spirit the names of God – Acts 5:3-4
 - He has Divine characteristics – Omnipresent (Ps 139); Omniscient (1 Cor 2:10-11); Omnipotent (Job 26:13)
 - He does what God does – Creates (Gen 1:2); Gives new life (Jn 3:5-7); Gives God’s word (2 Pt 1:21); Rescues God’s people (eg Judges 3:10)
- Comfort: the one who dwells within us is Almighty undefeatable God
- Encouragement: to fight sin & resist temptation
- Challenge: treat other Christians with respect – Holy Spirit dwells in them

3. **The Holy Spirit is Christ-focused**

- Has done many things – Creation, Inspiring scripture
- In OT: Rescuing & Relating to God’s people – but always incomplete
- Old Testament looks forward to:
 - The Coming of *the* Rescuer – a Spirit-filled Messiah (Is 11:2, 42:1)
 - A time when *all* God’s people will have the Spirit (Eze 36:27, Joel 2:28)
- The OT emphasis is on the Holy Spirit’s role in Christ’s coming & his people
 - Jesus, the Spirit-filled Rescuer comes – Luke 4:16ff
 - The Spirit given to all God’s people for mission – Acts 1:8, 2:4,38
- **KEY IDEA** – Holy Spirit is like a spotlight always directing us to Jesus
- John 14:26, 15:26, 16:14,15



Notices

Sab	Evening Service at Mark & Judith's Prayer & Praise	8pm
Tues	Bible Study @ _____ Study in the 3rd Commandment	8pm
Sab 17th	Mark will be away at Castlewellan Conference from 16th-23rd Service will be taken by Mr Brian Dunwoody, an elder in Limavady RP Church. Contact Rev Stewart McMahon if you need pastoral care (074) 9139468	

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- He doesn’t draw attention to himself but to Jesus
- Proof of having the Holy Spirit is that you long to be like Jesus, you become more Christ-focused and Christ-honouring

Applications:

- If The Holy Spirit is about Christ, then we need to be too.
- If not a Christian – ask Holy Spirit to make your need of Christ clearer
- If struggling with assurance ask Holy Spirit to make Christ’s work for you clearer
- If struggling with lack of love for Christ – ask Holy Spirit to show you Christ in his majesty and glory.

Sabbath 24th - The Work of the Holy Spirit: Bringing us to Jesus: John 16:8-11 3:5-8
Opening Psalm: 82

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