

The Holy Spirit

What...NO...WHO... is the Holy Spirit: God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit and thus the Holy Spirit is God, given by the Father, at work in the Son, in the world, through the church; the Body of Christ.

- **Genesis 1:1-3**; we see the Father speaking; the Son is spoken (**light/Word**) and the Spirit is the event itself
- **Luke 4:18:21**; we see Jesus as the Word God speaks; the Spirit at work in Him to accomplish that word
- **Acts 1:6-8**; waiting = power; Spirit given by Father, speaks Jesus through us (**home + cultural divides + globally**)

How is the Holy Spirit revealed in the Old and New Covenant: The Holy Spirit is revealed in the Old Covenant as the giver of life and the One who spoke through the prophets. She is revealed in the New Covenant as The Lord, and the One who leads us into all the truth that is Jesus Christ.

- **Genesis 2:7 w/ John 20:19-23**: we see the Spirit as that which proceeds from the Father and the Son
- **Ephesians 3:4-6**: the prophets/Apostles/us speak a unifying word to divided groups
- **1 John 5:6-8**: The Spirit/water/blood agree + testify to the truth. The truth is always seen most in the cross

How do we recognize the presence and giftings of the Holy Spirit in our lives: We recognize the presence and giftings of the Holy Spirit when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord, are brought into love and harmony with God, with ourselves, with our neighbors, and with all of creation.

- **Psalms 51:10-13**; David repents (**Christ**) + asks for God to stay (**v:1**) + Asks for a new heart + New relationships
- **1 Corinthians 12-13-14**: Gifts of the Spirit with "**Love Ch-13**" in the middle b/c the fruit of the Spirit is first LOVE
- **Acts 2:5-11**: The Spirit reverses Babel; unifying speech + tells the goodness of God: primary evidence = LOVE

How do we recognize the truths taught by the Holy Spirit: We recognize truths to be taught by the Holy Spirit when they are in accordance with the Character of Christ as revealed in the scriptures.

- Above we see that the Spirit testifies to the Water and the Blood: cross + baptism + Good Friday = Jesus Life
- **John 15:26**: The Spirit comes to us through Jesus from the Father and bears witness about Christ
- **Luke 23:46-47**: Jesus offers the Spirit on the cross and an enemy gets saved: The Spirit always points to cross