

The Dove

"I believe in the Holy Spirit"

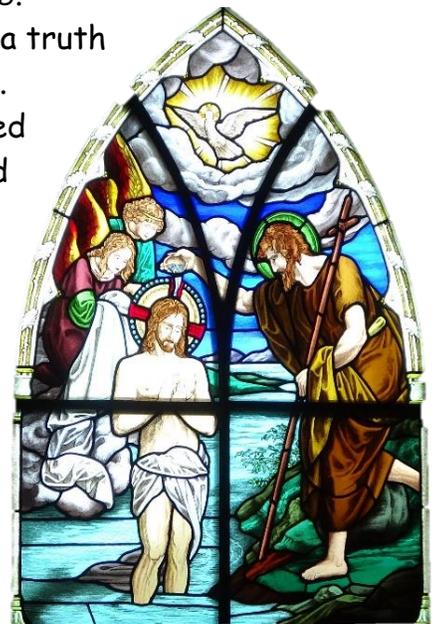


Who is the Holy Spirit?

- The Holy Spirit is not a Dove but has shown Himself in the form of a Dove in the Scriptures and the Church has often used the Dove as His image
- The Holy Spirit is the 3rd Person of the Holy Trinity. That means that is FULLY GOD. HE IS JUST AS MUCH GOD AS THE FATHER IS GOD AND AS THE SON IS GOD.
- The mystery of the Holy Trinity is just that: a mystery. It is a truth revealed to us in Scripture that we cannot explain but believe.
 - ✘ We can say "I believe in God the Father who has created me. I believe in God the Son who has redeemed me. And I believe in the Holy Spirit who has sanctified me"
- We also learn about the Holy Trinity in the Creed

What does He do?

- In the Bible, we see the Holy Spirit involved in the work of creation, new creation, and sanctification.
 - ✘ Creation was when God made all things (Like at the beginning of the Bible)



- ✘ New creation is when God makes all things new (Like in Holy Baptism)
- ✘ Sanctification is when the Holy Spirit helps us to love and serve God and our neighbor

How did I receive the Holy Spirit?



- You received the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Baptism and that is strengthened by the Scriptures and the Lord's Supper

Answer the Questions and complete the crossword!

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Across

2. Jesus gave up the Spirit from the _____ (John 19:30)
5. Acts 1:5 Jesus said, 'you heard from me; 5 for John _____ with water, but you will be _____ with the Holy Spirit'
6. 2 Cor 3:17 'the _____ is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the _____ is, there is freedom.'
7. The Holy Spirit is the 3rd Person of the _____
8. When Jesus was baptized, He saw the Spirit of God descending like a _____ (Matt 3:16)
9. You recieved the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of _____

Down

1. I believe in the _____ (3rd Article of the Creed)
3. Gal 5:22-23 'But the _____ of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control'
4. Tit 3:5 'He saved us,...by the washing of _____ and renewal of the Holy Spirit'
7. In Genesis 1:2, the Spirit of God was _____ over the face of the waters

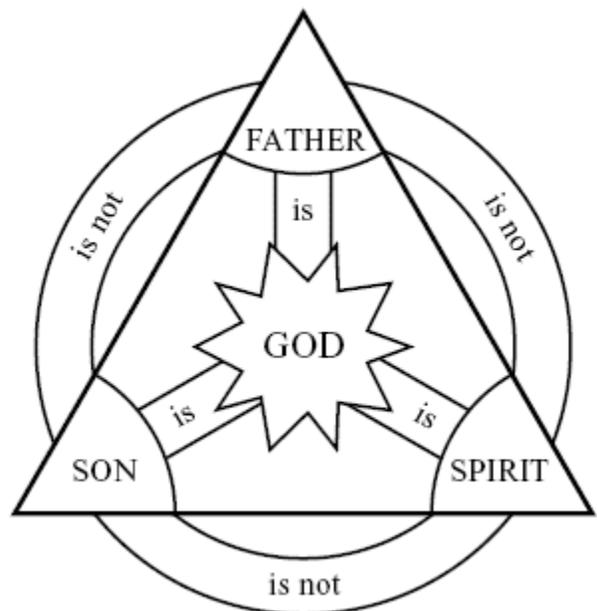
What do we learn about the Holy Spirit from the following Bible Stories?

- ✘ Genesis 1:1-2 - Creation
- ✘ Matthew 3:13-17 - the Baptism of Jesus
- ✘ Acts 2:28 - Holy Spirit in Baptism
- ✘ Galatians 5:22-23 - the Fruit of the Spirit
- ✘ 2 Corinthians 3:12-18 - The Spirit is Lord



The Mystery of the Trinity

- As we said before, the Holy Trinity is a mystery. We can't explain it, we can only confess it. And we confess:
 - ✘ The Father is God, the Son is God, the Holy Spirit is God; and yet there are not three Gods, but one God.
 - ✘ The Father is not made nor created nor begotten by anyone. The Son is neither made nor created, but begotten of the Father alone. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son, neither made nor created nor begotten, but proceeding.
 - ✘ Thus, there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits. And in this Trinity none is before after another; none is greater or less than another;
 - ✘ But the whole three persons are coeternal with each other and coequal
- One God. Three Persons. Blessed, Holy Trinity!



The Mystery of Sanctification

- Sanctification is just what the Holy Spirit does in you to help you love and serve God and neighbor
- Christians HAVE TO do good works. It is who we are in Jesus. Just like a tree bears fruit, a Christian does good works.
- BUT, it is not that we are saved BECAUSE we do good works! Instead, we do good works because we ARE saved.
- And we don't have to stress out about what good works to do, God has prepared them for us (Eph 2:10)
- It is pretty simple: In whatever station you are in your life, that is where the Holy Spirit wants you to do good works:
 - ✘ If you are a son or daughter, then the good works the Holy Spirit does in you are obeying your mother and father
 - ✘ You are a Christian, so the good works the Holy Spirit does in you are praying, coming to church, reading the Scriptures, and having faith in Jesus.

Consider the following questions about the Holy Spirit:

- Is the Spirit any less God than the Father or the Son?
- What kinds of work is the Spirit involved in? Where do you see that in the Bible?



Christian Art Contest!

Color in the sketch of today's mascot to match the original and have it sent to Vicar to compete with the other students for a prize! The best drawings at the end of the week wins a prize!

