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THE DOCTRINE OF GOD – SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY

# Theology and Doxology:

Question – How does the Holy Spirit help us?

Answer – The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

– The New City Catechism

# Intro Discussion:

What kinds of actions are usually attributed to the Holy Spirit? What might be missing in conversations that are had in churches about the Spirit's Work?

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- **The Work of the Spirit**

Although when God relates to His Creation, “his works are never of one person exclusively, but always the working of the Divine Being as a whole, it is [also] true that in the [functional] order of God’s works some of his operations are ascribed more particularly to one person.” – L. Berkhof

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- **The Work of the Spirit**

The works attributed more particularly (in certain passages) to the person of the Spirit:

- 1) Creation
- 2) Revelation/Inspiration
- 3) Illumination
- 4) Regeneration
- 5) Resurrection
- 6) Sanctification

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- 1) **Creation (Genesis 1:1–2)**

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

## Table Activity

**Table Activity:** The word for spirit, breath, and wind are the same in both Hebrew (רוּחַ) and Greek (πνεῦμα).

Max Turner points out the following: “Part of the problem [in translation] is that the Hebrew word used – *rûach* – sometimes denotes a storm wind, sometimes ‘breath’, sometimes ‘vitality’ or ‘life’, and so it was not always easy to be sure whether or not a particular instance of *rûach* referred to God’s Spirit. Anyone who has compared different English versions of Gen 1:2 will have become acutely aware of the problem.”

## Table Activity

Compare the following translations of Genesis 1:2 around your tables and talk about why or why not Christians are justified in translating it as “The Spirit of God.”

ESV/NIV – “And *the Spirit* of God was hovering over [the face of] the waters.”

NRSV/Jewish Study Bible – “a *wind* from God swept over [the face of] the waters.”



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- 1) Creation

“Gen 1:2 when originally written may not have been a reference to the Third Person of the Godhead in the human author’s mind – how could it have been? – yet such a meaning was in the mind of God.”

~Graham Cole

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- 1) Creation (Psalm 33:6)

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

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- 1) Creation (Psalm 104:30)

When you sent forth your Spirit,  
they were created, and you  
renew the face of the ground.

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- 1) Creation (Job 33:4; 34:14-15)

The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life. If he should set his heart to it and gather to himself his Spirit and his breath, all flesh would perish together, and man would return to dust.

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- 1) Creation (More Quotes)

“The Spirit’s work [in creation] is one of ordering by which the formless took form, the hidden life emerged, and things created were led to their destiny.” Abraham Kuyper

“The Spirit is not [normally portrayed as] creative in the sense of making the substance of a thing but life-giving in the sense of animating it when made.” CFD Moule

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- 1) Creation (More Quotes)

“The Spirit in the Old Testament is God active as creator, controller, revealer, quickener, and enabler.”

Jl Packer

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## 2) Revelation/Inspiration

(Mark 12:35–37)

And as Jesus taught in the temple, he said, “How can the scribes say that the Christ is the son of David? David himself, in the Holy Spirit, declared...



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“The Lord said to my Lord,  
“Sit at my right hand,  
until I put your enemies  
under your feet.””

David himself calls him Lord. So how is he his son?” And the great throng heard him gladly.

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- 2) Revelation/Inspiration

(Acts 1:16a)

“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David...

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- 2) Revelation/Inspiration

(Acts 4:24–26)

And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, who through the mouth

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of our father David, your servant,  
said by the Holy Spirit,

““Why did the Gentiles rage,  
and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth set  
themselves, and the rulers were  
gathered together, against the  
Lord and against his Anointed’ —

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- 2) Revelation/Inspiration

- (Ephesians 3:5)

- The mystery of Christ... has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit.

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- 2) Revelation/Inspiration

(2 Timothy 3:16–17)

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.

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- 2) Revelation/Inspiration

- (2 Peter 1:21)

- No prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

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- 2) Revelation/Inspiration

(Hebrews 3:7–8)

The Holy Spirit says,

“Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts as  
in the rebellion, on the day of  
testing in the wilderness...”



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- 2) Revelation/Inspiration

(Hebrews 10:15–17)

The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their

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hearts, and write them on  
their minds,”

then he adds,

“I will remember their sins  
and their lawless deeds no  
more.”

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# Intro Discussion:

How might you describe to a new believer or an unbeliever how each Person of the Trinity is at work in salvation?

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## 3) Illumination

“We may be moved and induced by the testimony of the Church to a high esteem of the Holy Scripture. And the heavenliness of the matter, the efficacy of the doctrine, the majesty of the style, the consent of all the parts, the scope of the whole (which is, to give all glory to God), the full discovery it makes of the only way of man’s salvation, the many other incomparable excellences, and the entire perfection thereof, are arguments whereby it abundantly evidences itself to be

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## 3) Illumination

the Word of God: yet notwithstanding, **our full persuasion and assurance** of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our heart.”

Westminster Confession (1.5)

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## 3) Illumination

(John 14:26)

But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.



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## 3) Illumination

(John 15:26)

“When the Helper comes,  
whom I will send to you from  
the Father, the Spirit of truth,  
who proceeds from the  
Father, he will bear witness  
about me.”

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## 3) Illumination

(John 16:13)

“When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth...”

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## 3) Illumination

(1 Corinthians 2:12)

“We have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God.”

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## 3) Illumination

(Ephesians 1:16–17)

“I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him.”

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## 3) Illumination

Table Talk:

In light of John 16:13 and Jesus' promise that the Spirit of truth will guide his people into all truth, what are we to make of denominational differences? Should we eliminate them? Or are they helpful in any way?

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## 4) Regeneration/Salvation

(Ezekiel 36:26–27)

And I will give you a new heart,  
and a new spirit I will put within  
you. And I will remove the heart  
of stone from your flesh and give  
you a heart of flesh. And I will  
put my Spirit within you, and  
cause you to walk in my statutes.

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## 4) Regeneration/Salvation

(John 3:5–8)

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that

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I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."



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## 4) Regeneration/Salvation

(Ephesians 1:13–14)

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it.

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## 4) Regeneration/Salvation

(Titus 3:4–5)

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

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## 5) Resurrection

(Romans 8:11)

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

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## 5) Resurrection

The Spirit is not only the author of the resurrection-act, but likewise the permanent [foundation] of the resurrection-life...”

Geerhardus Vos

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## 5) Resurrection of Jesus

(Romans 1:4)

Jesus Christ our Lord, was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead.

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## 5) Resurrection of Jesus

(1 Timothy 3:16)

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels, proclaimed  
among the nations, believed on  
in the world, taken up in glory.

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5) Resurrection of believers  
(Romans 8:23)

And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.



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## 5) Resurrection of believers

“Having indwelt the believer in the present age, the Spirit will take absolute possession of the believer’s entire being [in the coming age].”

Sinclair Ferguson

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## 6) Resurrection

### Table Talk:

How does the doctrine of the Spirit's work in Resurrection speak into all that is going on amidst the COVID-19 crisis?

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## 6) Sanctification

(2 Corinthians 3:18)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

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## 6) Sanctification

(1 Peter 1:2)

According to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

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6) Sanctification – godliness  
(Romans 8:13)

For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

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6) Sanctification – godliness  
(1 Thessalonians 1:6)

You became imitators of us  
and of the Lord, for you  
received the word in much  
affliction, with the joy of the  
Holy Spirit...



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6) Sanctification – godliness  
(1 Cor 6:19-20)

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own... For you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

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6) Sanctification – boldness  
(Acts 4:31)

And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

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## 6) Sanctification – gifting

(1 Corinthians 12:4–7, 11)

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given

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6) Sanctification – gifting

(1 Corinthians 12:4–7, 11)

the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.

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6) Sanctification –

Fructification (Gal 5:22–23)

The fruit of the Spirit is love,  
joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and  
self-control...

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## 6) Sanctification –

Assurance (Romans 8:16)

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...

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## 6) Sanctification –

### Assurance (Romans 15:13)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

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- 6) Sanctification – Access to the Father (Ephesians 2:18)

Through Christ we have access in one Spirit to the Father.



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## 6) Sanctification – Prayer

(Romans 8:15)

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

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## 6) Sanctification – Prayer

(Jude 20)

You, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit.

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## 6) Sanctification

**Table Talk:** Perhaps you've been growing in a particular area of godliness and you'd like to share with your table. What things might be missing from the list?

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  - The Miraculous Gifts

Table Talk: If a brother or sister in Christ who lives in Ottawa and attends Bethel or Woodvale Pentecostal Church asked you what you believe about the continuity of the charismatic or miraculous gifts of the Spirit, how would you respond? What reasons might you give for your response?

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## Two Views:

- **Cessationism** - The miracles and charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit were uniquely the signs that distinguished an apostle. Therefore, the working of the miracles ceased when the apostles and their close associates died. Therefore, they conclude, no further miracles are to be expected today.

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## Two Views:

- **Continuationism** - “Beginning with Pentecost and continuing throughout the book of Acts, whenever the Spirit is poured out on new believers they experience his charismata. There is nothing to indicate these phenomena were restricted to them and then.” Sam Storms

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- 1) Tongues

- a) the day of Pentecost

Acts 2:4

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.



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- 1) Tongues

- b) the house of Cornelius

Acts 10:46

They were hearing them  
speaking in tongues and  
extolling God...

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- 1) Tongues

- c) the laying on of hands

Acts 19:6

When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues...

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- 1) **Tongues**

- d) **the Corinthian Church**

1 Corinthians 12:28

God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.

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- 2) Prophecy and Healing

Romans 12:6

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith

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## 2) Prophecy and Healing

1 Corinthians 13:8–10

Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. For we know in part and we prophesy in part, but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.

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## 2) Prophecy and Healing

1 Corinthians 14:6

Now, brothers, if I come to you speaking in tongues, how will I benefit you unless I bring you some revelation or knowledge or prophecy or teaching?

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  - Baptism in the Holy Spirit
  - The Filling of the Holy Spirit

## What the Met Believes:

We believe that when the Holy Spirit came upon the whole body of believers on the day of Pentecost it was the fulfillment of the announcement made by John the Baptist and the promises of Christ to His own during His earthly

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- ministry. At Pentecost the disciples were individually endowed with power to witness concerning Christ, and collectively baptized into one body, which was the formation of the Church, which is His Body. We further believe, since the time the Gospel was received



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- in the house of Cornelius, and the believers received the Holy Spirit without delay, praying, laying on of hands, or any other condition save faith, all who believe in Christ are born of the Spirit, sealed by the Spirit, anointed by the Spirit, indwelt by the Spirit, and by

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- (in) the Holy Spirit baptized into the Body of Christ. And we also believe that the New Testament distinguishes between being indwelt by the Spirit, which is true of all believers, and being filled with (controlled by) the Spirit, which is the believers privilege and duty.

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  - Baptism in the Holy Spirit
  - The Filling of the Holy Spirit

There is one baptism with (in) the Spirit, and it is into the Body of Christ, but there are many fillings. Pentecost was a one-time historical event.”

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