

Article 6: The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Jn. 16:14 – “¹⁴ He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you,”

He convicts the world of its guilt.

- Jn. 16:8 – “⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment:”
- 1 Cor. 2:14 – “¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.”

He regenerates sinners,

- Ezek. 36:25-27 – “²⁵ I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. ²⁶ 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. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.”
- Jn. 3:3 – “³ Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”
- Jn. 3:5 – “⁵ Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.”
- 1 Cor. 12:3 – “³ Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking in the Spirit of God ever says “Jesus is accursed!” and no one can say “Jesus is Lord” except in the Holy Spirit.”
- 2 Cor. 5:17 – “¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

- Eph. 2:5 – “⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved-“
- Col. 2:13 – “¹³ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,”
- 1 Thess. 1:4-5 – “⁴ For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.”
- 2 Thess. 2:13 – “¹³ But we ought always to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the firstfruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth.”
- Titus 3:5 – “⁵ 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,”
- James 1:18 – “¹⁸ Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.”
- 1 Pet. 1:3 – “³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

and in Him they are baptized

- Mk. 1:8 – “⁸ I have baptized you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.””
- Acts 1:5 – “⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.””
- 1 Cor. 12:13 – “¹³ For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of

one Spirit.”

into union with Christ

- Rom. 3:24 – “²⁴ and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,”
- Rom. 5:15-21 – “¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man’s trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man’s sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man’s obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”
- Rom. 12:5 – “⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”
- 1 Cor. 1:2 – “² To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:”
- 1 Cor. 15:19 – “¹⁹ If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.”

- 1 Cor. 15:22(b) – “²² For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.”
- 2 Cor. 5:17 – “¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”
- Gal. 1:22 – “²² And I was still unknown in person to the churches of Judea that are in Christ.”
- Gal. 2:17 – “¹⁷ But if, in our endeavor to be justified in Christ, we too were found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not!”
- Gal. 3:28 – “²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
- Eph. 1:4 – “⁴ even as he chose us **in him** before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love”
- Eph. 2:12 – “¹² remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”
- Eph. 3:6 – “⁶ This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.”
- Eph. 4:32 – “³² Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.”
- 2 Tim. 2:10 – “¹⁰ Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”
- 1 Thess. 4:16 – “¹⁶ For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first.”

and adopted as heirs

- Rom. 8:15 – “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!””
- Rom. 8:23 – “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.”
- Rom. 9:4 – “⁴ They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises.”
- Gal. 4:5 – “*(In Love)* ⁵ to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.”
- Eph. 1:5 – “⁵ he predestined us for adoption as sons **through Jesus Christ**, according to the purpose of his will,”
- Titus 3:7 – “⁷ so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.”

In the family of God.

- Matt. 12:49-50 – “⁴⁹ And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ⁵⁰ For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.””
- 2 Cor. 6:18 – “¹⁸ and I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty.””
- Eph. 3:14 – “¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,
- 1 Jn. 3:14-18 – “¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.
- ¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we

ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷ But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

He also indwells,

- Jn. 14:17 – "¹⁷ even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you."
- Rom. 8:11 – "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."
- 1 Cor. 3:16 – "¹⁶ Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you?"

Illuminates,

- 1 Cor. 2:2 – "² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified."
- 2 Cor. 4:4-15 – "⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. ⁸ We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; ¹⁰ always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies. ¹¹ For we who live are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be

manifested in our mortal flesh. ¹² So death is at work in us, but life in you. ¹³ Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, “I believed, and so I spoke,” we also believe, and so we also speak, ¹⁴ knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵ For it is all for your sake, so that as grace extends to more and more people it may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.”

- Eph. 1:17-19 – “¹⁷ 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, ¹⁸ having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might”
- Phil. 1:9-11 – “⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.”

guides,

- Jn. 16:13 – “¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.”
- Acts 15:28 – “²⁸ For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements:”
- Rom. 8:4 – “⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.”
- Rom. 8:14 – “¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of

God.”

- Gal. 5:16 – “¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”
- Gal. 5:18 – “¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”

Equips

- Rom. 12:4-8 – “⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶ Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷ if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸ the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.”
- 1 Cor. 12: 4-10 – “⁴ Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; ⁵ and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; ⁶ and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. ⁷ To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. ⁸ For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.”
- Eph. 4: 7-11 – “⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ’s gift. ⁸ Therefore it says, “When he ascended on high he led a host of captives, and he gave gifts to men.” ⁹ (In saying, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also

descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,”

- 1 Pet. 4:10-11 – “¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God’s varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.”

and empowers

- Acts 1:8 – “⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”
- Acts 10:38 – “³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”
- Rom. 15:13 – “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.”
- 1 Cor. 12:11 – “¹¹ All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills.”
- Eph. 3:16 – “¹⁶ that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,”
- 2 Tim. 1:7 – “⁷ for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.”

believers for Christ-like living and service.

- Acts 6:8 – “⁸ And Stephen, full of grace and power, was doing great

wonders and signs among the people.”

- Rom. 8:4-6 – “⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.”
- Rom. 8:12-16 – “¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 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. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. 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!” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,”
- 2 Cor. 13:14 – “¹⁴ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”
- Gal. 3:3 – “³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?”
- Gal. 3:5 – “⁵ Does he who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you do so by works of the law, or by hearing with faith—“
- Gal. 5:22-23 – “²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.”
- Gal. 5:25 – “²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.”
- Eph. 2:22 – “²² In him you also are being built together into a

dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

- Eph. 4:3 – “³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”
- Phil. 2:1-2 – “¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.”