

**Discipleship:
An
Introduction to
Systematic Theology and
Apologetics**

Protestant Reformation Doctrines of Salvation

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The Atonement – Summary of 12 Essential Doctrinal Truths (Review)

1. The heart of the atonement is the eternal, unchangeable requirement of God's holiness and justice that demands sin must be paid for.
2. God required that sin be paid for among the members of the Trinity.
3. It was God the Father's role to require the payment.
4. God the Son voluntarily took the role of bearing the penalty for all of the elect's sins as their substitute.

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5. Before the atonement could be effective for the elect, it had to affect God's relationship with the sinners he planned to redeem by quenching his wrath over the elect's sins.
6. Jesus ransomed the elect from the wrath of God – not from Satan.
7. The cause of the atonement is God's love for the elect.
8. The only way to save the elect from their sins was through the work Christ did in his life and death to earn the elect's salvation.

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9. Jesus in his human nature needed to “fulfill all righteousness” for the elect so that all of the elect had a record of obedience that merited God’s favor and eternal life with him.
10. The person of Jesus, by the union of the divine and human nature could bear all the wrath of God against all of the elect’s sin in a fixed amount of time.
11. Jesus paid the penalty for all the sins of the elect through all of his sufferings in body and soul throughout his entire life lived in a fallen world and in his death on the cross.

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12. It was not unfair for God to have Jesus bear all the elect's sin, because God is the standard of what is just. If God said that this satisfied the demands of his justice and righteousness, then it did!

The Work of the Holy Spirit

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The Work of the Holy Spirit

- In this study we will look at the activities delegated to the Holy Spirit by God the Father and God the Son.
- We will not primarily look at the work of the Holy Spirit in Salvation such as Effective Calling of the elect, Regeneration and Sanctification.
- Primarily we will look at the work of the Holy Spirit in manifesting the active presence of God in the world, and especially in the church.”

NOTE: **Manifest** means (1) clear or obvious to the eye or mind (adjective); (2) display or show (a quality or feeling) by one's acts or appearance (verb)

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- Evangelicals tend to think in terms of:
 - The “Already” and the “Not Yet.”
 - Salvation is something that happened and that will happen.
 - The elect are “Born again” (regenerated) and resurrected.

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- “In the OT the presence of God was manifested in the glory of God and in theophanies.
- Jesus manifested the presence of God during his life.
- But once Jesus ascended into heaven the Holy Spirit is the primary manifestation of the Trinity among us.
- The Holy Spirit is one who primarily bestows blessings upon the elect.

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- Starting with creation the work of the Holy Spirit is to complete and sustain what God the Father has planned and what God the Son has begun.

“the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters” (Genesis 1:2)

- At Pentecost the Holy Spirit comes to grant power to the church:

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you (Acts 1:8)

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. (Acts 2:4)

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And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. (Acts 2:17 – 18)

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- Paul calls the Holy Spirit:
 - “First fruits” (Romans 8:22 - 23)

For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the **first fruits** of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

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- “guarantee” 2 Corinthians 1:21 – 22

And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

- and 5:4 - 5

For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened--not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

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- Isaiah 32:14–18 predicted the Spirit would bring great renewal:

For the palace is forsaken, the populous city deserted; the hill and the watchtower will become dens forever, a joy of wild donkeys, a pasture of flocks; until the Spirit is poured upon us from on high, and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field, and the fruitful field is deemed a forest. Then justice will dwell in the wilderness, and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. And the effect of righteousness will be peace, and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever. My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.

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- God prophesied through Isaiah to Jacob in Isaiah 44:3:

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants.

- On the other hand the departure of the Holy Spirit removed the blessings of God in Isaiah 63:10:

But they rebelled and grieved his Holy Spirit; therefore he turned to be their enemy, and himself fought against them.

- But the OT also declared a time would come when the Holy Spirit would come in greater fullness through a new covenant.

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Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a **new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: **I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.** And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD, 'for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more." (Jeremiah 31:31 – 34)

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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 and be careful to obey my rules. (Ezekiel 36:26 – 27)

And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD.” (Ezekiel 37:14)

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- There are four ways the Holy Spirit brings evidence of God's presence to bless the elect:
 1. The Holy Spirit empowers
 2. The Holy Spirit purifies
 3. The Holy Spirit reveals
 4. The Holy Spirit unifies
- However, it is important to recognize that the above evidences are not automatically bestowed on the elect in equal measure. Rather, the Holy Spirit gives varying degrees of evidence of the presence and blessings of God according to our response to him.

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Empowers

- The Holy Spirit gives life to all animate creatures:

When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust. When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground. (Psalm 104:29 - 30)

Who gave him charge over the earth, and who laid on him the whole world? 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. (Job 34:13 – 15)

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- The Holy Spirit gives spiritual life thru the new birth (regeneration).

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 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." (John 3:5 – 8)

It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. (John 6:63)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Empowers

- The Holy Spirit conceived Jesus in Mary's womb.

Now the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit ... But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, "Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 1:18, 20)

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- The Holy Spirit conceived Jesus in Mary's womb.

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?" And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy--the Son of God. (Luke 1:35)

The Work of the Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit Empowers

- The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and will also raise us from the dead at the second coming.

For the mind that is set on the **flesh** is **hostile to God**, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, **it cannot**. Those who are in the flesh **cannot please God**. **You**, however, are **not in the flesh but in the Spirit**, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who **does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him**. But if Christ is in you, although the **body is dead because of sin**, the Spirit is life because of **righteousness**.

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. (Romans 8:7 -11)