

Romans 8:9-16; Lord's Day 20

I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. His Person.

1. The Holy Spirit is a Person (not just a power).
2. He is true and eternal God, equal with the Father and the Son.
3. Scripture does not isolate His Person or His work from the other two Persons (John 15:26; 16:7).

• His activity.

1. He unites the members of the Church to Christ.
 2. He regenerates, giving the new life in Christ to those previously dead in sin (John 3:8; Rom. 8:10,11).
 3. He reveals by means of Scripture, enabling our minds to receive the testimony of the Word of God.
 4. He enables the regenerated to confess Jesus to be the Son of God and that they belong to Him.
 5. He sanctifies, conforming us more and more to the image of God's Son (Titus 3:5; II Thess. 2:13; I Peter 1:2).
 6. And He is the pledge of our full inheritance in Christ (Eph. 1:14; II Cor. 5:5).
- The implications (even as we realize that the Spirit focuses our attention on Jesus and not on Himself).

1. Can we see evidence of the Spirit at work in us.
2. Let us be aware of His presence in us, as that which unites us to Jesus, our Husband (I Cor. 3:16).
3. Let us be careful not to "grieve" or "quench" the Spirit (Eph. 4:30; I Thess. 5:19).
4. We may ever be assured that the Spirit will never leave us.