

## TRUTHS WE LIVE BY (4)

### About the Holy Spirit

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*"We believe the primary ministry of the Spirit is to glorify Jesus Christ. To accomplish this during this age, He convicts people, regenerates those who should be saved, indwells, guides, instructs and empowers believers for godly living and service in Christ."*

#### ◆ What we believe

—"What lies \_\_\_\_\_ us and what lies \_\_\_\_\_ us are tiny matters compared to what lies \_\_\_\_\_ us."

—Joe Public: self-\_\_\_\_\_, oblivious to his real \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

—The Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_, not an "it" (Mt 28:19, Jo 14:26, Eph 4:30)

1. *"We believe the primary ministry of the Spirit is to glorify Jesus Christ."*  
(we're self-centered)

Col 1:18,19, Jo 16:14, Acts 1:8

—"You are the \_\_\_\_\_ beneath my wings."

—Spirit = " \_\_\_\_\_ " = " \_\_\_\_\_ "

Jo 3:5f, Gen 1:2, 2Pet 1:21

—The Spirit walked every step with \_\_\_\_\_ in His earthly ministry.

—It's hard to tell sometimes where \_\_\_\_\_ effort stops and the \_\_\_\_\_ effort begins.

—Wind or air can be \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and even though it is \_\_\_\_\_.

—He is our Paraclete = \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ (Jo 16:7f)

—His main mission is \_\_\_\_\_!

—Holiness includes all God's high \_\_\_\_\_ in blazing \_\_\_\_\_.

2. *"To accomplish this during this age, He convicts people"*  
(we're oblivious to our real guilt)

—Jo 16:7-11 *"He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment"*

—Conviction = (1) a deeply held \_\_\_\_\_, (2) a \_\_\_\_\_ of guilt, or (3) a \_\_\_\_\_ of guilt

—This will drive people either to \_\_\_\_\_ or to deeper \_\_\_\_\_.

3. *"regenerates those who should be saved"*  
(we're dead)

—Means "causes to be \_\_\_\_\_ again."

—Needed because we are \_\_\_\_\_ in our sins (Eph 2:1, Gen 2,3)

—Controversy: (1) God gives life to those who respond to the gospel by faith, or (2) God gives life to people so that they can respond by faith.

—God brings us into a living \_\_\_\_\_ with Jesus Christ so that we share in His redemption and all its \_\_\_\_\_. This is how we receive a new spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5 and John 3:5f).

—"those who should be saved" = "many are \_\_\_\_\_ but few are \_\_\_\_\_"

4. *"indwells"*  
(we're empty)

1Cor 3:16, 6:19,20

—Once He moves in, He's not moving \_\_\_\_\_.

—He won't leave, but He will \_\_\_\_\_ (Eph 4:30)

—"Sealed" (2Cor 1:22, Eph 1:13, 4:30) = (1) \_\_\_\_\_ contract, (2) \_\_\_\_\_, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, (4) \_\_\_\_\_

—He is the "pledge" or down-payment of our eternal salvation (2Cor 1:22, 5:5, Eph 1:14)

5. "guides"  
(we're unfocused)

—The Spirit guides us into \_\_\_\_\_ and keeps us \_\_\_\_\_ on a path that ends ultimately in holy glory.

Gal 5:18, Rom 8:12-17

—Stages of sanctification

Past	Present	Future
J =declared righteous	T =made righteous little by little	G =perfected eternally
Delivered from the eternal _____ of sin	Delivered progressively from the _____ of sin	Delivered from even the _____ of sin

6. "instructs"  
(we're clueless)

1Cor 2:14: A natural man cannot \_\_\_\_\_ what he hears

—Compare Eph 5:18-21 with Col 3:16-19 / It's the Spirit \_\_\_\_\_ the Word.

7. "and empowers believers for godly living and service in Christ."  
(we're weak)

Zechariah 4:6: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts."

—It is the biggest mistake of all to think of the Holy Spirit as your \_\_\_\_\_ trainer who is all about grooming \_\_\_\_\_ and improving \_\_\_\_\_—that the focus is on \_\_\_\_\_. The Spirit is in you to help you help \_\_\_\_\_!

◆ Why we believe

—Based on \_\_\_\_\_: Acts 2:38. "Repent and be baptized...and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

◆ Why we BEHAVE

1. We are content to promote \_\_\_\_\_ and not ourselves.

2. We repent of our \_\_\_\_\_ and we exhort \_\_\_\_\_ to do so.

3. We are \_\_\_\_\_ with the Spirit.

4. We \_\_\_\_\_ and apply the Bible.

5. We focus on serving \_\_\_\_\_.

◆ What YOU believe

1. What's the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit's \_\_\_\_\_ in your life?

2. Set aside a time to \_\_\_\_\_ your heart to the Holy Spirit.