

Discovering the Christian Faith

Session 5: A Divine Relationship
The Holy Spirit

God the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is equal with the Father and the Son.
- The Holy Spirit creates faith in Jesus in us.

“Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, ‘Jesus be cursed,’ and no one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord,’ except by the Holy Spirit.”




I Corinthians 12:3

God the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit enables us to understand spiritual things.

“What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.”



I Corinthians 2:12

God the Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit works through God's Word.

"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

Ephesians 6:17



Two Works of the Spirit In Us

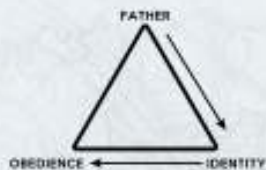
1. The Holy Spirit brings us to life through forgiveness and salvation.
 - Justification
2. The Holy Spirit transforms us more and more into the likeness of Jesus.
 - Sanctification

"And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit."

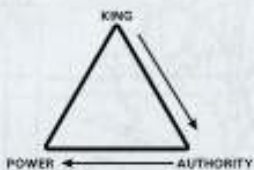
2 Corinthians 3:18



Covenant



Kingdom



Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit

- When the Holy Spirit is in us, what comes out of us?
 - Fruit

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.”

Galatians 5:22-23



Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit

- The Holy Spirit gives us spiritual gifts to use for the Kingdom.

“Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. . . All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.”

I Corinthians 12:7, 11



Empowered for the Mission

- The Holy Spirit equips and empowers us for living God’s Mission

“This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

Luke 24:46-49

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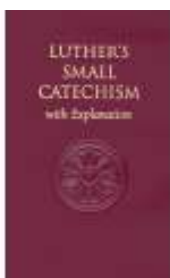
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"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Acts 1:8

The Small Catechism

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