

Who is the Holy Spirit?

Gen 1:2 - Present at Creation

Jn 16:7-15 Counselor

Send him to you

convict the world of guilt

sin -- do not believe

righteousness -- Jesus is the righteousness!

judgement -- Satan stands condemned

Spirit of truth -- guide you into ^{all} truth

He will not speak on his own

He will bring glory to me

by taking what is mine and making it known to you
all that belongs to the Father is mine

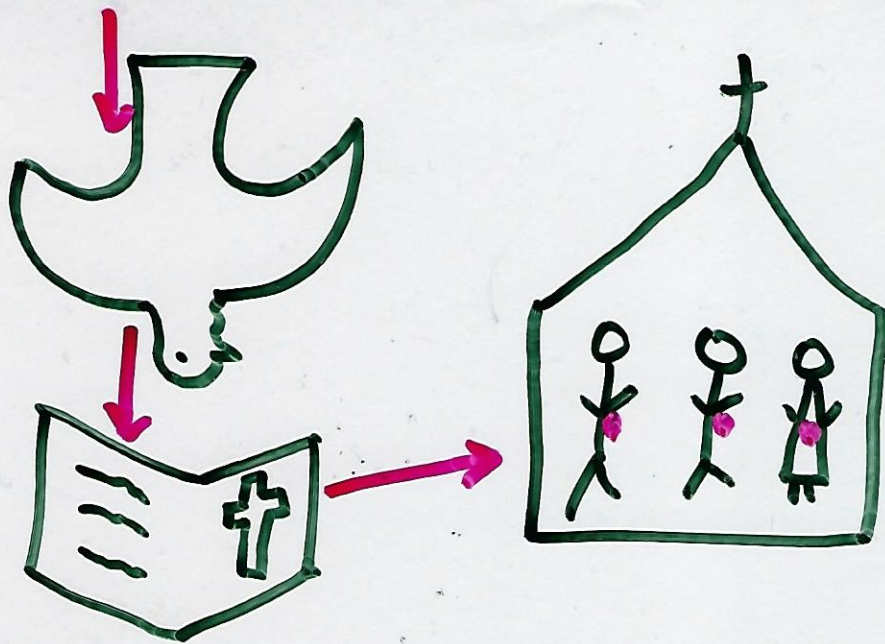
Mt. 28:19 - name of and and

2 Co 13:14 - God Jesus Christ.... God... Holy Spirit

Jn 14:25-27 - will remind you of everything I said to you

Jn 15:26 - he will testify about me

The Holy Spirit is not just power or energy.



I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord or come to Him...

Why not?

Eph 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

1 Cor 2:14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned

1 Cor 12:3 ... no one can say Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

The Work of the Holy Spirit.

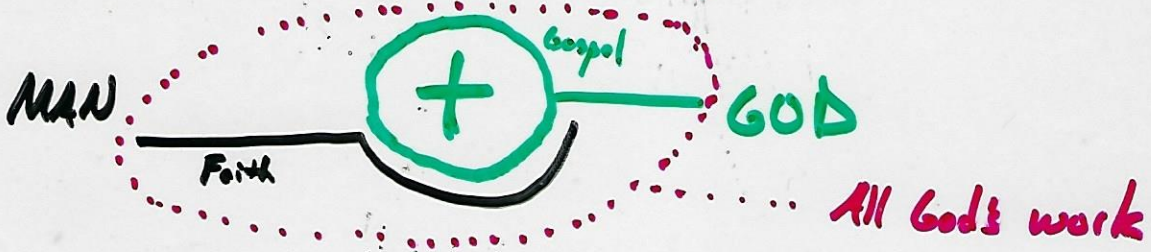
A. Called by the Gospel

2 Ths 2:14

called you to this through our Gospel

2 Tim 1:9

called us to a holy life



B. Enlightened me with His gifts

1 Pet 2:9

out of darkness into his wonderful light

1 Co. 4:6

give us the light of the knowledge

Eph 4:17-18

darkened in their understanding, separated

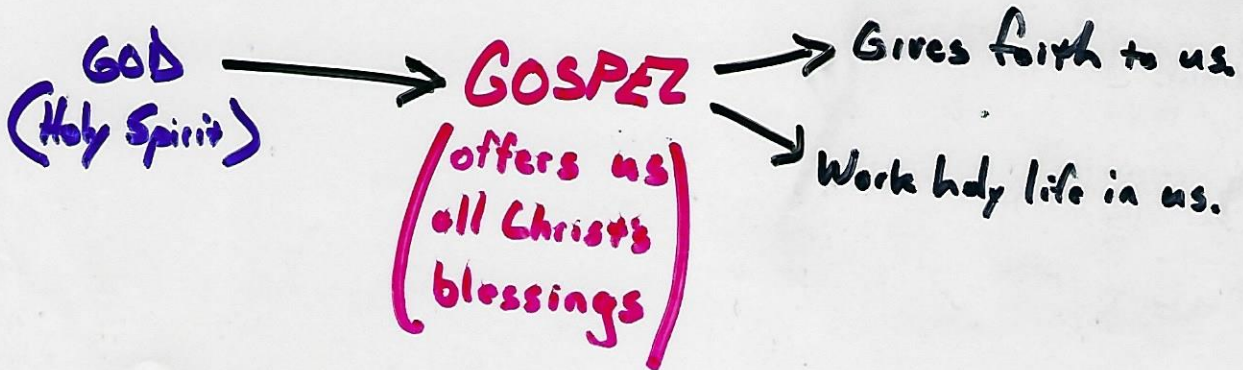
Eph 5:8-14

light in the Lord

expose them

makes things visible

Christ will shine on you.



What is the special work of God the Holy Spirit in the 3rd Article?

He Sanctifies us = He makes us holy

The Holy Spirit sanctifies

First, by giving us the gift of faith so that we receive Christ and His perfect righteousness

Justification = Declared righteous

Rom 4:5 To the man who does not work, but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness.

Second, by working in us a renewal of the heart so that I have the power to struggle against and overcome satan, the world, and our our sinful flesh.

Sanctification = Making us righteous

1 Thes 4:3 This is the will of God, even your sanctification.

Eph 2:10 We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works.

Justification

- 1) Most important teaching
- 2) Only in Christianity, all others teach salvation by works
- 3) Gives comfort to sinner
- 4) Gives all glory to God.

Justification - Conversion, Born Again, Saved

By Grace - by God's undeserved love

For Christ's sake - supplied by Jesus' life and death

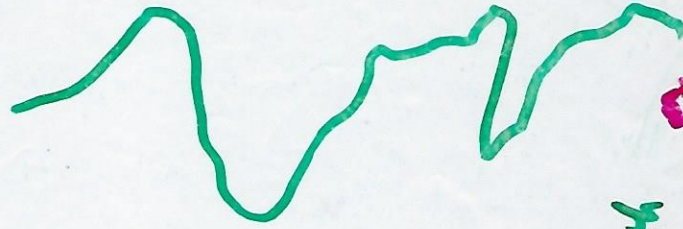
Through faith - received through belief in Jesus

Without works - because we can't keep the law.

The Father declares us sinners to be righteous
by grace for Christ's sake through faith without works.



Believe/Repent
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Death

SINNER

SINNER
and
SAINT

Good Works
go up and down

SAINT

Justification

NO (0%)	YES (100%)	YES (100%)	YES (100%)
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Sanctification

NO (0%)	starts (a little) (10%)	Varies 60% 20%	65% 20% 10%	70% 20%	YES (100%)
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Rom 7:18 I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

C. Sanctified

John 15:3

clean

Eph 1:17

Spirit of wisdom and revelation

Jn 17:17-19

Sanctify them by the Truth & Word

Ps 51:10

Our sanctification from Jesus
pure heart, steadfast spirit
joy of salvation, willing spirit

Thanksgiving collects

strengthen us in faith
in love

rule our hearts and minds
to serve you

D. Kept me in the ^{one} true faith

Phil 1:6

will carry it on to completion

Phil 4:7

will guard your hearts and minds

John 17:14-15

not that you take them out, but
that you protect them

1 Peter 1:3-5

Kept in heaven

shielded by God's power

② The Church, Communion of Saints

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169 all believers in Christ
NOT building, denomination, association, congregation

170 The church cannot be seen
- because faith cannot be seen.
- but God promises to preserve the church

171  Jesus is the Head

only one church

..... Holy People = saints¹⁷²
cleansed by Jesus' blood

APOSTLES, PROPHETS
JESUS CHRIST

173 Built on and belongs to Christ

174 If it can't be seen, where can I find the church?

GOSPEL IS PURELY PREACHED

SACRAMENTS RIGHTLY ADMINISTERED

} MARKS OF THE CHURCH

See #161 - Gospel is means.

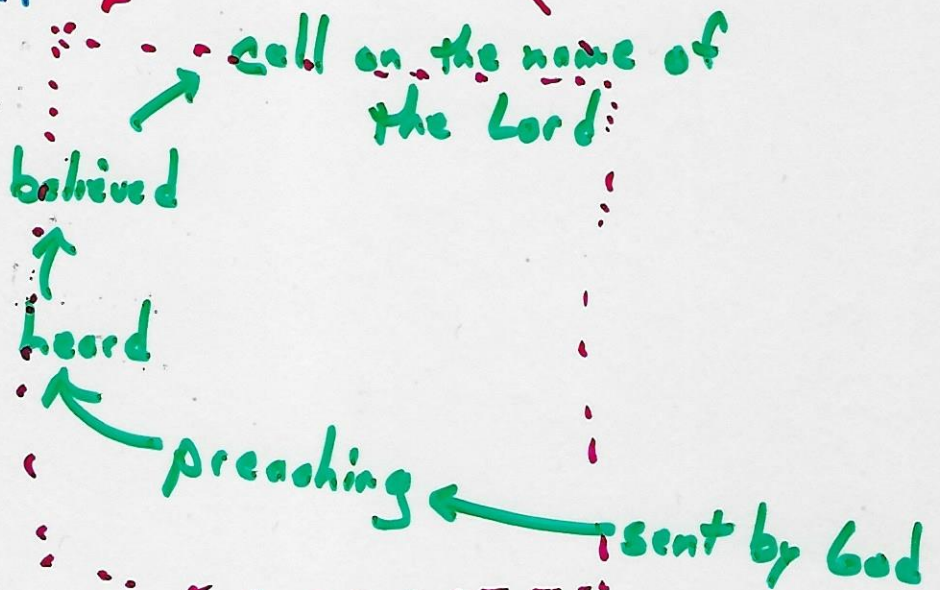
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B Forgiveness of Sins

"In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins."

Rom 10:14-21



Mt 28:18-20

to them - office in His church
go and make disciples

Collect for church Grant unto Thy church Thy Holy Spirit
Word, be preached

On the last day (when Christ returns)

All the dead will rise (both believers and unbelievers)

John 5:28-29 "all who are in their graves will hear his voice and come out"

with their bodies

Job 19:25-27 "... yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes - I and not another."

Believers rise
with glorified bodies

Unbelievers receive
to shame and torment
in hell

1st 12:2 some to everlasting life... others to shame and everlasting contempt

Phil 3:21 Christ will transform
our lowly bodies to be like
His glorious body

Is 66:24 their worm
will not die, nor will their
fire be quenched

How can we be sure that we are saved?

God keeps His Gospel promises!

Mark 16:16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.

Romans 8:38-39 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Tim 1:12 For this reason I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep what I have committed to Him until that day.