



Lord's Day Worship

May 17, 2020

Opening Scripture Reading & Prayer of Thanksgiving

Read or have someone in your home read Psalm 139:7-12 aloud and then have an open time of prayer, giving thanks to the Lord for His goodness and mercy. After closing in prayer, you may begin to play the service audio or video from the church website.

Riverwood Family Greeting

Janie Kjorvestad

Awana Awards Recognition

Daniel Scarbrough

Song of Praise

"Sooner Count the Stars"

Elder Greeting

Jerry Clark

Song of Praise

"All Praise to Him"

The Teaching of the Word

Credo – Part 15– “The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit”

Songs of Response

"Because He Lives (Amen)"

Benediction

Read or have someone in your home read aloud Romans 8:38-39

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- "I Believe" -

The Christian Faith in a Faithless World

Part 15

"The Person & Work of
the Holy Spirit"

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Introduction: The Triune God & Our Confession

- The object of our faith is the One True God, who exists eternally as three Persons, Father, Son, & Spirit. In order to keep the nature of God central to the confession of the faith, the early church organized the essentials of the faith around Persons of the Godhead.
 1. We believe in the Father:
 2. We believe in the Son:
 3. We believe in the Holy Spirit:

Key Point: It is the blessed Holy Spirit who has been sent forth in order to apply to us the _____ of salvation in order that we might rejoice together as the church of Jesus Christ, looking hopefully to the future.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED
I BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER ALMIGHTY
MAKER OF HEAVEN AND EARTH;
AND IN JESUS CHRIST
HIS ONLY SON OUR LORD,
WHO WAS CONCEIVED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,
BORN OF THE VIRGIN MARY,
SUFFERED UNDER PONTIUS PILATE,
WAS CRUCIFIED, DIED & WAS BURIED,
HE DESCENDED TO THE DEAD,
ON THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN
FROM THE DEAD
HE ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN,
AND IS SEATED AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD THE
FATHER ALMIGHTY;
FROM THERE HE SHALL COME TO JUDGE
THE LIVING AND THE DEAD.
I BELIEVE IN THE HOLY SPIRIT;
THE HOLY CATHOLIC CHURCH;
THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS;
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS;
THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY,
AND THE LIFE EVERLASTING.
AMEN.

The Holy Spirit: His Person

"We believe that Jesus Christ also sent from heaven from the Father—according to His own promise—the Holy Spirit, the Paraclete. He is the sanctifier of the faith of those who believe in the Father, and in the Son, and in the Holy Spirit. This rule of faith has come down to us from the beginning of the gospel."
—Tertullian, *Against Praxeas* (2nd-3rd C.)

- We believe that the Holy Spirit is the 3rd Person of the Godhead.

⇒ *The Holy Spirit is a _____ and not a _____.*

- * The Holy Spirit has a mind (Rom. 8:27), a will (Acts 16:6), and emotions (Eph. 4:30).

Rom. 8:27a— *And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit*

- * Although the Greek word for "spirit" (*pneuma*) is a neuter gender word, all of the biblical writers break grammatical rules and use masculine pronouns when referring to the Holy Spirit.

John 16:13a— *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you*

⇒ *The Holy Spirit shares the _____ of both the Father and Son.*

- * The Spirit is all-knowing (1 Cor. 2:10-12), all-powerful (Job 33:4), and everywhere-present (Psa. 139:7)

Job 33:4— *The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.*

⇒ *The divine essence of the Holy Spirit is _____ from both the Father & Son.*

- * The Spirit is referred to in Scripture as both the Spirit of God and the Spirit of Christ.

Rom. 8:9— *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.*

- * The relationship of the Spirit to the other Persons of the Trinity is expressed by the term "procession."

John 15:26— *"But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me."*

"We do not speak of the Holy Spirit as *unbegotten*, for we recognize one who is unbegotten and one origin of all things, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Nor do we speak of the Holy Spirit as *begotten*, for by the tradition of the faith we have been taught one [the Son] who is *only-begotten*. The Spirit of truth we have been taught to *proceed* from the Father and we confess him to be of God without creation."
—Basil of Caesarea, *Letters* (4th C.)

Key Point: The Holy Spirit is involved in all of the works of God, but it is in being _____ forth by the Father and Son that His Person is uniquely made known and His work is both understood and experienced.

The Holy Spirit: His Work

- We believe that the Holy Spirit has come into the world to make God *known* and to bring His personal *presence* to His people.

⇒ *The Holy Spirit has come to _____ the world.*

John 16:7-11—⁷Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. ⁸And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: ⁹concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; ¹⁰concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; ¹¹concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

Concerning Sin

Concerning Righteousness

Concerning Judgment

⇒ *The Holy Spirit has come to _____ believers.*

- * He teaches us the truth.

John 14:25-26—²⁵“These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. ²⁶But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

- * He gives us new life in Christ.

Titus 3:5-6—⁵he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,

- * He empowers us for holy living.

Gal. 5:16—But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

“Because God has now permitted his holy gospel to go forth, he deals with us in two ways: First, outwardly, and second, inwardly. Outwardly, He deals with us through the preached Word, or the gospel, and through the visible signs of baptism and the Lord’s Supper. Inwardly, he deals with us through the Holy Spirit and faith.”
—Martin Luther, *Against the Heavenly Prophets*

⇒ *The Holy Spirit has come to _____ believers.*

“The Helper” —παράκλητος (paraklētos)— ‘Counsellor’ or ‘Comforter.’ One who is called alongside to help and exhort; one who gives strength, encouragement, or aid in times of need.

John 14:16-17—¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

- * He comforts us as individuals.

Rom. 8:26—Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words.

- * He comforts us collectively. **ILLUSTRATION**

Acts 9:31—So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

Key Point: The Holy Spirit is the one who convicts and converts sinners, conforming to the image of their Savior in order that they might live faithfully as His _____ in the world!

“Parakletos [The Helper] is the One called to breathe life into the community of faith, who is sent personally to fill the void that otherwise would have been left by Christ’s departure.”
—Thomas Oden, *Classic Christianity*

Concluding Thoughts

1. It is the Holy Spirit who _____ with us.
2. It is the Holy Spirit who _____ us.
3. It is the Holy Spirit who _____ us together as believers.