

**Doctrinal Statement**

**Holy Spirit**

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Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, coequal with, and divine like God the Father and God the Son, yet distinct from both (John 14:16, 26; Matt. 28:19). In the Old Testament the activity of God's Spirit is recognized as the Creator and sustainer of life (Gen. 1:2; Gen. 2:7; Job 34:14-15); empowering and anointing His people for specific tasks including artistry, prophesy, and leadership (Gen. 41:14-39; Ex. 31:1-3; Deut. 34:9); and prophesying of the anointed, Messianic King that would bring a new covenant and change the hearts of His people (Jer. 31:31-34; Ez. 36:26-27, 37:1-10). In the New Testament, Holy Spirit unveiled Jesus as the anointed king, filling and empowering Him for His earthly ministry and mission, including miracles (Luke 3:21-22; Luke 4:14-21; Luke 5:17). During the Apostolic time, Holy Spirit restored Israel (Acts 1:1-8, 2:5-11); grafted the Gentiles into the family of God (Acts 10-11); and marked God's people individually and corporately as God's temple, His personal dwelling place on earth (Acts 2:1-3; 1 Cor. 3:16-17).

Holy Spirit calls all people to salvation and illuminates the world of sin, righteousness and judgment (Rev. 22:17; John 16:8). Holy Spirit calls (2 Tim. 1:9), regenerates (Tit. 3:5-6), and baptizes people into Christ's body at conversion (Rom. 6:3-4; 1 Cor. 12:13). He is the way that God is present with and among His people (1 Cor. 2:16-17). He teaches (Luke 12:12:), bears witness (John 15:26), mediates and intercedes (Rom. 8:26-27), comforts (Acts 9:31), sanctifies (1 Pet. 1:2), and reveals God's thoughts and will (1 Cor. 2). Holy Spirit is the very life of Christ indwelling every believer (1 Cor. 6:19), manifesting the life of Jesus through spirituals and gifts (1 Cor. 12:1-11, 14:39; 1 Thess. 5:19-22), including talents, supernatural abilities such as tongues, healings, prophesy, and spiritual endowments, in order to equip the saints and build up and edify the church (Rom. 12:6-8; Eph. 4:11-12); as well as all spiritual fruits (Gal. 5:22-26) and endure hardship and suffering (Rom. 8:26-27).