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Sermon Notes

Belief #4: We Believe in the HOLY SPIRIT

John 1:19-34

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We believe in the absolute deity and personality of the Holy Spirit; that He is the Divine Agent in the sinner's regeneration and the believer's sanctification. We believe at conversion He baptizes all believers into the body of Christ; indwelling and sealing them unto the day of redemption.

1. The Holy Spirit is God who **created** the world
2. The Holy Spirit is God who **spoke** through the prophets
3. The Holy Spirit is God who **empowered** Jesus Christ
4. The Holy Spirit is God who **dwells** in every Christian

QUESTIONS

ICEBREAKER:

1. The Spirit of God is frequently mentioned in the Old Testament, but only in Psalm 51:11 and Isaiah 63:10-11 (once in each verse) is He specifically referred to as the "Holy Spirit". What do you observe in the contexts of both these texts that prompt the emphasis on God's holiness [cf. 1 Samuel 11:6; 1 Samuel 16:14; and 2 Samuel 7:14-16]?
2. The term "Spirit" appears many times in the Old Testament, often combined with the divine name – the Spirit of God [Genesis 1:2; 1 Samuel 11:6], or the Spirit of Yahweh/the LORD [Judges 11:29; 14:6; 15:14; 1 Samuel 10:6; and Isaiah 11:2]. What specific ministries did God's Spirit carry out in people's lives in each of these texts?
3. Jesus used the analogy of the wind to describe the Holy Spirit [John 3:5-8]. How does this depiction help you understand the Spirit's identity and ministry [cf. Acts 2:1-4; 1 Corinthians 12:4-13; and Galatians 5:22-23]?
4. During Jesus' final conversation with His disciples prior to His crucifixion, He promised that the Father would send them the Holy Spirit [John 14:26 & John 16:13-14]. What names are given to the Spirit in these two texts, and how was He going to minister to the disciples [cf. Mark 13:11; John 14:16-17; and Acts 1:8]?
5. The ministry of the Spirit of God is highlighted throughout Romans 8. Focusing on verses 9-17, how does the Holy Spirit impact the believer's life in practical ways [cf. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Galatians 4:6; and Galatians 6:7-10]?
6. What happens at the moment of salvation according to Ephesians 1:13-14, and what difference does God's Spirit make in the believer's present circumstances and future prospects [cf. 2 Corinthians 1:21-22; 2 Corinthians 5:5; and Titus 3:4-7]?
7. According to Ephesians 5:18, believers are commanded to "be filled with the Holy Spirit". The Apostle Paul used drunkenness for an analogy of coming under the influence or control of another. How does the following list of verses help you obey this command: Acts 4:8; Galatians 5:16; Ephesians 4:30; and 1 Thessalonians 5:19?
8. What did you find helpful or challenging about this Sunday's message?

"Remember that grace and truth cannot finally be crucified. Remember that all the high things that make humanity beautiful cannot be forever laid in the dust, spattered with blood. And most of all, remember that He who rose from the dead, rose to pour out His Holy Spirit into human lives, and, by that Spirit, to make available to any individual all the fullness of Himself, twenty-four hours a day."

Ray C. Stedman