

The Holy Spirit in the Gospel of John- September 10, 2020

- The Holy Spirit is the 3rd person of the Trinity and principle of unity
- The Gospel of John highlights the Divinity of Jesus Christ more so than the Synoptic Gospels
- The Holy Spirit is present right away in John 1:32-33 as John the Baptist witnesses to his presence in the life of Christ
- The Holy Spirit comes from Heaven, representing that the Holy Spirit unites us to God and God to us
- Holy Spirit is found here at his Baptism and again after the Resurrection showing the continual presence of the Holy Spirit in Christ's life
- From there on Jesus Christ speaks much about the Holy Spirit which helps us understand who the Holy Spirit is
- In John 3, Jesus tells Nicodemus that one must be born again by water and the Spirit which the church defines as referring to the necessity of the Sacrament of Baptism, where the presence of God begins to dwell in the child
- The Holy Spirit is at work in Jesus Christ as he changes water into wine, brings healing to the Samaritan woman, heals a paralyzed man, heals the official's son, walks on water, feeds 5000 with 5 loaves and 2 fish, heals a blind man and raises Lazarus from the dead
- Jesus says, "I am the Light of the World." John 8:12- An image of the Holy Spirit is tongue of fire, representing the Light of Christ, see the closeness of Christ
- In John 5:19-24 hear explicitly about the unity of the Father and Son, but can infer the Holy Spirit is included in the unity and authority
- The new commandment to love one another as Jesus loved us can only be fulfilled by being empowered by the Holy Spirit
- John 14:15-31 Jesus reveals to the Apostles the Holy Spirit will dwell with them and remain with them even though he is going away
- Jesus refers to the Holy Spirit as the Counselor and he will teach them all things
- The Holy Spirit bears witness to Christ as do the apostles since they have been with him from the beginning
- Important to note the Holy Spirit has been with Christ from the beginning
- The Holy Spirit helps them move through sorrow into joy
- John 20:19-23 Jesus gives the Apostles the Holy Spirit in order to forgive sins
- Gives them Peace and forgives Peter of his sins
- The Holy Spirit was with Christ throughout his ministry, including his trials and persecution
- The Holy Spirit will be with us throughout our lives, prompting us to live like Christ
- Holy Spirit in summary
 1. The Holy Spirit accompanies us on the journey of faith.
 2. The Holy Spirit can empower us to love like Christ.
 3. The Holy Spirit will give us strength and peace in the face of trial and adversity.



Questions:

1. How have you been doing? Share a blessing or challenge from the summer.
2. What was one take away from the talk?
3. How have you seen the Holy Spirit at work in your life?