

God the Holy Spirit

I believe . . .

- that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity.
- he is personal, showing intelligence (1 Cor 2:10-11), emotion (Eph 4:30), and will (1 Cor 12:11).
- his divine nature is revealed in that he is called God (Acts 5:3-4, 9; 2 Cor 3:17-18), manifests the attributes of God (Ps 139:7-8; 1 Cor 2:10-11; 1 John 5:6), and is associated with the Father and the Son (Matt 28:18-20; 2 Cor 13:14; Eph 4:4-6; cf. 2 Cor 3:17).
- the Holy Spirit ministers currently to teach all things, to bring to remembrance Christ's teachings, and to bear witness of Jesus (John 14:26; 15:26).
- the Holy Spirit convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8). He glorifies Christ and makes known the truth of God (John 16:13).
- the Church is enabled to minister because of the dynamic power of the Spirit (Acts 1:8), his endowment of spiritual gifts (1 Cor 12:11), and the filling or control by the Holy Spirit of a willing disciple as commanded (Eph 5:18).
- the Holy Spirit is the agent that baptizes the believer into the Body of Christ (1 Cor 12:13).
- the Church divided in 1054 CE over an addition to the Nicene Creed made in 589 CE that added the phrase that the Holy Spirit "proceeds from the Father *and the Son (filioque)*." Accepted officially in 1017 it led to a split between eastern and western Christianity that has not been resolved to today. We would be closer to the western Church in light of John 14-16.