

LORD'S DAY 20

Q53. What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?

A. First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God.¹ Second, that the Spirit is given also to me,² so that, through true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his benefits,³ comforts me,⁴ and will remain with me forever.⁵

1. Gen. 1:2 – “the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.”

Isa. 48:16 – “Draw near to me; hear this! From the beginning I have not spoken in secret; from the time it came to be I have been there. And now the Lord God has sent me and his spirit.”

1 Cor. 3:16 – “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”

1 Cor. 6:19 – “Or do you not know that your body is a temple[a] of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own?”

Acts 5:3–4 – “Ananias,’ Peter asked, ‘why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!”

2. Matt 28:19 – “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

2 Cor. 1:21–22 – “But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, who has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a down payment.”

3. Gal. 3:14 – “in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the gentiles, so that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.”

1 Pet. 1:2 – “who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood:”

1 Cor. 6:17 – “But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him.”

4. Acts 9:31 – “Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.”

5. John 14:16 – “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.”

1 Pet. 4:14 – “If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.”