



HOLY SPIRIT PPT #2

Welcome to the holy spirit in our lives. And this part of the module, we will be exploring the action of the holy spirit in our lives.

Throughout history. Reformed Christians have focused on justification, sanctification and vocation, as ways of understanding the holy spirit.

Let's spend some time examining these terms together. The simplest way to summarize the theology of the holy spirit is to borrow the line from the apostles creed that says, I believe in the holy spirit, this is both a doctrinal statement and a faith statement.

It is doctrinal in the sense that it is an approved and adopted doctrine of the church. And it is a faith statement in the sense that we, as Christians are called to believe it and give our hearts to it. Theology always begins with the Bible and out of that, there are definitions by the church and personal adoption by believers.

Believing is more than an intellectual affirmation like doctrine. It is a person's devotion to one's life. To the object of devotion.

Faith requires a relationship in this case, the holy spirit is a friend companion and much more a teacher once asked, who do you imagine is present when you pray God Jesus, or the holy spirit. If how prayers are begun is any indication that God and Jesus would win by popular preference over the holy spirit.

Theologically. This is interesting because Jesus sent the holy spirit to be present with us in his absence and to connect us to him and to God in heaven.

One of the gifts of the Trinity, however, is that we are free to pray to whomever we wish since each are one.

And the same, the holy spirit constantly reminds us that we are forgiven and loved by God in and through Jesus Christ.

When we believe in Christ, we become a Christian and accept the good news that in him, we are forgiven. This free gift is described by Paul in this passage from Ephesians, for grace, you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing it is a gift of God, not the result of works so that no one may boast.

This gift is not something we can earn or achieve by good deeds or penance. We are simply justified, which means to be made right with God, by faith, in the story of the prodigal son from Luke, we see how justification works.



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The son who has squandered his father's inheritance makes a plan to confess and apologize to his father so he can return home.

But when the father sees him, the father runs and embraces his son. The father's love and forgiveness are free gifts.

There is a second part to this story. The older son resents his father's unqualified love and the feast he holds for the younger brother.

We are left wondering where the story goes from here. The same question may be asked of everyone who believes in Christ, where does our life and our relationship with God go from here.

None of us are perfect. The journey from this point on is known as sanctification. Our hope is to become more like Christ in and through the power of the holy spirit.

We are to love others. As Christ loved us, and God continues to work within us to help us grow in perfection and maturity.

As we grow in this Christian life, God leads us to our vocation, our calling into ministry that God intends for us in the reform place.

Faith, we believe in the priesthood of all believers, justification leads to sanctification, which leads to focus. Action. The church suggests that in our lives, we take on the work of the spirit where she turns her head.

So we must, our callings are as varied as the interest of the spirit, justice, freedom, peace and compassion. Just to name a few where she leads, may we follow and caring for the needs of all of God's people.

Every denomination has affirmations about the who the holy spirit is and what she does for us below this PowerPoint. You'll see some drop down menus.

We invite you to explore the theological affirmations from the partner denominations in the Presbytery, the association of Presbyterian church educators.