

## *The Apostles' Creed*

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
the maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our lord:  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell.  
The third day he arose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit;**  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **I. Who is the Holy Spirit?**

#### **(1) The Holy Spirit is God**

##### **Acts 5:3-4**

[3] But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to **lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? [4] While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have **not lied to man but to God.**”

#### **(2) The Holy Spirit is a person**

##### **Romans 8:26**

[26] Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the **Spirit himself intercedes for us** with groanings too deep for words.

##### **Ephesians 4:29-30**

[29] Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. [30] And **do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God**, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

## **II. What does the Holy Spirit do?**

### **(1) Conviction of sin**

#### **John 16:7-8**

[7] Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. [8] And when he comes, he will **convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment**

#### **1 Thessalonians 1:4-5**

[4] For we know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, [5] because **our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction**. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you for your sake.

### **(2) Guarantee of our inheritance**

#### **Ephesians 1:13-14**

[13] In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, [14] **who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it**, to the praise of his glory.

#### **2 Corinthians 5:4-5**

[4] For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. [5] He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, **who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee**.

### **(3) Our Comforter**

#### **John 14:25-26**

[25] “These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you. [26] But **the Helper**, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will **teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you**.

#### **Romans 8:15-17**

[15] For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the **Spirit of adoption as sons**, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” [16] **The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God**, [17] and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.