

WHY I BELIEVE: GOD SENT US HIS SPIRIT

John 14:16-18, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:5-15

I. INTRODUCTION

A. I BELIEVE GOD IS FATHER, ALMIGHTY, CREATOR

1. ALMIGHTY CREATOR

- Evidence of—Biblical Record—Science—Nature
- Human—Logic—Conscience—Intuition

2. FATHER

- His Spirit enables us to call Him “Abba, Father”—[Gal 4](#)
- His Spirit bears witness to our Spirit—we are His children—[Rom 8](#)

B. I BELIEVE JESUS IS THE SON OF GOD AND LORD

1. ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD

- Eternal—co-equal and co-creator with God the Father
- Poured out—as Son of Man

2. LORD

- Exalted above all—for His obedience—death on cross
- Restored Son of Man—to pre-incarnate glory of Son of God
- We acknowledge Him as Lord—key to salvation

3. IRREFUTABLE EVIDENCE—HE HAS CHANGED ME

- [II Cor 5:17](#)—*Therefore if anyone is in Christ, his is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

C. I BELIEVE GOD’S SON WAS VIRGIN-BORN

1. IMPORTANCE

- Full humanity of Christ—born of woman
- Full deity of Christ—supernaturally conceived by God

2. CHRIST’S ETERNAL RIGHTEOUSNESS—BASIS FOR REDEMPTION

- a. **Perfect** God-Man—inherently **sinless**—**infinite** divine sacrifice for all human sin
- b. Our Righteousness—comes from His perfect obedience—and eternal righteousness as Son
- c. Our Pardon—relies on this righteousness

D. I BELIEVE GOD’S SON DIED FOR ME

1. WHAT HIS DEATH DOES

- Defeats death
- Atones for sins
- Reconciles us to Father—saves us
- Demonstrates God’s love
- Assures us of victory

2. HOW I KNOW CHRIST DIED FOR ME

- *Only* to those being saved—the preaching of the cross is the *power* of God—[I Cor 1:18](#)

E. I BELIEVE JESUS CHRIST WAS RESURRECTED

1. EVIDENCE OF EMPTY TOMB

2. BIBLICAL ACCOUNTS OF RESURRECTION AND HIS APPEARANCES
3. WITNESS OF EARLY CHURCH
4. PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF PROMISE OF RESURRECTION

II Cor 4:14—*Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.*

F. I BELIEVE JESUS REIGNS WITH THE FATHER

1. HIS POSITION IS SUPREME—SOVEREIGN
2. HE IS IN HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE—GLORIFIED AT THE FATHER’S SIDE
3. HE IS RULING OVER HIS KINGDOM
4. HE IS DOING HIS WORK THERE
 - Fulfilling His promise—preparing us a place
 - Interceding with the Father
 - Achieving final victory—working it out
 - Holding everything together
5. WE ARE CALLED TO SERVE ETERNALLY
 - He is Servant King
 - As His bond-servants, we share His kingdom
 - We follow Him: to reign—is to serve

G. I BELIEVE JESUS WILL RETURN

1. HOW PAROUSIA WILL OCCUR
 - a. Visibly—noticeably—everyone will see and hear
 - b. Instantly— in the twinkling of an eye
 - c. Powerfully—on the clouds with great power and glory
 - d. Unexpectedly—as a thief in the night—nobody knows the time or day
2. WHY PAROUSIA WILL TAKE PLACE
 - a. To consummate redemptive history
 - o Complete His victory over sin, death, and evil
 - o Usher in His eternal kingdom
 - o Re-create the new order—new heaven and new earth
 - b. To collect His saints
 - c. To judge the living and the dead
 - o Believers before the *bema*—for rewards to serve and reign eternally
 - o Non-believers before Great White Throne—condemned for disbelief

H. I BELIEVE GOD HAS SENT US HIS SPIRIT

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

II. BIBLICAL TEXT—JOHN 14:16-18, 25-26; 15:26-27; 16:5-15

14:16 I will ask the Father, and He will give you another **Helper**, that He may be with you forever; **17** that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you. **18** I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. . . . **25** “These things I have spoken to you while abiding 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 said to you. . . . **15:26** When the **Helper** comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, that is the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me, **27** and you will testify also, because you have been with Me from the beginning. . . . **16:5** “But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, ‘Where are You going?’ **6** But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. **7** But 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 He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; **9** concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; **10** and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; **11** and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. **12** “I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. **13** But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. **14** He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. **15** All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

III. BIBLICAL CONTEXT

A. GOD SENT HIS SPIRIT—IN OLD TESTAMENT

1. OCCASIONALLY—CERTAIN PEOPLE—SPECIFIC PURPOSES
2. EXAMPLES—SPIRIT OF GOD/LORD—CAME UPON:
 - a. **Bezalel**—specially endowed craftsman—directed building of Tabernacle—**Ex 31, 35**
 - b. **Balaam**—pagan prophet—God used to help deliver Israel from Moabites—**Nu 24**
 - c. **Saul**—temporary sign of kingship—but departed—**I Sam 10-11, 16, 19**
 - d. OT prophets
 - **Azariah**—led King Asa of Judah to make reforms—**II Chr 15**
 - **Zechariah**—called for reforms in Judah under King Joash—**II Chr 24**

- **Ezekiel**—caught up by God’s Spirit—promising restoration to exiles—**Ezek 11**
- e. Certain Judges: **Othniel—Gideon—Jephthah—Samson**
 - f. **David**
 1. With anointment as king—**I Sam 16**—*from that day forward*
 2. David prayed—**Ps 51:11**—*Do not cast me away from Your presence and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.*
 - g. **Isaiah**
 1. Spoke of himself—and prophesied of Christ
 - Is 61:1-2**—*The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; to proclaim the favorable year of the Lord*
 2. Fulfilled in **Jesus at Nazareth** synagogue—**Lk 4**
 - h. **Zacharias John**—after hearing news about John the Baptist—**Lk 1**
 - i. **John the Baptist**—in his mother’s womb—**Lk 1**
 - j. **Simeon**—waiting for Jesus in the Temple—**Lk 2**
 - k.

B. GOD’S PROMISE

1. TO POUR HIS SPIRIT FULLY—ON ALL KINDS OF HUMANS—PERMANENTLY
 - **Joel 2:28**—*It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions*
2. FULFILLED AT PENTECOST—**Acts 2**—PETER AFFIRMED—**Acts 2:17**

IV. HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD’S PERSONAL PRESENCE

A. HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD—IN PERSON

1. NOT JUST WHAT GOD DOES—BUT **WHO GOD IS**
 - **Jn 4:24**—*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and truth*
2. **CO-ETERNAL** WITH GOD THE FATHER AND SON
 - **Gen 1:2**—*The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.*

B. PERSONALLY PRESENT WITH US

1. JESUS PROMISED

- **Jn 14:18**—*I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.*

2. PERMANENT PRESENCE—LIVING WITHIN US

- **I Jn 2:27**—*As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you*

C. PRESENCE BRINGS **POWER—BOLDNESS—AND STRENGTH**

1. **POWER** FOR WITNESSING

- **Acts 1:8**—*but you will receive **power** when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you; and you shall be My **witnesses** both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the uttermost part of the earth.*

2. **BOLDNESS**—TO SPEAK GOD’S WORD

- [After release of Peter and John]—**Acts 4:31**—*And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to **speak the word of God with boldness.***

3. **STRENGTH** OF INNER PERSON

- **Eph 3:16-17**—*that He would grant you according to the riches of His glory, to be **strengthened with power through His Spirit** in the inner person, so that Christ may well in your hearts through faith*

V. **HOLY SPIRIT COMES ALONGSIDE—AND WALKS WITH US**

A. HOLY SPIRIT IS ‘PARACLETE’— ‘HELPER’—**Jn 14:16**

1. DEFINITION = **παρακλητος** = ‘ONE CALLED ALONGSIDE’

- Advocate—to plead one’s case—Counsellor
- Intercessor—to intervene personally
- Helper—to offer general assistance—give aid

2. RELATED TO ROOT VERB—**παρακαλεω**

- Comfort—console
- Encourage—strengthen
- Admonish—exhort
- Instruct
- Beg—entreat

3. BIBLICAL CONTEXT—‘PARACLETE’ USED 5 TIMES IN NT

a. **Comforter**—**Jn 14:16-18**

- o When Paraclete comes—Jesus comes too—doesn’t leave us ‘comfortless’ (orphans)

b. **Teacher**—**Jn 14:26**

- o Teaches us ‘all things’—reminds us of all Jesus said

c. **Spirit of Truth—Jn 15:26-7**

- o Testifies about Jesus—and helps followers also testify

d. **Guide—Jn 16:7**

- o Guides us in all truth
- o Convicts of sin and righteousness
- o Points to Jesus—glorify Him

e. **Advocate—I Jn 2:1**

- o Jesus Himself—is our Paraclete—advocating with the Father when we sin

4. ‘ANOTHER’ COMFORTER—Jn 14:16

a. **ἄλλος** = another of the **same** kind

b. Paraclete— is just like Jesus

1. Trinity = same essence—different Person

2. Holy Spirit’s role in Jesus’ life

- **Conceived** Jesus
- **Descended** upon Jesus—at baptism
- **Filled** Jesus—at beginning of ministry
- **Led** Jesus—into wilderness

3. Jesus is also our ‘Paraclete’—our righteous Advocate with the Father—**I Jn 2**

4. **They are like spiritual twins!**

- Unified—in nature—character—purpose—and obedience to Father

5. THREE PRIMARY ROLES AS PARACLETE

❖ **COMFORTER**

❖ **TEACHER**

❖ **ADVOCATE**

B. COMFORTER-HELPER

1. LOVES AND CARES PERSONALLY

a. **Context**—position of **John 15**—between two ‘Holy Spirit’ passages [Jn 14 & 16]

Jn 15:14-15—*You are My friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends.*

b. Jesus sends ‘The Helper’—to be a friend to His friends!

c. *This* is ‘The Friend’ that sticks closer than a brother—**Prov 18:24**

2. ALWAYS FAITHFUL—EVEN WHEN WE ARE NOT

3. **EVER-PRESENT**—WALKS ALONGSIDE—EVEN WHEN WE ARE UNAWARE

4. **TIRELESS**—FACES EVERY TROUBLE—REGARDLESS OF NUMBER

5. **WISE**—GIVES RIGHT ANSWERS TO DIFFICULT PROBLEMS

6. **ACTIVELY INTERVENES**—ASSISTS IN DEED—NOT JUST THEORY

7. **EVIDENCE**—COMFORT IN THE CHURCH

- After Saul was converted—church grew—and was comforted by the Holy Spirit—**Acts 9**
- God of all comfort—uses us to comfort others

II Cor 1:3-4—Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction so that we will be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

8. **NOT FALSE COMFORTER**—ALSO **CONVICTS** OF SIN

C. **TEACHER—GUIDE**

1. **INFALLIBLE TEACHER**—LIKE JESUS

- Brings to remembrance exactly what Jesus taught—**Jn 14:26**
- No council—theologian—system—human authority—preempts His authority

2. **COMMUNICATES ORACLES OF GOD**

- Holy Spirit inspired men—to write Scripture

3. **SPIRIT OF TRUTH TEACHES US**

a. **Illumines** our understanding—and interpretation of the Bible

b. **Primary** teacher—our *first* and *final* source of truth

- o **I Jn 2:27**—*As for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.*

c. Shows us God's **real Truth**—steers us clear of worldly delusion

- o **I Cor 2:11-13**—*no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual.*

d. Ultimate **purpose** of Spirit of Truth—**witness** for Christ—**Jn 15:26-7**

- o *He will testify about Me*
- o Prepares us to do the same—*you will testify*

D. ADVOCATE

1. HE STANDS IN FOR CHRIST—AS GOD’S ‘COUNSEL’ IN THE TRINITY

- **Is 9:6**—*And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace*

2. HELPS US ‘ADVOCATE’ FOR CHRIST—PREPARES US TO WITNESS

- **Mk 13**—don’t worry about what to say—just say what the Holy Spirit gives you

3. INTERCEDES FOR US

- a. Prayer—when we don’t know how—intercedes with groans too deep for words—**Rom 8**

- b. Confession of sin—**I Jn 2**

- o Christ takes those prayers and becomes our ‘Advocate’ with the Father

4. CONVICTION

- a. Advocacy and comfort—are two-edged—cut both ways

- o Comfort—can turn to exhortation

- o Advocacy—can turn to conviction

Example: B.H. Carroll advocated both sides in debate—and won both sides!

- b. Holy Spirit **convicts**

1. ‘**Brings to light**’ the real truth—about **3 things**—**Jn 16:8**

a. Sin

- o Conviction is *not* based on wrong-doing itself

- o The **real sin** = people do not *believe* in Christ!

b. Righteousness

- o Jesus is with the Father—reigning and bringing in His righteous Kingdom

c. Judgment

- o Satan—the ‘ruler of this world’—*has already been judged*

2. His ‘conviction’ is not just ‘rebuke’—but powerfully convincing

3. Two reminders

- o **We do not convict**—the Holy Spirit does this—we witness, teach, reprove

- o Holy Spirit—is **powerful** enough to ‘convict’ and bring to repentance
- c. Reminder of Jesus’ basic message

The time has come. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the Good News!

VI. THE HOLY SPIRIT BUILDS GOD’S KINGDOM

- ❖ **IDENTIFIES GOD’S PEOPLE**
- ❖ **BUILDS CHRIST’S CHURCH**
- ❖ **GLORIFIES CHRIST**

A. IDENTIFIES AND SECURES GOD’S PEOPLE

1. MARK OF DISCIPLESHIP—PRESENCE OF HOLY SPIRIT

Acts 2:38—Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and being baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

2. EVIDENCE—HOLY SPIRIT’S PRESENCE IS NECESSARY

- **Samaria**—Peter and John confirmed this—**Acts 8**
- **Cornelius**—showed he and household were true believers—**Act 10**
- **Ephesus**—Paul confirmed after Apollos’ ministry—**Acts 19**

3. HOLY SPIRIT SEALS SALVATION

- **Eph 1:13**—*In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that you believed, you were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise.*
- **Gal 4:6**—*And do not grieve the Spirit of God, whereby you are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

4. SPIRIT’S PRESENCE ENABLES US TO CALL, “ABBA, FATHER”—Gal 4:6

5. HIS SPIRIT BEARS WITNESS TO OURS—WE ARE GOD’S CHILDREN—Rom 8:16

B. BUILDS HIS CHURCH

1. GIFTS OF SPIRIT—EQUIPS US—FOR SERVICE—TO EDIFY THE BODY—Eph 4

2. FRUIT OF SPIRIT—TRANSFORMS CHARACTER TO BE LIKE CHRIST—Gal 5

3. JOY IN THE SPIRIT—CHARACTERIZES GOD’S KINGDOM

Rom 14:17—For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

4. UNITY OF SPIRIT

Eph 4:4—*There is **one body** and **one Spirit**, just as also you were called in **one hope** of your calling; **one Lord**, **one faith**, **one baptism**, **one God** and **Father** of all who is over all and through all and in all.*

C. GLORIFIES CHRIST—HIS ULTIMATE PURPOSE

1. HIS ULTIMATE PURPOSE—AS THE ‘SPIRIT OF TRUTH’

Jn 16:14-15—***He will glorify Me**, for He will take what is Mine and will disclose it to you. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes what is Mine and will disclose it to you.*

2. OUR ULTIMATE PURPOSE—TO GLORIFY CHRIST

VII. INVITATION

SPEAK TO MY HEART

Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, speak that my soul may hear;
Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, calm every doubt and fear.

Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, purge me from every sin;
Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, help me the lost to win.

Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, it is no longer mine;
Speak to my heart, Lord Jesus, I would be wholly thine.

Speak to my heart, oh, speak to my heart
Speak to my heart, I pray;
Yielded and still, seeking Thy will,
Oh, speak to my heart today.