

How would you answer the following comment?

“Your church doesn’t talk enough about the Holy Spirit.”

What would you like to learn more about the Holy Spirit?

the Lord

Note how the Nicene Creed is worded.

1 We believe in *one God*, the Father...

2 We believe in *one Lord*, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God...

3 We believe in the Holy Spirit, *the Lord*, the giver of life...

The wording in the first and second articles is based on 1 Corinthians 8:6: *for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and from whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live.*

The wording in the third article is based on a passage like 2 Corinthians 3:17: *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.*

What are we saying about the Holy Spirit when we call him *the Lord*?

What do the following passages teach us about the Holy Spirit?

baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Mt 28:19)

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. (2 Cor 13:14)

Why is it appropriate to pray to the Holy Spirit?

He is called the *Holy Spirit*. Why do you think the Bible uses *Holy* to describe him?

the Giver of life

Write down what kind of life the Holy Spirit is giving in each of the following passages.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. (Gen 1:1-2)

The Spirit of God has made me; the breath of the Almighty gives me life. (Job 33:4)

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. (Ps 51:10-12)

These all look to you to give them their food at the proper time. When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to dust. When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. (Ps 104:28-30)

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. (Ezekiel 36:26-27)

“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God...For nothing is impossible with God.” (Lk 1:35-37)

Jesus answered, “I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.” (Jn 3:5-6)

“The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.” (Jn 6:63)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me from the law of sin and death. (Rom 8:1-2)

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Jesus from the dead will also give life your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you. (Rom 8:11)

He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life. (2 Cor 3:6)

The Holy Spirit is the *Lifegiver*. Summarize what that means.

What thoughts will come to mind the next time you confess your faith in *the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life*?