

This We Believe – *The Holy Spirit is God*

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The Bible calls the Holy Spirit God

Then Peter said, “Ananias, why have you let Satan fill your heart? You lied to the Holy Spirit, and you kept some of the money for yourself. The property was yours to sell or not sell, as you wished. And after selling it, the money was also yours to give away. How could you do a thing like this? You weren't lying to us but to God!” Acts chapter 5 verses 3 & 4 (833)

The Bible refers to the Holy Spirit as eternal (only God is eternal)

For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered Himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. Hebrews chapter 9 verse 14 (925)

Jesus equates the Holy Spirit with God

Jesus said, “Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Matthew chapter 28 verse 19 (760)

As a Christ-follower, here's what the Holy Spirit's doing in my life...

The Holy Spirit “marks” me as belonging to God

When you believed in Christ, He identified (marked, sealed) you as His own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom He promised long ago. Ephesians chapter 1 verse 13 (895)

The Holy Spirit “bears witness” to me that I am a child of God

You have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when He adopted you as His own children. Now we call Him, “Abba, Father.” (Daddy!) For His Spirit joins with our spirit to affirm that we are God's children.

Romans chapter 8 verses 15 & 16 (862)

The Holy Spirit is God's guarantee to me that I will go to heaven

The Spirit is God's guarantee that He will give us the inheritance He promised and that He has purchased us to be His own people. Ephesians chapter 1 verse 14 (895)

The resurrection power of the Holy Spirit is at work in me

The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, lives in you. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, He will give life to your mortal bodies by this same Spirit living within you. Therefore, dear brothers and sisters, you have no obligation to do what your sinful nature urges you to do. Romans chapter 8 verses 11 & 12 (863)

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The Holy Spirit prays for me

The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words.

Romans chapter 8 verse 26 (862)

The Holy Spirit in me NEVER acts as a bully

Do not stifle (resist, counteract, extinguish) the Holy Spirit.

1 Thessalonians chapter 5 verse 19 (907)

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope (expectation!) through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Romans chapter 15 verse 13 (868)*

This week, PLEASE pray for the Leadership Summit, held on Thursday & Friday:

- Pray that God would speak boldly through the speakers, that the speakers will be healthy this week
- Pray that the almost 51,000 already registered across North America would grow as leaders
- Pray that God uses the Leadership Summit to reach people for Him & to connect others to good churches
- Pray that God would allow the Leadership Summit to be absolutely problem-free at Bethel
- Pray that the set-up & tear-down would be flawless this week
- Pray that the people of Bethel would be AWESOME hosts and make all our guests feel welcomed & at home
- Pray that all of our volunteers would be a blessing to the conference attendees
- Pray that God gives us good weather on Thursday & Friday...nothing extreme
- Pray that God would allow Bethel to build lasting friendships / partnerships with lots of other churches / organizations who will be attending the Leadership Summit at Bethel (so far, 32 churches / organizations will be attending the Leadership Summit at Bethel)
- Pray that God uses the Leadership Summit to grow & challenge lots & lots of leaders at Bethel!