

We Believe in the Holy Spirit

Essay Questions

LESSON
ONE

IN THE TRINITY



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5. Describe what Jesus directly taught about the Holy Spirit during his earthly ministry. Explain why the Jews of his day were so offended by these teachings.

6. Using specific examples from Scripture, demonstrate several ways that the apostles affirmed the Spirit's full divinity and personhood.

7. How does the Apostles' Creed reflect the early church's belief that the Holy Spirit is a third distinct person within the uncreated Godhead?

8. How did the traditional definition of "Trinity" develop? Describe two of the opposing views that led up to this definition.

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LESSON
TWO

IN THE WORLD



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Essay Questions

1. List the 6 days of creation and describe the work the Spirit accomplished each day.

2. What is “providence”? Give some biblical examples of the Spirit’s providential work in nature.

3. How does the Holy Spirit providentially work in humanity? Include references from Scripture to support your answer.
4. The lesson discusses five common models theologians have used to categorize the Holy Spirit's work of revelation. Identify and summarize each model, including the strengths and weaknesses (if any) of each.

5. What does the Bible say about the Holy Spirit's role as the source of revelation? List and describe three types of revelation that the Bible explicitly attributes to the Holy Spirit.
6. Give some examples of the Holy Spirit's work of promoting goodness, and explain how the Holy Spirit's work of promoting goodness is an act of common grace. Use Scripture to support your answer.

7. What are some ways that unbelievers benefit from the Holy Spirit's work of promoting life?

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THREE

IN THE CHURCH



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Essay Questions

1. Describe both the Old Testament church and the New Testament church and their relationship to one another.

2. What are some of the ways that God showed covenant grace in the Old Testament?

9. Explain two different ways that Evangelicals have approached the present use of spiritual gifts, especially with regard to spectacular gifts like miracles, healing, and prophecy.

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LESSON
FOUR

IN THE BELIEVER



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3. How does the Holy Spirit convict us of sin? Include four common elements or aspects of the Holy Spirit's work of conviction in your answer.

4. What does the technical term "justification" mean in Protestant theology? How does the Holy Spirit apply justification to believers?

7. Why is “ongoing sanctification” necessary? Describe the goal of ongoing sanctification using Paul’s metaphor of fruit from Galatians 5.

8. How does the Spirit intercede for believers? Why is his intercession always successful?

9. How does the Holy Spirit's work of preserving believers make our salvation secure? Explain Paul's comparison of the Spirit's work of preservation to a legal seal.