

The Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Part 2)

BRBC Doctrinal Statement on The Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit is God, a person of the Trinity fully possessing all the attributes of God. His ministry is to glorify the Lord Jesus Christ, and during this age to convict men, regenerate the believing sinner, indwell, guide, instruct, and empower the believer for godly living for service. Every believer is baptized with, sealed by, filled with, and given gifts by the Holy Spirit at salvation, although we may quench the Holy Spirit by disobedience subsequent to salvation. The Holy Spirit continues to fill us in relation to our obedience to God, empowers us towards wise living, gives us the ability to understand God's Word, serves as a constant reminder that we are the children of God, prays for us in our weakness, and gives us guidance to live in holiness. We believe that speaking in tongues is not now nor ever was the common or necessary sign of the baptism or of the filling of the Holy Spirit. No supposed gift of the Holy Spirit enables man to receive revelations which supersede or equal the written Word of God, although we do believe that the Holy Spirit enables believers to discover God's individual will and direction for each person's life.

- I. The Holy Spirit's Deity
- II. His Ministry to Jesus Christ
- III. His Ministry to Humanity
 - a. In Our Justification
 - b. In Our Sanctification
 1. He prays for us and aids us in prayer (Rom 8:26-27; Jude 1:20; Eph 6:18)
 2. He assures us (Rom. 8:16)
 3. He empowers us for wise and godly living and discernment (1 Jn 2:27; Gal 5:22)
 - a. Live as not to grieve the Spirit (Eph 4:30)
 - b. Live as not to quench the Spirit (1 Thess 5:19)
 - c. Walk in the Spirit (Gal. 5:16)
 4. He fills us (Eph. 5:18)
 5. He illumines us regarding God's written Word (1 Cor. 2:12-16)
 - c. Through the Church (1 Corinthians 12:8-11; Romans 12:6-8, 28-30; Eph. 4:11)
 1. He gives us gifts to bless others
 2. He gives us spiritual leaders and other people with gifts to bless us