



# THE APOSTLES' CREED

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- Why life without the Holy Spirit is miserable
- Why life with the Holy Spirit is wonderful
- What we ought to do



- Why life without the Holy Spirit is miserable
  - *Because you have no POWER*



<sup>49</sup>And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.

Luke 24:49 (ESV)



<sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 1:8 (ESV)



- Why life without the Holy Spirit is miserable
  - *Because you have no POWER*
  - *Because you have no COMFORT*



<sup>13</sup>When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. <sup>15</sup>All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

John 16:13-15 (ESV)





*The life and soul of all our comforts lie treasured up in the promises of Christ. They are the breasts of all our consolation. [But] who knows not how powerless they are in the bare letter?*

- John Owen, *Communion with the Triune God*



*[The Holy Spirit]... reveals to the souls of sinners the good things of the covenant of grace, which the Father has provided, and the Son purchased... These things, I say, he effectually declares to the souls of believers; and makes them know them for their own good... This is [the Spirit's] work to the end of the world - to bring the promises of Christ to our minds and hearts, to give us the comfort of them, the joy and sweetness of them...*

- John Owen, *Communion with the Triune God*



- Why life without the Holy Spirit is miserable
  - *Because you have no POWER*
  - *Because you have no COMFORT*
  - *Because you have no JOY*



*The exuberant joy of the early Christians was one of the most potent factors in the spread of Christianity... [the] absence of joy... is the main reason why large numbers of people have ceased to be interested in Christianity.*

- D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Spiritual Depression*



- Why life with the Holy Spirit is wonderful



- Why life with the Holy Spirit is wonderful
  - *Because the Spirit SEALS us*



And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30 (ESV)



**...Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.**

Romans 8:9 (ESV)





- Why life with the Holy Spirit is wonderful
  - *Because the Spirit SEALS us*
  - *Because the Spirit TEACHES us*



<sup>25</sup>These things I have spoken to you while I am still with you.

<sup>26</sup>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 have said to you.



*Very many [Christians] have little taste and sweetness and relish in their souls of those truths which they savingly know and believe.*

- John Owen, *Communion with the Triune God*



*But when we are taught by [the Spirit], oh, how sweet is every thing we know of God! ...[The Spirit] teaches us of the love of God in Christ; he makes every gospel truth as wine well refined to our souls... When we find any of the good truths of the gospel come home to our souls with life, vigor, and power, giving us gladness of heart, transforming us... the Holy Ghost is then at work, pouring out his oil.*

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- Why life with the Holy Spirit is wonderful
  - *Because the Spirit SEALS us*
  - *Because the Spirit TEACHES us*
  - *Because the Spirit EMPOWERS us*



- What we ought to do
  - *Be BORN AGAIN by the Holy Spirit*



<sup>3</sup>Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:3 (ESV)





<sup>25</sup>I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup>And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules... you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36:25-28 (ESV)



- What we ought to do
  - *Be BORN AGAIN by the Holy Spirit*
  - *Be FILLED with the Holy Spirit*



*And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit...*

Ephesians 5:18 (ESV)



- What we ought to do
  - *Be BORN AGAIN by the Holy Spirit*
  - *Be FILLED with the Holy Spirit*
  - *Enjoy COMMUNION with the Holy Spirit*