

Systematic Theology:

Session Five

Pneumatology

Pneumatology is the theological study of the person and work of the Holy Spirit.

The Person of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit is a person and not a _____ or spiritual principle.

A.W. Tozer

“Spell this out in capital letters: THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON. He is not enthusiasm. He is not courage. He is not energy. He is not the personification of all good qualities. The Holy Spirit is not the personification of anything...He has individuality. He has will and intelligence. He has knowledge and sympathy and ability to love and see and think. He can hear, speak, desire, grieve, and rejoice. He is a Person.” (A.W. Tozer, The Counselor)

2. The Holy Spirit has all the attributes of _____ including: knowledge, emotions, and volition.

KNOWLEDGE: *For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. I Corinthians 2:10-11*

EMOTION: *Yet they rebelled and grieved His Holy Spirit. (Isaiah 63:10)*

VOLITION: *But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually just as He wills. (I Corinthians 12:11)*

3. All the _____ of God are also attributed to the Holy Spirit including: eternity (Hebrew 9:14), omnipresence (Psalm 139:7), and omniscience (John 16:13).

METAPHOR	VERSE	EXPLANATION
Wind	John 3:8	The wind cannot be controlled, measured, or predicted. This metaphor speaks of the sovereign, inscrutable nature of the Holy Spirit.
Water	John 7:37-39	Water refreshes and satisfies thirst. This metaphor speaks of the Holy Spirit's ministry to satisfy the longing of believers for His presence.
Dove	John 1:32	The dove represents peace and reconciliation with God. This metaphor speaks of the Holy Spirit's ministry of reconciliation in Christ.
Fire	Matthew 3:11	Fire purifies. This metaphor speaks of the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit.
Pledge	II Corinthians 1:22	A pledge is a down payment that symbolizes more is coming. This metaphor speaks of the Holy Spirit as God's promise of "the hope of glory."

The Work of the Holy Spirit

1. The Holy Spirit was at work in creation and is still at work in _____ creation.

Genesis 1:2

And the earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep; and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.

Psalm 104:30

When you send Your Spirit, they (the creatures of the earth) are created, and You renew the face of the earth.

2. The Holy Spirit is at work in _____.

Titus 3:5

He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.

- He convicts the world of _____.

John 16:8

And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin.

- He brings the assurance of _____.

Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

- He _____ us.

1 Peter 1:2

...according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood: may grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.

3. The Holy Spirit is at work empowering us for _____.

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.

- He helps us in _____.

Romans 8:26-27

And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

- He sets apart people for _____.

Acts 13:2-4

And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit...

- He reveals the _____ to us.

John 16:13, 15

"But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said, that He takes of Mine, and will disclose it to you."