



The Holy Spirit

“GOD’S LOVE HAS BEEN
POURED INTO OUR HEARTS
THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT
WHO HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US”
– ROM 5:5

Review

- ▶ The Paschal Mystery
 - ▶ Christ's Passion, death, Resurrection, and Ascension into Heaven
- ▶ Christ instituted the Eucharist as the memorial of His sacrifice
- ▶ Christ's death is the Paschal sacrifice and the sacrifice of the New Covenant which restores man to God
- ▶ Christ's obedience atones for our disobedience, His death for our sins
- ▶ Christ was buried; His soul descended to the dead
 - ▶ The Person of the Word remained united to both the human soul and body
- ▶ Christ rose from the dead in a glorified body to restore us to God's grace
- ▶ Christ ascended into Heaven after 40 days to sit at the right hand of the Father

The Holy Spirit

- ▶ The third Person in the Blessed Trinity, consubstantial with the Father and the Son
- ▶ See CCC 683
- ▶ And 684!
- ▶ The Holy Spirit is the anointing with which Christ is anointed and He leads us to faith in Christ
 - ▶ “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...” (Luke 4:18)
 - ▶ “No one can say ‘Jesus is Lord’ except by the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor 12:3)
- ▶ Christ’s whole mission is to redeem us and send us the Holy Spirit
 - ▶ “Nevertheless I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.” (John 16:7)

The Holy Spirit

- ▶ The Spirit reveals God
 - ▶ See CCC 687
- ▶ How we know the Spirit
 - ▶ See CCC 688
- ▶ The joint mission of the Son and the Spirit
 - ▶ In sending His Son, the Father also sent His Spirit; they are distinct but inseparable
 - ▶ “God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, ‘Abba! Father!’” – Gal 4:6
 - ▶ The “joint mission [is] manifested in the children adopted by the Father in the Body of his Son: the mission of the Spirit of adoption is to unite them to Christ and make them live in Him” – CCC 690

The Name and Titles of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ The proper name of the Holy Spirit
 - ▶ “Spirit” comes from the Hebrew *ruah* (“breath”); “Spirit” also applies to the Father and the Son, as does “Holy”
- ▶ Titles of the Holy Spirit
 - ▶ Paraclete – called to one’s side; advocate, counselor
 - ▶ Spirit of truth
 - ▶ Spirit of adoption
 - ▶ Spirit of Christ
 - ▶ Spirit of God
 - ▶ Spirit of the Lord



Symbols of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ Water – signifies the Holy Spirit's action in Baptism wherein we are born into the divine life
- ▶ Anointing – signifies the Holy Spirit in the anointing with oil
- ▶ Fire – symbolizes the transforming energy of the Holy Spirit's actions
- ▶ Cloud and light – symbolizes the presence and transcendence of God
- ▶ Seal – indicates the indelible effect of the anointing with the Holy Spirit
- ▶ Hand – the Spirit is given by the laying on of hands
- ▶ Finger – expresses the Spirit's action in healing, driving out demons, and giving the law
- ▶ Dove – the Spirit rested on Christ at His Baptism in the form of a dove

The Spirit in the Old Testament

- ▶ The Spirit is at work but is hidden and with the Word, “already promised”
 - ▶ “He has spoken through the prophets” – “By prophets the faith of the Church here understands all whom the Holy Spirit inspired in the composition of the sacred books, both of the Old and New Testaments” – CCC 702
- ▶ In Creation
 - ▶ “It belongs to the Holy Spirit to rule, sanctify, and animate creation, for he is God, consubstantial with the Father and the Son” CCC 703
- ▶ The Expectation of the Messiah and His Spirit
 - ▶ See CCC 711-712

The Spirit in the Fullness of Time

- ▶ John the Baptist was “filled with the Spirit even from his mother’s womb” – Luke 1:15, 41
- ▶ The Blessed Virgin Mary, “full of grace,” is overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and conceives Christ in her womb – Luke 1:28, 34
- ▶ Christ is anointed with the Spirit since His Incarnation and has a joint mission with Him
 - ▶ See 728-730



The Spirit and the Church in the Last Days

- ▶ Christ “pours out the Spirit in abundance” on the day of Pentecost – CCC 731
- ▶ “On that day, the Holy Trinity is fully revealed. Since that day, the Kingdom announced by Christ has been open to those who believe in him: in the humility of the flesh and in faith, they already share in the communion of the Holy Trinity. By his coming, which never ceases, the Holy Spirit causes the world to enter into the ‘last days,’ the time of the Church, the Kingdom already inherited though not yet consummated.” – CCC 732
- ▶ The grace and love of God are infused in our souls at Baptism
- ▶ See CCC 737-738