

# Apostle's Creed - Spirit

## Confirmation - Lesson B23

**Memory Verse:** "Where can I go from your \_\_\_\_\_? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. Psalm 139:7-8

**Creed** - I believe in the \_\_\_\_\_, the holy Christian Church, the communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the Body, and the life everlasting. Amen!

- The Holy Spirit is a \_\_\_\_\_, not a force or an energy. He is God and not \_\_\_\_\_.

### Holy Spirit throughout Scripture

**Genesis 1:1-2** - 'In the Beginning...the \_\_\_\_\_ of God was hovering over the face of the waters.'

**Genesis 2:7** - The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and \_\_\_\_\_ into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being

We see the Holy Spirit with a limited role in the \_\_\_\_\_ and fall on specific people for a specific purpose. (i.e. - Bezalal, Joshua, Saul, Samson, David, Daniel, Azariah, etc.)

Jesus' \_\_\_\_\_ changes the role of the Holy Spirit

- Jesus' is \_\_\_\_\_ and we see all 3 persons of the Trinity - Father, Son, Spirit!
- **John 16:7-8** - 'Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your \_\_\_\_\_ that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you.'
- **John 20:21-23** - The risen Jesus appears to His disciples and \_\_\_\_\_ on them - 'Receive the Holy Spirit'

### The Early Church

- **Acts 1:4-8** - Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ and promises the Holy Spirit.
- **Acts 2:1-4** - The Holy Spirit is fully unleashed at \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Acts 2:38-39** - The Holy Spirit is promised to \_\_\_\_\_.

### What's the role of the Spirit?

- He \_\_\_\_\_ us of sin & leads into truth - **John 16:8** - 'He will convict the world of sin...'
- Creates \_\_\_\_\_ - **1 Cor. 12:3** - ...no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord', except by the Holy Spirit
- Confirms our status in the family of God as His \_\_\_\_\_ - **Romans 8:16**
- Helps \_\_\_\_\_ with God and receive His truths - **Romans 8:26**
- The Spirit grants us spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ - **1 Cor. 12:4-11**
- The Spirit always produces \_\_\_\_\_ over time - **Gal 5:22-23**
- God the Father \_\_\_\_\_ the Holy Spirit to those who \_\_\_\_\_.
  - **Luke 11:13** - '...how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!

**Main Point:** The \_\_\_\_\_ lives in all believers! Be sensitive to His voice & assurance of \_\_\_\_\_!

# Reflection Time

Use this space to silently reflect on these questions:

1) Why is the Holy Spirit so important to your faith?

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2) How would you know if the Holy Spirit were 'speaking' to you? How can you test it?

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3) **John 3:5-8** says, *'Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit.'* **What are 2 things this teaches us about the Holy Spirit?**

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4) The Holy Spirit is probably the least understood Person of the Trinity---what questions do you have about Him?

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# Group Break Out

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### Experiential Activity

Select one person that will be blindfolded and will have to travel across the room. Now, send a teammate to the place you have selected (far enough, but not too far) and the blindfolded person will walk to them. Now, select another group member and have them be a lying, deceitful voice. The adult will play the role of the Holy Spirit and guide the person across the room. Make sure the pathway the student walks has a decent amount of obstacles, but make sure there is not potential for major injury!! Both voices will speak to the student at the same time and they must listen to the 'Holy Spirit' to get across the room.

### Application

1. Process the activity---What was it like watching the event? How did you feel watching the blindfolded person navigate the room?
2. Ask the person that was blindfolded---what was it like? What was challenging about it? Was it tough to distinguish the voices and believe the truth?
3. Do you believe the Holy Spirit speaks to us today? Why or why not?
4. Do you believe you have ever heard from the Holy Spirit?
5. Read Galatians 5:16-17---what does this mean? What are different 'voices' that affect you?
6. Read Galatians 5:19-21 & 22-23---What are the results of the 2 different voices?
7. Read Galatians 5:25---How do we do this? (word, prayer, community, avoid temptation, etc.)
8. Close in prayer---pray with thankfulness that the Holy Spirit has given you faith, pray that you can keep in step with the Spirit, pray that you can receive more of the Spirit, and pray against the voices of the flesh.

# Family Time

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Family Time is meant to be an opportunity to get the family talking about spiritual things. Multiple studies show that parents and grandparents are the #1 faith role models in a child's life. We know life is busy, but we want to give you opportunities to grow together. A great time to do this is in the car, while eating a meal, or simply anytime you can enjoy together.

*Memory Verse: "Where can I go from your SPIRIT? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. Psalm 139:7-8*

1) Pentecost is actually an Old Testament celebration that is 50 days after Passover that focused on the Harvest. The Holy Spirit was present and active before this occurrence, but God gave the Spirit in its fullness in Acts 2. **Read Acts 2. (YES, the entire chapter!!!)**

Now, write 5 things that stood out to you from this chapter.

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2) In what ways could the church today, be better about functioning like the Church in Acts 2?

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3) **Ask your parent(s):** What were you taught about the Holy Spirit growing up?

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4) **Ask your parent(s):** What is the role of the Holy Spirit in our lives today?

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5) Read Small Catechism #190 and summarize one of the roles of the Spirit below:

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6) Now, write out one of the verses from Small Catechism #190 that's meaningful to you:

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7) One role of the Spirit is to continually change and grow Christians. Write 2 ways your faith has changed you (*see Galatians 5:22-23 & Ephesians 2:10*):

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
*(please print your name so we can read it)*

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_