

- How is this different than what the world offers?
- Jesus says the believer should not do two things in John 14.27.
  - What are they?
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  - Why would the Holy Spirit make these possible?

## Preparing for Prayer

**A**doration \_\_\_\_\_  
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**C**onfession \_\_\_\_\_  
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# Basic Christianity

## The Apostles Creed

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The Apostles Creed says of the HOLY SPIRIT

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 the Creator of heaven and earth,  
 and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:

Who **was conceived of the Holy Spirit**,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

The third day He arose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father  
 Almighty,  
 whence He shall come to judge the living and the  
 dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and life everlasting.  
Amen.

**Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,**

*Matthew 1.18-23*

What do we learn about Joseph's and Mary's relationship?

Why are these facts important to the believer?

How is the Holy Spirit tied to the birth of Jesus?

Why is Mary still referred to as a 'virgin' even after she is found to be pregnant?

Why is the Holy Spirit necessary for Jesus to be both the Son of God and the Son of Man?

Son of God: Luke 1.35

Who recognized Jesus as the Son of God first in Matthew?  
Matthew 4.3 & 4. 5

- What is different in both teachings?
- What do we learn about the Holy Spirit from comparing these two teachings?

- How can we know if a person is a true follower of Jesus?
  - According to John 14.24?

- Matthew 7.15-20?

- Matthew 12.33?

- John 15.5, 8, 16

- In John 14.25-26 List all nouns and pronouns that refer to God and tell who they are referring to.

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- What does Jesus promise the believer in John 14.27?

- What implications does this have when we read Genesis 1.27?
- See Acts 2.1-4 How does this compare to the Holy Spirit at the time of creation?
- What requirement does Jesus set for the gift of the Holy Spirit in John 14.15-16?
- What personal pronoun does Jesus use to describe the Holy Spirit in John 14.17? \_\_\_\_\_ Why is this important?
- In John 14.19-20 what is the relationship that Jesus wants us to understand here?
- Why is this important to our understanding of the Holy Spirit?
- What did Judas (not Judas Iscariot) understand about Jesus to be teaching according to John 14.22?
- Compare John 14.15-16 to John 14.23.
  - What is the same in both teachings?

How does this help verify the identity of Jesus?

Son of Man: Matthew 9.6

Son of Man is part of the Old Testament names given to Jesus. Daniel 7.13-14 How does this help us understand the power of the human side of Jesus?

### JOHN 14.15-27

<sup>15</sup>“If you love me, you will obey what I command. <sup>16</sup>And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—<sup>17</sup>the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. <sup>18</sup>I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. <sup>19</sup>Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup>On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. <sup>21</sup>Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me

will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”

<sup>22</sup>Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”

<sup>23</sup>Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. <sup>24</sup>He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup>“All this I have spoken while still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

- FIRST Highlight any word or phrase that describes the Holy Spirit or what the Holy Spirit does.
- List them HERE: Which one is the most important to you now?
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- **paraklētos** =
  - What do we learn about the paraklete in the following verses?
  - John 14.16
  - John 14.26
  - John 15.26
  - John 16.7
- **pneuma** =
  - See Genesis 1.2 What is the Spirit doing here. Why?
  - See Genesis 2.7 What does God do to make the creation of humanity different from all other creation?