



Articles of Faith Statement

We believe in the Holy Spirit, our advocate who comforts the faithful, convicts and draws men and women of sin into a relationship with God, and acts as a guide in truth and love of God.

Key Scriptures

- *“Peter replied, ‘Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.’” — Acts 2:37–39 (NIV)*
 - *“But the Advocate, 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.” — John 14:26 (NIV)*
 - *“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.” — John 14:15–16 (NIV)*
 - *“When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father—the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father—he will testify about me.” — John 15:26 (NIV)*
 - *“But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment.” — John 16:7–8 (NIV)*
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Insights

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, fully God and actively involved in the life of every believer. Jesus calls Him the *Advocate*—one who comes alongside to help, comfort, and guide. In John 14:16, Jesus promises to send the Spirit to be with His followers forever. Unlike Jesus’ physical presence, the Spirit’s indwelling presence is constant and personal.

The Spirit has several key roles. First, He teaches and reminds believers of God’s truth (John 14:26). He illuminates Scripture, helping us understand and apply God’s Word. Second, He testifies about Jesus (John 15:26), always pointing people to Christ rather than drawing attention to Himself. Third, He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8), drawing people to repentance and faith.

Acts 2:38–39 reminds us that the Spirit is a gift to all who repent and believe in Christ. His presence is not reserved for a select few but for every believer. Through the Spirit, we experience God’s love, receive power to live holy lives, and are equipped for service.



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The Holy Spirit

The Spirit also produces spiritual fruit (Galatians 5:22–23) and gives spiritual gifts for building up the church. He leads us into truth, strengthens

us in weakness, and assures us that we belong to God. Without Him, the Christian life would be impossible.

The spirit does not cause you to obey; you must listen to his leading.

Application

Living in the Spirit means more than acknowledging His existence—it means daily depending on Him. The Spirit guides us through prayer, Scripture, and the prompting of our conscience. Ask yourself: *Am I listening for His direction or relying on my own strength?*

The Spirit also convicts us of sin, not to condemn, but to lead us toward freedom and holiness. Responding to His conviction with humility and obedience keeps our relationship with God strong.

Finally, the Spirit empowers us for mission. Whether sharing the gospel or serving others, His presence gives us boldness and love. This week, make space for the Spirit's work in your life through prayer and surrender. Invite Him to guide your decisions and shape your character to reflect Christ.

1. What roles of the Holy Spirit stand out most to you in these passages?

2. Why is it significant that Jesus calls the Spirit an *Advocate*?

3. How have you experienced the Spirit's guidance or conviction in your life?

4. What does it look like to depend on the Spirit in your daily decisions?

5. How can you make more room for the Spirit's work in your day to day?
