



The Gospel Way Catechism

Question 6: Who Is God the Spirit?



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What are some of the words that the world uses to describe the Holy Spirit? Why do you think they choose those words?

How did you first understand the Holy Spirit? How has your understanding changed over time?

QUESTION 5: Who is God the Spirit?

ANSWER: God the Spirit is the empowering presence of God in the world—the Lord, the giver of life. We are defined not by our inner self or spirituality, but by the Spirit's presence as he makes us new and blesses the world through our service in Jesus's name.

PRINCIPLES:

The Holy Spirit is a person (John 14:15-17)

The Holy Spirit gives us:

Memory (John 14:25-26)

Witness of Jesus (John 15:26-27)

Identity and Confidence (Ephesians 1:13-14)

Conviction (John 16:7-14)

- Sin
- Righteousness
- Judgment

Gifts and abilities (Acts 2, 1 Corinthians 12)

- Speech
- Boldness
- Spiritual Gifts

Ability to bear fruit (Galatians 5:22-23)

Directions for life (Romans 8:1-17)

Hope and Intercession (Romans 8:23-27)

FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION:

Followers of Jesus: How have you observed the Holy Spirit work in your life? Do you see examples of the Biblical promises of the provisions of the Holy Spirit in different areas of your life? Share your experiences with other believers.

Seekers or agnostics: How does the description of the Holy Spirit affect your understanding of the Christian faith? What problems do you have with this element of doctrine? What evidence would convince you otherwise?