

The Person of the Holy Spirit

I believe the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity, coequal and coeternal with God the Father and God the Son (Matt. 28:19; Acts 5:3-4) and thus fully divine. His deity is clearly seen in His activity in creation (Gen. 1:2), His work of inspiration of Scripture (2 Pet. 1:21), His work of regeneration (Jn. 3:5-6) and sanctification (2 Thess. 2:13). His deity is also seen through His omniscience (1 Cor. 2:10-11), omnipresence (Ps. 139: 7-8), and omnipotence (Lk. 1:35-37). The Holy Spirit is also a person, which is evident by His title “Helper” (Jn. 16:7). As a person the Spirit has emotions (Eph. 4:30), an intellect (1 Cor. 2:10-11) and a will (Acts 16:6).

The Work of the Holy Spirit

I believe the Holy Spirit played an active role in the creation of the world (Gen. 1:2), and empowered Old Testament believers for leadership and service (Deut. 34:9; Judges 3:10). Additionally, the Spirit caused people to prophecy (1 Sam. 10:10-11), speaking forth the Word of God.

I believe the Holy Spirit was actively at work in the life of Jesus Christ (Matt. 4:1). He caused Christ’s conception within Virgin Mary (Lk. 1:35), revealed Jesus’ identity to John the Baptizer (Jn. 1:29), was present at Jesus’ baptism (Mt. 3:16), empowered Him for His ministry (Lk. 4:14-21), raised Him from the dead (Rom. 8:11) and actively seeks to glorify Jesus to this day (Jn. 16:14)!

I believe the Holy Spirit is actively working today. He is at work regenerating humans (Titus 3:5), indwelling them (Jn. 14:16-17) and sealing them for eternity (Eph. 1:13). In addition to this, the Spirit also comforts (Jn. 12:26), teaches (Jn. 14:26), brings

assurance of salvation (Rom. 8:16), convicts the world of sin, righteousness and judgment (Jn. 16:7-8).

I believe at the moment of regeneration the Holy Spirit distributes spiritual gifts to His people for the common good (1 Cor. 12:7). Some gifts are miraculous in nature (1 Cor. 12:10), while others not miraculous (Rom. 12:7-8) yet still empowered and given to believers by the Holy Spirit. It is our responsibility to ensure the gifts are from the Holy Spirit (1 Jn. 4:1) and are used in a way that glorifies Christ (Jn. 16:13-14) and edifies the church (1 Pet. 4:10).