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# Article II C. – God the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration. At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

# The Person of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ He has all the attributes of God
  - He is eternal – Hebrews 9:13–14
  - He is omnipotent – Genesis 1
  - He is omniscient – 1 Corinthians 2:9–13
  - He is omnipresent – Psalm 139:7–12
- ▶ He has emotions
  - He grieves – Ephesians 4:30; Isaiah 63:10
  - He can be lied to – Acts 5:1–11 (note vs. 3, 4, 9)

# The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

## ▶ Concerning Scripture

### ◦ Inspiration

- 2 Timothy 3:16
- 2 Peter 1:20–21

### ◦ Illumination

- Luke 12:12
- John 14:26; 16:13
- 1 Corinthians 2:10–14

# The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ Concerning the exaltation of Christ
  - John 16:14

# The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ Concerning salvation
  - Conviction
    - John 16:7–14
    - Acts 10:44
  - Calling
    - Acts 10:44
    - Revelation 22:17
  - Regeneration
    - Titus 3:4–7
  - Baptism
    - 1 Corinthians 12:13

# The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ Concerning the believer's ministry
  - Cultivation
    - Galatians 5:22–23
  - Comforting
    - 2 Corinthians 1:3–7
    - 2 Timothy 4:17
  - Gifting
    - 1 Corinthians 12:3–11

# The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ Concerning the believer's security
  - Sealing
    - Ephesians 1:13–14
    - Ephesians 4:30
  - Guarantee
    - Ephesians 1:13–14

# The Ministry of the Holy Spirit

- ▶ Concerning the church's ministries
  - Enlightens
    - Acts 5:3
    - Acts 6:3
    - Acts 13:2
    - Acts 16:6
  - Empowers
    - Acts 1:8
    - Acts 2:1–4
    - 1 Corinthians 12:3–11