

GROUNDING

Sunday, February 20, 2022 | Wawasee Bible | Milford, Indiana | Pastor Josh Weiland

Part 6 | **Grounded by the Spirit**

John 16:5-15

EFCA Statement of Faith | Article 6. Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.



The Holy Spirit is fully **GOD**;

100% God in every way

Matthew 28:19; 1 Cor. 12:4-6; 2 Cor. 13:14; Eph. 4:4-6; 1 Peter 1:2; Jude 20-21; Acts 5:3-4; 1 Cor 3:16; Psalm 139:7-8; 1 Cor. 2:10-11

He is the third **PERSON** of the Trinity

not just a force, but a person

can be grieved, has knowledge, can be lied to, can pray, can teach and guide, gives gifts, speaks

Ephesians 4:30; 1 Corinthians 2:1-11; Acts 5:3-4; Romans 8:26-27; John 14:26, 16:13; Acts 8:29, 13:2

who **GLORIFIES** Jesus in everything he does!

all about Jesus

John 16:13-14; 1 Corinthians 12:3

convicts the world of sin and guilt

John 16:8; 1 Corinthians 2:14

regenerates sinners

Ezekiel 36:25-27; John 3:3, 5; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 2:5; Colossians 2:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5; 2 Thessalonians 2:13; Titus 3:5; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:3

unites us to Christ

Mark 1:8; Acts 1:5; 1 Cor. 12:13; Romans 3:24, 5:15-21, 12:5; 1 Cor. 1:2, 5:13, 15:22; 2 Cor. 5:17; Gal. 1:22, 2:17, 3:28; Eph 1:4, 2:12, 3:6, 4:32; 2 Tim. 2:10; 1 Thess. 4:16

helps us honor Jesus with all of our life

indwells, illuminates, guide, equips, empowers

John 14:17; 1 Cor. 3:16; 2:2; 2 Cor. 4:4-15; Eph. 1:17-19; Phil. 1:9-11; Eph. 5:18; John 16:13; Acts 15:28; Rom 8:4; 8:14; Gal. 5:16-18; Rom 12:4-8;

1 Cor 12:4-10; Eph 4:7-11; 1 Pet 4:10-11; Acts 1:8; 10:38; Romans 15:13; 1 Cor. 12:11; Eph. 3:16; 2 Timothy 1:7

What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them Life Groups. The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group's study. If you're interested in connecting with a Life Group, let us know on a Connect Card at the Connect Desk.

Use this guide for further personal and group study this week. For the most impact in your life and in your group, *work through it on your own before you gather with your Life Group.* If your Life Group isn't gathering this week, use this as a guide for further study and growth personally.

Getting Started

Part of our goal together is getting to know more about one another.
When was the last time you did something for the first time?

Review...

1. **Read Article 6 of our Statement of Faith aloud as a group.**
2. **Read John 16:5-15.**
3. We have all had different experiences and influences that affect our view of how God's spirit works. As you look back in years past, how would you describe your understanding of the Holy Spirit? Has it changed over time? If so, explain.

Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it as a group.

This week's questions are borrowed and adapted from a study produced by North Coast Church of Vista, CA. <http://sermons.northcoastchurch.com/notesheets/2015/eph17.pdf> North Coast is a sister church of Wawasee Bible and part of the EFCA.

Digging Deeper

4. All followers of Jesus have the exact same Holy Spirit at work in them who empowered Jesus. Unfortunately sometimes we may think the Holy Spirit isn't doing much because we aren't aware of the variety of ways he works in our lives and in the world. How do the following verses further describe what the Holy Spirit does for us and through us?

Romans 5:3-5 2 Corinthians 3:17-18 Romans 8:12-17
Ephesians 3:16 Acts 1:8 Acts 9:31

5. Which one of these is the most important for *you* to remember? Why?
6. Most of us at some point have found ourselves wondering if the Spirit is speaking to or prompting us to make a decision or take action on something. For example, let's say you have a friend who has been sharing private information with others that may have hurt the reputation of another friend. You sense that God is telling you to talk to this friend but you're not sure if you should or if you're making a bigger deal about it than you should. How can the following verses guide you and confirm if God's spirit is speaking to you or not?

Galatians 6:1-4 Proverbs 27:6 Proverbs 15:22
Proverbs 3:27

7. Can you think of any other verses you would add to this?
8. **Galatians 5:16-26** contrasts the conflict that exists between God's spirit and our "sinful nature." As you read this passage, can you think of any examples of God's spirit helping or challenging you to put one of these "fruits" into action?
9. How might the fruit of the Spirit help you be effective in making "the most of the opportunities" around you and have an "attitude of gratitude"?

Closing

10. Learning to slow down enough to listen to the Spirit is essential when it comes to hearing and knowing God's leading. How do you slow down and listen (take a walk, talk with a friend, journal, worship, a time of solitude, other)? Is there anything you want to make sure you continue to do (or add) to help you stay tuned in to what God's spirit is doing?

As you close, share your applications and pray for each other.

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Word Find in the Word

Find the words from a passage related to this week's message.

Word Find for John 16:7-15 (NIV)

*Find the words **bolded** below.*

⁷ 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. ⁸ **When** he comes, he will **prove** the **world** to be in the **wrong** about sin and **righteousness** and **judgment**: ⁹ about sin, **because people** do not **believe** in me; ¹⁰ about **righteousness**, **because** I am going to the **Father**, where you can see me no **longer**; ¹¹ and about **judgment**, **because** the **prince** of this **world** now **stands condemned**. ¹² "I have much **more** to say to you, **more** than you can now bear. ¹³ But **when** he, the **Spirit of truth**, comes, he will guide you into all the **truth**. He will not **speak** on his own; he will **speak** only what he hears, and he will **tell** you what is yet to **come**. ¹⁴ He will glorify me **because** it is from me that he will **receive** what he will **make known** to you. ¹⁵ All that belongs to the **Father** is mine. That is why I said the **Spirit** will **receive** from me what he will **make known** to you."