



Mt. Zion
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Doctrine of the Holy Spirit

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Holy Spirit

- The Holy Spirit is the link between the risen Christ and the Church; the means by which we experience the power of the resurrected one and are being transformed into His likeness.
- The Holy Spirit is not only a **power but a person.**



The Nicean Creed

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Nicean Creed

- The attack on the understanding of the Spirit was really a way for some to undercut the divinity of the Son.
- If the Spirit worked through the Son and is only a creature and not God, then the Son is not God either.

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Holy Spirit

- The problem was, and often times arises in contemporary discussions, that the Holy Spirit is not self-evident from Scripture.
- This does not mean that evidence of the Holy Spirit is not present in Scripture, but rather that an explicit statement on the function and role of the Spirit is not apparent.

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Progressive Revelation

- God's revelation is not something given only in the past, nor is it something that can be adequately contained by human words, including those of sacred scripture, as important its witnesses and interpretations of God's revealing activity are.

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Progressive Revelation

- Rather, the living God continues to reveal Himself through creation and the continuing experience of the Holy Spirit.
- The Holy Spirit serves as a symbol for God's reaching humans, whether through creation, prophetic spokespersons, Jesus the Son of God, or moments of grace within communities of faith, for grace is always a gift of the Spirit.

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Progressive Revelation

- We continue to experience God in the world because of the work of the Spirit.
- Each encounter we have with God is facilitated by the presence and participation of the Spirit.
- As such, our appreciation of the work of the Spirit continues to grow beyond the hints provided in the New Testament.

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Progressive Revelation

- This growing appreciation of the Holy Spirit does not lead us to a rejection of God's earlier revelation but rather deepens and extends it.
- But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you. (**John 14.26**)



**Holy Spirit
As Power**

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Power

- Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. **Romans 15.13**

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Power

- 18 For I will not dare to speak of any of those things which Christ has not accomplished through me, in word and deed, to make the Gentiles obedient— 19 in mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God, so that from Jerusalem and round about to Illyricum I have fully preached the gospel of Christ. **Romans 15.18-19**

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Power

- Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. **1Corinthians 12.4**
- For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. **2Timothy 1.7**

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Power

- 5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake. 6 And ye became followers of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of the Holy Ghost: **1**

Thessalonians 1.5-6



Indwelling

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Indwelling

- But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. **Romans 8.9**

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Indwelling

- Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? **1Corinthians 3.16**

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Indwelling

- That good thing which was committed to you, keep by the Holy Spirit who dwells in you. **2Timothy 1.14**

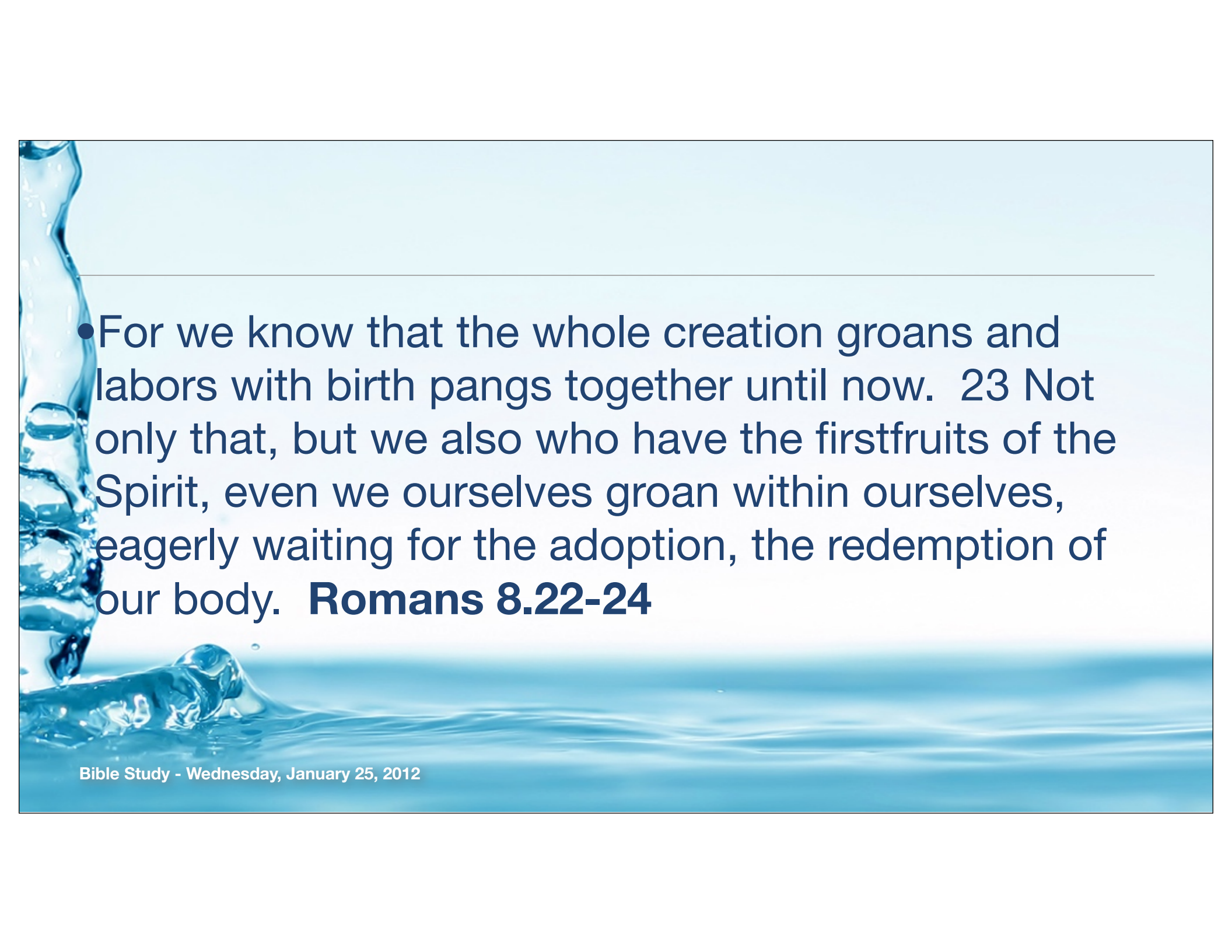


Life

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Life

- But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you. **Romans 8.11**

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- For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. **Romans 8.22-24**



Sealed

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Sealed

- 13 In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory. **Ephesians 1.13-14**

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Sealed

- 2Corinthians 4.16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

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Sealed

- 18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

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Sealed

- 1 For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven,

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Sealed

- 3 if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4 For we who are in this tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. 5 Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.



Transforming Power

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Transforming Power

- Romans 5.4 and perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us. 6 For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

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Transforming

- Romans 14.16 Therefore do not let your good be spoken of as evil; 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men.

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Transforming

- 1 Corinthians 2.3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

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Transforming

- 1 Corinthians 12.2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb idols, however you were led. 3 Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God calls Jesus accursed, and no one can say that Jesus is Lord except by the Holy Spirit.

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Transforming

- 1 Corinthians 14.14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding.

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Transforming

- Galatians 3.2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain?

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Transforming

- Ephesians 4.2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism;

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Assignment

- **Holy Spirit in the Old Testament**

- Bring one example of the presence of the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament. (Avoid the creation narrative.)

- **Holy Spirit in the Gospels**

- Come prepared to discuss the role and relevance of the Spirit's work in the baptism of Jesus.