

## WHAT DO I BELIEVE ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT?

1. Have you ever had a friend who told you that you had not experienced enough of the Holy Spirit?

- \* What did your friend want you to do about this?
- \* How did you respond?
- \* Are you concerned that your friend might have been right?
- \* What should we expect from the Holy Spirit in our life?
- \* Does the Holy Spirit require you to speak in tongues?
- \* Does the Holy Spirit produce certain feelings in believers?
- \* How can a believer know that the Holy Spirit is present in his life?

2. The Holy Spirit is a person, and a Divine Person at that.

- \* The Holy Spirit thinks and knows – 1 Cor 2:10
- \* The Holy Spirit can be grieved – Eph 4:30
- \* The Holy Spirit intercedes for us in prayer – Rom 8:26-27
- \* The Holy Spirit makes decisions according to His will – 1 Cor 12:7-11
- \* The Holy Spirit is the Comforter whom Jesus promised to replace him – John 14:16, 26; 15:26
- \* The Holy Spirit is referred to as part of the Divine Trinity – Matt 28:19-20

3. The Holy Spirit is more than just a feeling. Jesus promised that the Spirit would be sent to live with his disciples (John 14:16-17). You can be sure that:

- \* you have the Spirit because you are a believer.
- \* you have the Spirit because Christ promised it and not because you earned it.
- \* the Holy Spirit is still with you when you feel unhappy or discouraged.
- \* the Holy Spirit is still with you when you are tempted to sin.
- \* the Holy Spirit is still with you when you fall to sin.
- \* the Holy Spirit is God's permanent presence with you.

4. The Holy Spirit does not require you to speak in tongues.

- \* The Apostles received the gift of tongues at Pentecost – Acts 2.
- \* The Holy Spirit decides what spiritual gifts to give you – 1 Cor 12:11
- \* If the Holy Spirit wants you to have the gift of tongues, He will give it to you.
- \* If the Holy Spirit does not want you to have that gift, you cannot receive it.

5. You have the Holy Spirit with you if you are a believer, but it is your job to submit yourself more fully to the Spirit's power in your life. Eph 5:18-21

6. You have the Holy Spirit with you if you are a believer, but it is your job to let the Holy Spirit lead you – Rom 8:1-11

7. You have the Holy Spirit with you if you are a believer, but it is your job to let the Holy Spirit produce his work in your life – Gal 5:22-24