



The Apostles' Creed — Lesson 6: The Holy Spirit & the Church

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1. What does it mean that on the day of Pentecost when the disciples were all gathered together in a room somewhere in Jerusalem, God's Spirit fell upon them? What does it mean that the Spirit was not only given to Jews but also to Samaritans and even gentiles?
2. How do we seek the Spirit's presence and power without it becoming charismatic chaos?
3. What does it mean that the Holy Spirit is the bond of our union with Christ?
4. What are four important things that Jesus' resurrection from the dead represents?
5. Why is grasping the *divine personhood* of the Holy Spirit absolutely vital if we are to have a proper understanding of God the Holy Spirit?
6. How is the Holy Spirit involved in what we traditionally call divine inspiration? How does divine inspiration relate to the matter of "inspiration"?
7. When we talk about the church as the "people of God," what are some of the images of this in the Bible?
8. What do we mean by what has traditionally been known as the "marks of the church"? What do each of these marks mean?
9. What does the Apostles' Creed mean in describing the church as the "communion of saints"?