

WHAT DO BAPTIST BELIEVE?
A Study of the Baptist Faith and Message

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT (5)

What do Baptist believe about God the Holy Spirit?

- 1. God the Holy Spirit is coequal and coeternal with God the Father and God the Son (Matt. 28:19; Acts 5:3, 4; 28:25, 26; 1 Cor. 12:4-6; 2 Cor. 13:14; Jer. 31:31-34; Heb. 10:15-17).**
- 2. God the Holy Spirit was active in creation and the incarnation of Jesus (Gen. 1:2; Matt. 1:18).**
- 3. God the Holy Spirit inspired the Scriptures (2 Timothy 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:19-21; Eph. 1:17).**
- 4. God the Holy Spirit is the fulfillment of Jesus' promise (John 7:27-39; 14:16-17; 15:26; Acts 2:1-4).**
- 5. God the Holy Spirit ministers to people.**
 - a. The Holy Spirit convicts of sin (John 16:7-8).**
 - b. The Holy Spirit regenerates (New Birth) (Acts 10:44; John 3:5-7; 1 Cor. 12:13; Rev. 22:17).** "God calls sinners to Christ through the internal witness of the Holy Spirit, even as God uses the eternal witness of the Bible and the gospel presentation" (BFM Commentary, 53).
 - c. The Holy Spirit indwells and seals believers (Jn. 7:37-39; 14:16-18; 15:26; 16:7; Acts 1:8; 2:1-4, 38-39; Eph. 1:12-13; 4:30; 1 John 4:13).**
 - d. The Holy Spirit illuminates truth and teaches believers (Jn. 16:13; 1 Cor. 2:12-13).** "The Holy Spirit works within believers to produce an understanding of spiritual things" (Ibid., 55).
 - e. The Holy Spirit intercedes for believers (Rom. 8:26).**
 - f. The Holy Spirit comforts and helps believers (Jn. 14:16-17, 26; 16:7).**
 - g. The Holy Spirit provides peace (Jn. 14:26-27).**
- 6. God the Holy Spirit builds His Church.**
 - a. The Holy Spirit promotes unity (1 Cor. 12:13; Eph. 4:3-6).**
 - b. The Holy Spirit provides spiritual gifts (Rom. 12:3-8; 1 Cor. 12:1-11 (4, 11); Eph. 4:7-16; 1 Pet. 4:10).**
 - c. The Holy Spirit empowers God's people to witness (Acts 1:8; The Book of Acts).**
- 7. God the Holy Spirit should be worshipped.**

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