I Believe in God, the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the third member of the Trinity. Just as fully God as the Father and the Son, the Holy Spirit is unseen, yet very active, empowering individual believers and the Church alike. Both the Old Testament and New Testament acquaint us with the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Discover the scriptures that spur Christians to confidently declare with the Apostles' Creed "I believe in the Holy Spirit."

AWARENESS Before listening reflect on what you already know or understand about topics we'll cover in the episode.

- What does it mean to *believe* in the Holy Spirit?
- How would you describe what the Holy Spirit does?



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READ Matthew 28:19, John 14:16-17, Acts 2:1-4, 1 Thessalonians 1:4-6

REFLECTION After listening, consider the following questions:

- Why is it important to think about and acknowledge the personhood of the Holy Spirit? Why do you think it matters for our faith that the Holy Spirit is actually a person, distinct yet one with God the Father and God the Son?
- What has this study of the Holy Spirit helped you to better understand about God?
- In segment 2, hosts Scott Hoezee and Dave Bast discuss the Spirit's role in helping us become more like Jesus. Reread <u>Galatians 5:22-25</u>. What fruits has the Holy Spirit blessed you with? Which fruits do you think the Holy Spirit is cultivating in your life right now to help you become more like Christ?
- In segment 3, Scott and Dave discuss how the Holy Spirit equips us with gifts that glorify God and help us point others to Jesus. How has the Spirit gifted you to serve God's kingdom?

RELATED PASSAGES for further study

2 Corinthians 13:14, 2 Timothy 3:16-17, 2 Peter 1:19-21, 1 Corinthians 12:4-11, Galatians 5:22-25

CONCLUSION

The Holy Spirit is active in our world today, comforting and equipping believers and building God's kingdom. Spend time reflecting on your life and your community. Where have you witnessed the Holy Spirit at work, either in spectacular or subtle ways, in your life? What about in the lives of others? Close your time of reflection by offering a prayer of thanks for the work of the Spirit.

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