



Cornerstone Church
OF KNOXVILLE

Main Point: Experience the power and the joy of the Spirit

#1:

“The Holy Spirit instructs or guides us (in different ways, including at times)...through precise words planted in our minds, so precise that it seems as if another person is speaking to us. I call this the ‘inaudible voice’ of the Holy Spirit. I know this way is controversial, and many people whom I respect are adamant that the Holy Spirit never communicates this way. Their objection is that such phenomena would be equated to divine revelation on a par with Scripture. But divine revelation by definition adds new content by which God reveals truths for the whole church. With the closing of the canon of Scripture, we believe such revelation no longer occurs. What I am saying is that the Holy Spirit sometimes speaks to us in that inaudible voice by way of illumination or application of Scripture to one’s personal life.”

Jerry Bridges

He Took Me by the Hand: A Story of God's Unusual Providence

#2:

“The Trinity is not a problem...Far, far from it. Pressing into the Trinity we are doing what in Psalm 27 David said he could do all the days of his life: we are gazing upon the beauty of the Lord.”

Michael Reeves

The Good God: Enjoying Father, Son and Spirit

#3:

“The irony could not be thicker: what we assume would be a dull or peculiar irrelevance turns out to be the source of all that is good in Christianity...the triune being of God is the vital oxygen of Christian life and joy.”

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#4:

“Separate, individual centers of consciousness and will may be true of created persons but cannot be true of divine persons, otherwise the Godhead would be divided.”

Matthew Barrett

Simply Trinity: The Unmanipulated Father, Son, and Spirit

#5:

Matthew 3:16-17

And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold, the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him; and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

#6:

Romans 5:5

...God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

#7:

Ephesians 5:18

Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

#8:

Exodus 33:15-16

And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

#9:

“Life in the present is empowered by the God who dwells among us and in us. As the personal presence of God, the Spirit is not merely some “force” or “influence.” The living God is a God of power; and by the Spirit the power of the living God is present with and for us.”

Gordon Fee

God's Empowering Presence: The Holy Spirit in the Letters of Paul

#10:

“The Spirit of the Father and the Son would never be interested in merely empowering us to ‘do good’. His desire (which is the desire of the Father and the Son) is to bring us to such a hearty enjoyment of God through Christ that we delight to know him, that we delight in all his ways, and that therefore we want to do as he wants and we hate the thought of ever grieving him...What a life the Spirit gives! He gives us himself, opening up to us the lovely fellowship of Father; Son and Spirit; and he wins our hearts to share their satisfaction and pleasure in each other.”

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#11:

2 Corinthians 12:12

The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

#12:

Romans 15:18-19

I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed, by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ...

#13:

1Thessalonians 3:2-3

We sent Timothy, our brother and God's coworker in the gospel of Christ, to establish and exhort you in your faith, that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this.

#14:

"The early church understood suffering to be part of its lot, and believers were not to be surprised by it...yet because they had experienced their new life as the indwelling of the Spirit, they also lived with great joy. In the midst of present suffering their experience of the eschatological Spirit had given them a foretaste of the life to come. Precisely because of the Spirit's presence in this way, Paul will later in this letter describe the 'will of God' in the form of three imperatives, the first of which is, 'Rejoice always' (1 Thess. 5:16)"

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#15:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

#16:

"When Christ ascended, he poured out the Holy Spirit on the church, ushering in a greater experience of God's presence and power among his people...The Spirit desires to fill God's people continually with increased power for Christian life and witness. To be filled with the Spirit is to be more fully under his influence, more aware of his presence, and more effective in his service...The filling of the Spirit brings to God's people a deeper knowledge of Christ, an increased desire for holiness, a stronger commitment to unity and love, a greater fruitfulness in ministry, and a deeper gratitude for our salvation...The Spirit sovereignly bestows gifts on every believer. Spiritual gifts are those abilities and expressions of God's power given by his grace for the glory of Christ and building up of the church. The variety of those gifts reflects the diversity of the members of Christ's body and demonstrates our need for one another."

Statement of Faith