



The Holy Spirit and the Church

Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, **Ephesians 4:3-5**

The Holy Spirit Unites Us With Christ

SUNDAY: February 26

Key Passage(s): Ephesians 2:18; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Ephesians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 3:16; Colossians 3:12-14

1. What is the relationship between Jesus and the Holy Spirit in the following verse?
Ephesians 2:18

2. How does Paul in his salutation to the Corinthians describe the work of the Holy Spirit and Christ? 2 Corinthians 13:14

3. If Jesus is the cornerstone of the church (Ephesians 2:20-22), we are the building (1 Corinthians 3:16), what are a couple of functions of the Holy Spirit in relationship to the temple? Ephesians 4:3; 1 Corinthians 3:16

4. As the Spirit connects us one with another and with Christ, how can we remain connected one with another? Colossians 3:12-14

5. (Discussion) United in Christ by the Holy Spirit what is the potential for the church?

“His constant prayer for them was that they might be sanctified through the truth; and He prayed with assurance, knowing that an Almighty decree had been given before the world was made. He knew that the gospel of the kingdom would be preached to all nations for a witness; He knew that truth armed with the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit, would conquer in the battle with evil, and that the bloodstained banner would one day wave triumphantly over His followers.” Acts of the Apostles, p. 20.2

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The Holy Spirit Unites Us Through Baptism

MONDAY: February 27

Key Passage(s): 1 Corinthians 12:13; Romans 6:3-7;

1. What are two "watery" ways the Spirit helps God's church on earth? 1 Corinthians 12:13

2. What is baptism a symbol of and when we daily drink of the Spirit what should be our experience? Romans 6:3-7

3. What does baptism say to the world?

"Baptism is a most solemn renunciation of the world. Self is by profession dead to a life of sin. The waters cover the candidate, and in the presence of the whole heavenly universe the mutual pledge is made. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, man is laid in his watery grave, buried with Christ in baptism, and raised from the water to live the new life of loyalty to God." - Ellen G. White Comments, The SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 6, p. 1074.

4. (Discussion) How would you encourage someone who has not made a commitment for biblical baptism or rebaptism as yet to make their public commitment to God?

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The Holy Spirit Unites the Church Through the Word of God

TUESDAY: February 27

Key Passage(s): Acts 17:11; John 8:31-32; John 17:17-21

1. What practice of daily Christian living did the Bereans exemplify that lead to Christian unity? Acts 17:11

2. What did Jesus encourage Jews to do who believe on Him and what was the result? John 8:31-32

3. How does the truth set us free? John 17:17. What is the purpose of us being sanctified? John 17:19

4. What is one of Jesus' principal exhibits that He was sent from the Father? John 17:21

5. (Discussion) How important is it for us to study and memorize God's Word daily?

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The Holy Spirit Unites the Church in Faith and Doctrine

WEDNESDAY: March 1

Key Passage(s): Ephesians 4:5-6; Revelation 14:6-12; Revelation 16:13-14; Galatians 1:6-9

1. How many Lords and faiths are there in the Bible? If there is another faith is there another Spirit behind that other faith? Ephesians 4:5-6

2. In the last days how many unifying agents at work? Is there more than one Spirit looking to unify the people of earth? Revelation 14:6-12; Revelation 16:13-14

3. If there is more than one Spirit then is there more than one gospel being promoted today as it was in the early church? Galatians 1:6-9

4. (Discussion) Is unity our goal or is unity led by the right Spirit our goal?

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The Holy Spirit Unites the Church in Mission and Service

THURSDAY: March 2

Key Passage(s): Acts 2:1; Acts 2:4-11; 16-21; Acts 2:41-42; Acts 2:44-45

1. What was the condition for unity of the Spirit? Acts 2:1

2. What gifts of the Spirit were poured out in the upper room to prepare them for a global mission? Acts 2:4-11; 16-21

3. How did the Spirit impact their doctrine and mission? Acts 2:41-42

4. How did the Spirit impact their service? Acts 2:44-45

5. (Discussion) Why is a commonly shared faith a powerful factor for united and effective mission?

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