

## **The Baptist Faith and Message**

### **V. God the Holy Spirit**

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, fully divine. He inspired holy men of old to write the Scriptures. Through illumination He enables men to understand truth. He exalts Christ. He convicts men of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. He calls men to the Saviour, and effects regeneration.

He seals the believer unto the day of final redemption. His presence in the Christian is the guarantee that God will bring the believer into the fullness of the stature of Christ.

At the moment of regeneration He baptizes every believer into the Body of Christ. He cultivates Christian character, comforts believers, and bestows the spiritual gifts by which they serve God through His church. He enlightens and empowers the believer and the church in worship, evangelism, and service.

#### **A. The Distinct Identification of the Holy Spirit**

- a. Tangible presence
  - i. Judges 14:5-6
  - ii. Psalms 51:11
  - iii. Isaiah 61:1
- b. Supernatural enabler and revealer
  - i. John 14:16-17
  - ii. John 14:26
- c. Indwells believers – I Corinthians 2:10

#### **B. The Distinct Ministries of the Holy Spirit**

- a. Inspiration of Scripture – 2 Peter 1:21
- b. Illumination of Scripture – 1 Corinthians 2:12-13
- c. Guidance – Galatians 5:16ff
- d. Gifts – I Corinthians 12:4 - 31