

March 19 | Sunday

Creed: What Christians Believe and Why

Read [Romans 8:9-11](#)



20 | Mon – I believe in the Holy Spirit... | Read [Judges 15:12-15](#); [Acts 2:1-11](#)

There are 80+ references to the Spirit of God in the Old Testament. In most cases, the Spirit was given to help gifted leaders fulfill God's work. In the New Testament, however, it was the ordinary, average believers who were filled with God's Spirit. In every case, the ultimate result was that God's words and God's work were accomplished. What work have you been called to do that can only be done by the power of the Holy Spirit?

21 | Tue – Introductions | Read [John 14:15-16](#)

The night before Jesus was arrested, he told his disciples that he was not leaving them as orphans but after he was gone, his Father would give them another helper (*paraclete*), the Holy Spirit. The Greek word *paraclete* means "one called alongside to help." This word is also translated as *helper, comforter, intercessor, counselor, strengthener, standby*, and in judicial terms, *an advocate* (defense attorney). Jesus promised the Holy Spirit would be with us continually. Look at the list. How do you need the Holy Spirit's help today?

22 | Wed – And the truth is... | Read [John 14:17](#) and [16:12-15](#)

Jesus also introduced the Holy Spirit as the Spirit of Truth and promised that the Holy Spirit would guide them into *all* truth. Interestingly, Jesus had told his disciples earlier that they would "*know the truth and the truth would set them free*" (John 8:32). Where in your life do you need to know the truth about something? Do you believe the Holy Spirit can show you that truth if you ask?

23 | Thu – The best teacher you will ever have | Read [John 14:25-26](#)

Some of the things Jesus taught his disciple were difficult to understand. They were not to worry, however. On the last night before Jesus died, he promised that the coming Holy Spirit would also teach them [to understand] all things and remind them of everything that Jesus had taught them. Do you think that promise applies to you as well? If so, then you have the best Teacher in the world available to help you learn!

24 | Fri – Power that transforms | Read [Acts 1:1-9](#)

The last day Jesus spent with his disciples before going back to heaven, he told them they would be baptized [immersed] with the Holy Spirit. The results? They would be filled with power to be his witnesses all over the world. Compare the disciples **before** - so afraid for their lives, they deserted Jesus as he was arrested - and **after** when they boldly preached the good news, even though it cost them their lives. That is the power of the Holy Spirit to transform anyone who follows Jesus. How have you seen the Holy Spirit at work changing you?

25 | Sat – In real life... | Read [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#)

In Old Testament times, people went to the tabernacle (tent in the wilderness) and later the temple to worship God and find His presence. Where does the Holy Spirit reside now? According to Paul, your body is a "temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you" and you should "honor God with with your body." Does what you do with your body affect the Holy Spirit's work in and through you? If so, how might that impact some of your choices today?