

- a. I believe in the Holy Spirit
 - i. God at work in us personally and within us as the church.
 - ii. The Holy Spirit is God's own Spirit
 - 1. Not an impersonal force
 - 2. Not a subordinate deity
 - 3. Not One who reveals new truths
 - a. Clarifies what was revealed about God in Jesus Christ
 - b. Hence the filioque in the Nicene Creed
 - iii. The work of the Spirit
 - 1. Makes faith in Jesus possible
 - 2. Makes our understanding the truth about God possible
 - 3. Opens us to hear and do God's Word
 - 4. Is working within us to set us free from slavery to sin.
 - 5. Makes growth in holiness possible-sanctification
 - 6. Paul speaks of the fruits of the Spirit-love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, fidelity, gentleness, and self-control.
 - 7. Makes the Church possible
 - a. Creates it
 - b. Empowers it
 - i. Jesus told the disciples to wait in Jerusalem until they received power from on high
 - ii. Makes it possible to bear witness to Jesus.
 - 8. Makes Christian Hope possible