

Session 6

The Holy Spirit

6.1. The Holy Spirit in Reformed Theology?

- The Holy Spirit is not important because Pentecostal theology says so, but because he is God.
- B.B. Warfield called Calvin *“preeminently the theologian of the Holy Spirit.”*
- The Council of Nicaea said of the Holy Spirit that he is *“the Lord, the Giver of Life, who with the Father and the Son is to be worshipped and glorified.”*
- Important works on the Holy Spirit: *Gregory of Nazianzus, John Owen, and Abraham Kuyper.*

6.2. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- He is God: “All three are infinite, without beginning, and therefore but one God, who is not to be divided in nature and being. Yet they are distinguished by several distinctive characteristics and personal relations. (1689, 2.3)”
- He is a Person: “The Father is not derived from anyone, he is neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father and the Son. (1689, 2.3)”

6.3. The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

- *Creation*: The Holy Spirit completes the work of creation (Genesis 1:2; Psalm 104:30; Psalm 33:6; Job 33:4).

- *Anointing People for Tasks*: Moses and the Seventy Elders (Num. 11:17–25), Joshua (Judges 3:10; 6:34), Joshua (Deut. 34:9), Craftsmen (Exodus 31), Kings (1 Samuel 16:1-14).
- *The Difference*: The Spirit departed from Saul (1 Samuel 16:14; Psalm 51:11).
- *The Presence of God*: in the Ark of the Covenant, Tabernacle and filling the Temple.
- *Scripture*: The Spirit who inspires and illuminates Scripture (Psalm 119).
- *Messiah*: The Spirit of God would come upon the “Servant of the Lord” to accomplish his mission (Isaiah 61:1 cf. Luke 4).

6.4. The Holy Spirit in the New Testament

- *In Christ*
 - Incarnation (Luke 1:13-17, 35; 2:25)
 - Baptism of Jesus (Mark 1:8, 11; 3:16; John 1:32)
 - Temptations of Jesus (Luke 4:1, 14)
 - the Mighty Works of Jesus (Acts 10:38)
 - Words of Jesus, the Transfigurations
 - the Cross (Heb. 9:14), the Resurrection (1 Pet. 3:18, 1 Tim. 3:16), the Ascension
 - Blasphemy of the Holy Spirit
- *In Believers (the Church)*
 - The Expectation of the Spirit (John 14-16)
 - The Arrival of the Spirit (Acts 2)
 - The Holy Spirit in the Order of Salvation (Rom. 8)
 - *Union with Christ*: Filial and Spiritual Union (Eph. 5), Participation (Rom. 6), Identification (Rom. 5:12-21), Incorporation (1 Cor. 11)
 - The Holy Spirit in Gifting the Church (1 Cor. 12-14).