

# **The Holy Spirit (Part 1): "The Lord and Giver of Life"**

# Introduction

# Overview

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# **Session #6 Overview**

**I. Lord**

**II. Life-Giver & Speaker**

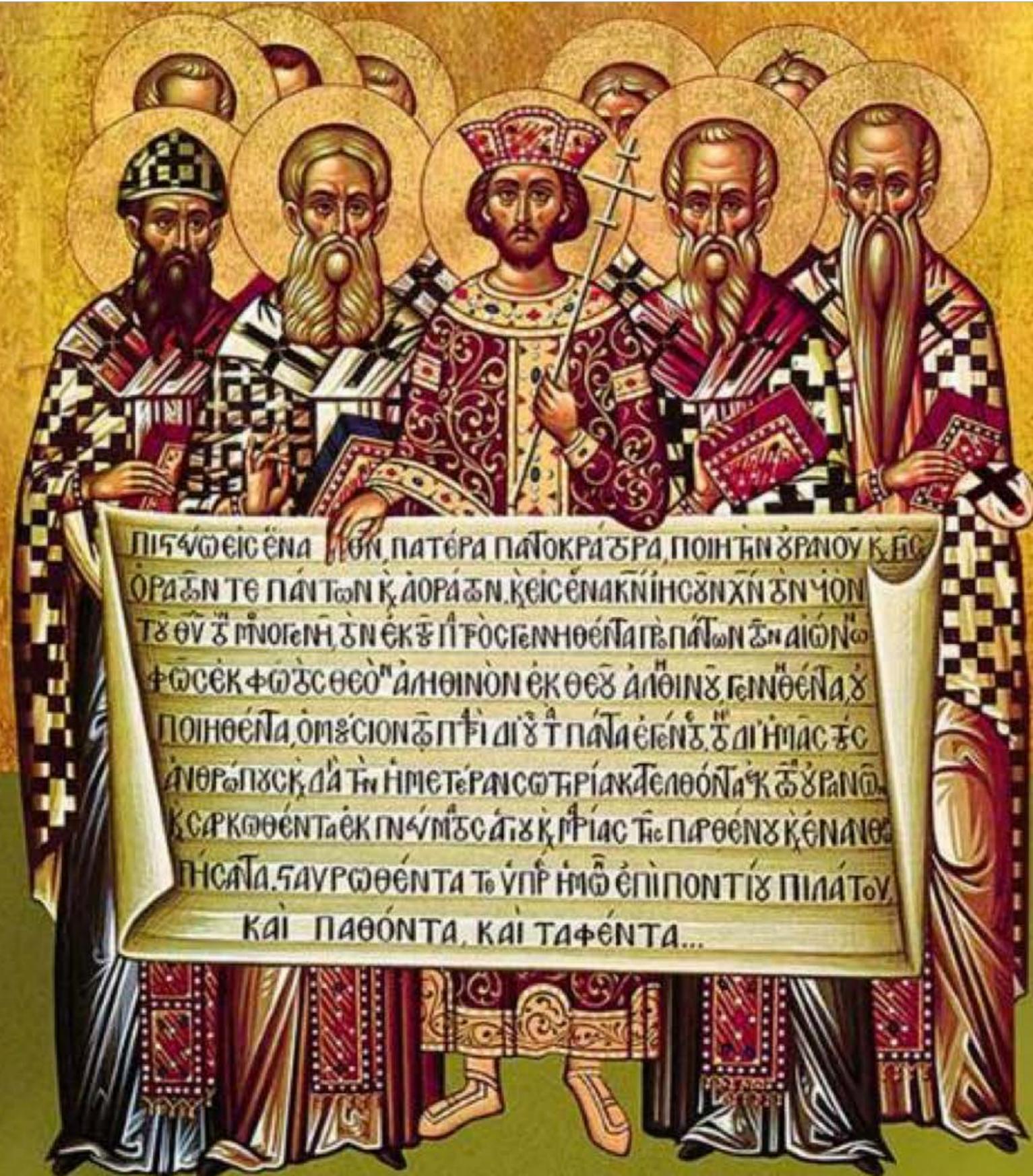
**III. Proceeds**

**IV. Worshiped & Glorified**

## 2025 State of Theology

“The Holy Spirit is a force but is not a personal being.”

- Over 50% of Evangelicals “agree.”



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Now the Lord is the Spirit, and  
where the Spirit of the Lord is,  
there is freedom.

**2 Corinthians 3:17**

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I believe in **one God**, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible...

...And in **one Lord** Jesus Christ...

...And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the **Lord**...

# Nicene Orthodoxy

God the Father  
the Son the Holy Spirit



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I believe in “One...Lord”

I believe in one God, the Father...

And in one Lord Jesus Christ...

And..in the Holy Spirit, the Lord...

# **II. Life-Giver & Speaker**

**Life-Giver**

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then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature.

**Genesis 2:7**

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And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God.

**Luke 1:35**

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For Christ...[was] put to death in  
the flesh but made alive in the  
spirit,

**1 Peter 3:18**

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If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

**Romans 8:11**

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It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

**John 6:63**

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**Speaker**

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All Scripture is breathed out by  
God and profitable for teaching,  
for reproof, for correction, and for  
training in righteousness,

**2 Timothy 3:16**

ESV

And we have the prophetic word  
more fully confirmed...For no  
prophecy was ever produced by the  
will of man, but men spoke from God  
as they were carried along by the  
Holy Spirit.

**2 Peter 1:19–21**

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**“The Spirit of the Lord speaks by  
me; his word is on my tongue.**

**2 Samuel 23:2**

ESV

“Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus.

**Acts 1:16**

ESV

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says,  
“Today, if you hear his voice,

**Hebrews 3:7**

ESV

# **III. Proceeds**

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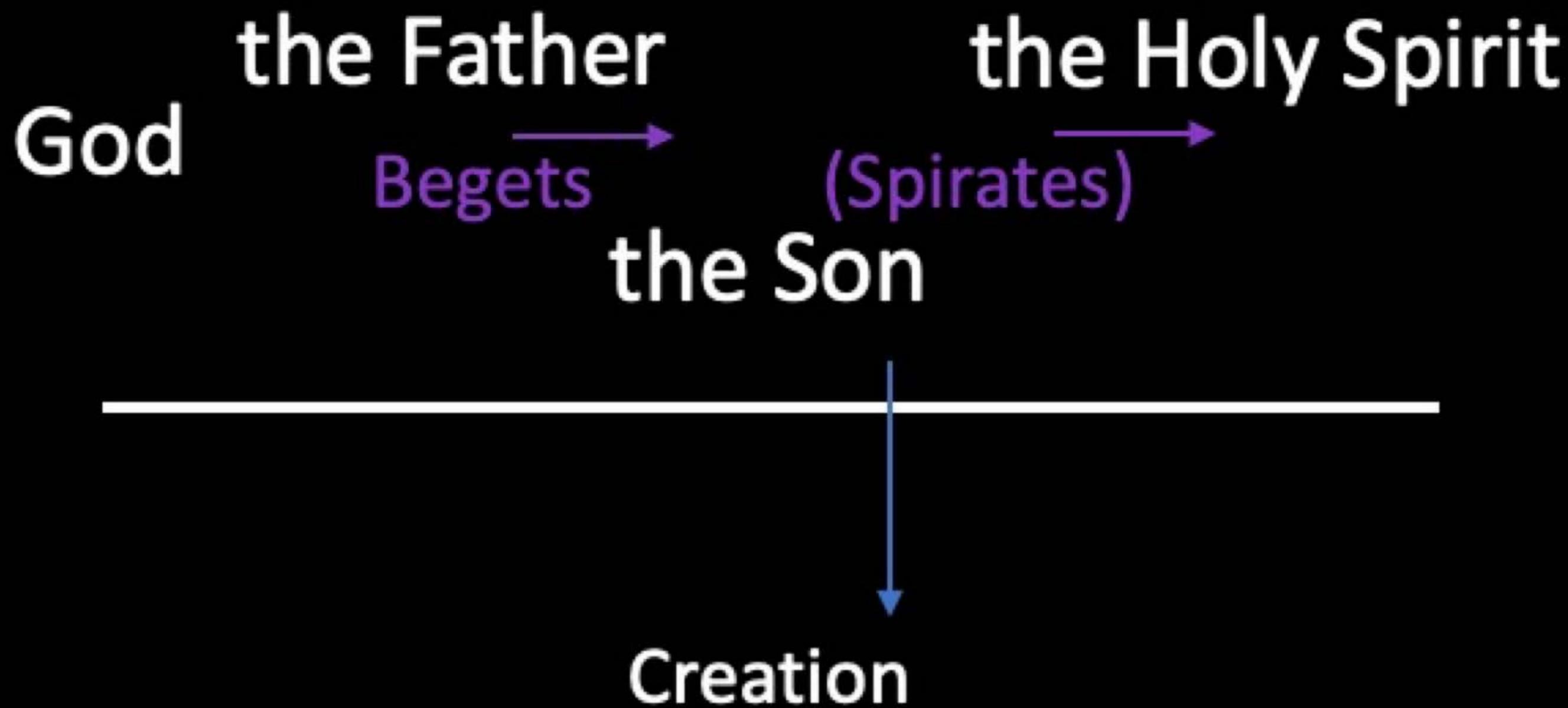
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# **IV. Worshiped & Glorified**

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Greek: *homoousios*

- The Son is “of one substance” with the Father.
- The Son is “of the same essence” of the Father.

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**Conclusion**

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

**Matthew 28:19**

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