

## **The Holy Spirit (Part 2): “One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church”**

# Introduction

**Activity:** On the back of your handout, write down 4 words that describe your family.

# Overview

1. Introduction (Part 1) - Creeds: Ancient, Biblical, Indispensable
2. Introduction (Part 2) - What is the Nicene Creed?
3. The Father: "I believe in one God, the Father..."
4. The Son (Part 1): "One Lord Jesus Christ"
5. The Son (Part 2): "Who For Us Men and For Our Salvation"
6. The Holy Spirit (Part 1): "The Lord and Giver of Life"
7. The Holy Spirit (Part 2): "One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church"
8. Conclusion: Do we really still need the Nicene Creed today?

## Last Week

The Holy Spirit is Lord.

The Holy Spirit is the giver of life.

The Holy Spirit proceeds from the Father *and* Son.

The Holy Spirit is worshipped and glorified.

I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# **Session 7 Overview**

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# **The Holy Spirit & the Church**

# Introduction

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by  
the will of God,  
To the saints who are in Ephesus,  
and are faithful in Christ Jesus:

**Ephesians 1:1**

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In him you [all] also, when you [all] heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit,

**Ephesians 1:13**

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**In him you [all] also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

**Ephesians 2:22**

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## **4 Adjectives of Christ's Church**

- 1. One**
- 2. Holy**
- 3. Catholic**
- 4. Apostolic**

**One**

There is one body and one Spirit—  
just as you were called to the one  
hope that belongs to your call— one  
Lord, one faith, one baptism, one  
God and Father of all, who is over all  
and through all and in all.

**Ephesians 4:4–6**

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making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

**Ephesians 1:9–10**

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“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

**John 17:20–21**

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**Holy**

## Other examples in Scripture:

- Creation
- Temple
- Temple furnishings
- Priests
- Land
- People

Paul and Timothy, servants of  
Christ Jesus,  
To all the saints in Christ Jesus  
who are at Philippi, with the  
overseers and deacons:

**Philippians 1:1**

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We can distinguish 2 kinds of  
Christian holiness in Scripture:

And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Hebrews 10:10**

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For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

**Hebrews 10:14**

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Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

**Hebrews 12:14**

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**Catholic**

καθολικός, ἢ, ὄν (κατά + ὅλος).  
**general, universal** ἡ ἐκκλησία  
**the universal assembly/church**  
**(in contrast to a single**  
**congregation).**

**A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, 3rd ed.**

**“Catholic” reminds us that God’s people are not in one particular:**

And they sang a new song, saying,  
“Worthy are you... for you were slain,  
and by your blood you ransomed  
people for God from every tribe and  
language and people and nation,

**Revelation 5:9**

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**Apostolic**

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,

**Ephesians 4:11**

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So then you are...members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone.

**Ephesians 2:19–20**

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# **The Holy Spirit & Baptism**

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I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins.

And I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**DRIVE-BY-BAPTISMS**



**CLEANSING THE WORLD'S SINNERS  
ONE PUDDLE AT A TIME**

**What It Means**

**“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**

**Matthew 3:11**

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I have baptized you with water, but  
he will baptize you with the Holy  
Spirit.”

**Mark 1:8**

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I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.'

**John 1:33**

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Last week: "I believe in the Holy Spirit...who proceeds from the Father and the Son"

**“But when the Helper comes,  
whom I will send to you from the  
Father, the Spirit of truth, who  
proceeds from the Father, he will  
bear witness about me.**

**John 15:26**

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And behold, I am sending the  
promise of my Father upon you.  
But stay in the city until you are  
clothed with power from on high."

**Luke 24:49**

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And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, "you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

**Acts 1:4–5**

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You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

**Romans 8:9–10**

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But he who is joined to the Lord  
becomes one spirit with him.

**1 Corinthians 6:17**

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In him you [all] also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

**Ephesians 2:22**

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There is one body and one Spirit—  
just as you were called to the one  
hope that belongs to your call—  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,

**Ephesians 4:4–5**

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And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

**Acts 4:12**

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**What It Doesn't Mean**

having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead.

**Colossians 2:12**

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# **The Holy Spirit & Resurrection**

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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