

The Holy Spirit in Religious Experience and Reflection

“God is **encountered, experienced, confessed**, *before* God is reflected upon in more systematic concepts.”

Robert P. Imbelli, *New Dictionary of Theology*, p 474.

What have we learned about the Holy Spirit from the Scriptures?

Old Testament	New Testament
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Spirit is the Lord and giver of life: Creation (Gen 1:1-2:4a) The prophets speak of the Spirit as filling them with power to speak the word of the Lord (Micah 3:8) Ezekiel: God will put a new spirit in God's people (Ezek 37:1-14) Isaiah: God's spirit anoints the prophet to bring good news of salvation (Isa 62:1-2) Joel: a future of spirit-filled glory (Joel 2:28-20) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jesus is the son of God on whom the Spirit of God settled (Mark 1:9-11) The kingdom of the Spirit inaugurated by Jesus is locked in combat with Satan (Luke 4:1-14) Jesus's spirit-filled mission is to bring liberty to captives (Luke 4:15-27) Jesus gives his Spirit to bring the Church alive (1 Cor 15:45; John 19:30) The Spirit of God has been poured out on all flesh (Acts 2:14-29) Every Christian has been baptized into Christ crucified but now alive in the Spirit (Gal 2:19-20)

What has Theology expressed about the Holy Spirit over the centuries?

Big Picture Theology	Personal Spirituality
<p>God acts through the Holy Spirit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> in Creation: first & always in time: eschatology among the Jewish people in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth bringing into existence the Christian community guiding the institutional church through history to unity in human history, bringing all people to know God 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Spirit helps believers to live a/c to that deepest part of themselves that is particularly apt to receive the Spirit of God (Rom 8:5, 1Thess 5:23) Eucharist: the Spirit sanctifies the bread and wine and enables sacramental encounter with Christ Charisms, gifts of the spirit (Gal 5:22-23; 1 Cor 12:8-11) The indwelling spirit: “another Paraclete”, personal as Jesus was personal. (Jn 14:15-17) The primary gift of grace is of Father, Son and Spirit to the believer. Charismatic renewal

The Holy Spirit in the Scripture Readings of Pentecost Sunday Yr B 2021

Acts 2:1-11

¹ When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
² And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.
⁵ Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
⁶ And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. ⁷ Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?”
⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?
⁹ Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, ¹¹ Cretans and Arabs – in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.”

Gal 5:16-25

¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh.
¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want.
¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law.
¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness,
²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions,
²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these.
I am warning you, as I warned you before:
those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control.
There is no law against such things.
²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.
²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

²⁶ “When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.
²⁷ You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning.”
¹² “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.
¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.
¹⁴ He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.
¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine.
For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”