

Welcome to

# faith and practice

# overview

week 1 : starting a journey

week 2 : faith in God

week 3 : living for Jesus

week 4 : the help of the Spirit

week 5 : about Church

welcome

this week...

Holy Spirit: in faith and  
practice

# Understanding ideas about the Holy Spirit

Doctrine of HS comes out of the New testament

God reveals Himself to us by the Spirit

Spirit as person

# Holy Spirit: spirit of God



# Holy Spirit: spirit of Truth & Power



# Holy Spirit: spirit of Jesus



# Holy Spirit: in faith and practice

# Holy Spirit: spirit of God

Holy Spirit is the Spirit of God, person

Spirit of God 'comprehends the thoughts of God' (1 Cor. 2:11)

Holy Spirit/Spirit of God equated

# Holy Spirit: spirit of Jesus

The Spirit at work in Jesus

Discerned in Jesus. e.g. At his birth,  
baptism, wilderness,

'This is my son, with him I am well  
pleased'

Spirit is the 'agent of Resurrection'  
Rom 1: 3, 8: 11



# Holy Spirit: relating us

In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groans that words cannot express.

And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will.

More Than Conquerors

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans: 8: 26-28



# Holy Spirit: power for Church

What transformed early Church?

What can transform us?

Even today?



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# question time re: faith

God | Jesus | relating | church power

What were some of the things you would have said about the Holy Spirit?

How easy is it to think of the Spirit as person?

How would you describe what makes faith real or alive for you??

# Holy Spirit: in faith and practice

Holy Spirit: helper

Helping us with our faith

Renewing us - Baptism

Sustaining us

Transforming us: Gift and Fruit

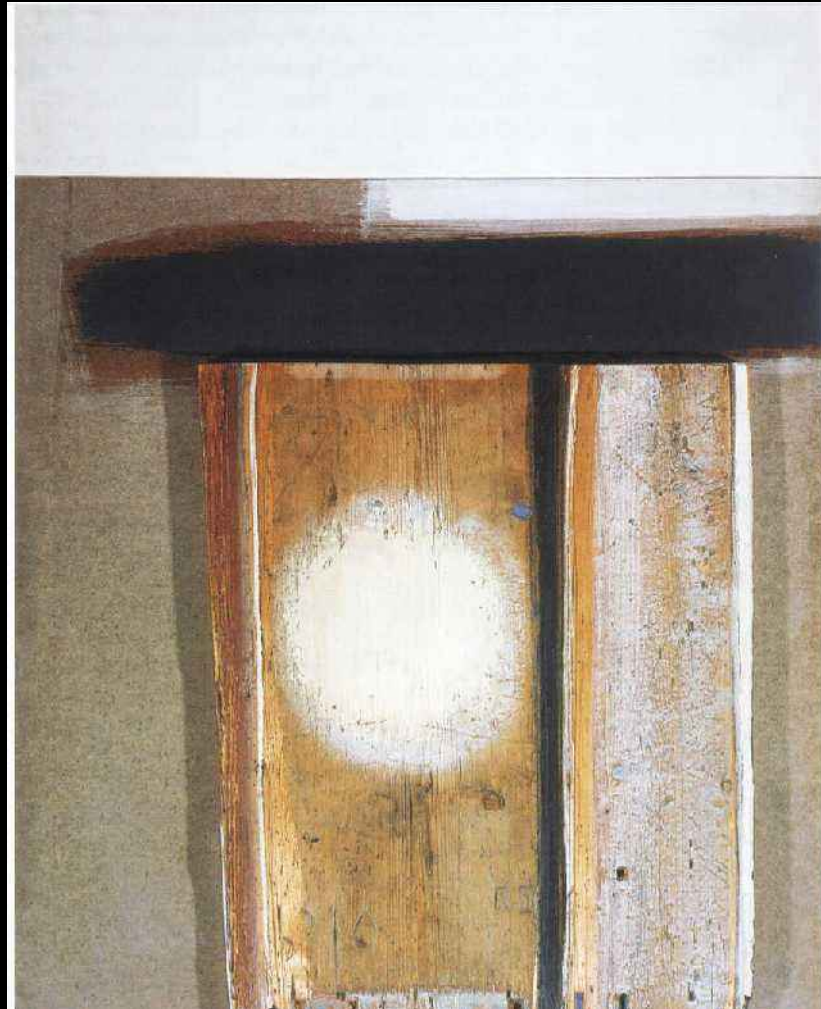


# Holy Spirit: inter-related

"Beyond Personality", C. S. Lewis

"An ordinary simple Christian kneels down to say his prayers. He is trying to get into **touch with God**. But if he is a Christian he knows that what is prompting him to pray is also God: God, so to speak, inside him. But he also knows that all his real knowledge of God **comes through Christ**, the Man who was God--that Christ is standing beside him, helping him to pray, praying for him. You see what is happening. God is the thing to which he is praying--the goal he is trying to reach. God is also the thing inside him, which is pushing him on--the motive power. God is also the road or bridge along which he is being pushed to that goal. So that the whole threefold life of **the three-person Being** is actually going on in that ordinary little bedroom where an ordinary man is saying his prayers."

# Holy Spirit: mystery



# question time re: practice

power | helper | inter-related | mystery

What has been your experience of the Holy Spirit – if any?

Have you considered the Spirit as the power to help you live the Christian life?

Do some of these ideas challenge?

Which are helpful?

over to you

final questions and comments?

# next week

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