

LESSON 9: THE HOLY SPIRIT

Memory work

53 Q. What do you believe concerning the Holy Spirit?

A. First,

He is, together with the Father and the Son, true and eternal God.

Second,

He is also given to me,

To make me by true faith share in Christ and all His benefits,

To comfort me, and

To remain with me forever.

Which are the three works of the Holy Spirit?

First, He gives existence and life to all things.

Second, He reveals the truths of God.

Third, He regenerates and sanctifies those chosen to eternal life.

Homework

Look up the article “Holy Spirit in Christianity” on Wikipedia

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Holy_Spirit_in_Christianity), and go to “5. Denominational Variations”

1.(3) What is the difference between the Western Churches and Eastern Orthodox view of the Holy Spirit?

(Note: this issue was responsible for one of the oldest church schism that still exists today)

2.(2) Where do Protestants (like us) fit in on this issue? _____

3.(3) Which type of Protestant churches diverge (are different) in the understanding of the Holy Spirit from most other Protestant churches?

4.(2) What do Jehovah’s Witnesses believe concerning the Holy Spirit?
