

THE COMFORTING OF THE SPIRIT

Acts 9:31

There is one and only one God, eternally existing and fully expressed in three Persons, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Each member of the Godhead is equally God, each is eternally God, and each is fully God – not three gods, but three Persons of the one Godhead. Each person is equal in essence as each possesses fully the identically same, eternal divine nature, yet each is also an eternal and distinct personal expression of the one, undivided, divine nature.”

Bruce Ware

- John 16:12-14 –
- Corinthians 12:3 –
- 1 Corinthians 2:12-13 –

Waiting for the Spirit – Acts 1:4

- baptizing of the Spirit – He unites.
- filling of the Spirit – He _____.
- purifying of the Spirit – He _____.
- equipping of the Spirit – He _____.

So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

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Five Descriptions of the Church

1. “had peace” – external _____
2. “was being built up” – spiritual _____
3. “walking in the fear of the Lord” – _____ living
4. “and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit” –
5. “it multiplied” – numerical _____

What is the comfort of the Spirit?

comfort (paraklesis) – consolation, _____

The Holy Spirit encourages us by ...

- _____ our hearts – John 16:8-11
- turning us to Jesus – John 16:13-15
- opening our _____ – Ephesians 1:16-18
- _____ God’s truth – John 16:13
- _____ Christ’s provision – Eph. 3:16-17
- overcoming our _____ – Romans 8:16
- filling us with love – Romans 5:5
- translating our _____ – Romans 8:26
- transforming our _____ – Galatians 5:16
- guaranteeing our _____ – 2 Corinthians 5:5

How do we receive those benefits which the Father bestowed on his only-begotten Son – not for Christ’s own private use, but that He might enrich poor and needy men? First, we must understand, that as long as Christ remains _____, and we are separated from Him, all that He has suffered and done for the salvation of the human race remains _____ and of _____ for us. The Holy Spirit is the bond by which Christ effectually _____ us to Himself.

John Calvin

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