

## 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.

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