

The Holy Spirit, who is Lord and Giver of Life¹

What Christians confess about the Holy Spirit

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.**

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Nicene Creed (325 & 381AD)

¹ This study is based on a book in Afrikaans on the Holy Spirit by Dirkie Smit, titled: *Wat Here is en lewend maak: Wat Christene bely oor die Heilige Gees*. Dirkie Smit's consent has been given, with the hope and prayer that his work will help others to better understand the wonder and work of the Holy Spirit. To better know God.

Programme

Week 1: Introduction: The Nicene Creed

John 14: 15-26; 15:26 -16:15; 20:19-23

Week 2: *Who is Lord and the Giver of Life*

Ezekiel 37:1-14; 2 Corinthians 3:1-6; 13-17

Week 3: *Who has spoken through the Prophets*

1 Corinthians 2:6-16; 2 Corinthians 2:14-17; 3:1-3, 15-18; 4:1-6

Week 4: *We confess one holy catholic and apostolic Church*

1 Corinthians 12:1-7, 12-14; 13:1-3

Week 5: *We confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins*

*Romans 1:16-18; 2:1, 17-18, 21a; 3:9-10, 21-22; 5:1; 6:1-12;
7:18-24; 8:1-2, 4-6, 10-11, 14-16; 12:1-2*

Week 6: *We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come*

Romans 8:18-28

Week 7: *Who proceeds from the Father (and the Son); and who with the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified*

Colossians 1:3-14; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-5a; Romans 15:5-7, 13