

God the holy spirit.

We believe in the Holy spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

So who is this Holy Spirit ? is he a Ghost ? as before he was always referred to as the holy Ghost.

This Holy Spirit is the divine force, and quality and influence of God over the universe or his Creatures. He is in Christianity the third person of the Trinity. In Islam he acts as an agent of divine action or communication, peace be upon him.

We have been told by Jesus himself that he would leave us a helper, this helper we have come to know as the holy spirit whom Jesus breathed over the disciples in that locked upper room after his death upon the cross.

This Holy spirit is to be our

1. Our Advocate, where by he comes to counsel us, as he knows we are nothing but sinners and he knows that the devil is prowling around us all the time, but the holy spirit stands between him and us as he clearly knows that we are believers in God, he sees us as children of god.
2. Our Intercessor as he knows what is in our hearts and on our minds. He will plead our case before God, he is almighty and what we cannot do, he can. He knows how to pray to the Father in perfect harmony.
3. Our helper which means he was called to be by our side, He helps us mature and recognise we are sinners, he pleads for us when we confess our sins he is assisting us in getting out our words of confession, he knows this is not easy for us, but he does convict us of our sins to help us draw into a deeper relationship with God. he is teaching us of the truth, remember jesus is the way the truth and the life.
4. He is our healer of all things spiritual, he leads us to repentance, to cast off demons, asks us to forgive, as we are forgiven, to bring us into a

deeper relationship with not only god, Jesus and himself but also with each other.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and the fear of the lord.

The Holy spirit's presence in Church enables Christian Life in the individual believer and enables them to live a righteous and faithful life. Without the Holy Spirit and Gods people seeking after the righteousness that only he can impart the church would be powerless, useless and hopeless. The church needs the Holy Spirit as he is an external and an internal force illuminating a believer's mind where ever they may be but espieccally in church as they hear Gods word, to help us to understand it better and to see the convictions of those words. This is to help us when we go out into a world of unbelievers.

This very Holy Spirit gives us life and points us to the one who is life, he is our starting point, to see that we have become dead to sin, then our spiritual journey begins here. This very spiritual journey is what leads us to know other christians and want to learn from each other, pray and guide each other, to understand one another and to be able to reach out to each other in the spirit of compassion and tenderness.

The Holy spirit is really important in our lives, for it is him who convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us all spiritual gifts, the desire to obey god 's teaching, and to be able to pray and intercedes our requests to god, pleading our cause and to understand his word.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses of Jesus, a boldness when you are praying for the sick on their behalf, you need his power to ask for them to be healed.

I dont know if you have ever felt touched by the Holy Spirit, but I believe I have and it wasnt so long ago either. I am going to share my experience with you and let you can decide.

It was the day of St James patronal on the thursday also the healing service, so I went along to take healing orginally for my neice who is

fighting cancer, but as I got towards the front decided as I was called forward to take it for myself, sudden change of plan that came from nowhere, Richard laid his hands upon me and I started to really tremble and shake, I closed my eyes as I thought I was going to pass out, Richard anointed me with Oil, but I really couldn't have told you what he said to me as I was literally being shaken up. I walked back to my seat and the trembling stopped. I thanked The Holy Spirit, but it stayed in my mind and even today I keep thinking about it.

After the service Richard came over to me and asked if I was ok, it seems he could feel the tremble and the shakes I experienced too and said he was sorry he couldn't remember what he said to me. The strange thing is he thought it was him and I thought it was me. We feel that we had an experience between us of the power of the Holy Spirit in that moment of healing. We spoke about it again yesterday as it has been in his mind also since that day.

I do believe it was the Holy Spirit, as I have always included him, in my own personal prayers as I really believe he was left by Jesus as he said to be our helper.

I know it will be an experience I will always remember and the power that surged through me.

I don't know why that happened that particular time of healing as I have taken healing over the years at different times, but I have never ever experienced that before and it's also strange how at the last minute I changed my mind and took healing for myself.

I am now waiting to see where this is leading me, as I feel sure something in my life is going to change, just when I have to wait.

So next time you pray ask the Holy Spirit to intercede for you let him carry your prayer to God, after all he is the helper sent to help us.

He is part as I said earlier the Trinity the one part left here on earth, invisible, but just as present with us as God and his son Jesus, all around us above and below us listening in to our prayers, thoughts and even to our

own justifications when we feel we could have handle or done something better, he listens to our confessions and joins us in our celebrations.

The Holy Spirit unites us believers with Christ and places us in the body of christ, the church, he unites us with Christ at our Death and helps us to yeild to Christ and submit to his word.

Amen.

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