

## INTRODUCTION - Gardening 101

## SERMON SERIES

*"Certified Purveyors of the High Life!"*

What is the aim? Matter and Manner (John 5:39-40)

Text In Question of the Week:  
What do you think about the law?

Last Two Weeks

1. It's not just a God-shaped hole, it's a God-SIZED hole. Do you want God for God?
2. There is One, and only One certified purveyor of the high life!

This Week

## The Forgotten Holy Spirit

- Why is he so foreign to us?
- Text-In Answers from Hoepsters

## Five Personal Pictures of the Holy Spirit

1. He speaks
2. He bears witness
3. He teaches
4. He hears
5. He helps

## The Promise of Life in the Spirit

- Galatians 5:16
- Romans 8:13

**Application** - *Will you get to know him?*

**Acts 8:29**

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**John 15:26**

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How do you relate to something the church largely doesn't talk about? How do you recognize God in the Spirit when our culture focuses on the tangibles. The Holy Spirit is sooo subjective. After all, if I misread His work in my life and say something is the work of the Holy Spirit when it is really simply an act of my flesh, won't the Holy Spirit lose credibility to those I am telling about His work in my life? It's better just to not talk about the HS, not proclaim His work in my life. It's easier to focus on the Father and the Son. This was my thinking prior to 2 years ago and is often the thinking I run into with other believers who are so quick to question whether or not you are hearing, sensing or being lead by the Holy Spirit. They would rather stick with the authority of the scriptures (this is a good thing!) because they are tangible. In this way, the Holy Spirit gets put on the back burner...referenced from time to time. Few are willing to peel back the layers of the third person of the Trinity.



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The difference between believers and unbelievers as to knowledge is not so much in the matter of their knowledge as in the manner of their knowing.

~John Owen, *The Mortification of Sin*, in *Overcoming Sin and Temptation*, ed. Kelly Kopic and Justin Taylor, 117. Wheaton: Crossway Books, 2006.





# Text In Question of the Week

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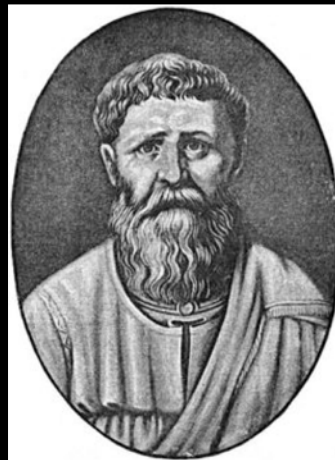


It's a God-SIZED hole.

How are you getting filled?

“Thou hast formed us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they find rest in thee.”

~Augustine of Hippo, 354-430



Do you want God\*  
for God?

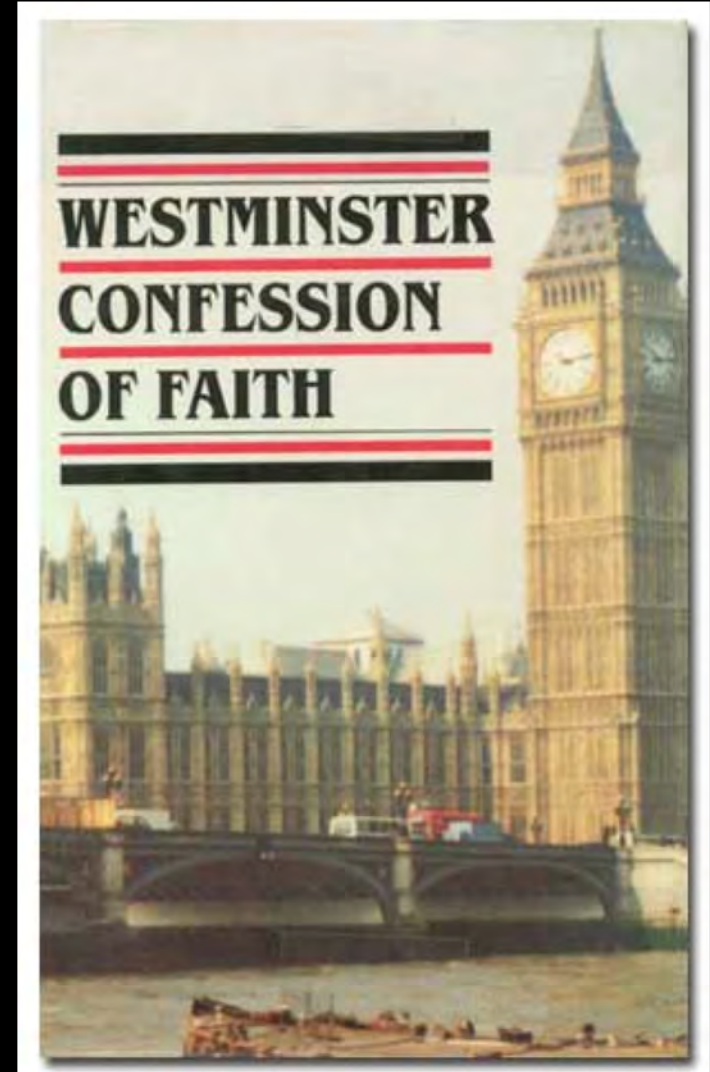




# Why the ACTION of God through Christ?

“The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto Him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of him as their blessedness and reward, but by some voluntary condescension on God’s part, which He hath been pleased to express by the way of covenant.”

~Westminster Confession of Faith  
(VII/i)





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# Jesus and The Shark Tank





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“Get to know him!”



# THE HOLY SPIRIT









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“The h.s. is forgotten because we think we are enlightened and rational. He is a belief of previous generations that we don't need anymore. Fact and science have made the Holy Spirit obsolete.”



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“I sometimes feel in the western world we are so quick to ignore the spiritual world. We are too quick to write it off as too eastern...I appreciate how Eastern Christians worship recognizing the middle world that exists in the spirit, Both good and demonic bad. “

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“A Holy Spirit magnifies this discomfort, and pushes us to deal with something we can't completely figure out and translate into laws and formulas.”

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“because the Holy Spirit changes us from the inside out & that means trusting Him. He takes us down roads of hardship & suffering that most Christians don't want to go down because it will mean change, healing & freedom. I have Christian brothers in my life who have admitted that they don't want to grow.”



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He speaks to one person one way and another person another way.

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“I think many believers can acknowledge there is a spiritual realm, but there is little education or direction in how to engage that world effectively for the Kingdom of heaven. We know God is Spirit in our head, but how does that transform our thinking and how we engage and see the world?”

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“It's hard to wrap my brain around. Tongues of fire and being filled are quite strange. Both the father God and the son Jesus are fairly easy to relate to due to personification, but not the spirit. My take on it anyway.”



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# Other Personal Pictures of the Holy Spirit

- He does not allow Paul to go (Acts 16:6-7)
- He knows the things of God (1 Corinthians 2:11)
- He possesses affection and can be grieved (Romans 15:30, Ephesians 4:30)
- He makes decisions regarding who receives which gift(s) (1 Corinthians 12:11)
- He possesses knowledge/has a mind (Romans 8:27)
- He can be insulted, lied to, and resisted (Hebrews 10:29, Acts 5:3, Acts 7:51)

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Will you LIVE in ongoing relationship  
with Jesus through his Spirit?

