TRUTHS WE LIVE BY (4)

About the Holy Spirit
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"We believe the primary ministry of the Spirit is to glorify Jesus Christ. To accomplish this during this age, He convicts people, regenerates those who should be saved, indwells, guides, instructs and empowers believers for godly living and service in Christ."

♦ What we believe

—"What lies ______ us and what lies ______ us are tiny matters compared to what lies ______ us."

—Joe Public: self-________, oblivious to his real ______, ______, ______, _______, ________.

—The Spirit is a __________, not an "it" (Mt 28:19, Jo 14:26, Eph 4:30)

1. "We believe the primary ministry of the Spirit is to glorify Jesus Christ." (we're self-centered)

Col 1:18,19, Jo 16:14, Acts 1:8

—"You are the _____ beneath my wings."

—Spirit = "______" = "__________"

Jo 3:5f, Gen 1:2, 2Pet 1:21

—The Spirit walked every step with ______ in His earthly ministry.

—It's hard to tell sometimes where ______ effort stops and the _______ effort begins.

—Wind or air can be _______ and ________ and even though it is _________.

—He is our Paraclete = _______ = ________ (Jo 16:7f)

—His main mission is _______________.

—Holiness includes all God's high ________ in blazing _________

2. "To accomplish this during this age, He convicts people." (we're oblivious to our real guilt)

—Jo 16:7-11 "He will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment"

—Conviction = (1) a deeply held ______, (2) a _______ of guilt, or (3) a _______ of guilt

—This will drive people either to _______ or to deeper ________________.

3. "regenerates those who should be saved" (we're dead)

—Means "causes to be _____ again."

—Needed because we are ______ in our sins (Eph 2:1, Gen 2,3)

—Controversy: (1) God gives life to those who respond to the gospel by faith, or (2) God gives life to people so that they can respond by faith.

—God brings us into a living _______________ with Jesus Christ so that we share in His redemption and all its __________. This is how we receive a new spiritual ________ by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5 and John 3:5f).

—"those who should be saved" = "many are ______ but few are ___________"

4. "indwells" (we're empty)

1Cor 3:16, 6:19,20

—Once He moves in, He's not moving ______.

—He won't leave, but He will _________ (Eph 4:30)

—"Sealed" (2Cor 1:22, Eph 1:13, 4:30) = (1) __________ contract, (2) __________, (3) __________, (4) __________

—He is the "pledge" or down-payment of our eternal salvation (2Cor 1:22, 5:5, Eph 1:14)
5. “guides” (we’re unfocused)
—The Spirit guides us into _______ and keeps us _______ on a path that ends ultimately in holy glory.

Gal 5:18, Rom 8:12-17

—Stages of sanctification

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Delivered from the eternal _______ of sin  Delivered progressively from the _______ of sin  Delivered from even the _______ of sin

6. “instructs” (we’re clueless)
1Cor 2:14: A natural man cannot _______ what he hears

—Compare Eph 5:18-21 with Col 3:16-19 / It’s the Spirit ______ the Word.

7. “and empowers believers for godly living and service in Christ.” (we’re weak)
Zechariah 4:6: “Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the Lord of hosts.”

—It is the biggest mistake of all to think of the Holy Spirit as your _______ trainer who is all about grooming _______ and improving _______—that the focus is on _______. The Spirit is in you to help you help _______.

Why we BEHAVE

1. We are content to promote _______ and not ourselves.

2. We repent of our _______ and we exhort _______ to do so.

3. We are _______ with the Spirit.

4. We _______ and apply the Bible.

5. We focus on serving _______.

What YOU believe

1. What’s the _______ of the Spirit’s _______ in your life?

2. Set aside a time to _______ your heart to the Holy Spirit.

Why we believe
—Based on _______: Acts 2:38. “Repent and be baptized… and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.”