

Lesson 3

The Holy Spirit of God: Understanding & Experiencing the Spirit

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

1. **What is the main source of Christianity and of the sacrament of Confirmation?**

Answer: The main source of Christianity and of the sacrament of Confirmation – is the conviction that Christians can live out the message of Jesus **only with the guidance and support of the Holy Spirit.**

2. **What happened at Pentecost?**

Answer: The Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles at Pentecost.

3. **What was the striking events or physical manifestations of the Spirit at Pentecost?**

Answer: Acts 2:1-4, describe the Holy Spirit's presence and power as **wind and fire.**

It is the same Spirit whom we experience and celebrate in Confirmation:

- ▶ who was present at the creation of the world,
- ▶ who motivated and guided the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures,
- ▶ who nourished the sick and hurting, at the touch of Jesus,
- ▶ who inspired Jesus to trust in his Father, even as he faced death on the cross,
- ▶ who descended on the Apostles at Pentecost,
- ▶ who has guided the church toward truth over two thousand years.
- ▶ who led Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted in order to demonstrate his humanity, as a preparation for his ministry, and as dependence on God's word as our source of strength, truth, and as a means by which we resist sin.

4. **Where was Jesus baptized and what happened when he was baptized and what did he do after he was baptized?**

Answer: Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan, he was filled with the Holy Spirit, and went into the desert to pray for forty days.

5. **What is Confirmation and whose presence and action do we acknowledge and celebrate?**

Answer: Confirmation is a religious rite or sacrament in which we acknowledge and celebrate the presence and action of the Holy Spirit of God amongst us.

6. **What is Confirmation to each one of us?**

Answer: Confirmation is a sacramental moment in which we, freely open our heart and mind to the creative power of the ever-present Spirit, not only to deepen the Spirit's activity in our own life but also help to increase the Spirit's limitless power within the church and the world.

ACTIVITY: Understanding & Experiencing the Spirit – Unscramble the words.



Word Line Up for Jesus Began the Church

Unscramble each of the clue words. Use the letters that appear in the circled spaces to answer the final question.

YERSPRA



SEPARI



EZITPAB



CSTOEPNTE



DIWN



RIISPT



What did Peter say believers should do? _____ .