

Calvary Family News



Doctrine of the Holy Spirit (Pneumatology)

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I have heard it said somewhere that we worship a triune God: God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. That's right, that somewhere is the Holy Bible. While we may laugh at this and blow it off, the reality is that somewhere the Holy Spirit and his role in our lives has somewhat been replaced, at least functionally, by the Bible. We need to always remember that we don't have a relationship with the Bible. The Bible is vitally important; it is true, it is God's very words to us after all. Our relationship, however, is not with words, but with the giver of those words. We have a relationship with God, who is three and who is one.

Part of the problem is that the Holy Spirit desires to give the glory and the spotlight, in that sense, to Jesus. As a result he can get lost in the shuffle at times, and that is unfortunate, because the ministry he has in our lives it so very important. With that said, **who is the Holy Spirit and what does he do?**

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The Holy Spirit is the third person in the Trinity (Acts 5:3, 4). **He is God in every way, having the same essence and attributes, but a different function.**

The Holy Spirit teaches, prays, convicts of sin, draws hearts to God, and indwells (Jn. 7:37-39) and infills the believer (Acts 2:4). (Indwelling the believer means; at salvation, He comes to reside in the believer (1Cor. 6:19). To infill means He guides (Rom. 8:14) and empowers (Rom. 8:2) the believer in service to the Lord.)

He is also the author of the scriptures (2 Pet. 1:20, 21), as well as interpreter of the scriptures (1 Cor. 2:9-14).

Summary

When we look at the role the Holy Spirit plays in God's scheme of things, we understand that without his activity in our lives we would have it pretty rough spiritually. **He teaches us** by making clear the words we find in the scriptures He is the one that is responsible for making sure those words to us were transmitted to us through the biblical authors.

He indwells us and he **leads us** and **guides us**. He seals us to God as the down payment; so to speak, of the glory we inherit as coheirs as Christ. In short the Holy Spirit is awesome! **I want to encourage you to spend time this month** looking at the list above, **learning more about who the Holy Spirit is and how he ministers to God's people**. Let me know if you discover other attributes of the Holy Spirit, so we can expand our list!

MESSY HAIR THIRSTY HEART ~ADENA ROSIN~

This past month has been a little rough for me. I wish I could say that it was a simple issue that was easy to resolve and that I walked away feeling better than when the month started. That just isn't how it went. In fact there were so many little things that what started as a light sprinkling soon turned into a torrential downpour and pretty soon my spirit felt as though it were drowning. I couldn't catch my breath.

I am not sure what the first drop of rain on my soul even was. Was it the **stress** of work? Perhaps it was **nervousness** and **angst** that wore me down, **feelings** that crept in unannounced and refused to leave. Or, maybe it was the feeling of **inadequacy** that came crashing in and bound itself to my heart like a fetter. It could even have been the **guilt** that had lay dormant in my heart for almost thirty years and only just decided to surface. Maybe, just maybe, it was the **lack of faith** that I had in my God; the **stubbornness** that took root when my heart told my head to pray and cling to the Lord and my head refused.

It really doesn't matter what the first drop of rain was, **I had left myself open to the enemy and he took full advantage.** He whispered lies and served me up a full platter of self-loathing. What do you know? I ate it up. I ate it up and when I had finished, found myself alone with the almighty God.

What do you think I did with that alone time with the King of kings and Lord of lords? I didn't repent and fall on my knees. I didn't beg for forgiveness. I **screamed** at Him, and **cried** and **railed** against Him. If He had been standing in the flesh in front of me I would have beat my fists upon His chest. **I questioned the Creator and doubted.**

Through it all the Lord in His **graciousness and love** reminded me of who I am. He reminded me that He has plans for me, plans to prosper me and not to harm me, plans to give me hope and a future. He called me His own and as I cried **He gave me comfort.**

Who am I that the God of the universe should look on me with tenderness and mercy? Who am I that the God who calls the stars by name should call me His own and when I doubt, help my unbelief? **Who am I? I am His.**

The flood-waters though they threatened to overtake me have begun to recede. The mess that I allowed to take control is beginning to clear out and my heart is finding peace in the One who brings me joy. My head and my heart are once again aligned and I am clinging to the Lord, instead of holding onto my brokenness I am giving it to Him. I am **thankful for the brokenness** He allowed to me feel, for in it I was reminded to fear the Lord and to trust in Him. He is my rock and my fortress.

***More than the sounds of many waters,
than the mighty breakers of the sea,
the LORD on high is mighty.
Psalm 93:4***

Who is this Calvary Classic?

Born in the 1930's in Minnesota he was the last (but not Least) of 13 children. His mom was a Christian and he became a Christian at age 23. He married a good

Christian wife and they had 3 children, 2 boys and a girl. He has been living in Baker City since 1994. He had a hobby of making Christmas light balls.

He calls himself – Mr. Nice Guy, but you might know him as _____. See page 4 for the secret identity.

October has been a relatively quiet month. I've done very "exciting" things like shopping, laundry, mail, window shopping, lunching with a friend, and wandering Altstadt (Old City). I picked up my Stipendium for October. The state of Baden-Württemberg has awarded me a 350 Euro a month scholarship.

I've had meetings with Silvia, my resident director here, to make sure I was prepared to go register for classes. On the 16th I registered for my 4 Deutsch als Fremdsprache, (German language classes.)

I lead a pretty quiet life. When I'm not wandering town, I tend to stay home and listen to German podcasts, watch German Netflix, read or do laundry! I do a lot of staring out my window enjoying the cows on the hillside.

Danielle in Deutschland

Missing y'all. Don't forget if you want more updates to check out my blog for more stories, updates and pictures. Go to fanofgod.wordpress.com
Here is Danielle's address:

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Please don't send packages as it is expensive for you to mail, and difficult for Danielle to retrieve. Packages often are left at a distribution center in another town and have specific business hours. Unfortunately she is unable to go to the center to get packages as missing class results in reduced credits. However, if you would like to send her something, letters and cards (and pictures) would be appreciated.

Cow on the Hillside



Boats on the Neckar River



CALVARY CLASSICS



We had a lot of PUMPKIN at our Pumpkin Potluck in October.

Pumpkin soup,

Savory pumpkin pie (a main dish),

Pumpkin bread,

Pumpkin cake,

Pumpkin pie,

Pumpkin dessert (better than pumpkin pie)

We also had fun singing some old hymns and choruses lead by Jewel Boucher on the piano. A pumpkin quiz and salvation testimonies rounded out time together. We are looking forward to our Christmas Party in December, provided for us by younger members of the congregation. If you are a "Classic" we expect to see you there.

YOUTH GROUP

Study: We're currently going through "Read Scripture" video series. It unpacks each book of the Bible and explores the main themes in each. The series was made by the "Bible Project" and I would encourage adults to check these out. All the videos are on Youtube.

We will break up every couple of months and look at different topics—since 60 + weeks of videos can get a bit dull.

Games: We're busy introducing some new games, and open to the youth bringing their own ideas and creating new games. These are usually focused on team vs. team, but some of them are just us goofing off and having fun.

The Youth Room: We've recently re-painted the youth room with mellow and relaxing colors. The youth have picked out various

decorations from the thrift store. It has an oceanic theme of sorts. It's meant to be a multi-purpose room that we can meet with the youth to do crafts, art and just hang out, but one that also can be utilized by the church for events.

Our youth: Dan Deputy, Chloe Deputy, Hollie Mays, Sami Vought, and Jake Wright. We have some youth that don't belong to families at our church as well: Katie Huntington, Jorie Ornelas, and Dustin Shorts.

"This Month's Calvary Classic is Leon McGuire.

Warm Children's Clothes are needed at the Rachel Pregnancy Center, especially for boys. Our own Cheri Smith has more information, or you can contact them at 523 5357 or stop in at 2192 Court Street on Wednesday thru Friday.

Christmas Child Boxes

Christmas Child Boxes are available to fill. They need to be **returned to church by Sunday, November 12th**. There are some items underneath the display table in foyer available for use. Here are some ideas for filling the boxes: Start with a "WOW" toy like a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then add other gifts like fun toys, hygiene items

and school supplies. Pictures of other items to include are in the flyer on the display table.

DO NOT INCLUDE: candy, toothpaste, used or damaged goods, war-related items, seeds, chocolate, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items, aerosol cans.

Pray for the child, you can also include a personal note and photo, if you wish. Add a \$9 donation to cover shipping and other project costs if possible.

For additional info visit samaritanspurse.org/occ

November Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 8:30am Sunday School 10am Church 6pm Youth Group	30 7pm SmG @ Deputy's	31 Trick or Treat Downtown 6pm Ladies SmG @ Cannon's 6pm SmG @ Shumway's	1 6pm SmG @ Wittich's 6pm SmG @ Emmons' 6:30p SmG @ Haskell's	2 530p Community Dinner W Practice 6:30p Family Date Night	3	4 
5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS 8:30am Sunday School 10am Church 6pm Youth Group	6 7pm SmG @ Deputy's	7 6pm Ladies SmG @ Cannon's 6pm SmG @ Shumway's	8 6pm SmG @ Wittich's 6pm SmG @ Emmons' 6:30p SmG @ Haskell's	9 530p Community Dinner W Practice 6:30p Family Date Night	10	11 VETERAN'S DAY <i>Free Interpretive Center Day</i>
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