

The Apostles' Creed: Third Article

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Person of the Holy Spirit

There are some people who call themselves Christians but don't believe the Holy Spirit is God. They say that where the Bible talks about the *Spirit of God*, that it is just referring to His presence on earth. This denies the doctrine of the Trinity. And according to the Athanasian Creed, no one who does that can call themselves a Christian. Sometimes, we may have trouble thinking about the *person* of the Holy Spirit because of His name. It's obvious that *Father* is a person, so is *Son*. But *Spirit* is too unfamiliar. There are places in Scripture that talk about the Father and Son together but don't mention the Spirit. But the Bible clearly teaches us that the Holy Spirit has divine names, possesses divine attributes, does divine works, and receives divine honor and glory. The Holy Spirit is the Third Person of the Trinity, co-eternal and co-equal with the Father and the Son. That is central to Christian teaching.