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5-3-1 on Bird, 6.1 to and including 6.3.5.2

Questions

1. Who is the agent whom God works in his people through their prayers, worship, and ministry?
 - a. The Holy Spirit
2. What can be seen as the ultimate union of the Word and Spirit?
 - a. The Gospel
3. Who sees filioque as heresy?
 - a. The eastern orthodox church
4. How do many pentecostals see the baptismal process?
 - a. As a two stepped process. Being born again by faith and then being baptized in Spirit, normally signified by speaking in tongues
5. What kind of metaphor is baptism seen as?
 - a. A initiation metaphor, water baptism is rite of passage for entry into the church, while spirit baptism is the entry into the Christian life

Terms

1. Pentecostalism - A movement within Protestant Christianity that emphasizes the gifts of the Holy Spirit
2. Cessationism - The view that the miraculous spiritual gifts have stopped
3. Glossolalia - The phenomenon of speaking in an unknown language, speaking in tongues

Summary

These three chapters of Bird's book are heavily focused on the Holy Spirit and different aspects of it. First, Bird takes a look at the overview of the Holy Spirit and its role in the grand scheme of God's plan. Giving respect towards the Spirit's qualities as more than just a nice feeling when you praise or God's special miracle fog, but to be seen as an entity who is self-aware, purposeful, and capable of grief. It has personal qualities. Then Bird talks about a little bit of controversy regarding filioque, where the Holy Spirit is breathed by the Father and the Son, which eastern orthodoxy sees as heresy because it challenges that the Father is not the sole origin and source of divinity. The last section talks about the works of the Holy Spirit, mainly gifts, fruits, other qualities. The discussion about how pentecostals see the Holy Spirit as an agent that baptizes people into the faith.