

5-3-1 Assignment: Bird, 6.1 - 6.3.5.2
Due: March 22, 2023

QUESTIONS

1. According to Bird, what is the role of the church in regards to the Holy Spirit?
2. What characteristics of a person does the Holy Spirit embody?
3. Where in the Old Testament do we see the presence of the Holy Spirit?
4. How does Bird categorize and break down the work of the Holy Spirit?
5. What are the 4 theories of inspiration according to Millard J. Erickson?

ANSWERS

1. The role of the church is to follow the leading of the Spirit in mission, and the goal of discipleship is to keep in step with the Spirit and to break its fruit.
2. The Holy Spirit's purpose was to continue the ministry of Jesus. As a Comforter, a Counselor, and an Advocate, the role of the Spirit is to witness, guide, convict, hear, speak, glorify, and declare.
3. The Holy Spirit did not disappear after the act of creation. The Spirit was active in empowering Israel's leaders, judges, and kings as well as being responsible for bringing the divine word and hope of the Lord to Israel.
4. Bird writes that the work of the Holy Spirit in the church can be broken down into 5 components: vitalizing, empowering, purifying, revealing, and unifying.
5. The 4 theories of inspiration for bringing God's Word into human words are: intuition theory, dictation theory, dynamic theory, and very theory.

TERMS

- Pseudepigrapha: spurious or pseudonymous writings, especially Jewish writings ascribed to various biblical patriarchs and prophets but composed within approximately 200 years of the birth of Jesus Christ.
- Blasphemy: the act or offense of speaking sacrilegiously about God or sacred things; profane talk
- Apologetics: reasoned arguments or writings in justification of something, typically a theory or religious doctrine

SUMMARY

Section 6 focuses on the third member of the triune godhead, the Holy Spirit. It begins with an overview of the breath of the gospel, then discusses the person of the Holy Spirit, and ends with the work of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is both a person and a deity. The Holy Spirit was there from the beginning and is the counselor that the Lord Jesus left to empower the church today. There are a variety of ways that different churches and denominations believe about how the Holy Spirit is at work today and how much. Bird concludes that "it is in Scripture that the Holy Spirit speaks to us".