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Questions

1. What role does the Holy Spirit play in the gospel message according to Bird?
2. What qualities does the Holy Spirit possess that directly point to his divinity?
3. What is one of the distinguishing factors of Pentecostalism and the Holy Spirit?
4. What are the works of the Spirit in the church?
5. Which theory of Biblical Inspiration does Bird believe to be true?

Answers

1. The Holy Spirit is essential in the gospel message because he is part of the promise of the gospel, he is the great liberator of humanity, and he is the empowerer of the gospel.
2. The Holy Spirit is omniscient, has divine power, has existed eternally, was present in and through creation, and is omnipresent.
3. Pentecostals believe that there is a two-step filling with the Holy Spirit; first at conversion and then at a second point in time which is signified by the persons ability to speak in tongues.
4. The works of the Spirit within the church are vivifying, empowering, sanctifying, revealing, and unifying.
5. Bird believes in a dynamic view of inspiration that brings together divine intent and human activity together.

Terms (Webster's Dictionary)

1. inspiration – a divine influence or action on a person believed to qualify him or her to receive and communicate sacred revelation.
2. infallible – incapable of error; not liable to mislead, deceive, or disappoint; incapable of error in defining doctrines touching faith or morals.
3. inerrancy – exemption from error: see infallibility

Summary – In this section of Bird's writing, he discusses the Holy Spirit and his person and work and action within the gospel narrative. The Holy Spirit is divine. He is of "one substance, power, and eternity with the Father and Son." (675) He can be seen in all stages of the believer's life and also in that of the life of the church.