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### **Questions**

1. According to Grenz, what is the relationship of the Trinity to creation?
2. What are the categories that the work of the Spirit in the church can be broken down into?
3. What are two main categories for the gifts of the Spirit?
4. Why is the the unifying work of the Spirit within the church so vital?
5. What are the theories surrounding the inspiration of scripture by the Spirit?

### **Answers**

1. *The Father is the ground of creation, the Son is the principle of creation and the Spirit is the divine power active in creation.*
2. *Vivifying, empowering, sanctifying, revealing and unifying.*
3. *1) To magnify ordinary attitudes and talents (ie, leadership, generosity, helping) and 2) Out of the ordinary gifts which have a supernatural quality (ie, prophecy, tongues, etc).*
4. *To resist the tribalism, racism, ethnocentrism and nationalism that take place around the church.*
5. *Ecstatic Trance, Intuition Theory, Incarnation Theory, Dictation Theory, Verbal Theory, Community Theory and Dynamic Theory, with Dynamic Theory being the best model based on taking into account the didactic witness of scripture to itself as well as the phenomenon of scripture.*

### **Terms**

**Impel** - To drive, force or urge someone to do something

**Aegis** - The protection, backing or support of a particular person or organization

**Didactic** - Intended to teach, particularly in having moral instruction as an ulterior motive

### **Summary**

In section 6, Bird addresses the 3rd person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit. He tracks the Spirit's work in creation tracking forward through empowering leaders in the Old Testament and his ongoing work through the church in the New Testament and beyond. He examines both the work of the Spirit as well as the the initiation into and work through the believer.