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531 on Bird 6.1-6.3.5.2

1. The Holy Spirit is the third member of the _____ Godhead.
2. The receipt of the _____ is one of the chief blessings of faith, since he imparts life, quickens the soul, and unites us to God
3. The intercessory work of the Spirit is linked to the “_____ of the Spirit”
4. The Holy Spirit is _____ and can be found in heaven, earth, and even in Sheol
5. What the gospel promises, the Holy Spirit actualizes: _____, love, and hope

1. Triune
2. Holy Spirit
3. Mind
4. Omnipresent
5. Life

1. Holy Spirit- Breath of God
2. Infallibility- The Word of God will not fail, cannot fail, is trustworthy
3. Inerrancy- The Word of God, the Scriptures are free from error, falsehood or deceit

This week's reading was one of the most interesting as I was able to take a deeper look into the nature of the Holy Spirit. Admittedly, I think I did always see the Holy Spirit as like a "Force"-like entity from Star Wars just non-existent on the dark side. What was interesting for me throughout the reading was the account of Jesus Christ calling the Holy Spirit His mother from the *Ebionite Gospel*. I think this was appropriately clarified by Bird when He states that the Holy Spirit engages in motherly actions and is not innately feminine. Another thing which was interesting to read was the Hebrew, Greek, and Roman words for Spirit. Firstly, of all the things to be curious about I wondered why it was the gender. Secondly, I began to wonder if maybe perhaps the God had first come to be with man not necessarily through His Son, Jesus but through His Spirit. If Immanuel Christ is He who came to be with us in the physical sense, I believe God, by His Holy Spirit always hovered amongst us and within those He especially chose. I don't think just because anyone is physically alive it can be said of them that the Holy Spirit indwells but also, I think there are some who are able to be a law unto themselves (Rom 2) because the Holy Spirit is with us at all in the first place. There is definitely a distinction between the baptism of the Spirit which may come with empowerment and conscious understanding of Christ but I believe it is possible for the Holy Spirit to enable a person towards good works even before their personal understanding of salvation. Please correct me if I am wrong. Lastly, it was educational to read on the difference between infallibility and inerrancy but actually helpful to

hear the professor's clarification on it in regards to the Scriptures and its translation and distributions.