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5 Questions

1. ***What is the meaning of the resurrection of Jesus and the gift of the Holy Spirit?***
According to Bird, this means God's new world has begun, the future has partially invaded the present, the seeds of the new creation have already begun.
2. ***How does the tripersonal nature of God accordingly shape the nature of the people of God?***
The Triune God exists as a perfect community of persons in mutual interpenetration, unity, and reciprocal love.
3. ***What is meant by saying the church is a diaconal community?***
According to Bird, the church is the only organization that exists for the sake of others and is a servant community that ministers on behalf of God's name to both the household of God and to the wider world around them.
4. ***How does Bird describe a healthy church?***
Bird describes a healthy church as one that has a steady diet of Spirit, Word and sacrament.
5. ***What is meant by the oneness of the church?***
Bird states that the oneness of the church derives from the one electing act of God, who calls a people to be his treasured possession.

3 Definitions

1. **Diaconate**- established by the apostles in order to make sure materials needs and pastoral requirements were satisfied in the primitive messianic community
2. **Koinonia**- Greek term meaning mutual interest, generosity, participation, sharing and partnership
3. **Diocese**- the basic unit with a single bishop overseeing a number of priests and parishes

Summary

In Sections 8.3-8.5 of *Evangelical Theology*, Bird begins by talking about the church, particularly on the history in which it began, as well as its description. Bird talks about the healthy signs of the church, which include the Spirit, Word and sacrament, whereby one should not be lacked. Bird further elaborates on the church in regards to its markings, where he discusses the oneness of the church, as well as holiness. Lastly, Bird discusses the governance of the church in regards to the history of isms.