

Moving forward in Christian faith – It is what we want for our own lives and in the life of the Church. We began by speaking of the Lordship of Christ. Today we continue by focusing on the work of the Holy Spirit in us and in our lives together.

1. Back to the story. Christ's _____ is followed by the sending of the _____

The outline of the story had been given through _____, both _____ and _____.

It happened in _____ in the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus. After the ascension the believers were _____ when the Spirit came to them.

This outpouring of the Spirit was both _____ and _____.

The order of events is critical: it is the _____ who prepares the way for the _____ Spirit.

2. The _____ of the Holy Spirit and the _____ of His work was taught by _____.

The Spirit will _____ in the one who _____. (Jn. 14:23)

He will _____ (Jn. 14:26); the teaching will be from and about _____ (Jn. 16:13).

Summary: "The Holy Spirit, proceeding from the Father and the Son, and of the same eternal nature, power, and glory, is everywhere present with men to convict of sin, work newness of life in them that believe, and lead them into all truth."
(E.C. Articles of Faith)

"Doing What Can't Be Done"

May 31, 2009

- (We believe . . .) That the Holy Spirit, indwelling believers, gives them a desire and an ability to follow biblical standards of conduct in their personal lives and in society.

This assumes that the work of _____ overturns the results of _____, and that the Holy Spirit allows it to _____ in the life of the Christian.

In terms of our text, it changes us from _____ persons who once lived one way into _____ persons who live another.

3. The presence and power of the Holy Spirit are never for _____ or _____.

The new life is lived in a _____ of believers with a _____ goal and _____ gifts. We _____ on one another.

- Again: (We believe . . .) That the Christian faith is lived in the community of the church, where worship and witness are embodied through the spiritual gifts of its members.

The work of the Holy Spirit is to bring into _____ the victory of _____. He wants us to _____ above the _____ of seemingly _____ circumstances.

Those circumstances can be both _____ and _____.

We learn through the _____ and the _____ that we are _____ them in _____.