

The Church at Her Best: Yielded to God's Word

1 Thessalonians 5:19-22

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5:19 Do not quench the Spirit.

Who is the Holy Spirit?

- Who is He? He's the third person of the Trinity, so he is fully God.
- What is His role? Jesus called Him the Helper and the Spirit of Truth (John 14:16).
- He bears witness to who Jesus is (John 15:26).
- The Holy Spirit indwells every believer in Jesus.
- He convicts the world of sin, righteousness, and judgment (John 16:8).
- When the Spirit of Truth comes, He will guide you into all truth (John 16:13).
- He glorifies Jesus the Son and takes God's Word and declares it to us (John 16:14).
- Holy Spirit is often symbolized by fire in the New Testament.

5:20 Do not despise prophecies.

Questions the early church asked as they considered what to include in the New Testament:

- Was the author an apostle, or did he have a close connection with an apostle?
- Was the book being accepted by the body of Christ at large?
- Did the book contain consistency of doctrine and orthodox teaching?
- Did the book bear evidence of high moral and spiritual values that would reflect a work of the Holy Spirit?

(taken from gotquestions.org)

"By the term 'prophesying,' I do not understand the gift of foretelling the future, but the science of interpreting Scripture, so that a prophet is an interpreter of the will of God." ~John Calvin

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