

Holy Spirit

OT *ruach* = wind, breath
Creation
Prophesy
Comparisons with human spirit
Renewal and hope for restoration

NT

Jesus	Birth Baptism Exorcisms <i>Paraclete</i>
Acts	Pentecost Baptism
Paul	Witness Praying Gifts

Summary: Calling, Unveiling, Witness, Worship (ie. revelation)

As yet, unclear whether the Spirit is a person

Early Church liturgical formulae (Baptism - Mtt 28.19; Gloria; Te Deum)

Montanism (2nd century) – schismatic heresy

Nicene Creed ‘And we believe in the Holy Spirit’

Pneumatomachi (‘Spirit-fighters’, 4th century)
deny full Godhead of Spirit

Procession (Basil, 330-379) - does God have 2 sons?

Constantinople (381) recognises Spirit as equal with God

Filioque Western innovation, never added by council (3rd Council of Toledo, 589)
Cause of division between East and West?
From the Father *through* the Son
How is Spirit related to Father and Son?

Summary: God at work in the Christian (conversion, sanctification)
God at work in the church (worship and witness)
God at work in the world (mission and guidance)

The Trinity

Recap Jesus and Holy Spirit both seen as equal to God

Problem Does this mean there are three Gods?
How can $1+1+1=1$?

Possibilities

Tritheism	There are three Gods
Modalism	God is really one, but acts in three different ways

How do we speak of God?

Revelation God reveals himself
God reveals himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit (e.g. Crucifixion)
Doctrine of the Trinity forced on the church (worship and theology)

Economic and Immanent Trinity

Economic How we come to know God as Trinity (action of Father, Son, Spirit)
Immanent God in Godself is also threefold

Karl Rahner (20th century): “The economic Trinity is the immanent Trinity and vice versa”

God as revealed to us is really what God is like

How do we express this?

One Substance and Three persons

Hierarchy	monarchialism	Father
		Son
		Holy Spirit

Augustine Father and Son with HS as bond of love between them

Social model Father – Son – Holy Spirit
Constituted by relationships
Being is communion
Perichoresis (mutual indwelling)
Rublev (16th Century)

Back to mystery and spirituality

Doctrine of the Trinity attempts to speak of the mystery that is God
Doctrine of the Trinity invites us into the life of God
Returns us to revelation: calls, unveiling, witness and worship