

**May 24, 2015**

**Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-32**

**“Why Don’t We Hear More About The Holy Spirit At Nelson Ave?”**

**Question Of The Day:** *Father, Son and Holy Spirit are all God, but is there one that is kind of "in charge"? I know who the Father is and who the Son is, but I'm not quite sure about the Holy Spirit, I know it is living in us, but whatelse does he do? Sometimes I feel that in church we don't really talk about the Holy Spirit.*

**Small Group Discussion Time**[3-4 minutes in groups of 4-6 persons]

### **Message**

Goal: to be a Trinitarian community living in communion with and being discipled in the name of Father, Son and Spirit and where Father, Son and Spirit are named, worshipped, glorified and experienced.

**Resource:**[www.ccel.org/download.html?url=/ccel/kuyper/holy\\_spirit.pdf](http://www.ccel.org/download.html?url=/ccel/kuyper/holy_spirit.pdf)

Ephesians:

1. Wonderful teaching on the truths of the Christian faith (chapters 1-3).
2. Great instruction on practical Christian living (chapters 4-6).
3. Important training on the person and work of the Holy Spirit

### **Ephesians 1:13-14**

When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession—to the praise of his glory.

### **Ephesians 5:18-20**

“Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

### **Ephesians 6:18**

“Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”

### **Ephesians 4:30**

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

“grieve” = “to make sorrowful, to affect with sadness, cause grief, to throw into sorrow, offend” (Matthew 26:22; 1 Thessalonians 4:13)

1. “Grieve” = emphasizes the person and personality of the Holy Spirit.  
Not “What is the Holy Spirit?” but rather “Who is the Holy Spirit?”
2. “Grieve” = a great (and surprising?) reality and a great motivation—grief effects / touches us more than anger?
3. “Grieve” = the Holy Spirit wants to produce a certain kind of life in us (Ephesians 4:1ff, Galatians 5:22-25, 1 Corinthians 12-14, Romans 8) in us and is grieved when it is not happening.

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