

CONFESSIONAL STATEMENTS REGARDING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Apostles' Creed, Article 8: *I believe in the Holy Ghost.*

Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed:

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spake by the prophets.

Athanasian Creed, articles 5, 6, 23:

For there is one Person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Ghost. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, is all one: the Glory equal, the Majesty coeternal. . . The Holy Ghost is of the Father and of the Son, neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 20:

What dost thou believe concerning the Holy Ghost?

First, that he is co-eternal God with the Father and the Son. Secondly, that he is also given unto me, makes me by a true faith partaker of Christ and all his benefits, comforts me, and shall abide with me forever.

Belgic Confession, Article 11:

We believe and confess also that the Holy Ghost from eternity proceeds from the Father and Son; and therefore is neither made, created, nor begotten, but only proceedeth from both; who in order is the third person of the Holy Trinity; of one and the same essence, majesty, and glory with the Father and the Son; and therefore is the true and eternal God, as the Holy Scripture teaches us.

Westminster Confession, 2.3:

In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost. The Father is of none, neither begotten nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceedeth from the Father and the Son.

Canons of Dordt, V, 5 (having previously referred to the sins of David, Peter, and other saints):

By such enormous sins, however, they very highly offend God, incur a deadly guilt, grieve the Holy Spirit, interrupt the exercise of faith, very grievously wound their consciences, and sometimes lose the sense of God's favour for a time, until, on their returning into the right way of serious repentance, the light of God's fatherly countenance again shines upon them.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES TO SINS AGAINST THE HOLY SPIRIT

Isaiah 63:10: *But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore was he turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.*

Matthew 12:31-32: *Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men. And whosoever speaketh a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him: but whosoever speaketh against the Holy Ghost, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, neither in the world to come.*

Acts 5:3-4, 9: *Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land? Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God. . . . How is it that ye have agreed together to tempt the Spirit of the Lord?*

Acts 7:51: *Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost; as your fathers did, so do ye.*

Ephesians 4:30: *And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.*

1 Thessalonians 5:19: *Quench not the Spirit.*

Hebrews 10:29: *Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*