

Acts 1:1-8

I Believe in the Holy Spirit

The Mission of Jesus (vs. 1-3)

Jesus' mission continues through the spirit-empowered church

The Son and the Spirit are inseparable throughout the story of redemption

John 16:13-14

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Basil (4th century)

“It is fitting that when we see Christ, the Brightness of God’s glory, it is always through the illumination of the Spirit”

It's Jesus' mission, and he graciously invites us into by sending the Spirit.

The Power of the Spirit (vs. 4-5)

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity.

The Holy Spirit applies and advances the work of Christ in and through the church.



The Spirit empowers us to do what Christ calls us to do

The Spirit enables us to experience in our hearts what we believe in our minds

"What the gospel promises, the Holy Spirit actualizes: life, love, joy, and peace."

Orthodox Metropolitan Ignatius Hazim says:

“Without the Holy Spirit, God is distant, Christ is in the past, the Gospel is a dead letter, the Church is a simple organization, authority is domination, mission is propaganda, worship is the summoning of spirits, and Christian action is the morality of slaves.”

The Witness of the Church (vs. 6-8)

God's power is for God's purposes

The purpose of God's power is to witness to Jesus in word and deed

We are not called to build the kingdom but to witness to a better kingdom