

Discover the Different Works of the Holy Spirit in Believers

Find how believers of diverse backgrounds enrich one another, about 5 minutes

Participants (*No need to memorize lines; the aim is to relive sacred events, not perform*)

Rex

Luther

Orville

Bernie

Charles

Homer

Prompter Shout a brief line and Echoes repeat it.

Echoes Children and all adults who want to take part. Echoes need no script.

Bernie Rex, I'm glad you had us leave our cell phones behind to go backpacking out here. It's refreshing to be in God's raw nature with no distractions. I love it! Climbing this mountain helps us face harsh reality.

Prompter & Echoes Revitalizing!

Rex Good, Bernie.
Those who experience this adventure with me often come to know Jesus Christ as their savior, or find a deeper relationship with him. I'm pleased that all of you on this trip already know Jesus. Let's compare your different church backgrounds. Bernie, you're the youngest. Go first.

Bernie Okay. My Baptist church just held a class on the Holy Spirit and its attributes.

Luther Ouch! It hurts my ears to hear you call the Holy Spirit an "it." You'd never say "God the Father and its attributes," or call God the Son an "it."

Bernie Oh! You're right. I'm a new believer...

Prompter & Echoes And eager to learn!

Rex Let's compare our churches' views of the Holy Spirit. All our churches emphasize that we are born again by his work, and receive help to live holy lives. What else have you learned about the Holy Spirit, Bernie?

Bernie Well, my Baptist church emphasizes that he gives us power to witness for Jesus.

Prompter & Echoes Divine energizing!

Rex Good, Bernie. How about you, Orville?

Orville My background is Russian Orthodox.
There's no orthodox church of any kind near my current home,
so I worship with Roman Catholics.
They emphasize that the Holy Spirit gives
their priests authority to forgive sins.

Charles Not true!

Prompter & Echoes Oh, oh!

Rex Now wait, Charles. There is some truth to that,
provided it's not taken to a non-biblical extreme.
Jesus promised all his disciples power to forgive sins.

Orville My Orthodox Church's view of holiness raises a question.
Is our holiness ours, or is it on loan from Christ
through the Holy Spirit?

Homer It's Christ's holiness, imparted to us, not strictly ours.

Orville Well the Orthodox view differs.
They say the holiness is ours. We are a "sword in the fire."
Put the blade in flames and it turns red, then white.
Touch paper with it, and the paper flames. Its heat is its own.
Before long the glow dims, and the blade cools'

Prompter & Echoes Back in the fire it goes.

Luther My parents are Lutheran, and named me Luther.
We emphasize the Holy Spirit's quiet assurance.

Prompter & Echoes Our Comforter!

Luther My uncle is of the Reformed faith, Presbyterian.
He emphasizes that the Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Truth
and gives us understanding. My uncle loves theology.

Charles I was a Pentecostal; now I serve with the Charismatics.
Like the original Methodists, we emphasize that the Holy Spirit
transforms us; we experience grace, not just read about it.
We also heal in Jesus' name.
Recently, we charismatics have been multiplying thousands of
simple house churches all over the world.

Prompter & Echoes Millions are coming to Christ!

Charles We emphasize that the Holy Spirit equips even the newest believer to shepherd his family and share Christ with his relatives and friends. It's happening.

Prompter & Echoes All over the world!

Rex Good! There is valuable truth in these different emphases.

Bernie Yes! Now I see that my own view is not the only true one.

Prompter & Echoes We learn from each other.