

## The Holy Spirit in the Westminster Standards

No.	Ref.	Doctrine(s)	Statement	Original 1647 Proof text(s)	Catechism Parallels
1	I.v	Scripture	Our full persuasion and assurance of the infallible truth and divine authority thereof, is from the inward work of the Holy Spirit bearing witness by and with the Word in our hearts.	1 Cor. 2:10-12; Isa. 59:21	
2	I.vi	Scripture; Soteriology	We acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word	John 6:45; 1 Cor. 2:9-10, 12	WLC qq. 2, 3
3	I.x	Scripture; Ecclesiology	The supreme judge by which all controversies of religion are to be determined . . . can be no other but the Holy Spirit speaking in the Scripture.	Matt. 22:29, 31; Eph. 2:20; with Acts 28:25	
4	II.iii	Theology (proper); Trinity	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 proceeding from the Father and the Son.	1 John 5:7; Matt. 3:16-17; 28:19; 2 Cor. 13:14	WLC qq. 9-11; 90; WSC, 6
5	III.vi	Decree; Soteriology	Faith in Christ by his Spirit working in due season, are justified, adopted, sanctified, and kept by his power, through faith, unto salvation	John 17:9; Rom. 8:18-39; John 6:64-65; 10:26; 8:47; 1 John 2:19	WLC q. 32
6	IV.i	Creation	It pleased God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, for the manifestation of the glory of his eternal power, wisdom, and goodness, in the beginning, to create, or make of nothing, the world	Heb. 1:2; John 1:2-3; Gen 1:2; Job 26:13; 33:4	
7	VII.iii	Covenant; Soteriology	All those that are ordained unto eternal life his Holy Spirit, to make them willing, and able to believe	Ezek. 36:26-27; John 6:44-45	
8	VII.v	Covenant; Soteriology	Through the operation of the Spirit, to instruct and build up the elect in faith in the promised Messiah	1 Cor. 10:1-4; Heb. 11:13; Heb. 11:13; John 8:56	
9	VIII.ii	Christology;	Being conceived by the power of	Luke 1:27,	HC qq. 23,

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		Pneumatology	the Holy Ghost	31, 35; Gal. 4:4	35
10	VIII.iii	Christology; Pneumatology	The Lord Jesus, in his human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified, and anointed with the Holy Spirit	Psa. 45:7; John 2:34	WLC qq. 42-43; WSC q. 24
11	VIII.v	Christology; Pneumatology	The Lord Jesus, by his perfect obedience, and sacrifice of himself, which he, through the eternal Spirit, once offered up unto God	Rom. 5:19; Heb. 9:14-15; 10:14; Eph. 5:2; Rom. 3:25-26	WLC; q. 37; WSC, q. 22
12	VIII.viii	Christology; Pneumatology; Soteriology	Effectually persuading them by his Spirit to believe and obey, and governing their hearts by his Word and Spirit	John 14:16; Heb. 12:2; 2 Cor. 4:13; Rom. 8:9, 14; 15:18-19; John 17:17	WLC q. 38
13	X.i	Soteriology (effectual calling)	All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, he is pleased, in his appointed and accepted time, effectually to call, by his Word and Spirit	2 Thess. 2:13-14; 2 Cor. 3:3, 6	WLC qq. 68, 58-59; WSC qq. 30-31
14	X.ii	Soteriology (effectual calling)	Being quickened and renewed by the Holy Spirit, he is thereby enabled to answer this call	1 Cor. 2:14; Rom. 8:7; Eph. 2:5	WSC q. 36
15	X.iii	Soteriology (effectual calling)	Elect infants, dying in infancy, are regenerated, and saved by Christ, through the Spirit, who worketh when, and where, and how he pleaseth:	Luke 18:15-16; Acts 2:38-39; John 3:3, 5; cf. 1 John 5:12; 8:9	
16	X.iv	Providence	Others, not elected, although they may be called by the ministry of the Word, and may have some common operations of the Spirit	Matt. 7:22; 13:20-21; Heb. 6:4-5	
17	XI.iv	Soteriology (justification)	They are not justified, until the Holy Spirit doth, in due time, actually apply Christ unto them.	Col. 1:21-22; Gal. 3:16; Tit. 3:4-7	WLC q. 72
18	XII.i	Soteriology (adoption)	Receive the Spirit of adoption	Rom. 8:15	WLC q. 75
19	XIII.i	Soteriology (sanctification)	Through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them	John 17:17; Eph. 5:26; 2 Thess. 2:13	WLC q. 77, 79
20	XIII.iii	Soteriology (sanctification)	Through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ	2 Pet. 3:18; 2 Cor. 3:18	
21	XIV.i	Soteriology (faith)	The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts	2 Cor. 4:13; Eph. 1:17-19	

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22	XVI.iii	Soteriology (good works)	Their ability to do good works is . . . wholly from the Spirit of Christ. . . an actual influence of the same Holy Spirit, to work in them to will, and to do, of his good pleasure	John 15:4-5; Ezek. 36:26-27	
23	XVI.v	Soteriology (good works)	They proceed from his Spirit; and as they are wrought by us	Gal. 5:22-23	
24	XVII.i	Soteriology (perseverance)	Sanctified by his Spirit	Phil. 1:6; 2 Pet. 1:10; John 10:28-29; 1 John 3:9; 1 Pet. 1:5, 9	
25	XVII.ii	Soteriology (perseverance)	Upon the efficacy of the merit and intercession of Jesus Christ, the abiding of the Spirit	John 14:16-17; 1 John 2:27; 3:9	
26	XVII.iii	Soteriology (perseverance)	Grieve his Holy Spirit	Eph. 4:30	WLC q. 105, 151
27	XVIII.ii	Soteriology (assurance)	The testimony of the Spirit of adoption witnessing with our spirits that we are the children of God, which Spirit is the earnest of our inheritance	Rom. 8:15-16	WLC q. 81
28	XVIII.iii	Soteriology (assurance)	Being enabled by the Spirit to know the things which are freely given him of God . . . in peace and joy in the Holy Ghost	John 4:13; Heb. 6:11, 13; Eph. 3:17-19	
29	XVIII.iv	Soteriology (assurance)	grieveth the Spirit	Song 5:2-3, 6; Psa. 51:8, 12, 14; Eph. 4:30-31; Psa. 77:1-10; Matt. 26:69-72; Psa. 31:22; 88:1-18; Isa. 50:10	
30	XVIII.iv	Soteriology (assurance)	By the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may, in due time, be revived	John 3:9; Luke 22:32; Job 13:15; Psa. 73:15; 51; 8, 12; Isa. 50:10; Micah 7:7-9; Jer. 32:40; Isa. 54:7-10; Psa. 22:1; Psa. 88:1-18	
31	XIX.vii	Law of God; Soteriology (sanctification)	The Spirit of Christ subduing and enabling the will of man to do that freely, and cheerfully, which the will of God, revealed in the law, requireth to be done	Ezek. 36:27; Heb. 8:10 with Jer. 31:33	WLC q. 195;

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32	XX.i	Christian Liberty	Fuller communications of the free Spirit of God	1 John 7:38-39; 2 Cor. 3:13, 17, 19	
33	XXI.ii	Religious Worship	Religious worship is to be given to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost	Matt. 4:10 with John 5:23 & 2 Cor. 13:14	
34	XXI.iii	Religious Worship (prayer)	By the help of his Spirit, according to his will	Rom. 8:26	WLC qq. 178, 182, 192
35	XXV.iii	Church; Soteriology (effectual calling; sanctification)	By his own presence and Spirit, according to his promise	1 Cor. 12:28; Eph. 4:11-13; Matt. 28:19-20; Isa. 59:21	
36	XXVI.i	Communion of the Saints; Soteriology	All saints, that are united to Jesus Christ their Head, by his Spirit, and by faith	1 John 1:3; Eph. 3:16-19; John 1:16; Eph. 2:5-6; Phil. 3:10; Rom. 6:5-6; 2 Tim. 2:12	
37	XXVII.iii	Sacraments; Soteriology (sanctification)	But upon the work of the Spirit, and the word of institution,	Matt. 3:11; 1 Cor. 12:13	WLC qq. 155, 159, 161, 165, 167; WSC q. 89, 91, 94
38	XXVIII.vi	Sacraments; soteriology	The grace promised is not only offered, but really exhibited, and conferred, by the Holy Ghost	Gal. 3:27; Tit. 3:5; Eph. 5:25-26; Acts 2:38, 41	
39	XXXII.iii	State of Men After Death; Soteriology (glorification)	The bodies of the just, by his Spirit, unto honor; and be made conformable to his own glorious body.	Acts 24:15; John 5:28-29; 1 Cor. 15:43; Phil. 3:21	WLC q. 87