



the mysterious
person of
the Holy Spirit

6. The Spirit Who Sustains

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Sermon Notes

“Listen to me, you descendants of Jacob, all the remnant of the people of Israel, you whom I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. ⁴ Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you. I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you. Isaiah 46:3-4

To Meet the Mysterious Person of the Holy Spirit is to...

RECOGNIZE HIS SUSTAINING POWER IN ALL CREATION

AND ALLOW HIM TO SUSTAIN US

The Spirit can make life. Sheer muscle and willpower don't make anything happen. Every word I've spoken to you is a Spirit-word, and so it is life-making. John 6:63 MSG

I. Psalm 104:27-30 - PROVISION

²⁷ All creatures look to you to give them their food at the proper time. ²⁸ When you give it to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand, they are satisfied with good things. ²⁹ When you hide your face, they are terrified; when you take away their breath, they die and return to the dust. ³⁰ When you send your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

The Sustaining nature of the Holy Spirit...

PROVIDES FOR OUR NEED AND CARE

²⁵ *“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father*

feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life? Matthew 6:25-27

II. Colossians 1:15-17 - SYSTEMS

¹⁵ “The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”

The Sustaining nature of the Holy Spirit...

DESIGNS AND MAINTAINS THROUGH ORDER AND STRUCTURE

Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. ¹⁴ Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

III. Matthew 10:29-31 - LIFE

²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father’s care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

The Sustaining nature of the Holy Spirit...

PROTECTS AND PROMOTES HEALTH AND LIFE

The Lord protects and preserves them—they are counted among the blessed in the land—he does not give them over to the desire of their foes. ³ The Lord sustains them on their sickbed and restores them from their bed of illness. Psalm 41:2-3

IV. 2 Corinthians 4:8-12 - ENDURANCE

⁸ We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; ⁹ persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. ¹⁰ We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.

The Sustaining nature of the Holy Spirit...

STRENGTHENS US DURING HARD TIMES AND REDEEMS

OUR SUFFERING

“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”
John 16:33