

**THE HOLY SPIRIT:
THE FORGOTTEN THIRD MEMBER OF THE TRINITY
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GETTING STARTED

1. What kinds of things have you seen divide churches or isolate fellow Christians from one another? How do you feel when you experience this division?

DIGGING IN

2. Read Ephesians 4:1-5. Make 4-5 observations. What words stand out to you? What do the verses teach about the Holy Spirit?
3. In the verses above, what are Christians called to do and to be?
4. What motivation is given for why we should live in unity?
5. What word is repeated most frequently in these verses? What was Paul trying to get us to understand by this repetition?
6. Our relational unity is built on spiritual reality which is described in these verses. Can you identify the seven spiritual or doctrinal realities listed which are the foundation of our unity?
7. What do we risk when we try to build unity on something other than the spiritual and doctrinal realities we share in our common, biblical faith?
8. Read Ephesians 4:29-32 (a related section from later in Ephesians 4). What do these verse say about our relationship with the Holy Spirit? Given the context, what things cause the Spirit to experience grief? If we turn that question around into a positive statement, what kinds of things cause the Spirit to experience joy?

LIVING IT OUT

9. Verse 32 points us to the grace of God in our own lives. How does your awareness of God's grace to you encourage you to act with grace toward others? Is the gospel a powerful motivation in your relational life? Why or why not?
10. What is one way you will try to live this out in your day-to-day life?