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For Sunday, May 21st "The Role of the Spirit"

Psalm 139:1-13 – *NEB*

- Lord, thou hast examined me and knowest me.
- ² Thou knowest all, whether I sit down or rise up; thou hast discerned my thoughts from afar.
- ³ Thou hast traced my journey and my resting places, and art familiar with all my paths.
- ⁴ For there is not a word on my tongue but thou, LORD, knowest them all.
- ⁵ Thou hast kept close guard before me and behind and hast spread thy hand over me.
- ⁶ Such knowledge is beyond my understanding, so high that I cannot reach it.
- ⁷ Where can I escape from thy spirit?
Where can I flee from thy presence?
- ⁸ If I climb up to heaven, thou art there; if I make my bed in Sheol, again I find thee.
- ⁹ If I take my flight to the frontiers of the morning or dwell at the limit of the western sea,
- ¹⁰ even there thy hand will meet me and thy right hand will hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, 'Surely darkness will steal over me, night will close around me',
- ¹² darkness is no darkness for thee and night is luminous as day;
to thee both dark and light are one.
- ¹³ Thou it was who didst fashion my inward parts;
thou didst knit me together in my mother's womb.

Romans 8:9-17 - *NIV*

- ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.
- ¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.
- ¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Takeaway: Seeing does not equate believing, but believing in the Spirit allows us to see the Spirit's many works and wonders.

Questions:

1. Can you think of an instance where the Holy Spirit did something in your life, whether for you or through you?
2. What aspect of the Holy Spirit is the most comforting to you? What is the most challenging?

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