

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

## The Work of the Holy Spirit

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There are approximately 260 passages in the New Testament that refer to the Holy Spirit, and I can state with complete confidence that I have not heard 260 sermons on the Holy Spirit in my lifetime. (Your experience might be different than mine.)

In the latest issue of *The Gospel Advocate*, Jay Lockhart presents the plainest explanation of the Holy Spirit that I have read in years. I think it takes the mystery and controversy away from this often neglected topic. Here are the main issues he addresses:

*The gift of the Holy Spirit.* We all know Acts 2:38. We know that we receive the

“gift of the Holy Spirit” upon our repentance and baptism. This gift is not salvation but the Holy Spirit Himself, who dwells in the Christian. Passages like Acts 5:32; I Cor. 6:19; and Rom. 8:9 are clear on this point. This gift seals the Christian, and it is the guarantee of our inheritance (Eph. 1:13-14).

*The activity of the Holy Spirit in the Christian.* The Christian is lead by the Holy Spirit, and He testifies with our spirit that we are children of God (Rom. 8:14-16). (A capital “S” in your Bibles is a reference to the Holy Spirit; a lower case “s” refers to your personal spirit or soul.) The Holy Spirit is also involved with

the bearing of fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22), resurrecting our bodies (Rom. 8:11), helping us pray (Rom. 8:26-27), and strengthening us to accomplish God’s work (Eph. 3:14-21). All of the Spirit’s work is in accordance with God’s Word. The Holy Spirit does not operate independent of the Father and Son.

He concludes the article with a powerful statement: “We should be willing to say anything about the Holy Spirit that the Bible says but reluctant to limit the Spirit where the Word of God does not limit Him.”

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Remember Larry Crabtree, Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer, Jessica Humston, John Hayes, and Caleb Wilson in your prayers.
- Identify and ask friends and family to be with us this week. The Gospel Meeting is a valuable time for us to focus on God’s word. We are not meeting this week just to say we had a meeting. We are meeting in order to build our faith and help others to do the same.

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## Lunch After Worship This Morning At The Elementary School Worship Services at 7:00 Monday-Wednesday This Week

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: L. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Gupton

Serve: Demonbreum, Trent, Rose

Pray: J. L. Shelton

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Sunday School: 9:30  
A.M. Worship: 10:30  
P.M. Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm  
Phone: 924-9714

Psalm 46:1-2  
"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, and though the mountains slip into the heart of the sea.

*"Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you have now was once among the things you only hoped for."*

*Epicurus*

*"If money is your hope for independence, you will never have it."*

*Henry Ford*

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## Golf Etiquette and the Christian

Golf is considered to be a gentleman's game. Many of the written rules, which date back to 1744, center on a basic respect for the player's opponent. But the unwritten rules are what make golf unique in the sporting world. They deal with where a player stands, when he hits his ball, where he should drive the cart, and so on. Some of the written rules and some of the etiquette rules resemble biblical principles, and the Christian would do well to live by them.

For instance, there is an invisible line from a player's ball to the hole when he is on the green. His opponent shouldn't walk across that line and thereby alter the natural con-

tour of the green. Christians are commanded not to be stumbling blocks for one another. There is a path from a Christian to heaven, and no one should prevent that Christian from reaching that goal. We should make that path as smooth as possible for everyone.

Also in golf, the player whose ball is farthest from the hole is allowed to hit his ball first. This rule makes sure the players are always aware of the other's position. Shots are hit alternately. In our Christian walk, we should always look back to see if our brother needs us. We shouldn't get too far ahead and forget that we should serve others.

Finally, if you hit the ball out of

bounds, there is a penalty. The golf course determines the dimensions of each hole, and those boundaries are accepted by the players as final. God's word sets the dimensions for our lives. It is final. If we live outside the bounds of Scripture, there will be dire consequences.

Golf is a game. God's plan of redemption is not. We should live as if we are aware of the seriousness of Jesus' sacrifice.

"Everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to the wise man who built his house on the rock" (Matt. 7:24).

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