

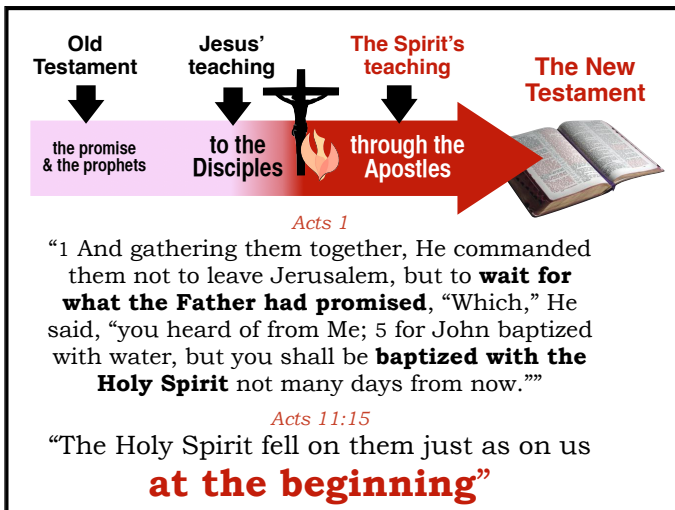


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## New Testament Introduction

1. A new addition - Inspired Scripture
2. A new message - The Word of life
3. A new covenant - The Biblical context
4. A new lifestyle - The Way of the Cross
5. A new self - The Spirit of Christ
6. A new Israel - The Body of Christ
7. A new mission - The Disciples of Christ
8. A new hope - The Return of Christ

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*1 Peter 1*

“10 As to this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the **grace** that would come to you made careful search and inquiry,

11 seeking to know what person or time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He predicted **the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.**

12 It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves, but you, in these things which now have been announced to you through those who **preached the gospel** to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven—things into which angels long to look.”

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## The Indwelling of the Spirit of Christ

1. It is more than just an **upgrade**.
2. It gives us a new **AWARENESS, ABILITY, ASSURANCE, and ASSOCIATION.**

*Romans 7:6*

“But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in **newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter.**”

*2 Corinthians 5:17*

“Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold,

**new things have come.**”

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## In what ways is the New Testament **NEW**?

- **Addition** to Scripture
  - **Message** of grace
  - **Covenant** of faith
  - **Lifestyle** of the Cross
- #1 - **IN** but not **OF** this world
  - #2 - **Motivated** by **LOVE** not **LAW**
  - #3 - **Unified DIVERSITY**
  - #4 - **CLASSLESS** community
  - #5 - **SELF** Sacrifice
- **Self** (the **INDWELLING** Spirit of Christ)

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*2 Corinthians 5:21*  
 "He made Him who knew no sin **to be sin on our behalf**, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

*Romans 5:19*  
 "For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so **through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.**"

*Romans 12:1*  
 "I urge you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to **present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice**, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship."

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**Christianity is the only religion that celebrates the death of its founder**

**knowing that "It's Friday, but Sunday's coming."**

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**Overview of the Spirit's ministry**

**Common Grace - All humanity**

- Bearing a shadow of God's Image
- Capable of responding to the Gospel by the Grace of God.

- **Appetite** - desire for fullness of life.
- **Antenna** - the ability to relate to God.
- **Assignment** - a calling to bear God's Image.
- **Accountability** - as a steward of calling.
- **Authority** - to rule over God's creation.
- **Autonomy** - freedom to choose.

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**The Hierarchy of human needs (from animal to saint)**

Abraham Maslow Psychologist

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**Overview of the Spirit's ministry**

**Pre Pentecost - Abraham's faith Kings and Prophets • Disciples of Jesus**

*Ezekiel 36:27*  
 "I will put My Spirit within you"

*Joel 2:28*  
 "I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind;"

*Jeremiah 31*  
 "31 I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel & Judah, 33 "I will put My law within them and on their heart"

*John 16*  
 "7 But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.. ... 14 He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you."

**The promised Spirit would come, but only after Jesus finishes his mission and goes away.**

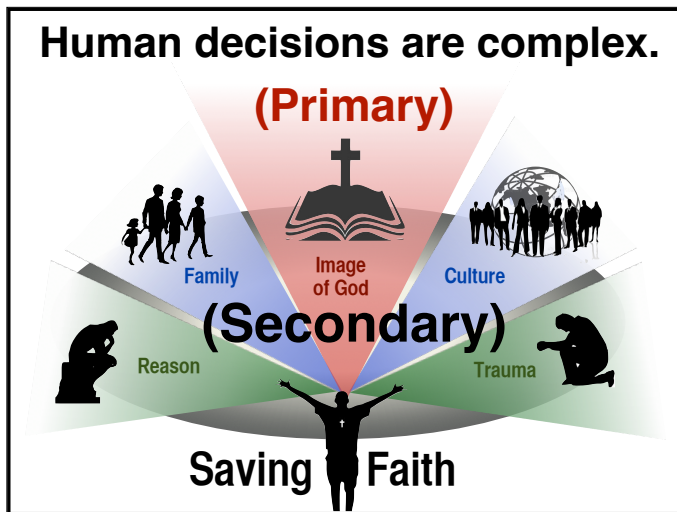
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**"Implicit faith"?**  
 (Justin Martyr, John Wesley, C.S. Lewis, Vatican II, Clark Pinnock)

**The Saved** ← → **The Lost**

<b>Believers in God as the Redeemer</b>	<b>Special dispensations</b>
Confessional Christians trusting Jesus	Those with the justifying faith of Abraham, but did not know Jesus
	Those who would have believed if they heard the Gospel
	Infants, mentally challenged, etc.

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## A new self - via the Spirit of Christ

*John 14*

“16 And I will ask the Father, and **He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever**; 17 that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because

**He abides with you, and will be in you.**

26 But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name,

**He will teach you all things,** and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.”

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## Overview of the Spirit's ministry

### After Pentecost - Body of Christ

- **Born again - regenerated**
- **Baptized & Filled with the Spirit**

What is so unique about Christ's SPIRIT BAPTISM?

- **Body of Christ** - Spiritual community
- **Discipleship** - Holy calling
- **New Hope** - Final resting

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## The indwelling Spirit of Christ

**brings inner ASSURANCE** of regeneration, serenity, security, and significance.

*Romans 8*

“16 **The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God**, 17 and if children, heirs also, **heirs** of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him in order that we may also be **glorified** with Him.”

*Ephesians 1:13*

”13 you were **sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise**, 14 who is given as a pledge of our **inheritance**, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory.”

*Galatians 4*

”6 And because you are sons, **God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts**, crying, “Abba! Father!” 7 Therefore you are no longer a slave, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.”

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## Facing circumstances the way Jesus and the Apostles did.

*Philippians 2*

“5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who although He existed in the form of God, **did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped**, 7 **but emptied Himself**, taking the form of a bond servant, and being made in the likeness of men 8. . . **He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.**”

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## The indwelling Spirit of Christ

**brings outer ABILITY** for ministry - witness, and making disciples.

*Acts 1:8*

“15 but **you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you**; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth.”

*1 Corinthians 12*

”4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. 6 And there are varieties of effects, but the same God who works all things in all {persons.}

7 **But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.**”

**It's not about “letting go and letting God”, but about waking up and participating in what God is doing.**

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**We are challenged to see  
God, ourselves, and the world in a new way.**

*Galatians 2:20*

“I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me, and delivered Himself up for me.”

*Romans 8*

“<sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, **if indeed we suffer with Him** in order that we may also be glorified with Him. <sup>18</sup> **For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.**”

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***Temptation is often a  
matter of who we listen to and  
how we choose to see things.***

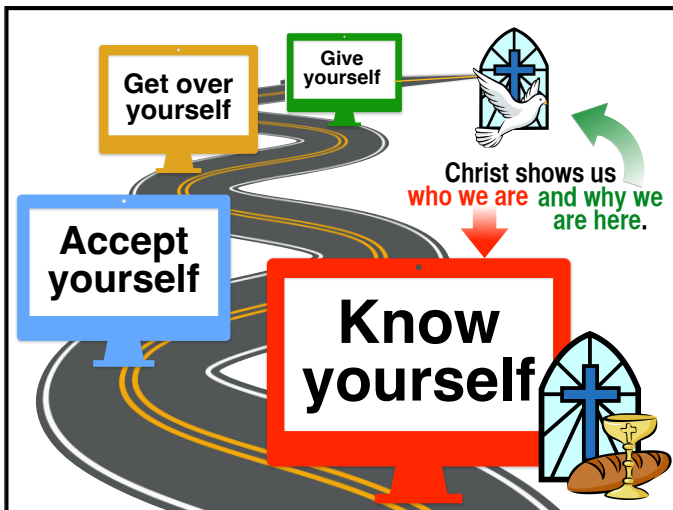
**(our psychological unfinished business,  
defensive strategies, worldly values,  
or the Spirit of God in us.)**

***The ministry of the  
Spirit is to “lead us  
into all the truth” of  
the grace and glory  
of God in Christ.***



***The way of Satan  
is to peddle  
shame, blame,  
distortion, and  
destruction.***

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***The New Testament is an  
Operations Manual for  
Anointed, Alien,  
Ambassadors  
in a broken world***

**Spiritual triple “A” members must:  
Take their baptism seriously.  
Keep their Light Shining.  
Make their Salt Salty.**

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