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Life in the Spirit

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Recap

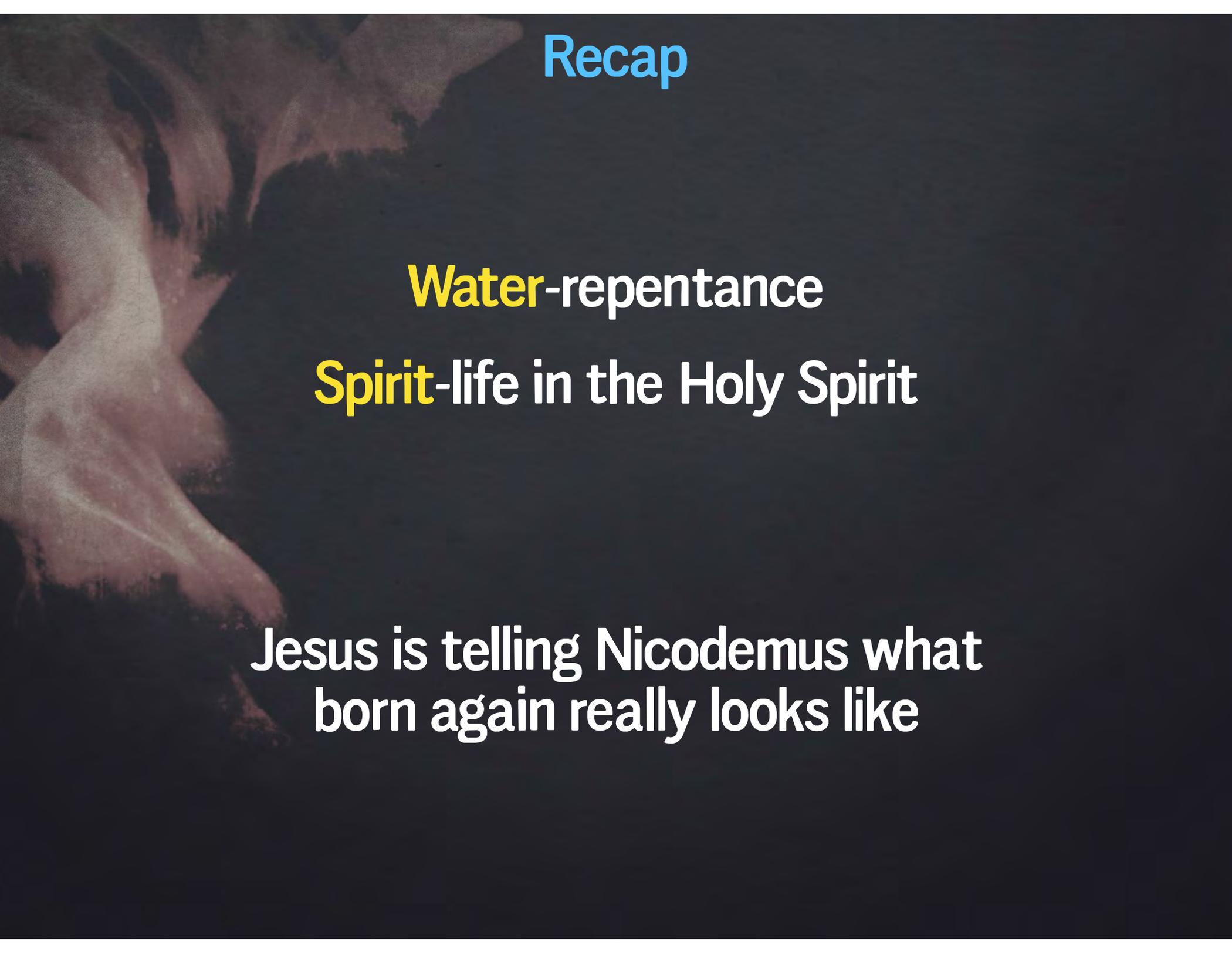
Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of **water** and the **Spirit**. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.” **John 3:5-6**

Recap

Ignorance of the Holy Spirit was and is wide spread

**Repentance is only the beginning,
not the process or the end**

**The Spirit brings change. If my/yours/our
lives resembles everyone else's, maybe
we have stopped encountering God**



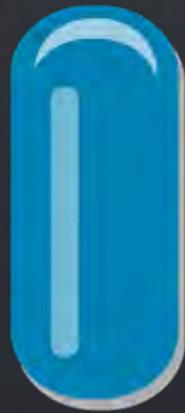
Recap

Water-repentance

Spirit-life in the Holy Spirit

Jesus is telling Nicodemus what
born again really looks like

"You take the blue pill, the story ends. You wake up in your bed and believe whatever you want to believe."



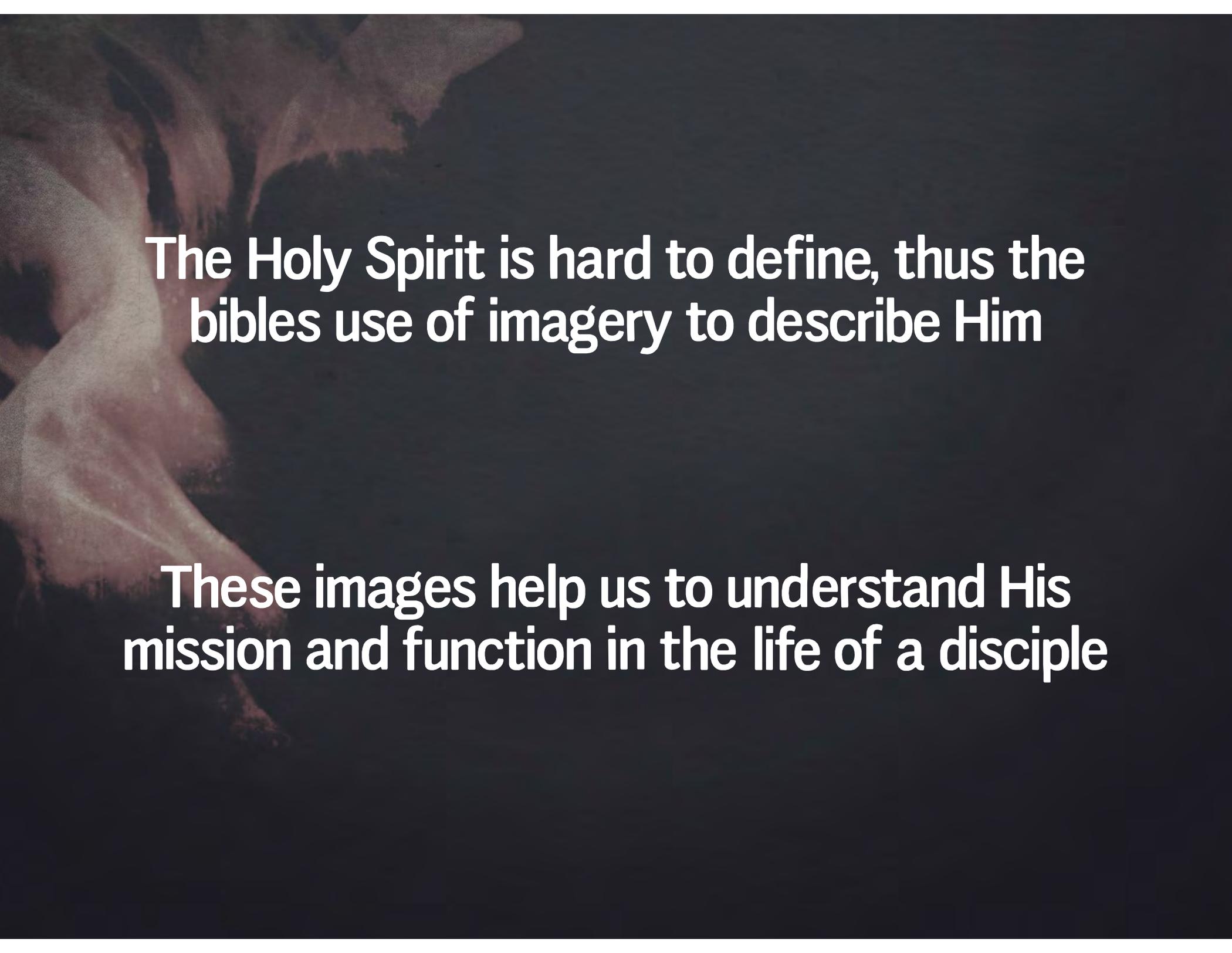
"You take the red pill, you stay in Wonderland, and I show you how deep the rabbit hole goes."

Why Are Christians Uncomfortable with the Supernatural? Dr Michael Heisler

Modern Christianity suffers from two serious shortcomings when it comes to the supernatural world.

First, many Christians claim to believe in the supernatural but **think (and live) like skeptics**. We find talk of the supernatural world uncomfortable.

The believing church is bending under **the weight of its own rationalism**, a modern worldview that would be foreign to the biblical writers. Traditional Christian teaching has for centuries kept the unseen world at arm's length. We believe in the Godhead because there's no point to Christianity without it. The rest of the unseen world is handled with a whisper or a chuckle.



The Holy Spirit is hard to define, thus the bibles use of imagery to describe Him

These images help us to understand His mission and function in the life of a disciple

Holy Spirit as Wind/Breath

Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and **breathed** into his nostrils the **breath of life**, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:7

And with that he **breathed** on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” **John 20:22**

Suddenly a sound **like the blowing of a violent wind** came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. **Acts 2:2**

Holy Spirit as Wind/Breath

I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; **I will put breath in you, and you will come to life.** Ezekiel 37:6

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, **but there was no breath in them.** vs 7-8

So I prophesied as he commanded me, **and breath entered them; they came to life** and stood up on their feet—a vast army. vs 10

I will put my Spirit in you and **you will live** vs 14

Holy Spirit as Oil/Anointing

The **Spirit of the Lord** is on me, because he has **anointed** me **Luke 4:18 (Isaiah 61)**

You know what has happened throughout the province of Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—**how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power Acts 10:37-38**

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. **He anointed us**, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. **2 Corinthians 1:21-22**

Holy Spirit as Oil/Anointing

Anointing was a ritual of setting aside someone for God's use

“Do not touch **my anointed ones**; do my prophets no harm.” **Psalm 105:15 (Prophet)**

After you put these clothes on your brother Aaron and his sons, **anoint and ordain them**. Consecrate them so they may serve me as priests. **Exodus 28:41 (Priest)**

So he sent for him and had him brought in. He was glowing with health and had a fine appearance and handsome features. Then the Lord said, “**Rise and anoint him**; this is the one.” **1 Samuel 16:12 (King)**

Holy Spirit as Water/Thirst

For I will pour **water on the thirsty land**, and streams on the dry ground; I will **pour out my Spirit** on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. **Isaiah 44:3**

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**. **1 Corinthians 12:13**

Holy Spirit as Water/Thirst

Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you **living water.**”

John 4:10

The woman said to him, “Sir, **give me this water** so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.” **vs 15**

Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will **worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth**, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. **God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.** **vs 23-24**



Holy Spirit as Fire/Purify

“I baptize you with water for repentance. But after me comes one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. **He will baptize (immerse) you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**” **Matthew 3:11**

They saw what seemed to be **tongues of fire** that separated and came to rest on each of them. **Acts 2:3**

Holy Spirit as Fire/Purify

Brothers and sisters, I could not address you **as people who live by the Spirit** but as people who are still worldly—**mere infants in Christ**. **1 Corinthians 3:1**

their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. **It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work.** **vs 13**

Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that **the Spirit of God lives in you?** **vs 16**

The Holy Spirits/Disciples Journey

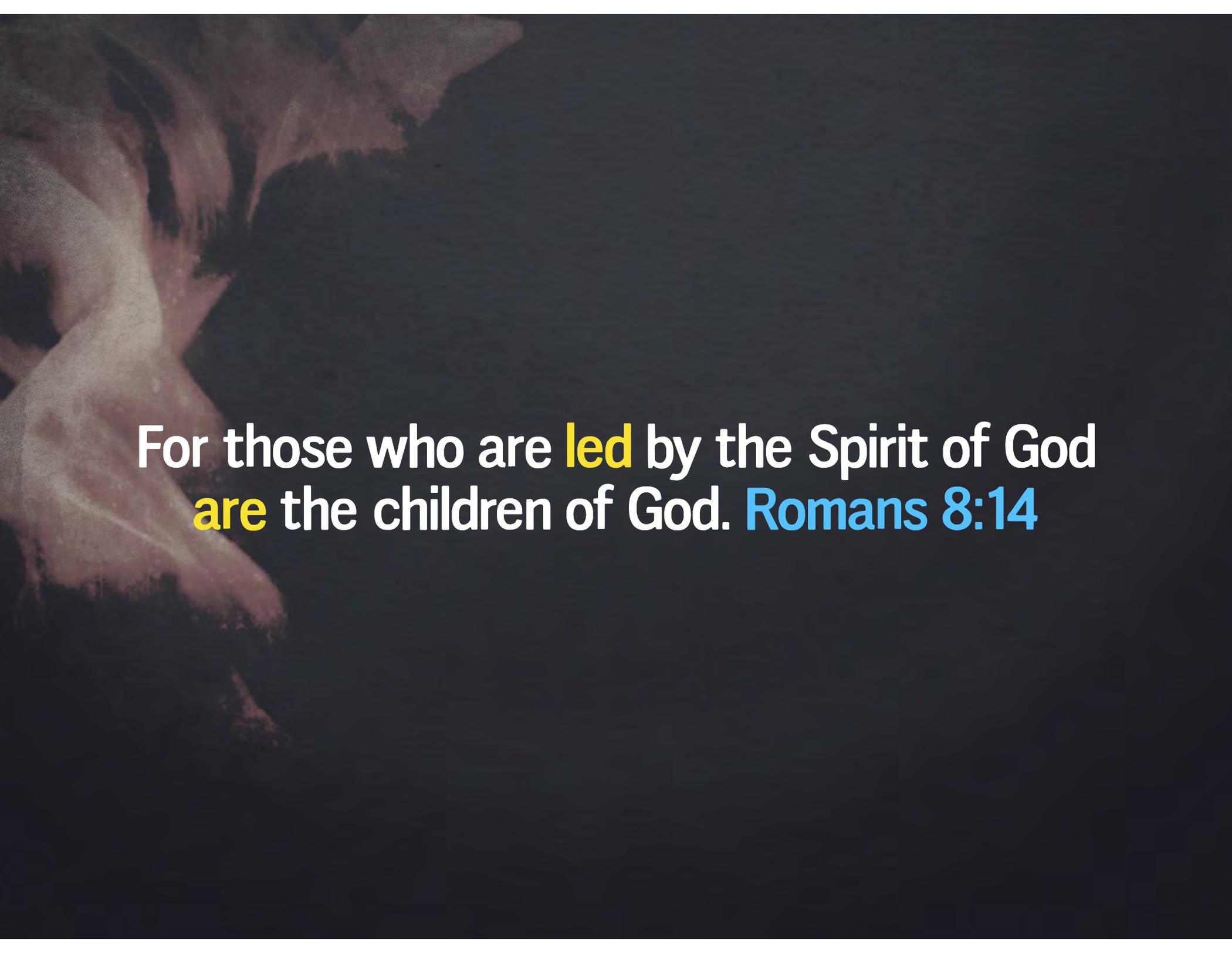
Breath-Salvation, death to life

Anointing-Chosen, set aside

Fire-Purifying, refinement for the call

Water-Living water, multiplication





For those who are **led** by the Spirit of God
are the children of God. **Romans 8:14**