

Mystical 1

Life in the Spirit



The Spirit and the Son

Recap

Why Are Christians Uncomfortable with the Supernatural? Dr Michael Heisler

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



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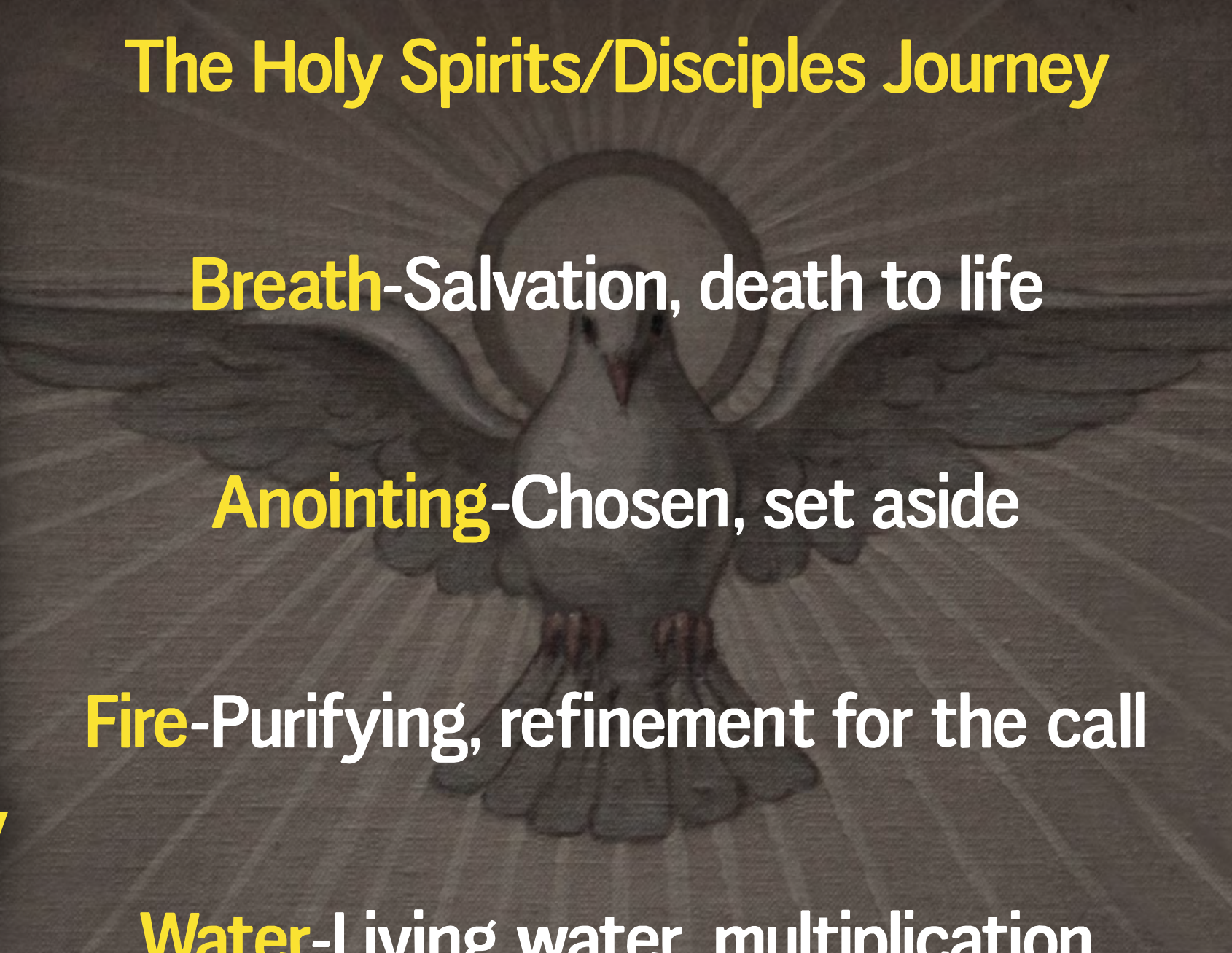
The Holy Spirits/Disciples Journey

Breath-Salvation, death to life

Anointing-Chosen, set aside

Fire-Purifying, refinement for the call

Water-Living water, multiplication





**What is the relationship of
Jesus and the Holy Spirit?**

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ministry on earth He accomplished by the
Power of the Holy Spirit, not His divinity**

The Messiah and the Spirit

Messiah means “anointed one” (Christ)

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my **Spirit** on him, and he will bring justice to the nations.” **Isaiah 42:1**

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit. The **Spirit** of the Lord will rest on him—the **Spirit** of wisdom and of understanding, the **Spirit** of counsel and of might, the **Spirit** of the knowledge and fear of the Lord—and he will delight in the fear of the Lord.
Isaiah 11:1-3

The Birth

The angel answered, “The **Holy Spirit** will come on you, and the **power of the Most High** will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. **Luke 1:35**

But after he had considered this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the **Holy Spirit.**”
Matthew 1:20

The Start

When all the people were being baptized, Jesus was baptized too. And as he was praying, heaven was opened and **the Holy Spirit descended on him** in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: “You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased.” Now Jesus himself was about thirty years old when he **began his ministry.** **Luke 3:21-23**

For the one whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God gives the **Spirit** without limit. **vs 34**

The Showdown

Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**, left the Jordan and was **led by the Spirit** into the wilderness, **Luke 4:1**

Then Jesus was **led by the Spirit** into the wilderness to be **tempted by the devil**. **Matthew 4:1**

The Declaration

Jesus returned to Galilee in the **power of the Spirit**, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. **“The Spirit of the Lord is on me,** because **he** has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. **He** has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favour.” Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down.

The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. He began by saying to them, **“Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.”**

Luke 4:14, 18-20

The Promise

“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and **they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.**” **John 14:12**

“If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you **another advocate** to help you and be with you forever— **the Spirit** of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, **for he lives with you and will be in you.**” **vs 15-17**

The Fulfillment

“Do not leave Jerusalem, **but wait for the gift my Father promised**, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:4b-5

The Fathers plan was to live in us (restored Eden), Jesus lived that life (example and sacrifice) and the Spirit is the power of God to accomplish this

The Fulfillment

“It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” vs 7-8

Martus: a witness; in a **legal sense**, an **historical sense**-one who is a spectator of anything, e.g. of a contest, in an **ethical sense**-those who after his example have proved the strength and genuineness of their faith in Christ by undergoing a violent death

Christ's Humanity/Holy Spirits Power

**Jesus willingly set aside His divinity
to live His humanity authentically**

Who, being in very nature God,
did not consider equality with God something
to be used to his own advantage;
rather, **he made himself nothing**
by taking the very nature of a servant,
being made in human likeness.
And being found in appearance as a man,
he humbled himself
by becoming obedient to death—even death on
a cross! **Philippians 2:6-8**

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Jesus limited His divinity

But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, **nor the Son**, but only the Father. **Mark 13:32 (Matthew 24:36)**

He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. He was amazed at their lack of faith. **Mark 6:5-6**

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This in turn led Jesus to empathize with our humanity

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to **empathize** with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, **just as we are**—yet he did not sin. **Hebrews 4:15**

Jesus shares our experience. He doesn't share an experience similar to ours. **He shares our exact experience.** In fact, He is the only one able to understand exactly what we are experiencing because He knows everything we feel, do, think and say. This is divine empathy. It goes much deeper than any human similarity.

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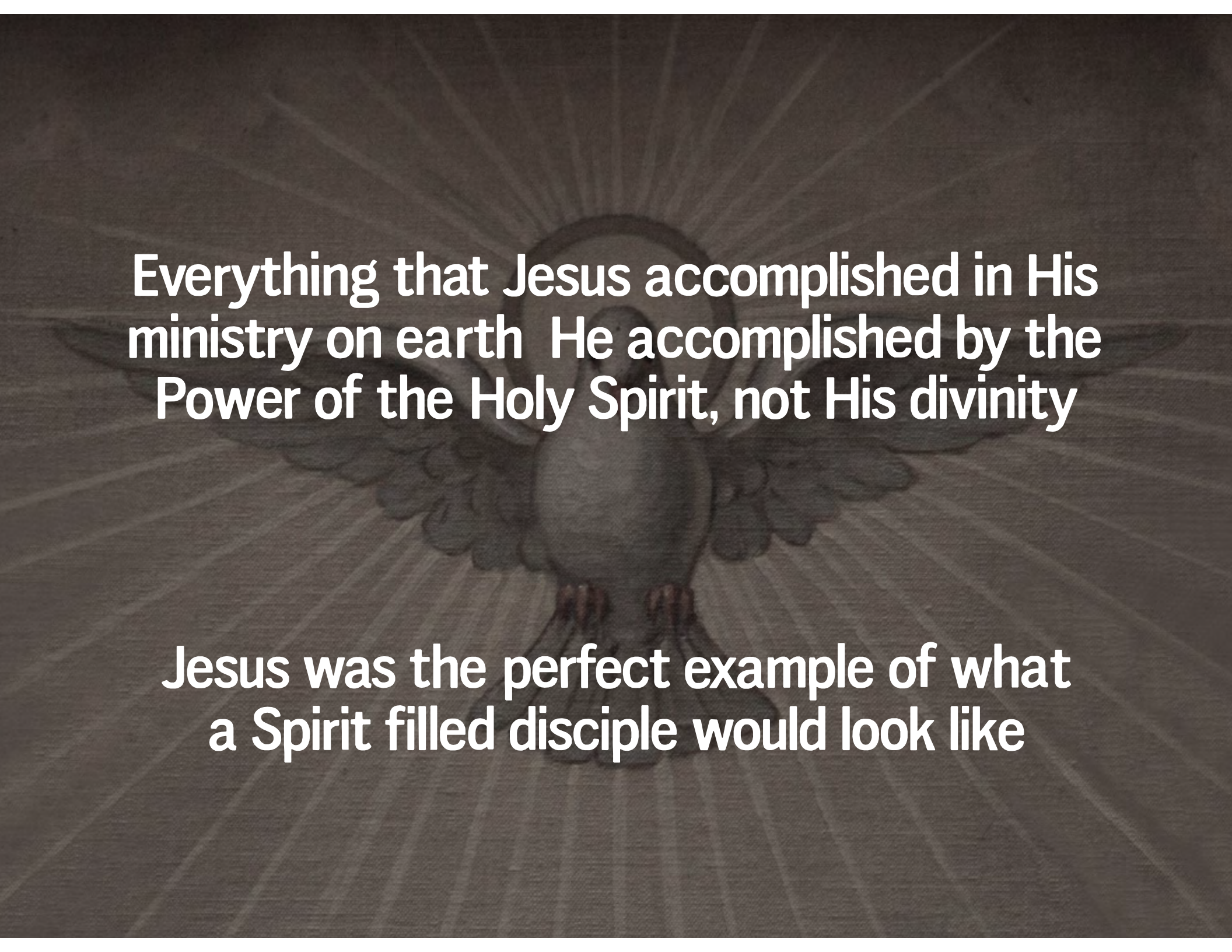
Jesus the second Adam was meant to show humanity what God first intended

So it is written: “The first man Adam became a living being”; **the last Adam**, a life-giving spirit.”

1 Corinthians 15:45

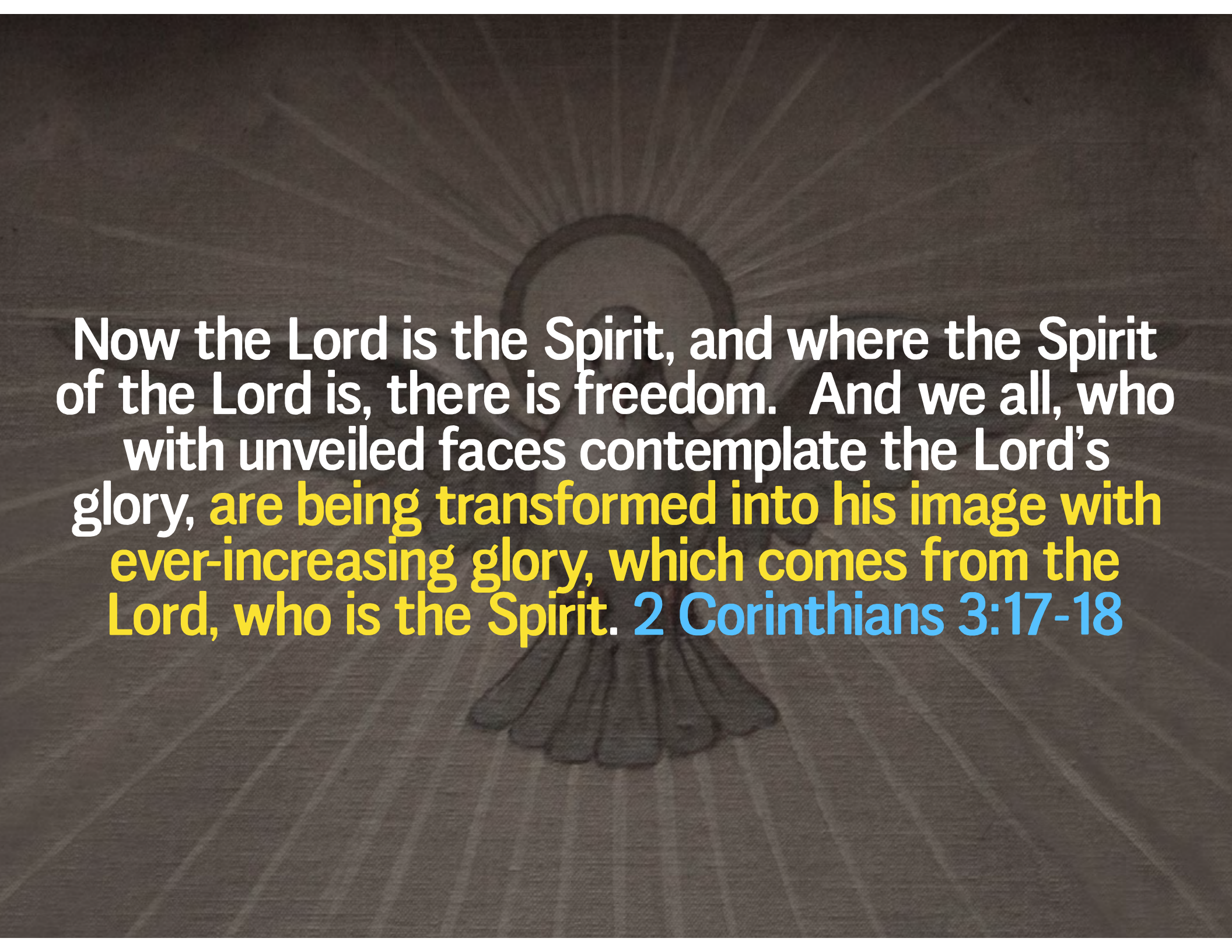
Therefore, just as sin entered the world through **one man**, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—
Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, **so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people.**

Romans 5:12, 18



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Jesus was the perfect example of what a Spirit filled disciple would look like



Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit. 2 Corinthians 3:17-18