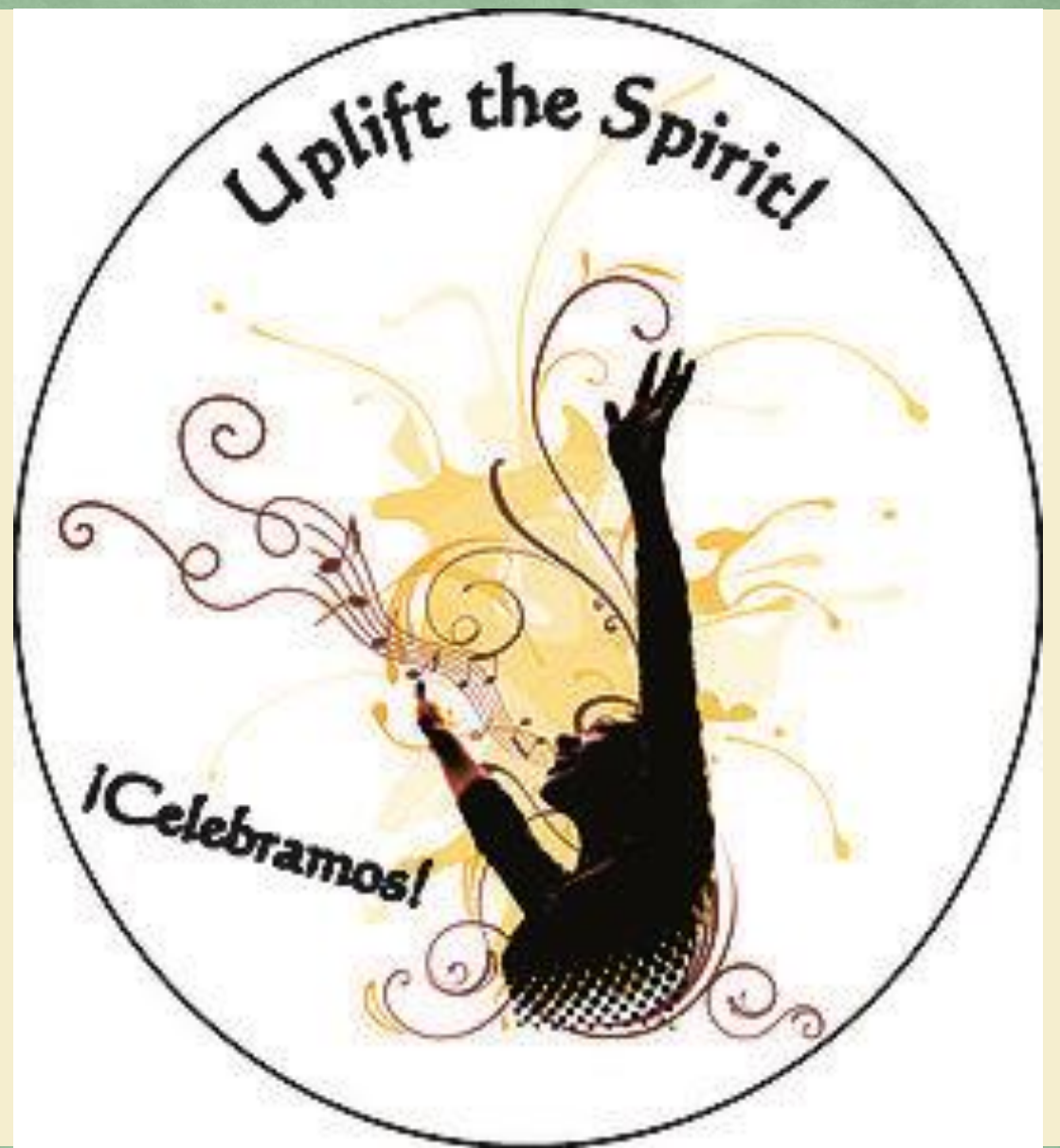


Uplift the
Spirit!

¡Celebremos!



A Little About Me . . .

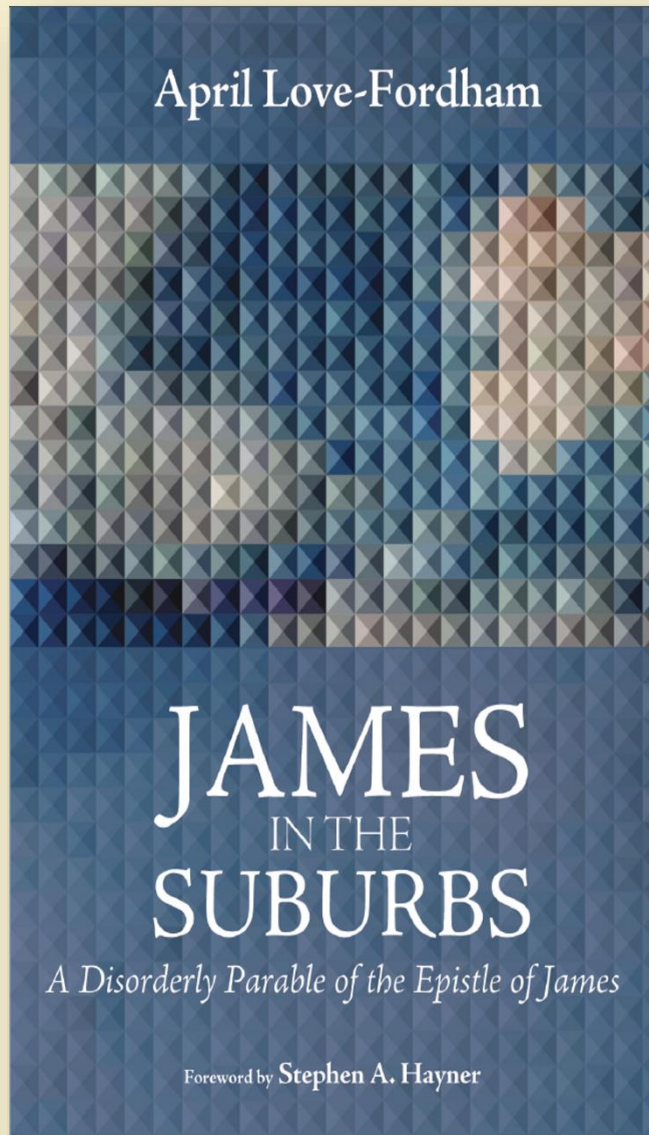




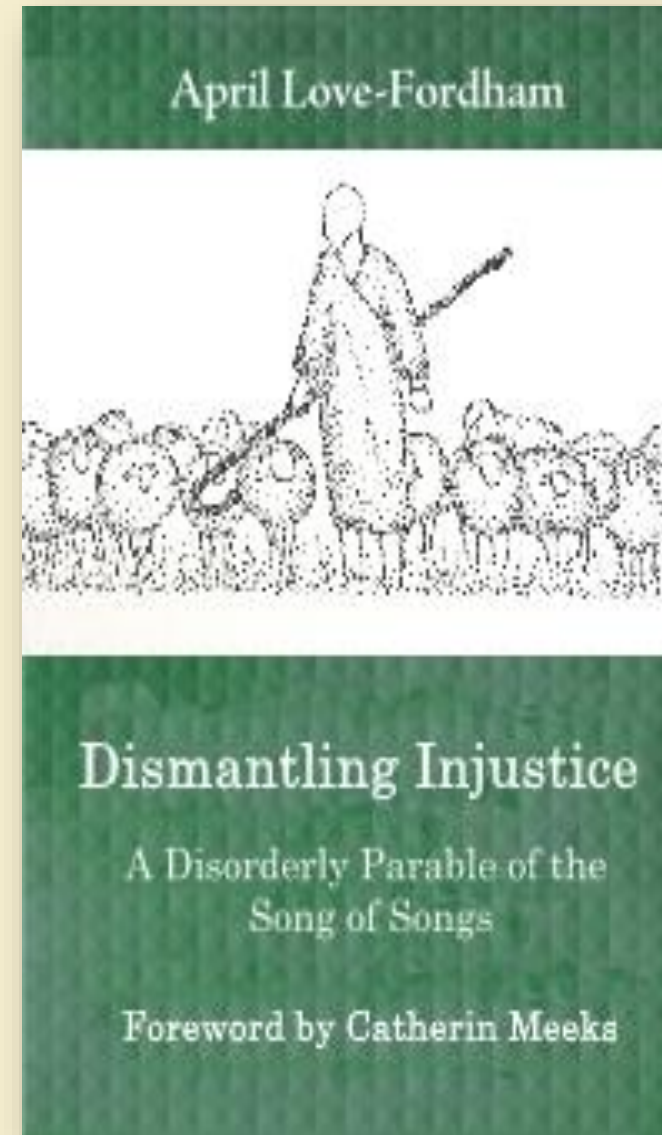


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STIR UP THE
SPIRIT
¡CELEBREMOS!



Our Agenda Today

- First Gathering: “The Story of the Spirit”
- Second Gathering: “Dancing with the Spirit”

Inspiration of Matthew

By Rembrandt



Suggestions While I am Speaking

- Most importantly: Be Open to hearing the Holy Spirit
- Be Part of the Presentation
- Ask Lots of Questions . . . Interrupt!
- Get Comfortable – Move Around if You Want.
- Say AMEN! Praise the Lord! Or Help me Jesus
- Be Yourself.
- Sign my Book!!



Question asked in our culture today: If you died tonight, do you know for sure if you would go to heaven?

Question asked in the early church: Have you received the Spirit?

Have you received the Spirit?

Paul said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." (Act 19:2-7 NRS)



The early church was less concerned about the afterlife
And more concerned about receiving the Spirit of God.

Why?

Without the Holy Spirit we don't have the
wisdom or the power to be
the hands and feet of Jesus.

Does anyone know when the first time the Spirit is mention in scripture?

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.
(Gen 1:1-2)



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Ruach Elohim

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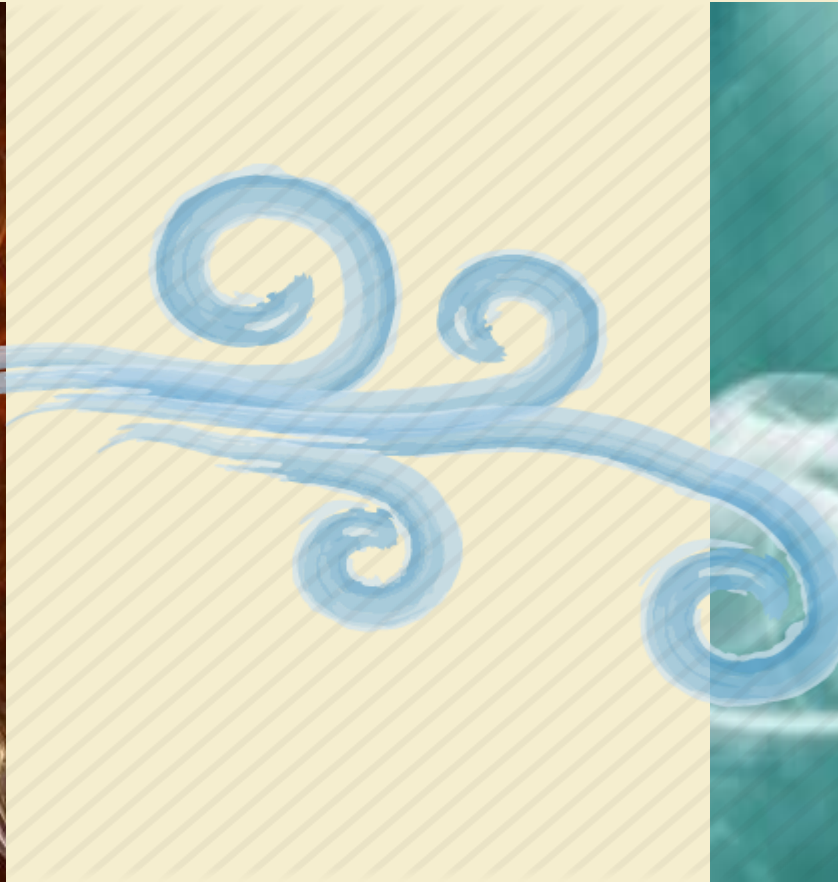
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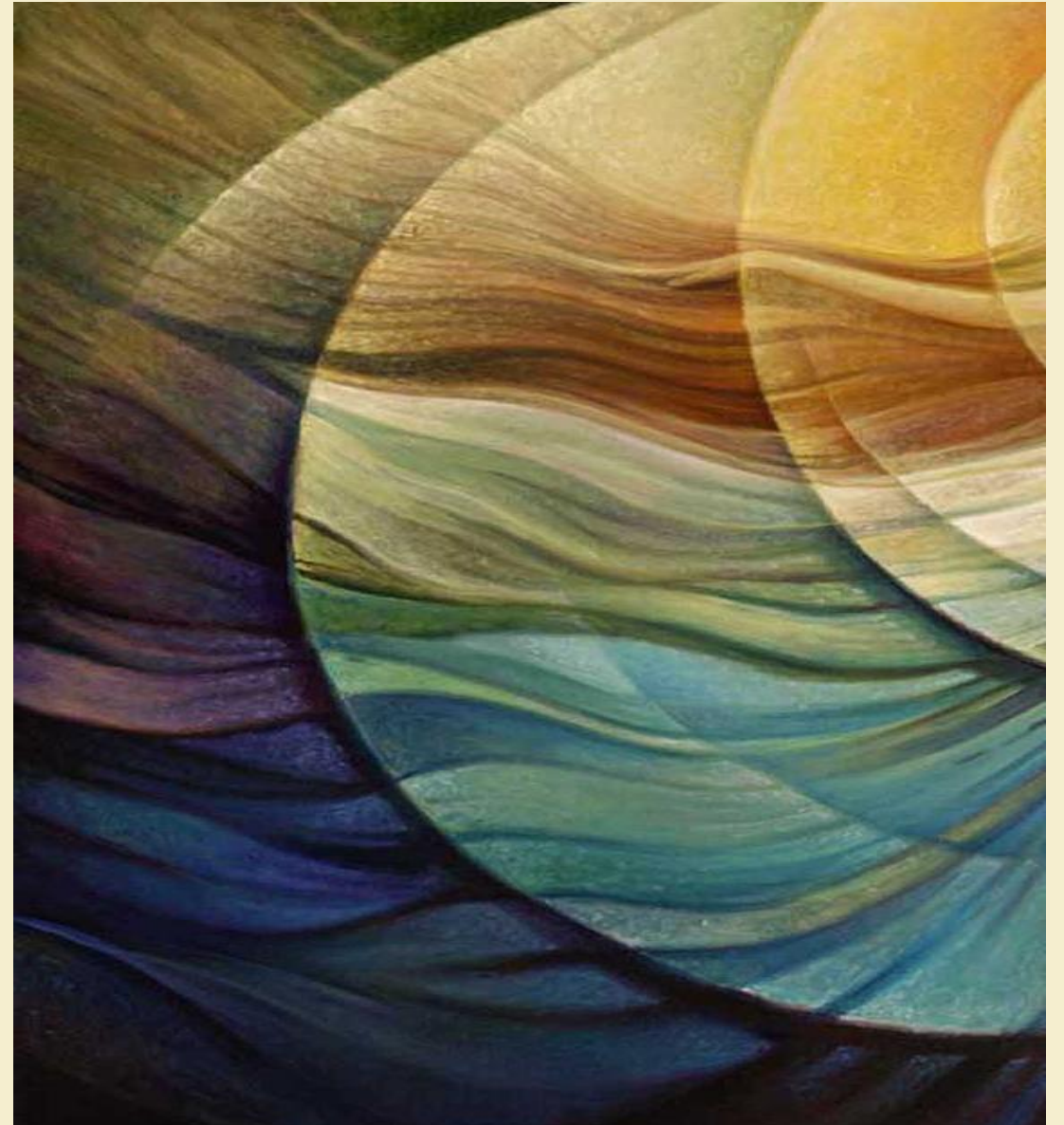
Spirit, Wind, Breath



Jesus even used
the **wind** to explain the Spirit's movements
and his own **breath** to transfer the Spirit into his
disciples.

Nicodemus

The **wind** blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the **Spirit**."
(Joh 3:8 NRS)



Locked House

“He **breathed** on them
and said to them,
“Receive the **Holy Spirit.**”
(Joh 20:21-22 NRS)



Herstory of the Holy Spirit

Old Covenant

The Holy Spirit came **upon** certain people of God for a period of time to give them wisdom and power for a specific job.

New Covenant

The Holy Spirit lives **within** every follower of Jesus and gives them wisdom and power to serve God and others.

Old Covenant Example: King Saul

In the beginning of Saul's Kingship . . . "the spirit of God came upon Saul in power"
(1Sa 11:6 NRS)

Five Chapters later . . . the spirit of the LORD departed from Saul (1Sa 16:14 NRS)



New Covenant Example: Paul's teaching

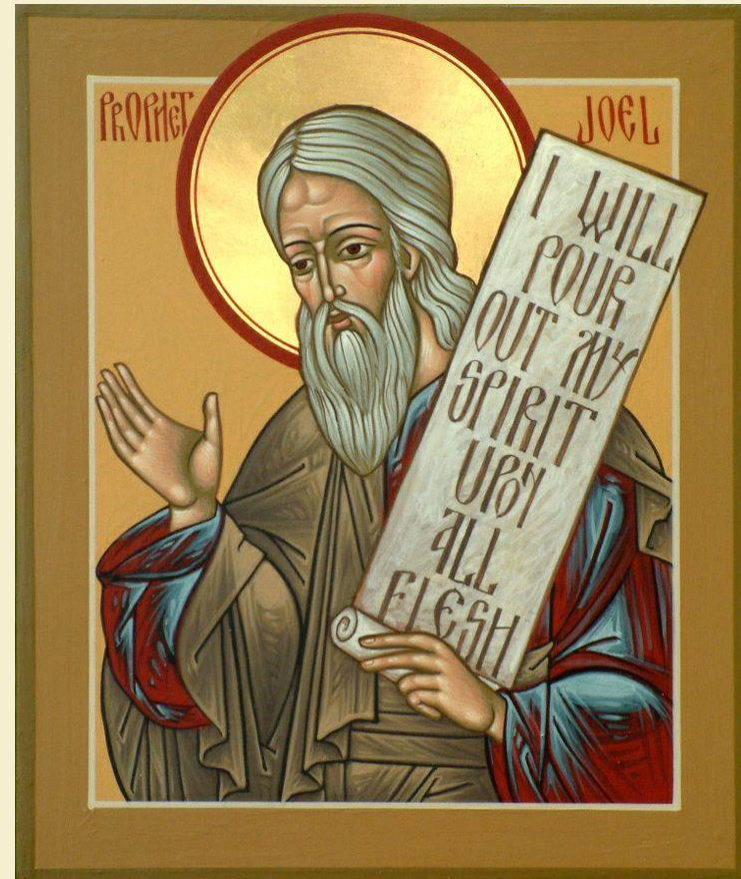
Do you not know that you
are God's temple and that
God's Spirit dwells in
you? (1Co 3:16 NRS)



What changed between the Old Covenant and the New Covenant that now allows the Holy Spirit to live within us permanently?

The Prophet Joel foretold new relationship with the Holy Spirit...

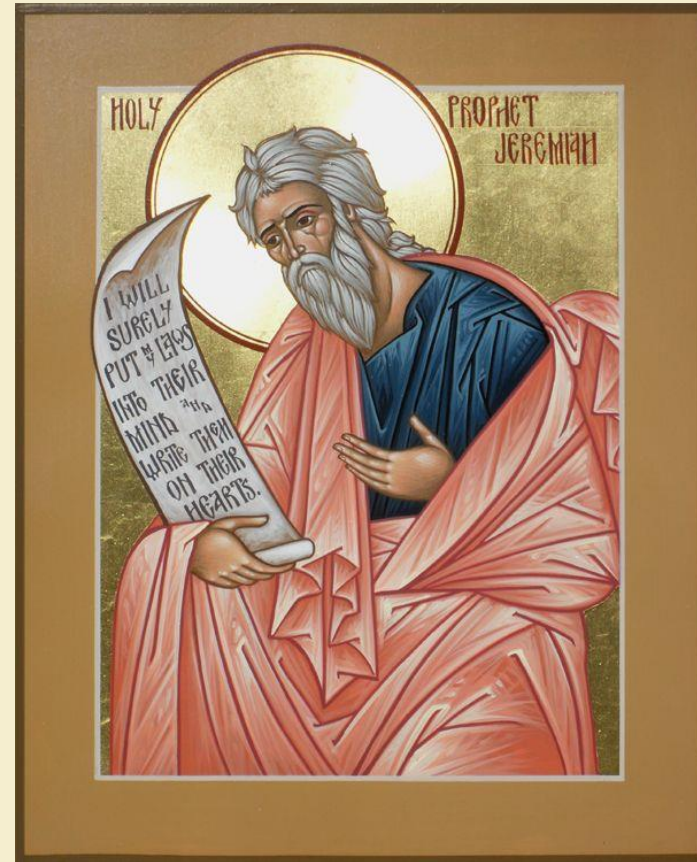
“I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. (Joe 2:28 NRS)



The Prophet Jeremiah foretold a new relationship with the Holy Spirit...

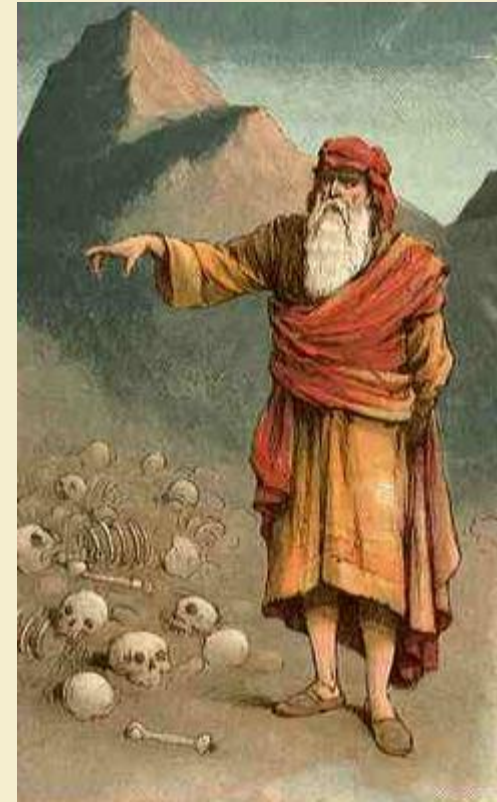
No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

(Jer 31:34 NRS)



The Prophet Ezekiel foretold a new relationship with the Holy Spirit...

Thus says the Lord GOD: Come I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, (Eze 37:14 NRS)



The Old Covenant people knew that something new and important was going to happen regarding the Spirit when the Messiah arrived.

John the Baptist knew a new relationship with the Holy Spirit was coming . . .

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. **He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.**
(Mat 3:11 NRS)



Most people think that the gospel story ends with Jesus' death and resurrection. They completely fail to realize that the final and ultimate purpose of Jesus coming was to baptize us with the Holy Spirit!

Jesus knew . . .

Jesus cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified. (Joh 7:37-39 NRS)



An abstract artwork featuring a vibrant magenta background with dense, chaotic scribbles. A large, dark, scribbled heart shape is the central focus. Overlaid on the heart is the text "The Problem: Our hearts were broken from sin and couldn't hold the Spirit." in a white, serif font. The background is filled with various colored lines and dots, including black, blue, yellow, and red, creating a complex, textured effect. The overall composition is dynamic and expressive.

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Jesus Solves the Problem

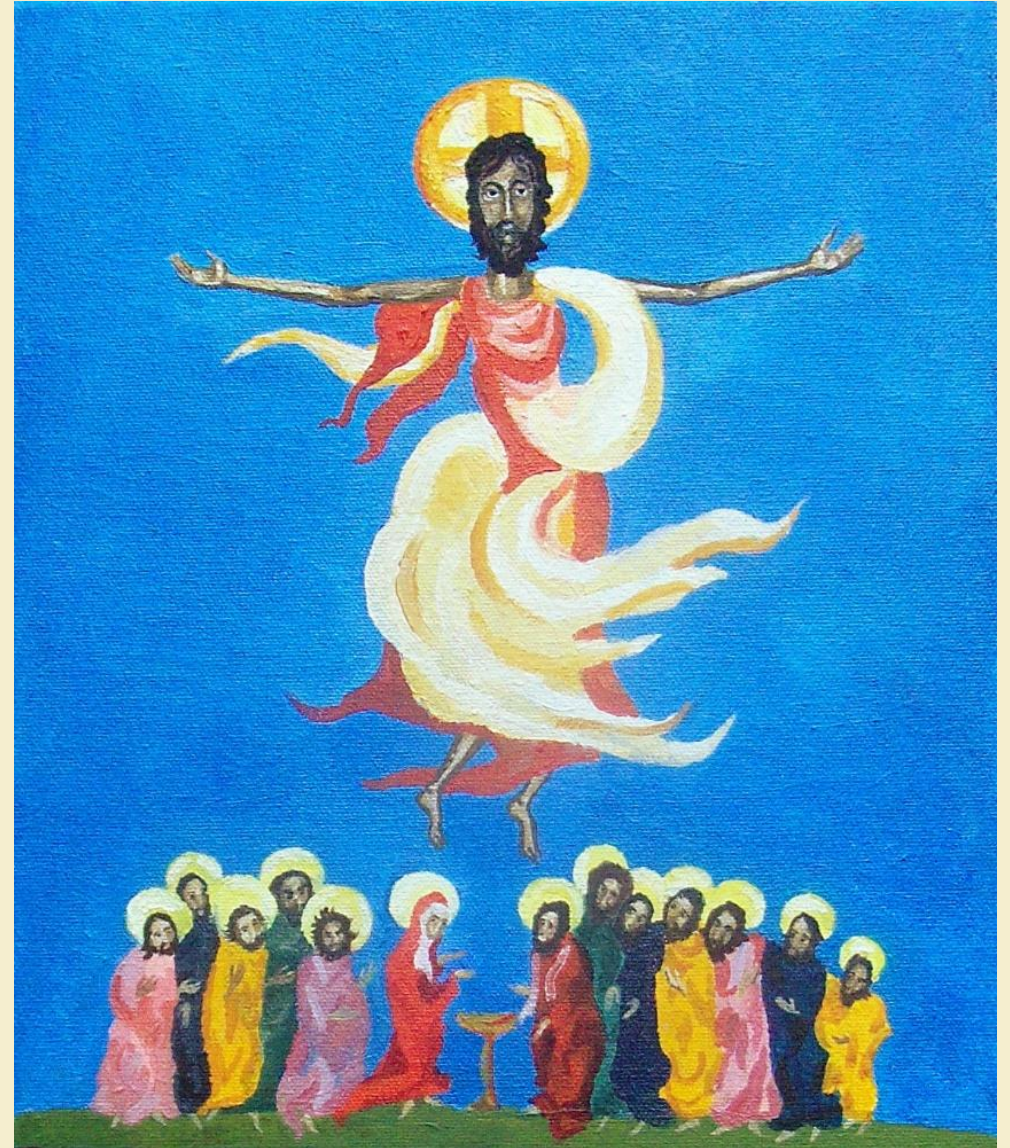
Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree." Jesus did this in order that ... we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. (Gal 3:13-14 NRS)



Jesus's Instructions . . .

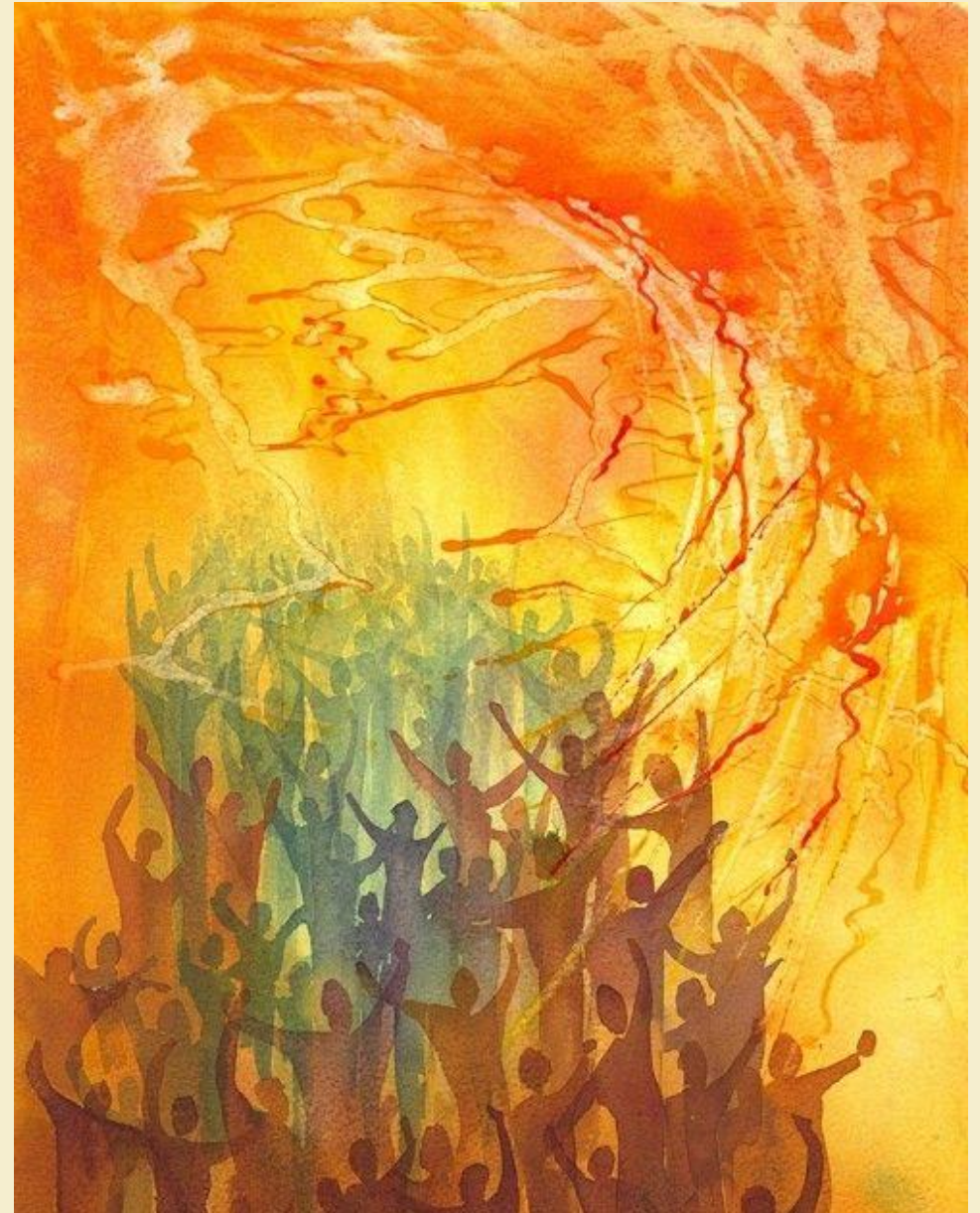
Before Jesus ascended into heaven he ordered his disciples not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father.

"This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, **but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.**"
(Act 1:2-5 NRS)



Pentecost!

The day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit (Act 2:1-4 NRS)



Question asked in our culture today: Are
you saved?

Question asked in the Early Church: Have
you received the Spirit?

“Have you received the Spirit?”



We receive the promise of the Spirit
through faith. Gal 3:14

Next: Dancing in the Spirit

Let's apply what
we've learned!

