


# Notes on the Holy Spirit

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**The doctrine of the Trinity  
was officially adopted  
at the  
Council of Constantinople  
in AD 381**



A glowing human silhouette is centered in the frame. A bright, white, starburst-like energy core emanates from the chest area, with numerous fine lines radiating outwards. Concentric white circles are drawn around the core, creating a ripple effect. The background is a deep blue, filled with a grid of thin white lines and several bright, out-of-focus stars or distant galaxies.

**What is a Soul?**

**What is a Spirit?**

## Thayer's Definition of *pneuma* (Strong's G4151)

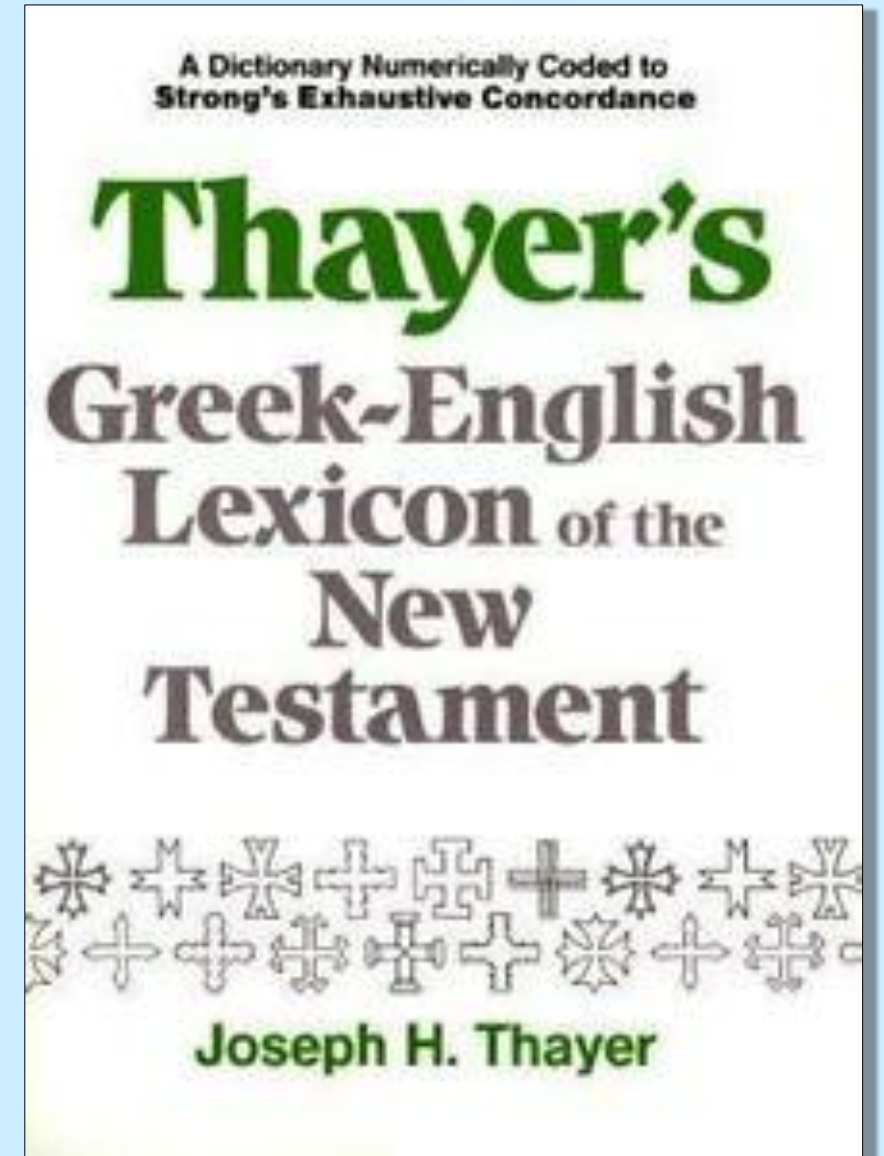
### **1) the third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit, coequal, coeternal with the Father and the Son**

1a) sometimes referred to in a way which emphasises his personality and character (the \\Holy\\ Spirit)

1b) sometimes referred to in a way which emphasises his work and power (the Spirit of \\Truth\\)

1c) never referred to as a depersonalised force

### **2) the spirit, i.e. the vital principal by which the body is animated ...**



	HEBREW WORDS	GREEK WORDS
<b>SPIRIT</b> <b>(THE SPARK OF LIFE)</b>	<p><b>rûach</b> (roo'-akh)</p> <p>Strong's H7307—n. wind; by resemblance breath.</p> <p>From H7306—v. to blow, that is, breathe.</p>	<p><b>pneuma</b> (pnyoo'-mah)</p> <p>Strong's G4151—n. a current of air, that is, breath (blast) or a breeze.</p> <p>From G4154—v. to breathe hard, to blow.</p>
<b>SOUL</b> <b>(SENTIENCE)</b>	<p><b>nephesh</b> (neh'-fesh)</p> <p>Strong's H5315—n. properly a breathing creature, that is, animal or (abstractly) vitality.</p> <p>From H5314—v. to breathe.</p>	<p><b>psuchē</b> (psoo-khay')</p> <p>Strong's G5590—n. breath, that is, (by implication) spirit.</p> <p>From G5594—v. to breathe.</p>

The Scriptures recognize man as composed of two elements, body and spirit. These two produce soul, sentient being, intelligence, the man himself, the being, or soul. The term “body” applies merely to the physical organism. It neither relates to the life which animates it, nor to the sentient being which is the result of animation. ... (E308.1)

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*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground [the body was formed from earthly elements], and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life [the spirit of life]; and man became a living soul [a sentient being]. — Genesis 2:7 KJV*

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*Then shall the dust* [the body, the form] *return to the earth as it was: and the spirit* [the breath of life] *shall return unto God who gave it.* — *Ecclesiastes 12:7 KJV*



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*For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath* [Strong's H7307, ruach, the spirit of life]; *so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity. — Ecclesiastes 3:19 KJV*

... Man's superiority over the beast, according to the account given in Genesis, consists not in his having a different kind of breath or spirit, but in his having a higher form, a superior body, a finer organism—endowed with a brain organism which enables him to reason upon planes far above and beyond the intelligence of the lower animals, the brute creation. We find that it is in these respects that man was created a fleshly likeness of his Creator, who is a spirit being. John 4:24 (E310.1)

# How Translated in the King James Version

## HEBREW — STRONG'S H7307, RŪACH

SPIRIT (227)  
 WIND (82)  
 BREATH (27)  
 WINDS (11)  
 MIND (6)  
 SIDE (5)  
 SPIRITS (5)  
 BLAST (4)  
 VAIN (2)  
 AIR (1)  
 ANGER (1)  
 COOL (1)  
 COURAGE (1)  
 QUARTERS (1)  
 SIDES (1)  
 SPIRITUAL (1)  
 TEMPEST (1)  
 WHIRLWIND (1)  
 WINDY (1)

## GREEK — STRONG'S G4151, PNEUMA

SPIRIT (257)  
 GHOST (92)  
 SPIRITS (32)  
 LIFE (1)  
 SPIRITUAL (1)  
 SPIRITUALLY (1)  
 WIND (1)



## Some of the ways ruach and pneuma are used in the Bible

- When used in connection with God, it signifies that he is powerful but invisible;
- When used in reference to God's influence and operation, it implies that these are accomplished by an invisible power.
- It is applied to human mind because it is a power that is invisible and intangible;
- It is also applied to words, which are also invisible, yet powerful;
- It is applied to life because it is an invisible power or quality.

## The Scripture speak of:

- the spirit of our minds—the invisible power of the mind;
- the spirit of a man—a man's mental powers and will;
- the spirit of life—the power of living, which actuates all creation;
- the Spirit of God—the power or influence which God exerts;
- the spirit of wisdom—a wise mind;
- the spirit of truth—the influence or power exerted by the truth;
- the spirit of love—a mind or disposition actuated by love;
- the spirit of evil and of malice—a mind actuated by maliciousness;
- the spirit of the world—the influence or power which the world exerts.

*And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. — Genesis 1:2 KJV*

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*And the Spirit of the LORD fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak; Thus saith the LORD; Thus have ye said, O house of Israel: for I know the things that come into your mind, every one of them. — Ezekiel 11:5 KJV*

## How The Holy Spirit Operates in the Gospel Age

- Explanatory rather than mechanical.
- Appeals to the understanding of the mind and the willingness of the heart.
- Has two different aspects to its operation:
  - (1) the begetting of embryo New Creatures to a new nature, and
  - (2) the growth and development of those New Creatures.

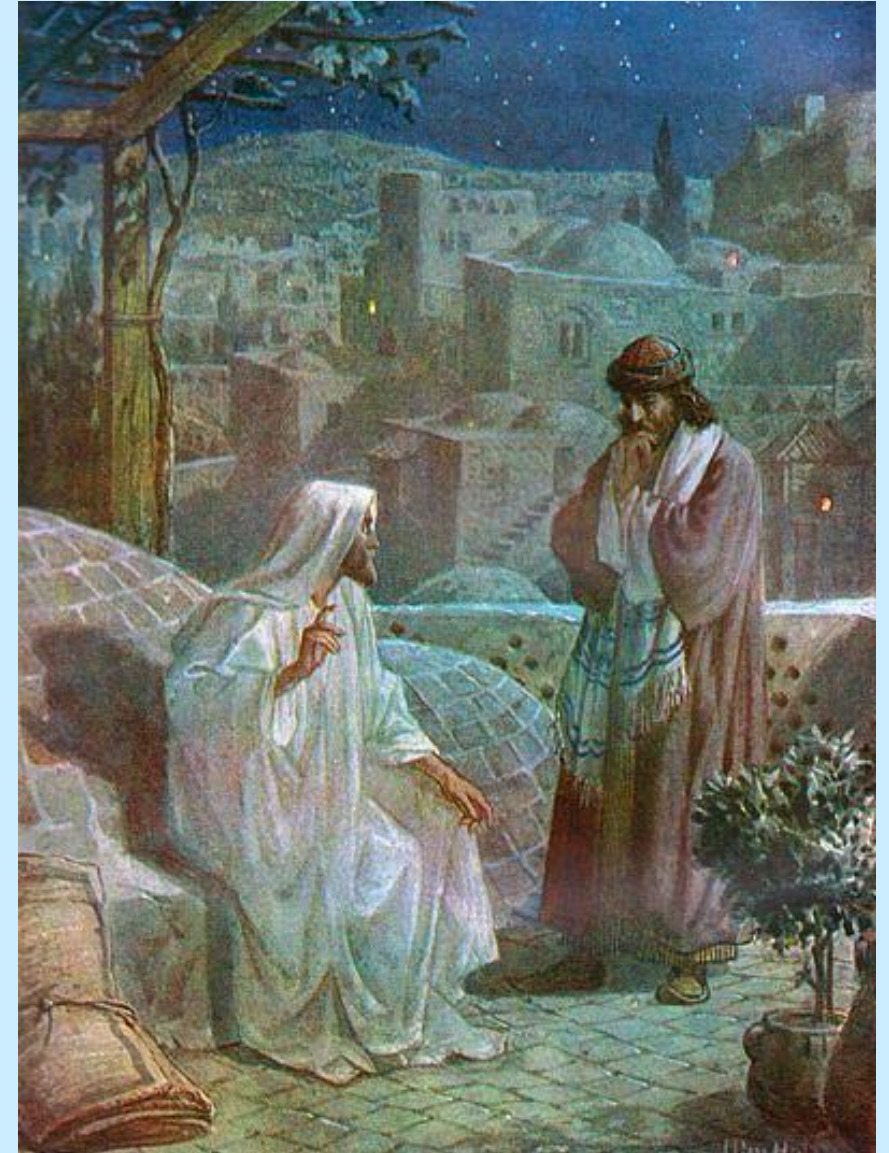
*Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. — Isaiah 53:12 KJV*

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*Who now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church:  
— Colossians 1:24 KJV*



*Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. — John 3:3-6 KJV*



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be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if  
any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none  
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*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? — Romans 6:3 KJV*



*And I knew him not: but he that sent me to  
baptize with water, the same said unto me,  
Upon whom thou shalt see the Spirit  
descending, and remaining on him, the same is  
he which baptizeth with the Holy Ghost.  
— John 1:33 KJV*





*Therefore being by the right hand of God  
exalted, and having received of the Father the  
promise of the Holy [Spirit], he [Jesus] hath  
shed forth this, which ye now see and hear. —  
Acts 2:32-33 KJV*

*It is like the precious ointment upon the head,  
that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's  
beard: that went down to the skirts of his  
garments; — Psalms 133:2 KJV*





*While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost.*

*— Acts 10:44-45 KJV*



*There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;  
One Lord, one faith, one baptism, — Ephesians 4:4-5 KJV*



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*Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who  
hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.  
— 2 Corinthians 1:21-22 KJV*

*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory. — Ephesians 1:13-14 KJV*

Are  
*Feelings*

a witness of God's holy Spirit in us?



*Drawn to God*



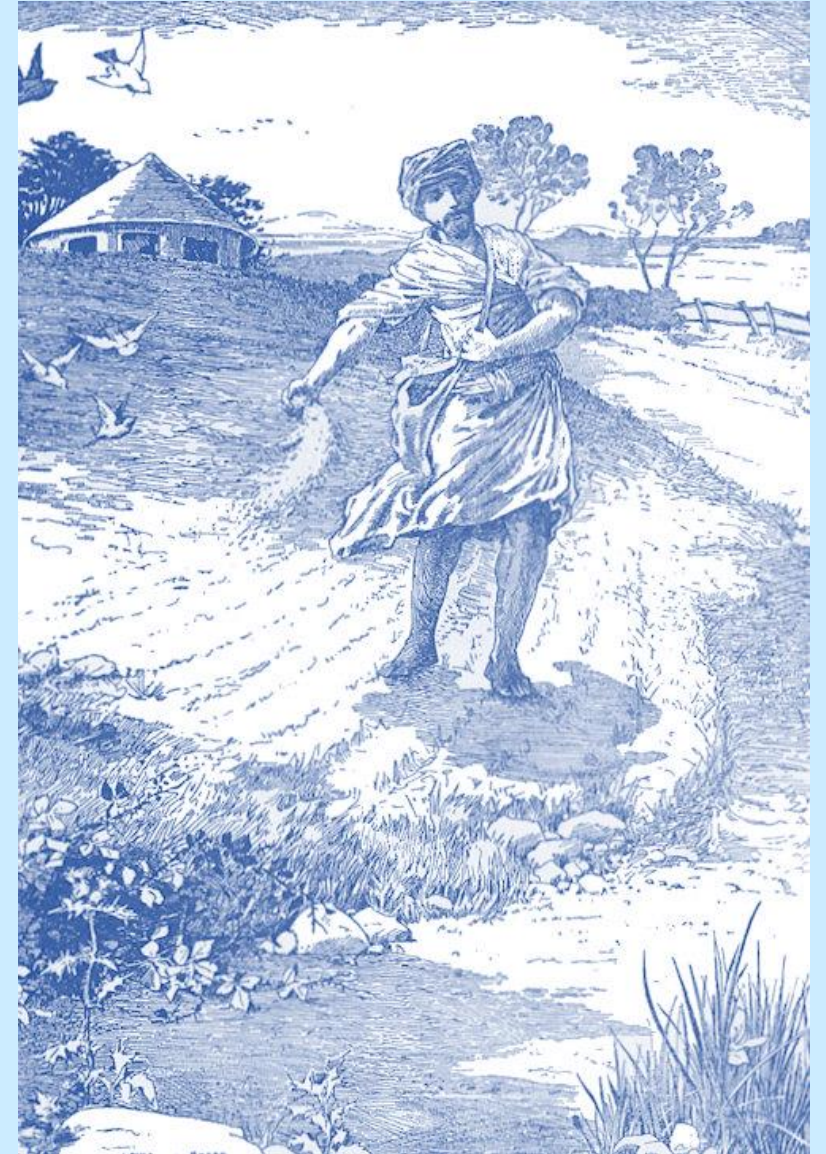
*But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.  
— Hebrews 11:6 KJV.*



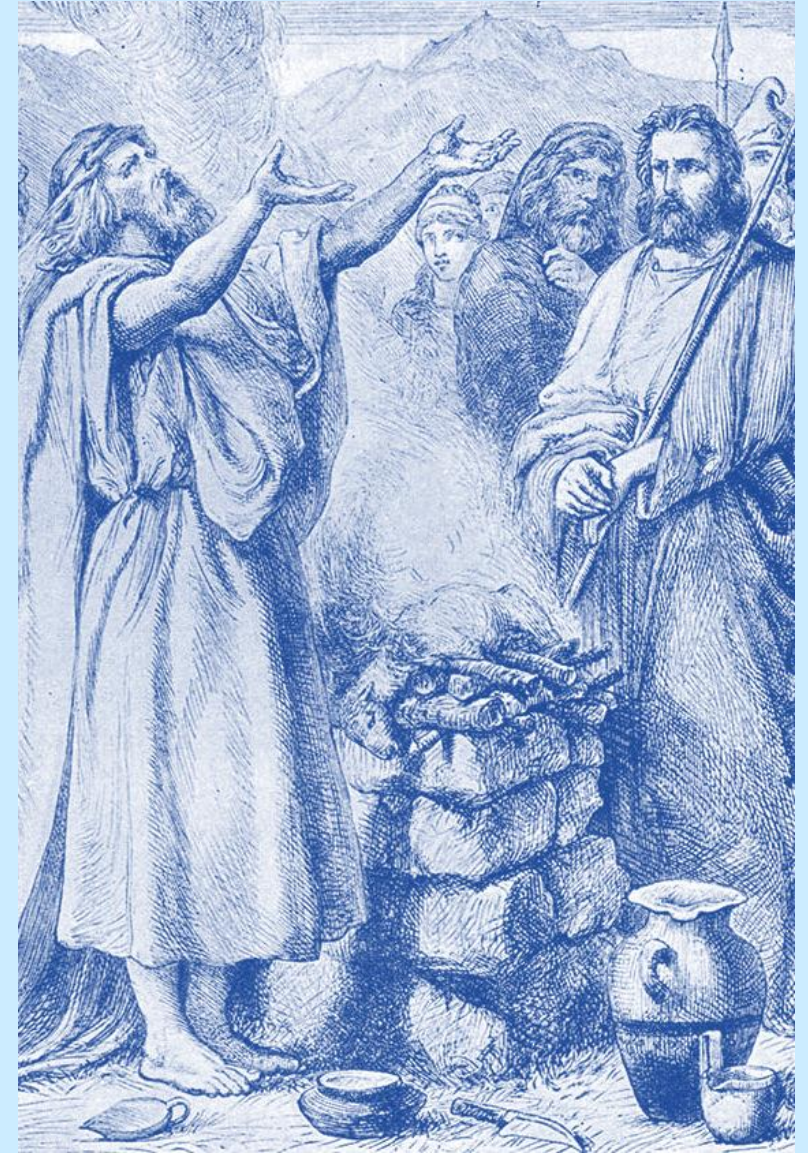


*... Behold, a sower went forth to sow; And when he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the fowls came and devoured them up: Some fell upon stony places, where they had not much earth: and forthwith they sprung up, because they had no deepness of earth: And when the sun was up, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. And some fell among thorns; and the thorns sprung up, and choked them: But other fell into good ground, and brought forth fruit, some an hundredfold, some sixtyfold, some thirtyfold.*

*— Matthew 13:3-8 KJV*



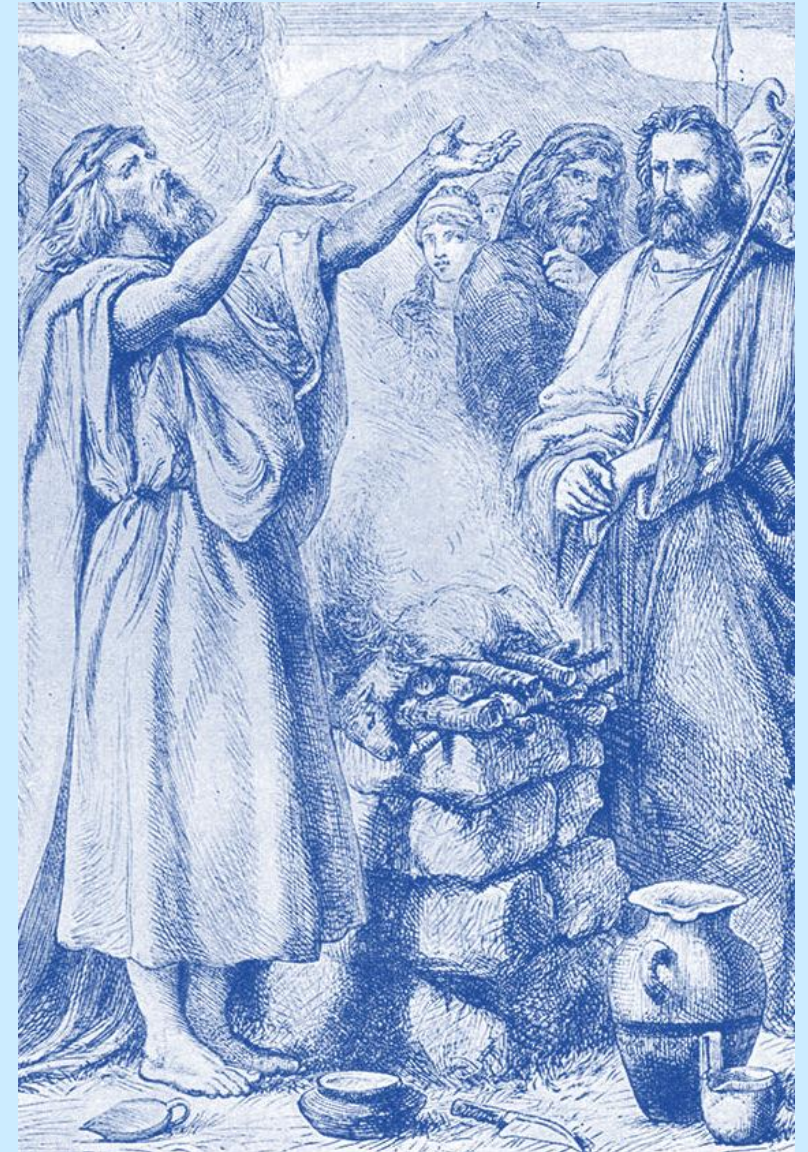
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— 1 John 3:24 KJV

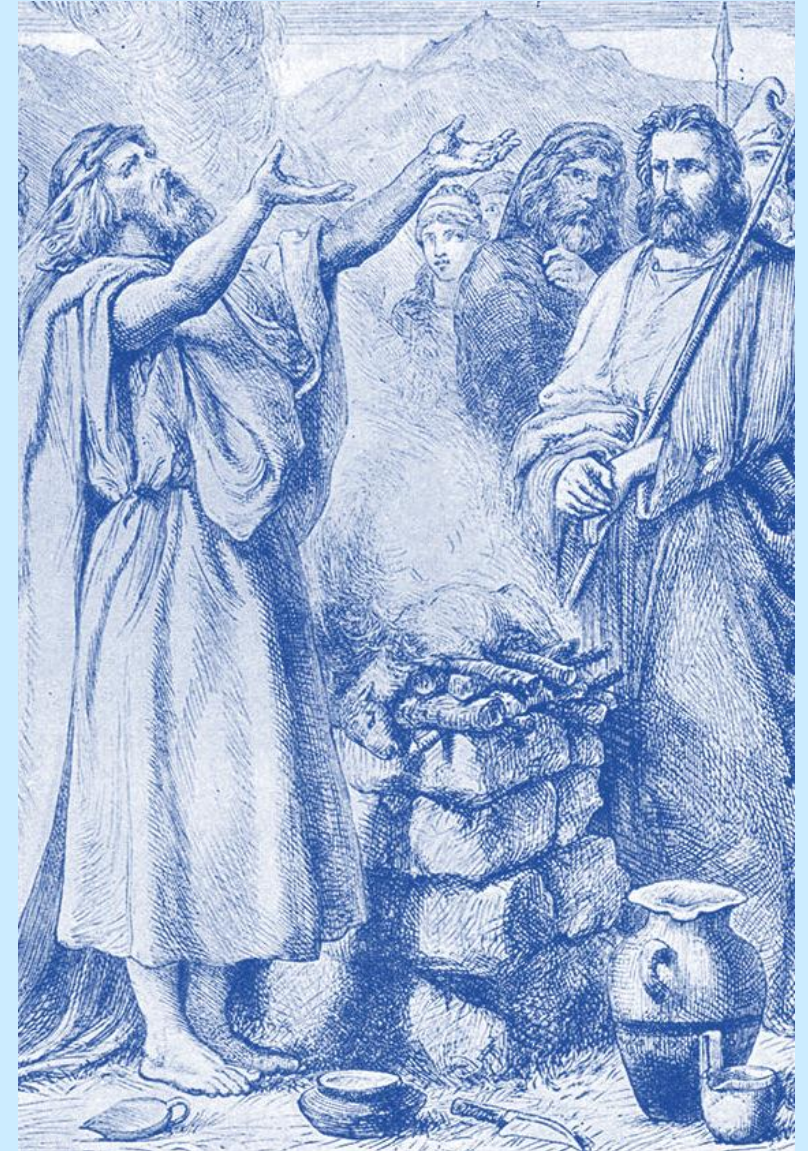




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*If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?*

*— Luke 11:11-13 KJV*



*For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,  
whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be  
bond or free; and have been all made to drink into  
one Spirit. — 1 Corinthians 12:13 KJV*





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... He bids us seek for and ask for this, as  
the great, supreme blessing ... (E222.2)



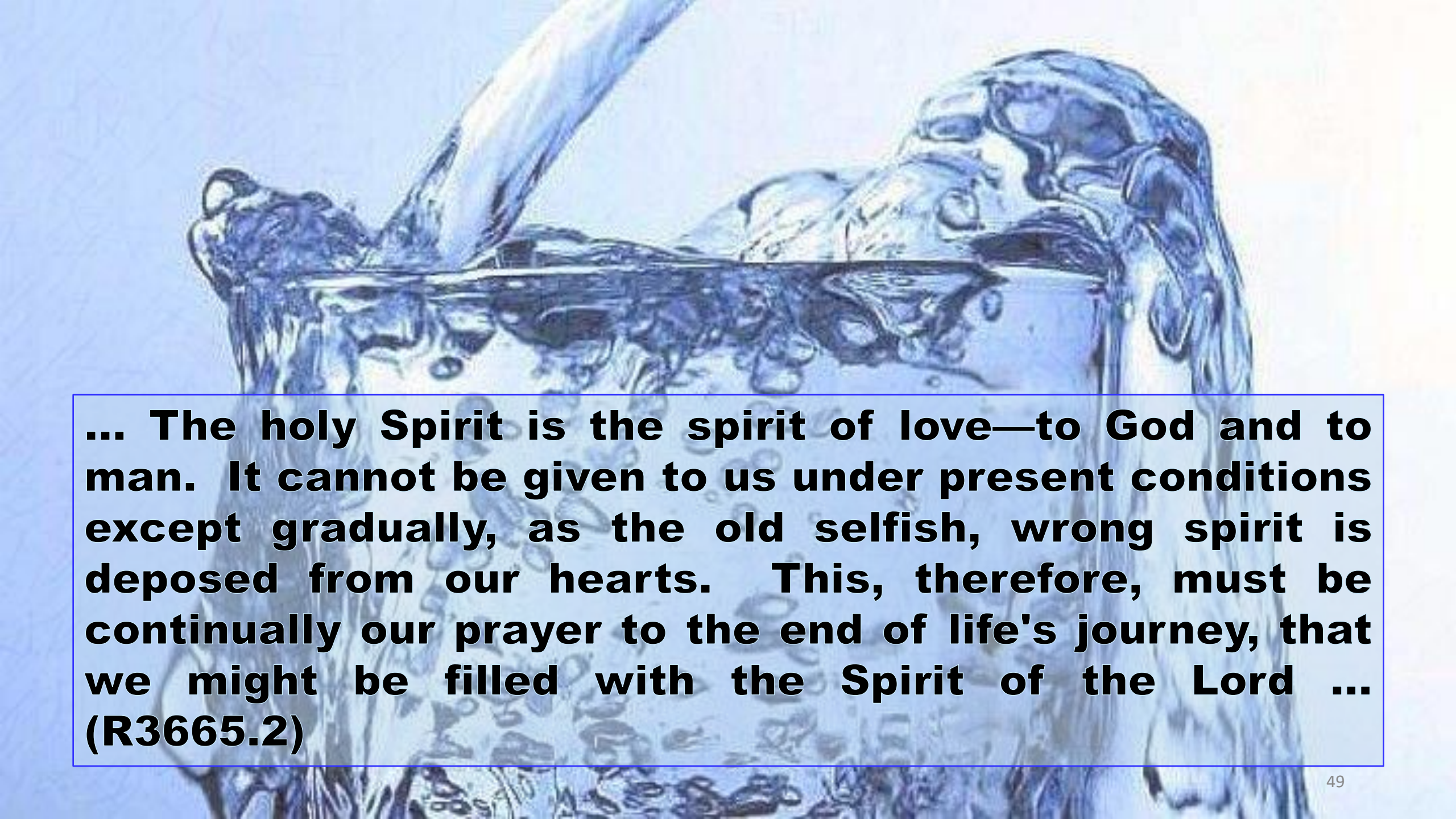
*If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you,  
ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done  
unto you. — John 15:7 KJV*



*For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words  
of God: for God giveth not the Spirit by measure  
unto him. — John 3:34 KJV*







**... The holy Spirit is the spirit of love—to God and to man. It cannot be given to us under present conditions except gradually, as the old selfish, wrong spirit is deposed from our hearts. This, therefore, must be continually our prayer to the end of life's journey, that we might be filled with the Spirit of the Lord ... (R3665.2)**

*And be not conformed to this world:  
but be ye transformed by the renewing  
of your mind, that ye may prove what  
is that good, and acceptable, and  
perfect, will of God.  
— Romans 12:2 KJV*





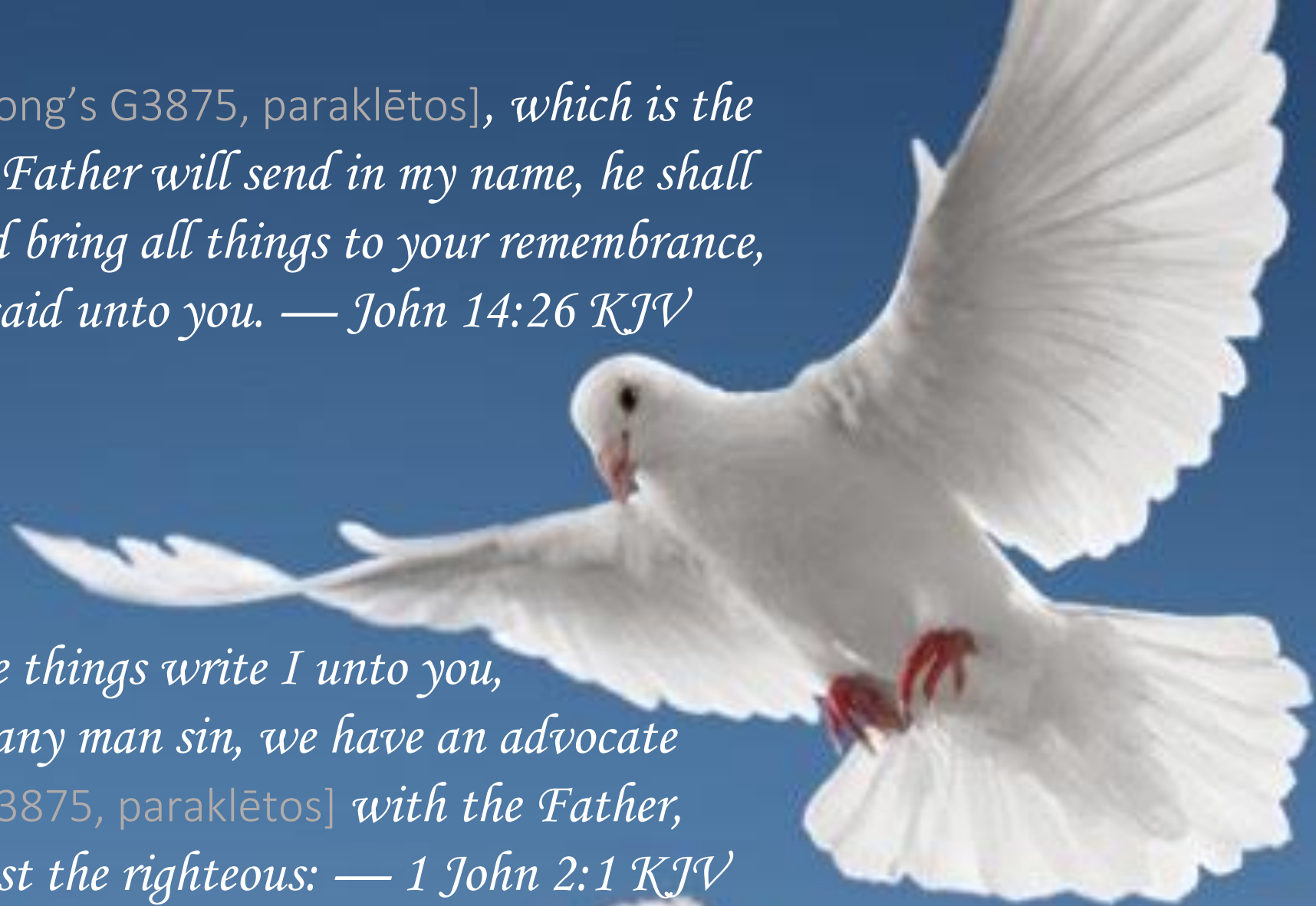
The promise of being “filled with the Spirit “ or mind of God is not to those who merely possess the Word of God, nor to those who merely read the Word of God, but is to those who search it earnestly, seeking to understand it; and who understanding it are willing, nay, anxious to obey it. If we would be filled with the Spirit of God, we must drink deeply of the fountain of Truth—his Word. ... (E205.1)

*But the Comforter [Strong's G3875, paraklētos], which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you. — John 14:26 KJV*



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*My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate [Strong's G3875, paraklētos] with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: — 1 John 2:1 KJV*



It is not the Truth, but the spirit of the Truth, it is not the Word of God, although it is in harmony with the Word; it is not holiness, yet it is in full accord with holiness. It is the spirit, the disposition, which is associated with a sound mind, with holiness, with Truth and with the Word of God.  
(R5227.11)



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*For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of  
righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to  
them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use  
have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.  
— Hebrews 5:13-14 KJV*







*But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen. — 2 Peter 3:18 KJV*





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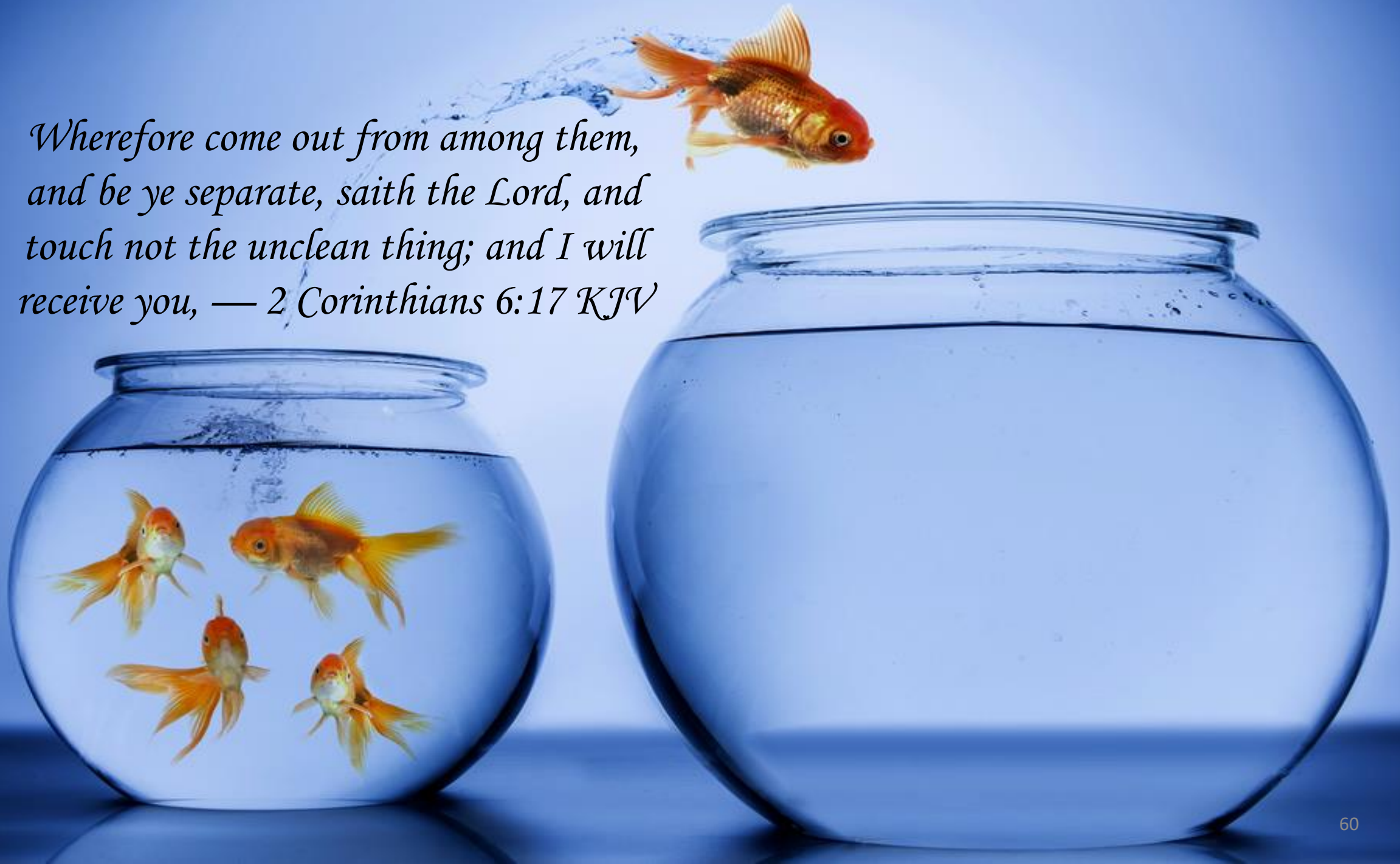
*But whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him. — 1 John 2:5 EMTV*




*We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not;  
but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and  
that wicked one toucheth him not. — 1 John 5:18*  
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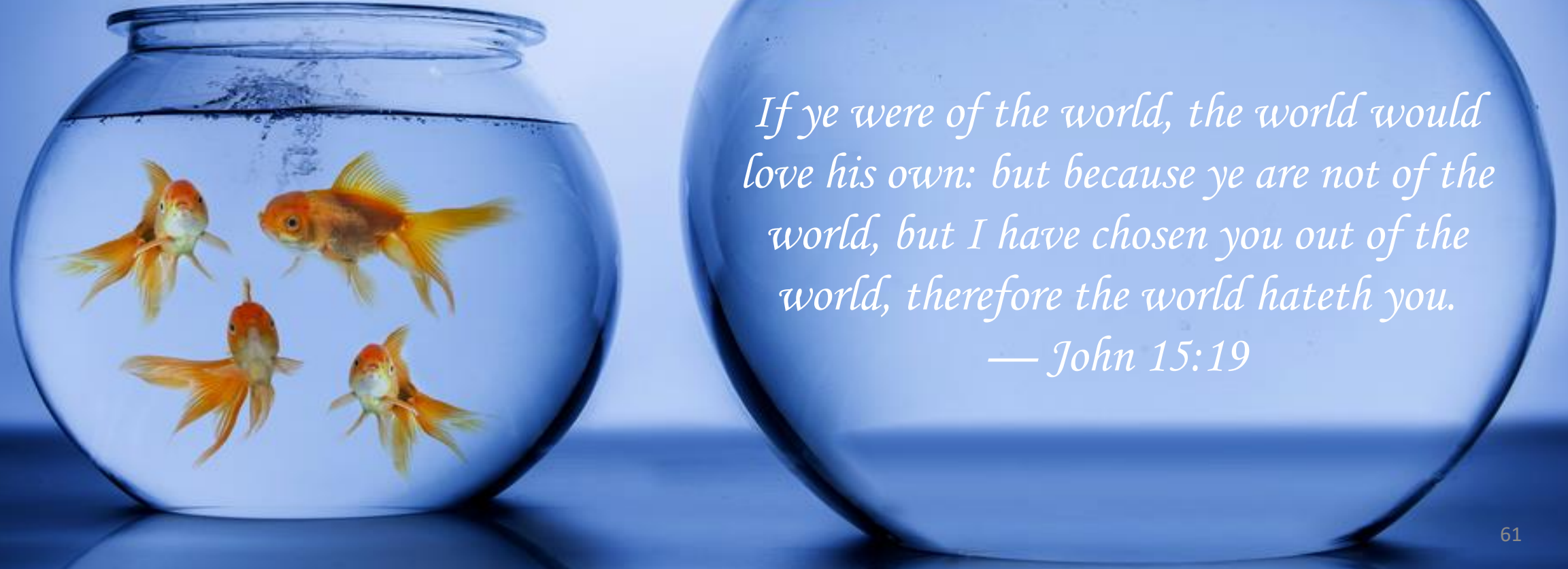


*Wherefore come out from among them,  
and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and  
touch not the unclean thing; and I will  
receive you, — 2 Corinthians 6:17 KJV*



A goldfish is captured mid-jump, leaving a trail of water droplets behind it as it moves from the water surface into the air. The fish is orange and white, and the background is a solid light blue.

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Two round glass goldfish bowls are shown against a blue background. The bowl on the left is partially filled with water and contains five goldfish. The bowl on the right is larger and mostly empty, with only a thin layer of water at the bottom.

*If ye were of the world, the world would  
love his own: but because ye are not of the  
world, but I have chosen you out of the  
world, therefore the world hateth you.  
— John 15:19*



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*Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf.  
— 1 Peter 4:16 KJV*




*Blessed are you when men shall hate you, and when they shall cut you off, and when they shall reproach you and shall cast out your name as evil, for the sake of the Son of Man. — Luke 6:22 MKJV*





*I am the Vine—the True Vine,  
and my Father is the vine-dresser.  
Every branch in me—if it bears no fruit,  
He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit  
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... to have these experiences, after having become identified with the “Vine,” is to have the witness of the Spirit that we are still in the “Vine,” and still recognized as “branches” of it—still under our Lord's care and discipline. ... (E230.2)



*... “My sons, do not disdain the discipline [Strong’s G3809] of the Lord nor lose heart when he reproves you; For whom the Lord loves, he disciplines [Strong’s G3811]; he scourges every son he receives.” Endure your trials as the discipline [Strong’s G3809] of God, who deals with you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline [Strong’s G3811]? If you do not know the discipline of sons, you are not sons but bastards. — Hebrews 12:5-8 NAB*

**Strong’s G3811**, paideuō (pahee-dyoo'-o). From G3816; to train up a child, that is, educate, or (by implication) discipline (by punishment): - chasten (-ise), instruct, learn, teach. Total KJV occurrences: 13

**Strong’s G3809**, paideia (pahee-di'-ah). From G3811; tutorage, that is, education or training; by implication disciplinary correction: - chastening, chastisement, instruction, nurture. Total KJV occurrences: 6

Ordinarily the word chastisement is used to signify correction for wrongdoing. But in the Bible, it is especially used to convey the thought of discipline or ***instruction in righteousness***. Sometimes we use it in this way in the ordinary affairs of life. If we sin, we receive punishment indeed. But those who are trying to do right are continually receiving discipline of the Lord. There is a purpose in this training, or chastisement. The Church is learning how to build character pleasing in the Father's sight, to be well qualified for particular service; and discipline is the means employed for that instruction. (R5147.3)

As our Lord was chastened for our transgressions, not his own, when he bore the sins of many, so his followers in many respects suffer, not for their own wrongdoing, but by reason of the wrongdoing of others, for they are called as the Apostle declares, to “fill up that which is behind of the afflictions of Christ, for his body's sake, which is the Church.” Colossians 1:24 (E234.1)

*For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer  
for well doing, than for evil doing. For Christ also  
hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust,  
that he might bring us to God, being put to death in  
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*For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also  
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follow his steps: — 1 Peter 2:21 KJV*





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*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.  
— Romans 8:14 KJV*

This, then, is the guide by which we may know our true position, not only at the beginning of the race, but to the end of it, viz., if we are led by the Spirit of God—if that is the direction in which we are following, if that is what we are seeking—then we are sons of God; He owns and accepts all who have come unto Him through Christ, and who are trusting in the merit of the wedding garment, and who continue in this attitude of heart. (R3203:6)