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Life in the Spirit

The story so far....

- 1st Covenant:
- Adam
 - God revealed himself in person
 - Genesis 3:8
 - **8** Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. **9** But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?"

The story so far.....

- 2nd Covenant
- Israel
 - God revealed himself through the law
 - but.....
 - Men became slaves to the law
 - Romans 7: 24-25
 - **21** So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. **22** For in my inner being I delight in God's law; **23** but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. **24** What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? **25** Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our

New Covenant

- God reveals himself through Jesus
- Romans 8:1
- Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, **2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. **3** For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.
- So lets take a closer look at the Spirit

The Holy Spirit in the Old Testament

- Joel 2 28-32

- “And afterward,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your old men will dream dreams,
your young men will see visions.

- **29**

- Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

- **30**

- I will show wonders in the heavens
and on the earth,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

- **31**

- The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord.

- **32**

- And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved;
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem
there will be deliverance,
as the Lord has said,
even among the survivors
whom the Lord calls.[c]

What Jesus said about the Holy Spirit

- All this I have told you so that you will not fall away.
- **2** They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, the time is coming when anyone who kills you will think they are offering a service to God.
- **3** They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.
- **4** I have told you this, so that when their time comes you will remember that I warned you about them. I did not tell you this from the beginning because I was with you,
- **5** but now I am going to him who sent me. None of you asks me, 'Where are you going?'
- **6** Rather, you are filled with grief because I have said these things.
- **7 But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.**
- **8** When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment:
- **9** about sin, because people do not believe in me;
- **10** about righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;
- **11** and about judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

What Paul says-Romans 8

- **1** Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,
- **2** because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.
- **3** For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,
- **4** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

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- **5** Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.
- **6** The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.
- **7** The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.
- **8** Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.

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- **9** You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.
- **10** But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness.
- **11** And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

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- **12** Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it.
- **13** For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.
- **14** For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.
- **15** The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*”
- **16** The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.

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- **17** Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

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- **3** For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering.

Sin offering

- Lev 4:1
- The Lord said to Moses, **2** “Say to the Israelites: ‘When anyone sins unintentionally and does what is forbidden in any of the Lord’s commands—
- **3** “‘If the anointed priest sins, bringing guilt on the people, he must bring to the Lord a young bull without defect as a sin offering^[a] for the sin he has committed.
- Lev 1:35
- **24** The Lord said to Moses, **25** “Say to Aaron and his sons: ‘These are the regulations for the sin offering: The sin offering is to be slaughtered before the Lord in the place the burnt offering is slaughtered; it is most holy.

What Jesus said about the law

- **17** “Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.
- **18** For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth disappear, not the smallest letter, not the least stroke of a pen, will by any means disappear from the Law until everything is accomplished.

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- Galatians 5:16-18 Bad Dog
- **16** So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.
- Galatians 5:22-26 Good Dog
- But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit

1 Corinthians 2:9-11

- **9** However, as it is written:
 - “What no eye has seen,
what no ear has heard,
and what no human mind has conceived”^[b]—
the things God has prepared for those who love him—
- **10** these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit.
- The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. **11** For who knows a person’s thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

The big question

- **9** You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, **if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you.** And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. **10** But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. **11** And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of ^{his} Spirit who lives in you.

Its all about faith

- [Galatians 5:5](#)
For through the Spirit we eagerly await by **faith** the righteousness for which we hope.
- [2 Corinthians 5:7](#)
For we live by **faith**, not by sight.
- Faith-458 references to it, 171 OT and 387 NT

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- 1 Corinthians 12:7
- **7** Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.
- Galatians 5:19-21
- **19** The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; **20** idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions **21** and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.
- Galatians 5:22-26
- **22** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. **24** Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. **26** Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

So.....

- New Covenant
- Freedom through the Spirit
- Faith is the key
- We are still human
- We choose which dog to feed

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- **18** I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.
- **19** For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed.
- **20** For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope
- **21** that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

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- **22** We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time.
- **23** Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies.
- **24** For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have?
- **25** But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

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- **26** In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.
- **27** And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.
- **28** And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.
- **29** For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.
- **30** And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

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- **31** What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
- **32** He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?
- **33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.
- **34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.
- **35** Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?

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- **36** As it is written:
 - “For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”
- **37** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
- **38** For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,
- **39** neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The End

- Questions?