

Life in the Spirit

“ONE Baptism—MANY Fillings”

(1Corinthians 12:13; Ephesians 5:18)

The relationship of the believer to the Holy Spirit is the most important experience of fellowship they have,

**BUT IT IS ALSO
THE MOST
ELUSIVE.**

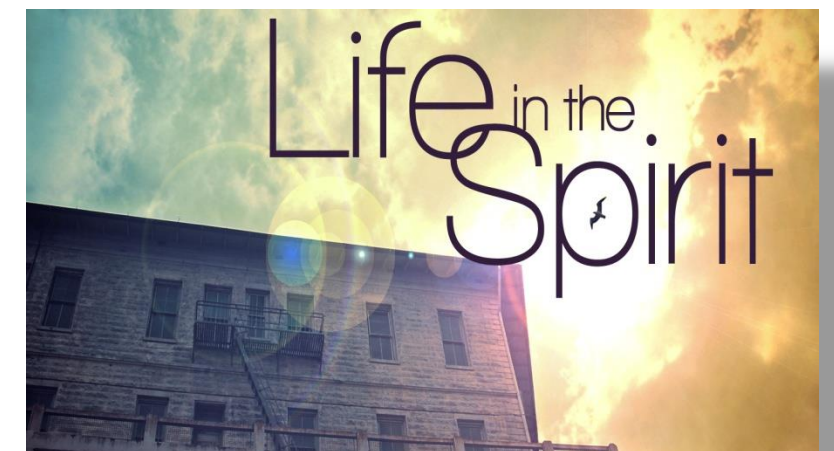


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(1 Corinthians 12:13)

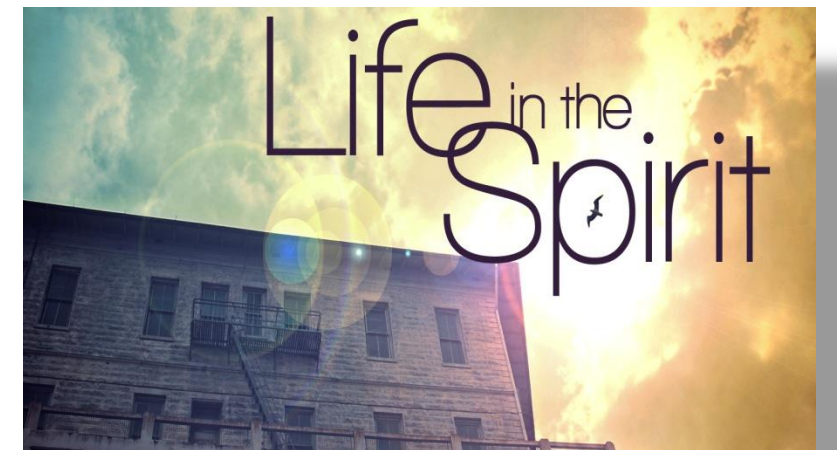
And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit.

(Ephesians 5:18)



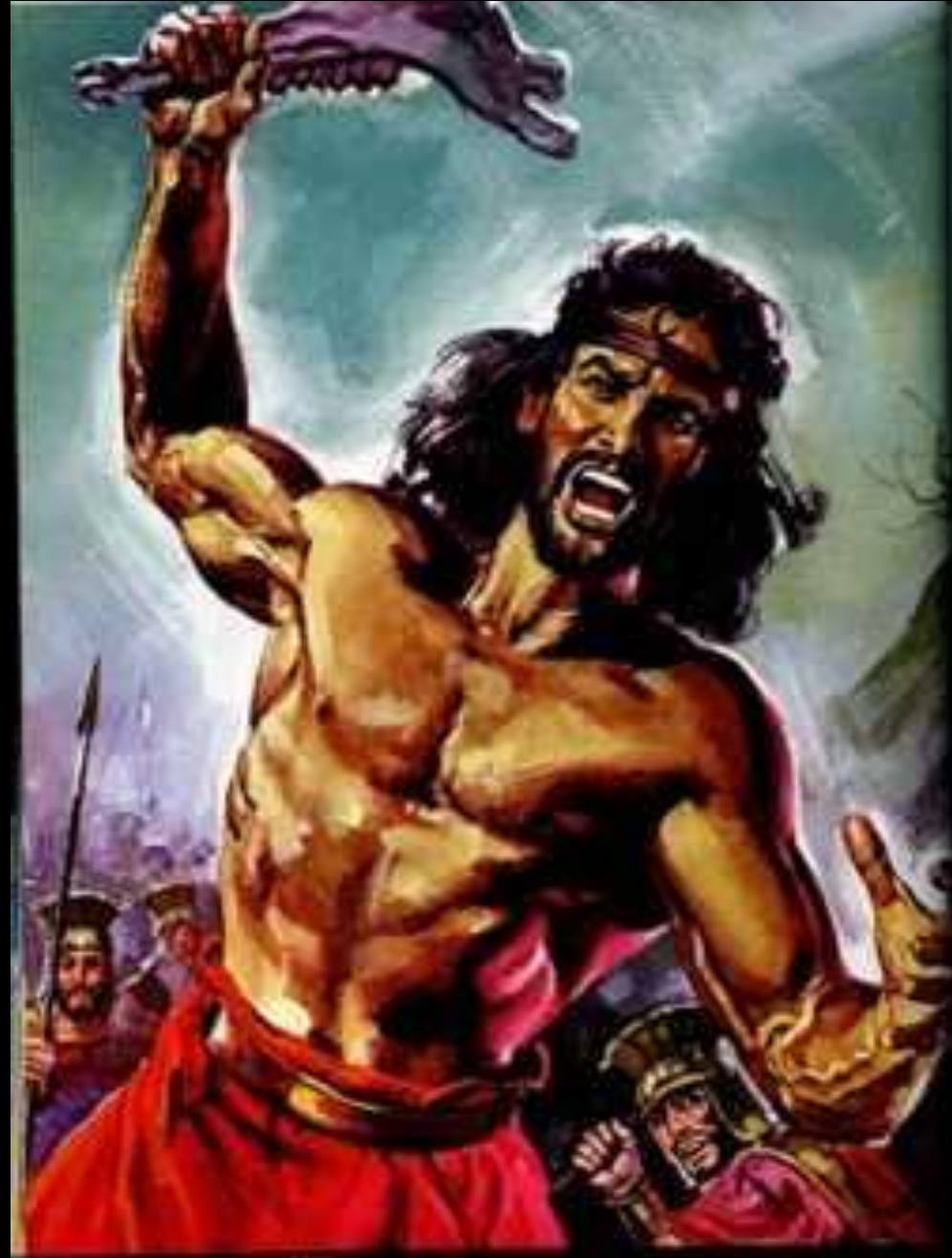
I. ONE Baptism (1Co. 13:13)

A. Indwelling



When [Samson] came to Lehi, the Philistines came shouting to meet him.

Then the Spirit of the LORD rushed upon him, and the ropes that were on his arms became as flax that has caught fire, and his bonds melted off his hands.



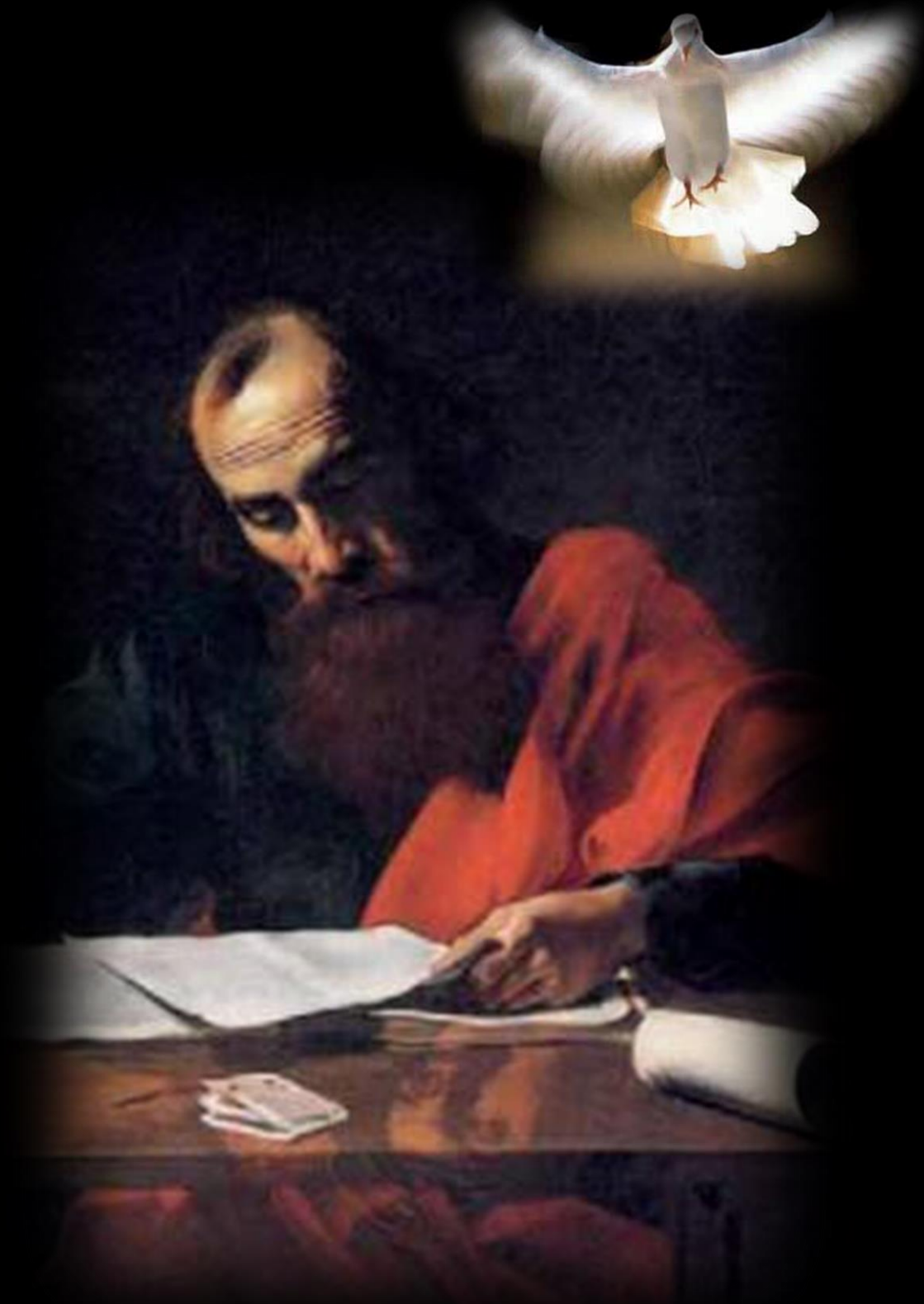
And he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, and put out his hand and took it, and with it he struck 1,000 men.


(Judges 15:14-15)

Knowing this first of all,
that **no** prophecy of Scripture
comes from someone's **own**
interpretation.

For **no** prophecy was ever
produced by the will of **man**,
but men spoke from God
as they were carried along
by the Holy Spirit.

(2Peter 1:20-21)



A person is shown from the back, with their arms raised in a gesture of prayer or praise. They are positioned on the left side of the frame. The background is a bright, glowing light with a warm, golden-yellow hue, suggesting a sunrise or a divine presence. The overall atmosphere is one of hope and spiritual uplift.

**And it shall come to pass
afterward, that 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.**

(Joel 2:28)



**And I will ask the Father,
and he will give you another Helper,
to be with you forever,
even the Spirit of truth,
whom the world cannot receive,
because it neither sees Him nor
knows Him.**

You know Him
for He dwells **with** you
and will be **in** you.

(John 14:16-17)

Jesus came to be God **WITH** us
The **Holy Spirit** came to be God **IN** us

The Holy Spirit,
creator of the
universe, lives in you



AND HE CAME TO STAY!

Our **BIGGEST** challenge—

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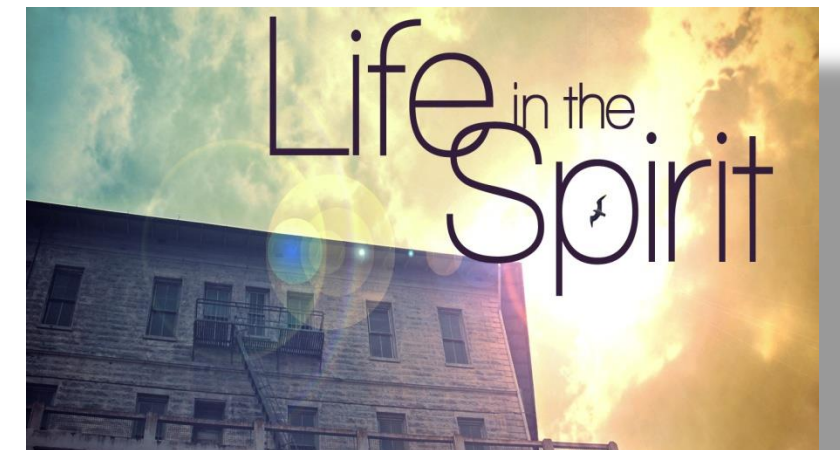


Getting Christians to **BELIEVE** it!

I. ONE Baptism (1Co. 13:13)

A. Indwelling

B. Impact





For John baptized with
water,
but **you** will be
baptized with the **Holy**
Spirit not many days
from now.

(Acts 1:5)



But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

(Titus 3:4-7)

And by this we **know** that he **abides** in us,
by the **Spirit** whom he has given us.
(1John 3:24)

I Have This
NAGGING FEAR
That I am
NOT SAVED.
How Can I Know For Sure?



**In him you also,
when you heard
the word of truth,
the gospel of your
salvation,
and believed in
him,
were sealed with
the promised Holy
Spirit,**



**who is the
guarantee of our
inheritance
until we acquire
possession of it,
to the praise of
his glory.**

(Ephesians 1:13-14)



AM I A
CHRISTIAN?

**For in one Spirit we were all baptized into
one body**

**—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—
and all were made to drink of one Spirit.**

(1Corinthians 12:13)



**The early Christians lived so differently
from the neighboring Jews and Pagans
that they were called**

"THE THIRD RACE."

**One of the great tragedies in the church is the way its members
attack one another.**

When this occurs in the Body of Christ,



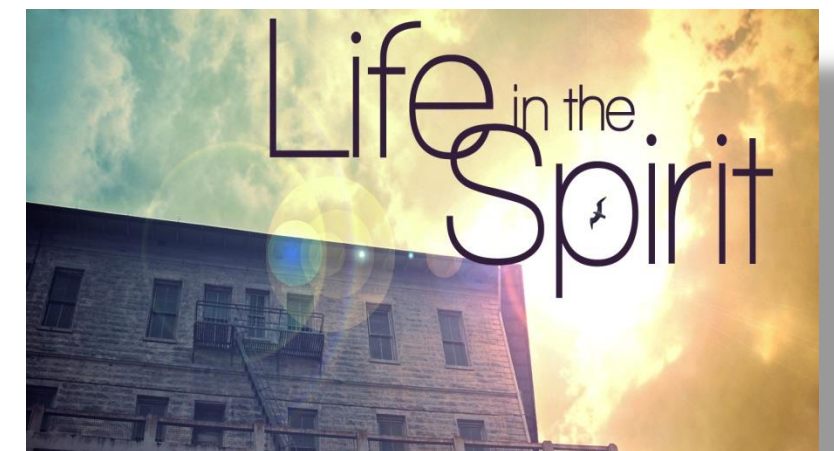
**it's like a person punching himself in the face
because his fist doesn't like what his face looks like.**

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A. Indwelling

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II. MANY Fillings (Ephesians 5:18)



It is the will of God that each believer should be **filled** with the Holy Spirit and be sanctified wholly, being separated from sin and the world and fully dedicated to the will of God, thereby receiving power for holy living and effective service. This is both a **CRISIS** and a **PROGRESSIVE EXPERIENCE** wrought in the life of the believer subsequent to conversion.

An open book is shown at the bottom of the image, with its pages filled with text. The background is a solid yellow color. Overlaid on this background is the text "What We Believe" in a large, bold, serif font. Below it, the word "believe" is written in a smaller, elegant, cursive script.

What We Believe
believe

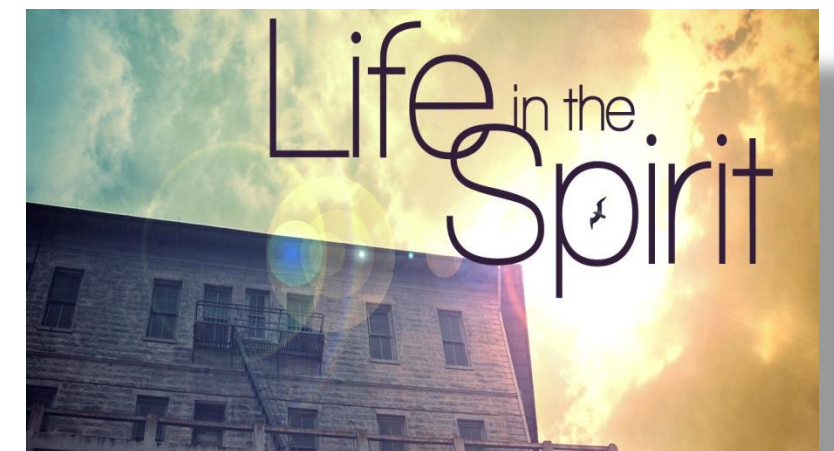
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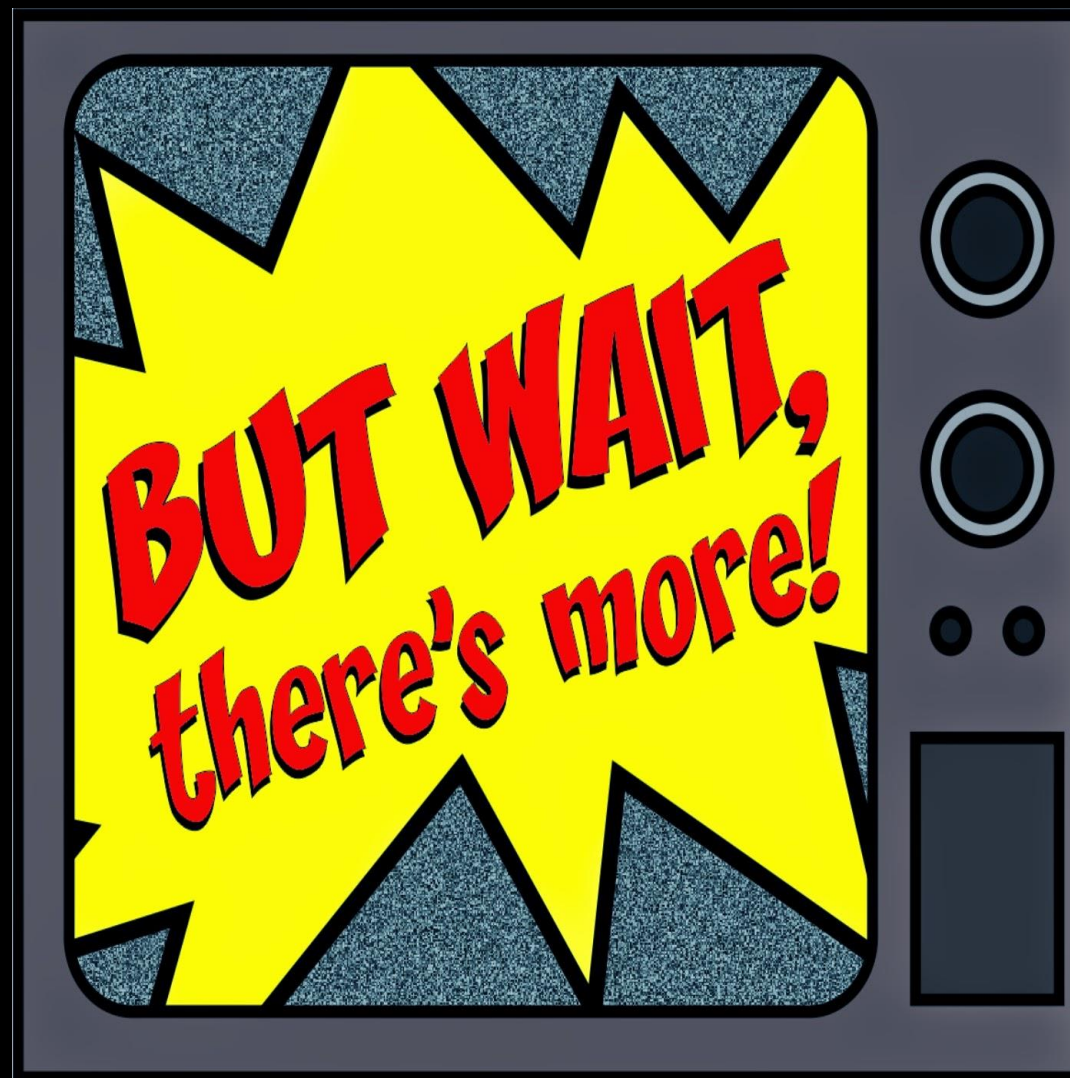
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A. Crisis



If we've got it **all**...

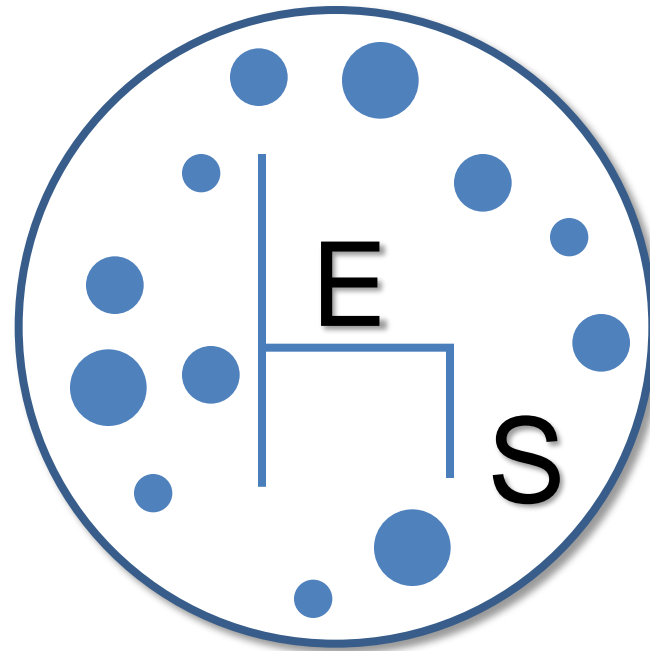
**Evangelicals
have always
assumed that
they "got it all
in conversion"**



**and
therefore
were in
need of no
more.**

WHY ARE WE THE WAY WE ARE?

**UNBELIEF
DISOBEDIENCE
POOR PRAYER LIFE
LITTLE DESIRE FOR BIBLE
STUDY
LEGALISTIC ATTITUDE**



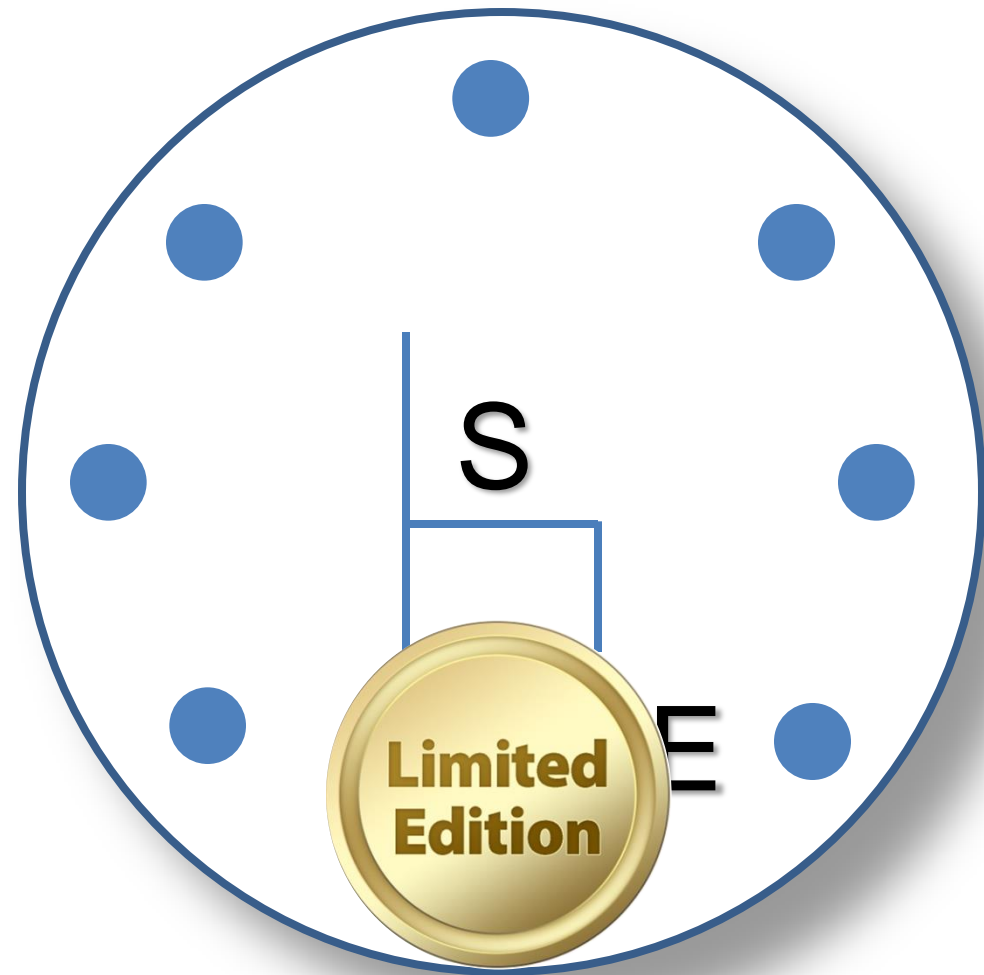
**IMPURE THOUGHTS
JEALOUSY
GUILT
WORRY
DISCOURAGEMENT
LITTLE LOVE FOR GOD**

SELF-DIRECTED CHRISTIAN

**CHRIST-CENTERED
HOLY SPIRIT-EMPOWERED
INTRODUCES OTHERS TO
CHRIST
EFFECTIVE PRAYER LIFE
UNDERSTANDS GOD'S WORD**

**TRUSTS GOD
OBEYS GOD
LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE,
KINDNESS, FAITHFULNESS,
GOODNESS**

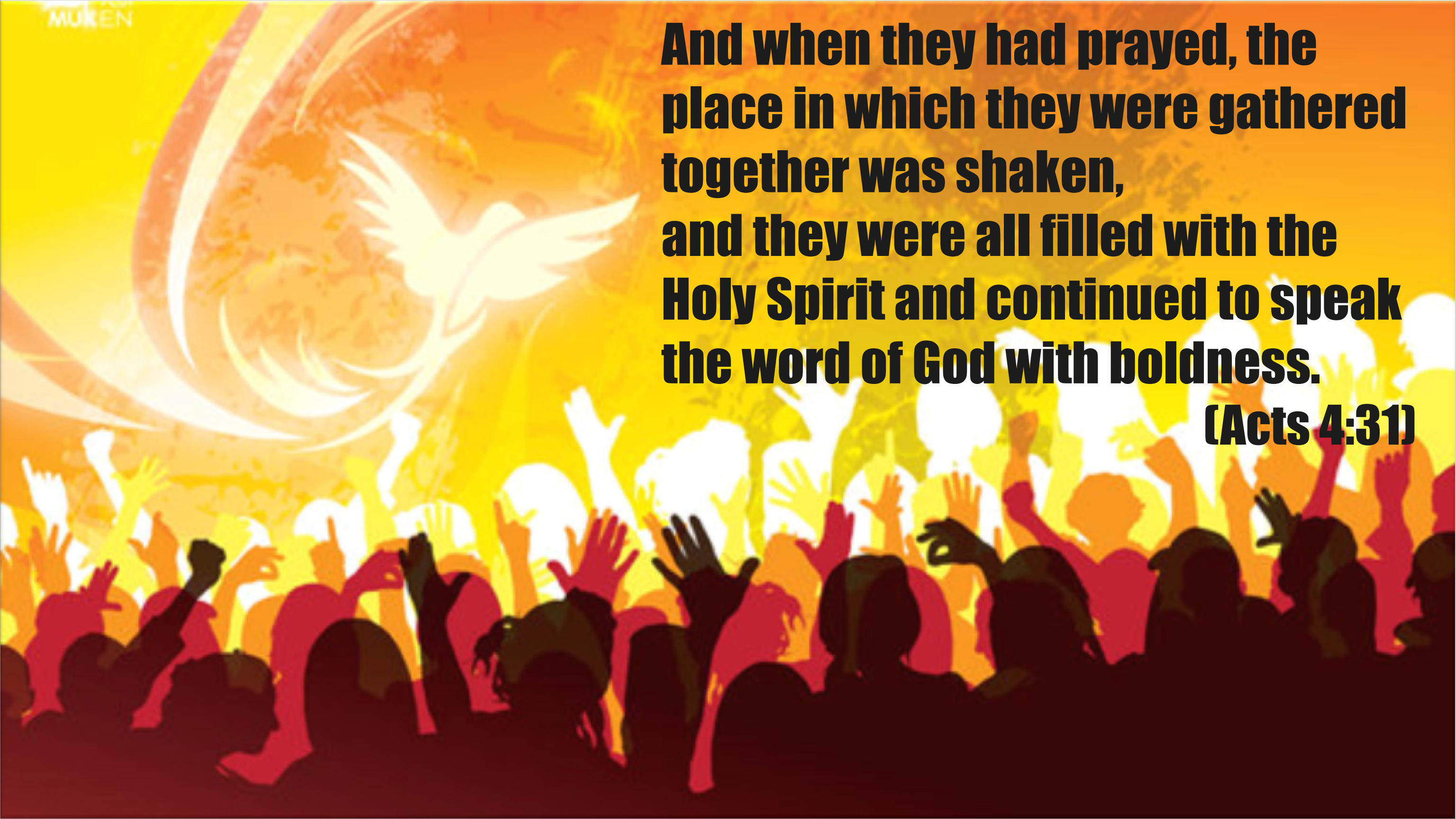
SPIRIT-FILLED CHRISTIAN



The Spirit-filled life is not a special, deluxe edition of Christianity. It is part and parcel of the total plan of God for His people.

I think it proper to
say that anyone who
is **not** Spirit-filled
is a **defective**
Christian.





And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

(Acts 4:31)

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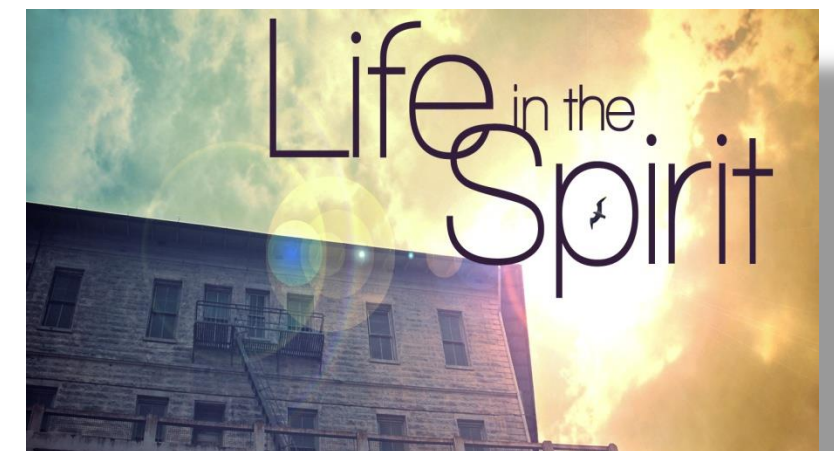
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B. Process



BE FILLED

with the Spirit



“Be **continually** filled to the **brim** with the Spirit...”

Repeatedly, as the occasion requires, the Spirit **empowers** for **worship, service,** and **testimony.**

**I believe in the
filling of the
Holy Spirit,
but I also
believe you
can **leak**.**



Do not quench the Spirit.

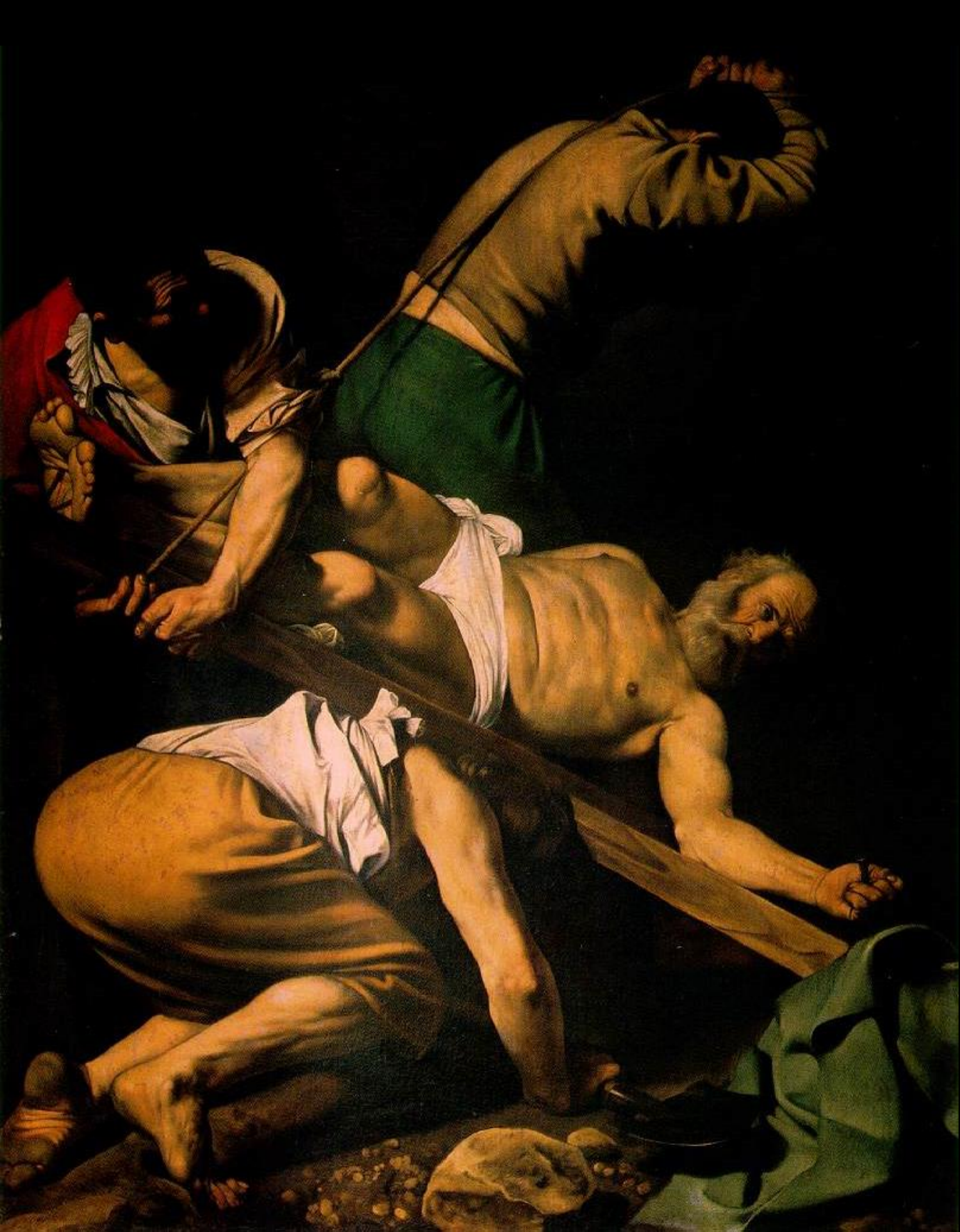
Do not despise prophecies.

(1Thessalonians 5:19-20)



**Does he who supplies the Spirit to you
and works miracles among you
do so by works of the law,
or by hearing with faith?**

(Galatians 3:5)



Some people
think the **POWER**
petered out
when **PETER**
petered out...

NO WAY!

**Some people are
so afraid of
FALSE fire...**



**...That they
settle for NO fire!**





HOW ABOUT REAL FIRE?

**When we get fed
up with being
filled by the
things which do
not satisfy or
empower...**



...we are ready to be filled with the Holy Spirit.



WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR?