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"I baptize you with water for repentance.

But after me will come one who is more powerful than I, whose sandals I am not fit to carry.

HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND WITH FIRE.

His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor,

gathering his wheat into the barn and burning up the chaff with unquenchable fire."

(Matthew 3:11-12) (Mark 1:8) (Luke 3:16)

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said,

"LOOK, THE LAMB OF GOD, WHO TAKES AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD!

This is the one I meant when I said,

'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.'

I myself did not know him,

but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel."

Then John gave this testimony:

"I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him.

I would not have known him, except that the one who sent me to baptize with water told me,

'THE MAN ON WHOM YOU SEE THE SPIRIT COME DOWN AND REMAIN IS HE WHO WILL BAPTIZE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.'

I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God." (John 1:29-34)

1. Where did John get this idea that the ONE TO COME would baptize with the HOLY SPIRIT?

YAHWEH said to Moses:

"Bring me seventy of Israel's elders who are known to you as leaders and officials among the people.

Have them come to the Tent of Meeting, that they may stand there with you.

I will come down and speak with you there,

and I will take of the Spirit that is on you and put the Spirit on them.

They will help you carry the burden of the people so that you will not have to carry it alone.

(Numbers 11:16-17)

So Moses went out and told the people what YAHWEH had said.

He brought together seventy of their elders and had them stand around the Tent.

Then YAHWEH came down in the cloud and spoke with him,

and he took of the Spirit that was on him and put the Spirit on the seventy elders.

When the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied, but they did not do so again.

However, two men, whose names were Eldad and Medad, had remained in the camp.

They were listed among the elders, but did not go out to the Tent.

Yet the Spirit also rested on them, and they prophesied in the camp.

(Numbers 11:24-26)

***The SPIRIT OF YAHWEH came upon the leaders that YAHWEH choose.
They were called the Anointed Ones.***

Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him.
So the Israelites listened to him and did what YAHWEH had commanded Moses.
(Deuteronomy 34:9)

The Spirit of YAHWEH came upon him, so that he became Israel's judge {Or [leader]} and went to war.
YAHWEH gave Cushan-Rishathaim king of Aram into the hands of Othniel, who overpowered him.
(Judges 3:10)

Then the Spirit of YAHWEH came upon Gideon, and he blew a trumpet,
summoning the Abiezrites to follow him. (Judges 6:34)

Then the Spirit of YAHWEH came upon Jephthah. He crossed Gilead and Manasseh,
passed through Mizpah of Gilead, and from there he advanced against the Ammonites. (Judges 11:29)

So Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him in the presence of his brothers,
and from that day on the Spirit of YAHWEH came upon David in power. (1 Samuel 16:13)

See also Judges 14:6, 19; 15:14 (Samson)

- 1 Samuel 11:6 (Saul) (1 Samuel 10:6)
- 1 Kings 18:46 (Elijah)
- 1 Chronicles 12:18 (Amasai, chief of the Thirty)
- 2 Chronicles 24:20 (Zechariah, the priest)

A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse;
from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.

The Spirit of YAHWEH will rest on him --

the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
the Spirit of counsel and of power,
the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of YAHWEH --
and he will delight in the fear of YAHWEH.

He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes,
or decide by what he hears with his ears;
but with righteousness he will judge the needy,
with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth.

He will strike the earth with the rod of his mouth;
with the breath of his lips he will slay the wicked.

Righteousness will be his belt
and faithfulness the sash around his waist. (Isaiah 11:1-5)

The first mention of the Spirit being poured out is found in Isaiah 32:

The fortress will be abandoned,
 the noisy city deserted;
 citadel and watchtower will become a wasteland forever,
 the delight of donkeys, a pasture for flocks,
till the Spirit is poured upon us from on high,
 and the desert becomes a fertile field,
 and the fertile field seems like a forest. (Isaiah 32:14-15)

The ONE who will pour out the Spirit is described in Isaiah 42:

"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.
 He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets.
 A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out.
 In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged
 till he establishes justice on earth. In his law the islands will put their hope."

This is what God YAHWEH says -- he who created the heavens and stretched
 them out, who spread out the earth and all that comes out of it,
 who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it:
 "I, YAHWEH, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand.
 I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people
 and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from
 prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.

"I am YAHWEH; that is my name!
 I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols.
 See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare;
 before they spring into being I announce them to you." (Isaiah 42:1-9)

"This is what YAHWEH says -- ***Israel's King and Redeemer, YAHWEH Almighty:***
I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.
 Who then is like me? Let him proclaim it.

Let him declare and lay out before me what has happened since I established my
 ancient people, and what is yet to come -- yes, let him foretell what will come.
 Do not tremble, do not be afraid. Did I not proclaim this and foretell it long ago?
 You are my witnesses. Is there any God besides me?
 No, there is no other Rock; I know not one." (Isaiah 44:6-8)

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 from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.
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 the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding,
 the Spirit of counsel and of power,
 the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of YAHWEH --
 and he will delight in the fear of YAHWEH. (Isaiah 11:1-2)

The next mention of the Spirit being poured out is in Isaiah 44:

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground;
I will pour out my Spirit on your offspring, and my blessing on your descendants. (Isaiah 44:3)

"Therefore say: 'This is what the Sovereign YAHWEH says:
I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel again.'
"They will return to it and remove all its vile images and detestable idols.
***I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them;
I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.***
Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.
They will be my people, and I will be their God. (Ezekiel 11:17-20)

"For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean;
I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.
***I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you;
I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.
And I will put my Spirit in you***
and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.
You will live in the land I gave your forefathers;
you will be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:24-28)

Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say,
'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.'
Therefore prophesy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign YAHWEH says:
O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them;
I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am YAHWEH,
when I open your graves and bring you up from them.
I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land.
Then you will know that I YAHWEH have spoken, and I have done it, declares YAHWEH.'" (Ezekiel 37:11-14)

Then they will know that I am YAHWEH their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations,
I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind.
I will no longer hide my face from them, for ***I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel,***
declares the Sovereign YAHWEH." (Ezekiel 39:28-29)

'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. Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days. (Joel 2:28-29)

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. (Zechariah 12:10)

Jesus explains the pouring out of the Spirit:

On the last and greatest day of the Feast, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice,

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me and drink.

Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within him."

By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive.

Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.

(John 7:37-39)

"If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father,

and he will give you another Counselor to 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.***

I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me.

Because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.

(John 14:15-20)

"All this I have spoken while still with you.

But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name,

will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives.

Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

"You heard me say, 'I am going away and I am coming back to you.'

If you loved me, you would be glad that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you now before it happens, so that when it does happen you will believe.

(John 14:25-29)

"When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father,

the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me. (John 15:26)

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away.

Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you;

but if I go, I will send him to you.

When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;

in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;

and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear.

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all truth.

He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears,

and he will tell you what is yet to come.

He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you.

All that belongs to the Father is mine.

That is why I said the Spirit will take from what is mine and make it known to you. (John 16:7-15)

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command:

"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.

So when they met together, they asked him,

"Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them:

"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." (Acts 1:4-8)

THE HOLY SPIRIT POURED OUT ON THE JEWS

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be *tongues of fire* that separated and came to rest on each of them. *All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit* and began to speak in other tongues; as the Spirit enabled them.

Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven.

When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked:

"Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs -- we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!"

Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "**What does this mean?**"

Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine."

Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

"Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!

No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

"In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.

Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.

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

I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.

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

And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.' {Joel 2:28-32}

"Men of Israel, listen to this: Jesus of Nazareth was a man accredited by God to you by miracles, wonders and signs, which God did among you through him, as you yourselves know. This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross. But God raised him from the dead, freeing him from the agony of death, because it was impossible for death to keep its hold on him.

David said about him:

"I saw the Lord always before me. Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will live in hope,
because you will not abandon me to the grave, nor will you let your Holy One see decay.
You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

{Psalm 16:8-11}

"Brothers, I can tell you confidently that the patriarch David died and was buried, and his tomb is here to this day. But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. Seeing what was ahead, he spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, {Or [Messiah.] "The Christ" (Greek) and "the Messiah" (Hebrew) both mean "the Anointed One"; also in verse 36.} that he was not abandoned to the grave, nor did his body see decay. ***God has raised this Jesus to life, and we are all witnesses of the fact. Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear.*** For David did not ascend to heaven, and yet he said, "The Lord said to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." {Psalm 110:1}

"Therefore let all Israel be assured of this: God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, BOTH LORD AND CHRIST." (Acts 2:1-36)

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"

Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. ***And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off -- for all whom the Lord our God will call.***"

With many other words he warned them; and he pleaded with them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." (Acts 2:37-40)

On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God.

"Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.

You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David:

"Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?

The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord

and against ***his Anointed One***. {That is, Christ or Messiah}' {Psalm 2:1,2}

Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, ***whom you anointed***. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform miraculous signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken.

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly. (Acts 4:23-31)

THE HOLY SPIRIT Poured OUT IN JUDEA AND SAMARIA:

On that day a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria. (Acts 8:1)

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. When they arrived, *they prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit, because the Holy Spirit had not yet come upon any of them; they had simply been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.* Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. (Acts 8:14-17)

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS Poured OUT ON THE GENTILES:

Talking with him, Peter went inside and found a large gathering of people. He said to them: "You are well aware that it is against our law for a Jew to associate with a Gentile or visit him. But God has shown me that I should not call any man impure or unclean. So when I was sent for, I came without raising any objection. May I ask why you sent for me?"

Cornelius answered:

"Four days ago I was in my house praying at this hour, at three in the afternoon.

Suddenly a man in shining clothes stood before me and said,

'Cornelius, God has heard your prayer and remembered your gifts to the poor. Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He is a guest in the home of Simon the tanner, who lives by the sea.'

So I sent for you immediately, and it was good of you to come.

Now we are all here in the presence of God to listen to everything the Lord has commanded you to tell us."

Then Peter began to speak:

"I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right. You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached -- how *God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power*, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

"We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They killed him by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him from the dead on the third day and caused him to be seen. He was not seen by all the people, but by witnesses whom God had already chosen -- by us who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.

Then Peter said,

"Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water?

They have received the Holy Spirit just as we have."

So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.

Then they asked Peter to stay with them for a few days. (Acts 10:27-48)

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said:

'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

So if God gave them the same gift as he gave us, who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could oppose God?"

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised God, saying, "So then, God has granted even the Gentiles repentance unto life." (Acts 11:15-18)

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE BELIEVER:

The lamp of YAHWEH searches the spirit of a man; it searches out his inmost being.
(Proverbs 20:27)

A man is not a Jew if he is only one outwardly, nor is circumcision merely outward and physical. No, a man is a Jew if he is one inwardly; and circumcision is *circumcision of the heart, by the Spirit*, not by the written code. Such a man's praise is not from men, but from God.
(Romans 2:28-29)

Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so.

Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.

You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you.

And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.

But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.

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 through his Spirit, who lives in you.

Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation -- but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because ***those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.*** For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. {Or [adoption]} And by him we cry, ["Abba."] {Aramaic for [Father]} Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. 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. (Romans 8:5-17)

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

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

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 with groans that words cannot express. ***And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit***, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints in accordance with God's will. (Romans 8:18-27)

However, as it is written:

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived
what God has prepared for those who love him" {Isaiah 64:4} --

but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit.

The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.

For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him?

In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.

The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God,

for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment:

"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" {Isaiah 40:13}

But we have the mind of Christ. (1 Corinthians 2:9-16)

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that **God's Spirit lives in you?**

(1 Corinthians 3:16)

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the **Holy Spirit, who is in you,** whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price.

Therefore honor God with your body. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

For **we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body** -- whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free -- and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. (1 Corinthians 12:13)

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. **He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.**

(2 Corinthians 1:21-22)

Now we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands. Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed with our heavenly dwelling, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

Now it is God who has made us for this very purpose and has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. (2 Corinthians 5:1-5)

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you?

Before your very eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed as crucified.

I would like to learn just one thing from you:

Did you receive the Spirit by observing the law, or by believing what you heard?

Are you so foolish? After beginning with the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?

Have you suffered so much for nothing -- if it really was for nothing?

Does God give you his Spirit and work miracles among you because you observe the law, or because you believe what you heard? (Galatians 3:1-5)

He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive **the promise of the Spirit.** (Galatians 3:14)

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus,
for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

What I am saying is that as long as the heir is a child, he is no different from a slave,
although he owns the whole estate. He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father.
So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world.

But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under law, to redeem those under law, that we might receive the full rights of sons. Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, ["Abba], {Aramaic for [Father]} Father." So you are no longer a slave, but a son; and since you are a son, God has made you also an heir. (Galatians 3:26-4:7)

But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of you know the truth. (1 John 2:20)

As for you, the anointing you received from him remains in you, and you do not need anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about all things and as that anointing is real, not counterfeit -- just as it has taught you, remain in him. (1 John 2:27)

The Spirit and the bride say, "Come!"

And let him who hears say, "Come!"

Whoever is thirsty, let him come;

and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life. (Revelation 22:17)