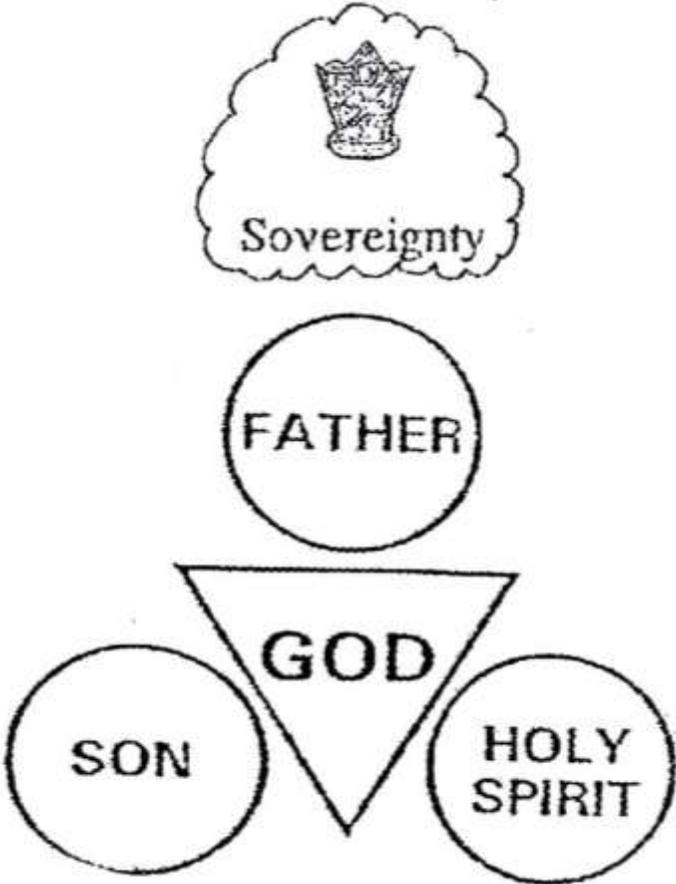
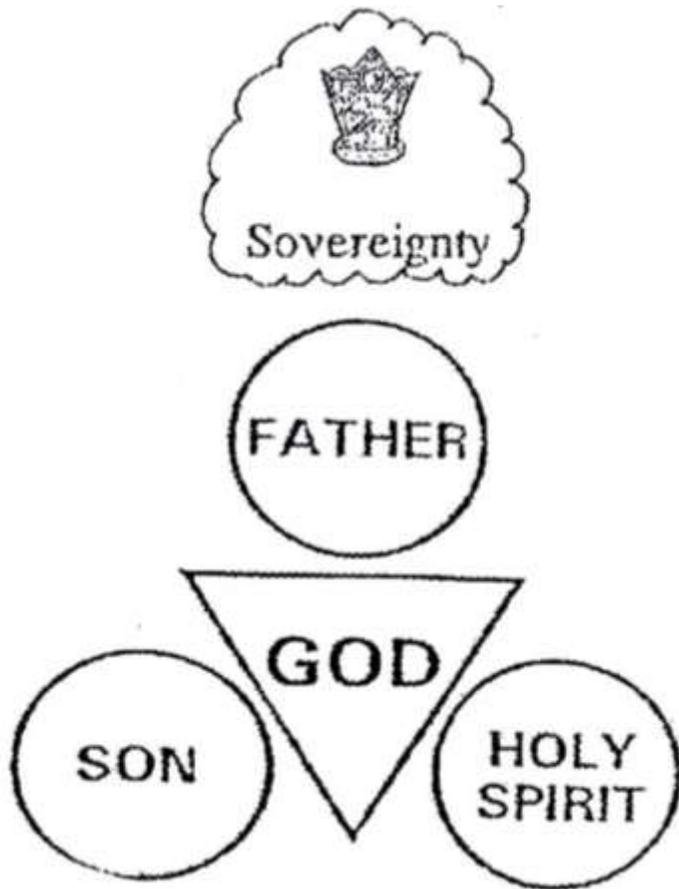


# The Holy Spirit Is Sovereign

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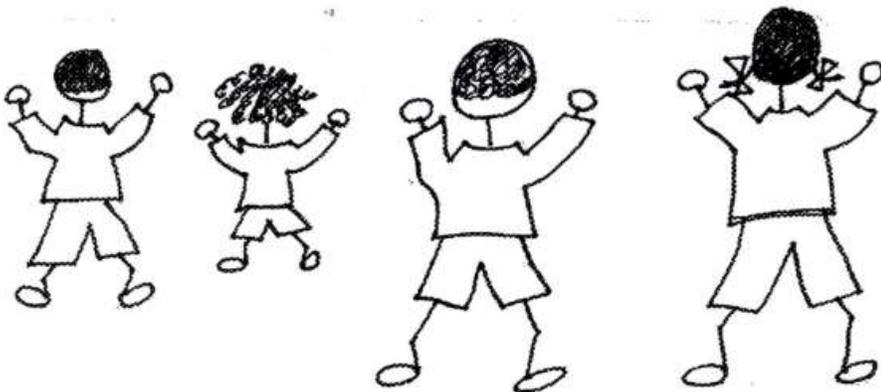
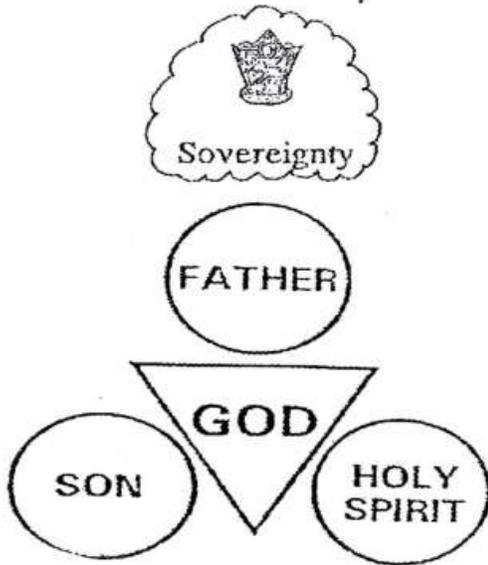


Along with God the Father and God the Son, God the Holy Spirit is **sovereign**! Sovereignty refers to top rank, final authority - the one who calls the shots! He doesn't go against our volition. But, He does a lot of work for us which doesn't need our permission. We know that the Spirit is involved in the lives of unbelievers; He wants to make them aware of the fact that they need a Savior. Then He makes sure the person is given the truth about the Savior. The unbeliever isn't even aware that he needs a Savior. The Holy Spirit has to do the work to make the unbeliever aware. He works **sovereignly**, or calls the shots to help the unbeliever.

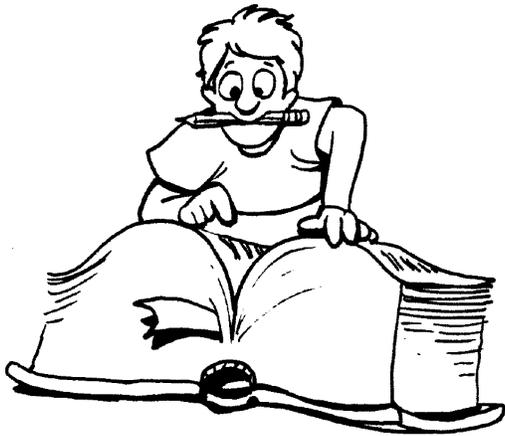


John 16:8-11 "And He [God the Holy Spirit], when He comes, will convict [convince] the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world [Satan] has been judged.

Once the unbeliever realizes he/she needs a savior and decides to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as his/her Savior, the **Holy Spirit** does more of His work. **He** takes that faith and puts the person in union with Jesus Christ! Amazing grace! At salvation the **Holy Spirit** comes to live inside of us so **He** can protect, guide, teach and comfort us. He doesn't ask our permission to do these things! At salvation, the **Holy Spirit** **sovereignly** acts - **He** uses His supreme authority!



Ephesians 2:8-10 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, *it is* the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.



We find many Scriptures in the New Testament that are simply statements of fact about things the Holy Spirit is doing for us. They show how He uses His supreme, permanent authority - His **sovereignty**. In John 1:33, John

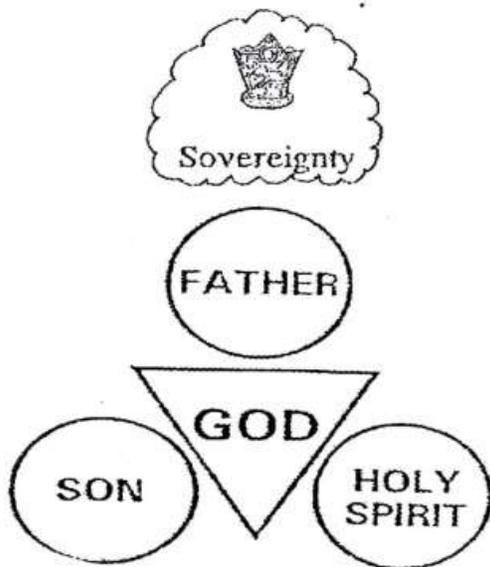
the Baptist is talking. He recognized Jesus as his cousin. However, he didn't recognize Jesus as the Messiah until the Holy Spirit descended on Him.

**John 1:33 "I did not recognize Him [as the Messiah], but He who sent me to baptize in water said to me, 'He upon whom you see the Spirit descending and remaining upon Him, this is the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit'. I myself have seen, and have testified that this is the Son of God."**

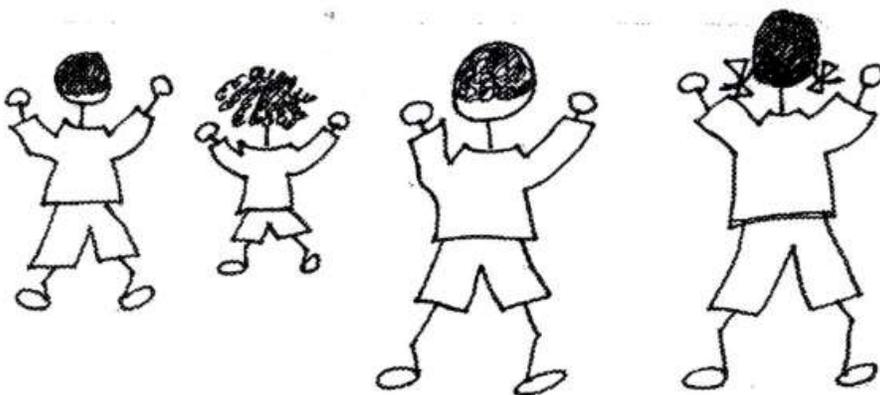
The Spirit acted **sovereignly** that day. The Holy Spirit acted and then John responded.



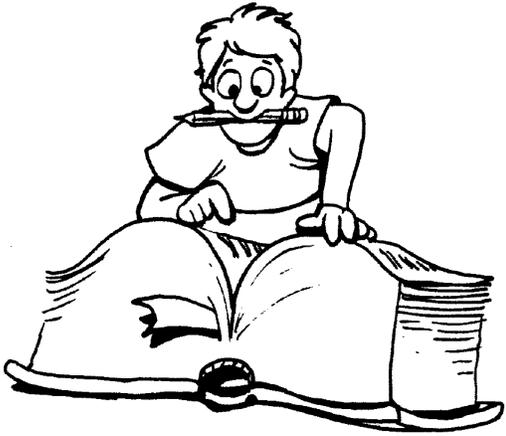
The Holy Spirit acts and then we respond. In other words, the Holy Spirit acts and then we reply or answer. We can reply or answer in thought and/or action. The Holy Spirit gives us the way, the knowledge and the opportunities to see who Jesus is. He doesn't ask for our permission to do this, He just does it! Our response is important! We can either say "yes" or "no" to what the Holy Spirit gives us. He wants our hearts to be open to Him; He wants us to say "yes"! Then He gives us courage and encourages us to tell others about Jesus Christ! What an honor!



Romans 8:5 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.



John 14:6 Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.

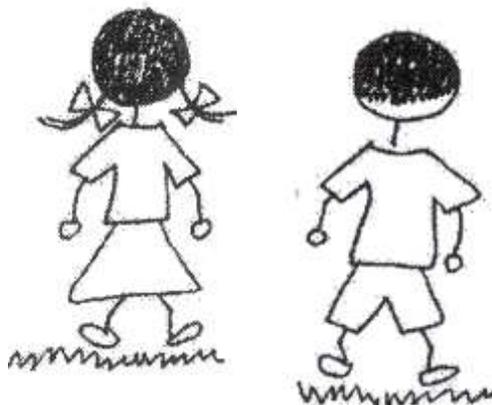


We'll now look at more Scriptures in the New Testament that are simply statements of fact about things the Holy Spirit is doing for us. They show how He uses His supreme, permanent authority - His **sovereignty**. There are no conditions! There is nothing saying that if you do *this*, the Spirit will do *that*.

**John 16:13-15** (Jesus Christ describing the Holy Spirit coming in the Church Age.) **But when He, the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.**

**All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.**

Jesus did not condition the work of the Holy Spirit on anything! He stated that these are actions the Holy Spirit will do - period! There are no requirements on our part except to be believers who want to know God's thinking!

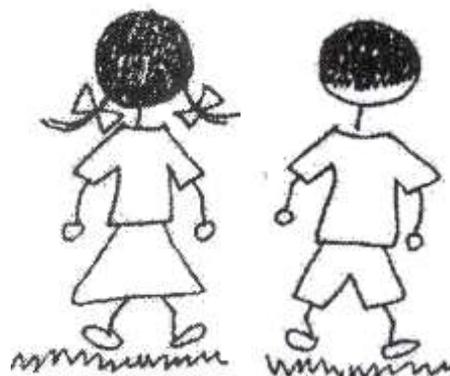
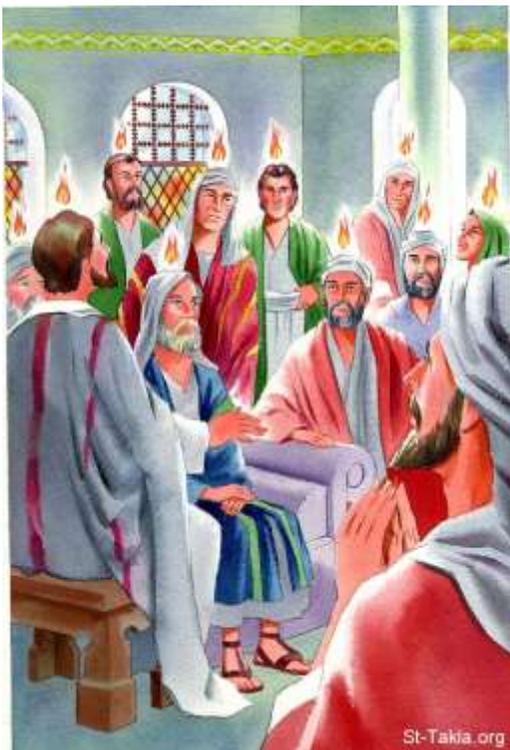




This Scripture is talking about the beginning of the Church Age. There were about 120 people gathered.

**Acts 2:1-4** When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

These were all believers. The Holy Spirit decided the time to come to them, He was **sovereign**. There were no conditions.





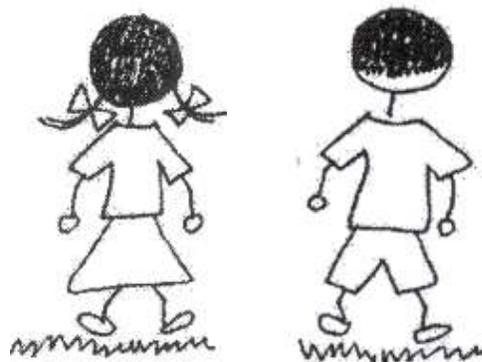
These statements are not conditional; there is nothing saying that if you do *this*, the Spirit will do *that*. These are statements of fact of things the Holy Spirit performs. God the Holy Spirit is **sovereign!**

Romans 5:5 And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

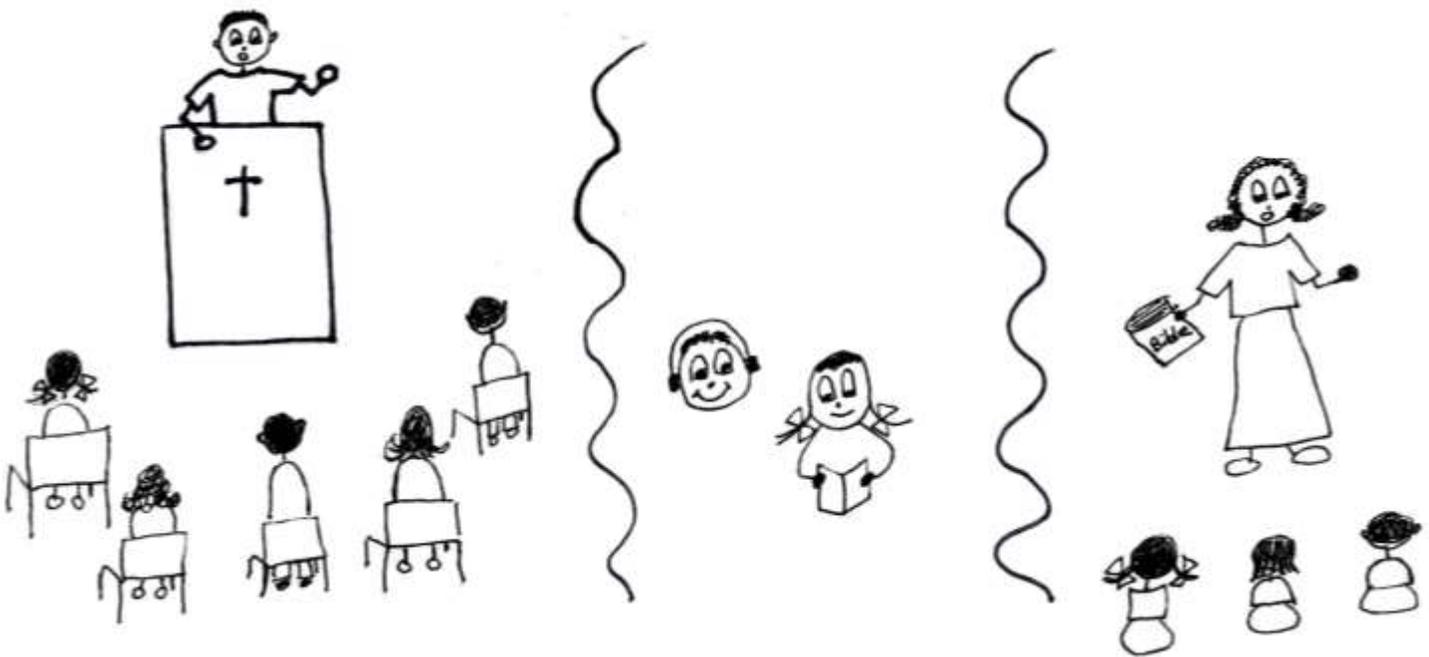
Romans 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.

Romans 8:26 In the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself interceded for us with groaning too deep for words; and He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is because He intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.



1 Corinthians 2:9-10 But just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.

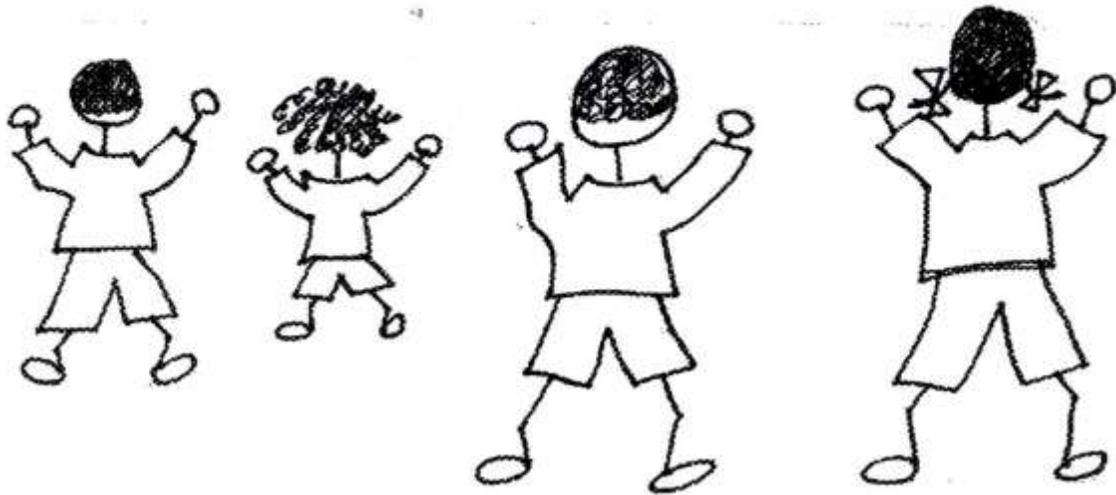
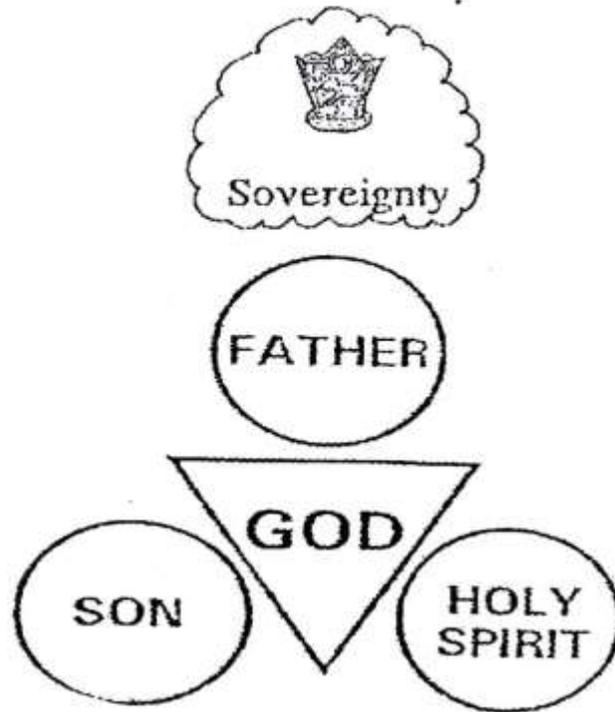
When we are studying the word of God, the Holy Spirit will reveal truths to us. He will help us understand on **His schedule and timing**, when He knows it is right for us to understand certain things. There are no conditions here. God the Holy Spirit is **sovereign**! He is perfectly able to act all by Himself - without our permission!! In fact, He does! We are not sovereign - the Holy Spirit is **SOVEREIGN**. The Holy Spirit is **sovereign** and He is in no way under our control!!!



## Some Activity of the Holy Spirit in the Lives of Church Age Believers

1. For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.
2. The Spirit Himself interceded for us with groaning too deep for words.
3. The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God.
4. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.
5. The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.
6. He will guide you into all the truth.
7. But whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come.
8. He will glorify Me [Jesus Christ], for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.





John 14:26 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.