The Holy Spirit from Genesis to Revelation

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The Holy Spirit in Creation

Father, from the very beginning, You have been sharing Your Spirit with us.

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters. (Genesis 1:1-2, NASB)

From the very beginning, You have been sharing Yourself.

Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth. God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. God blessed them. (Genesis 1:26-28a, NASB)

You have been sharing Your own breath.

By the word of the Lord the heavens were made, And by the breath of His mouth all their host (Psalm 33:6, NASB).

Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into His nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7, NASB)

Your Spirit, Your breath is still all that sustains us.

O Lord, how many are Your works!

In wisdom You have made them all;

The earth is full of Your possessions.

They all wait for You

To give them their food in due season.

You give to them, they gather it up;

You open Your hand, they are satisfied with good.

You hide Your face, they are dismayed;

You take away their spirit, they expire

And return to their dust.

You send forth Your Spirit, they are created;

And You renew the face of the ground. (Psalm 104:24, 27-30, NASB)

Indeed, our Father,
from You,
through You, ,and
to You are all things.
To YOU be the glory forever and ever! (see Romans 11:36)

Hymn recording: <u>Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty</u>

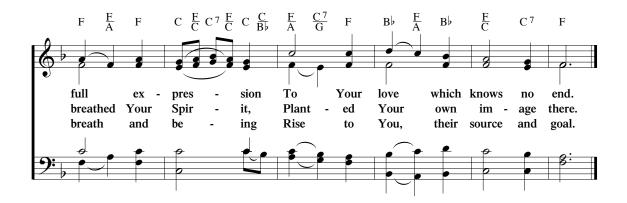
Lavish Love, Abundant Beauty

TUNE: Jesus, What a Friend of Sinners (HYFRYDOL)

Genesis 1



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The Promise of the Spirit

Joel 2:28-32; Isaiah 30:18-23; Ezekiel 36:22-27

Father, You have always guided and provided for Your people by giving them Your Spirit.

In the Old Testament, You loaned Him

to specific people

for specific times

for specific tasks.

Through Your almighty, all-wise Spirit, You gave individuals

special abilities to do

Your special work.

Through Your Spirit,

some of Your people dreamed dreams of the future.

Some built the tabernacle,

the physical expression of Your transcendent presence among us, a shadow of the tabernacle in heaven itself.

Some led Your people,

defended Your people, delivered Your people, taught Your people, and prophesied to Your people.

What a wonderful Gift He was!

But those special times were just

a small taste,

a down-payment

on a day when He would be poured out

forever

on all Your people,

young and old,

male and female,

rich and poor.

"It will come about after this

That I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind;

And your sons and daughters will prophesy,

Your old men will dream dreams.

Your young men will see visions.

Even on the male and female servants

I will pour out My Spirit in those days.

And it will come about that whoever calls on the name of the Lord

Will be delivered. (Joel 2:28-29, 32, NASB)

"But now listen, O Jacob, My servant...

Do not fear...

For I will pour out 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 44:1-3, NASB)

Within each person and among all Your people Your Spirit would be Your wisdom, Your holiness,

Your strength,

Your undying life.

I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes. (Ezekiel 36:27, NASB)

Your beautiful, loving will would no longer be an unattainable ideal but a living reality within us and among us.

O Father, what a magnificent promise! What a magnificent Gift!

Hymn recording: Life of God

Life of God

Isaiah 11:9; Ezekiel 37:9; Habakkuk 2:14; John 3:8; Revelation 22:1



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The Man of the Spirit

Isaiah 11:1-9; 42:1-4; 61:1-3; John 1:29-34; 3:34

All God's promises,
all God's beautiful,
perfect,
all-encompassing will for His people
came to be focused on
one Man,
God's specially Anointed One,
Messiah.

He would crush Satan's head. (Genesis 3:15)

He would be the great Prophet who would
clearly reveal God's will to His people. (Deuteronomy 18:15-19)

He would fulfill all the beautiful, life-giving perfection of God's law. (Psalms 19 and 119)

He would offer God's wisdom freely to everyone. (Proverbs 1:20-21; 8:1-6, 22-31; 9:1-6)

He would be a great King in the line of David,
ruling in peace and justice for all eternity. (Isaiah 9:6-7)

But most importantly, He would be specially anointed by God's own Spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
Because the Lord has anointed me
To bring good news to the afflicted;
He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
To proclaim liberty to captives
And freedom to prisoners...
To comfort all who mourn...
Giving them a garland instead of ashes,
The oil of gladness instead of mourning,
The mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting,
So they will be called oaks of righteousness,
The planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. (Isaiah 61:1-3, NASB)

He would be a man of the Spirit,

fully equipped by the Spirit.

The Spirit of the Lord will rest on Him, The spirit of wisdom and understanding, The spirit of counsel and strength, The spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. (Isaiah 11:2, NASB. See also Isaiah 42:1-4)

He would express all of God's perfect will, for He would have God's Spirit without limit.

He whom God has sent speaks the words of God; for He gives the Spirit without measure. (John 3:34, NASB)

What's more, He would baptize all God's people in this same Spirit.

[John the Baptist said,] I baptize you with water for repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, and I am not fit to remove His sandals; He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

(Matthew 3:11, NASB. See also John 1:29-34.)

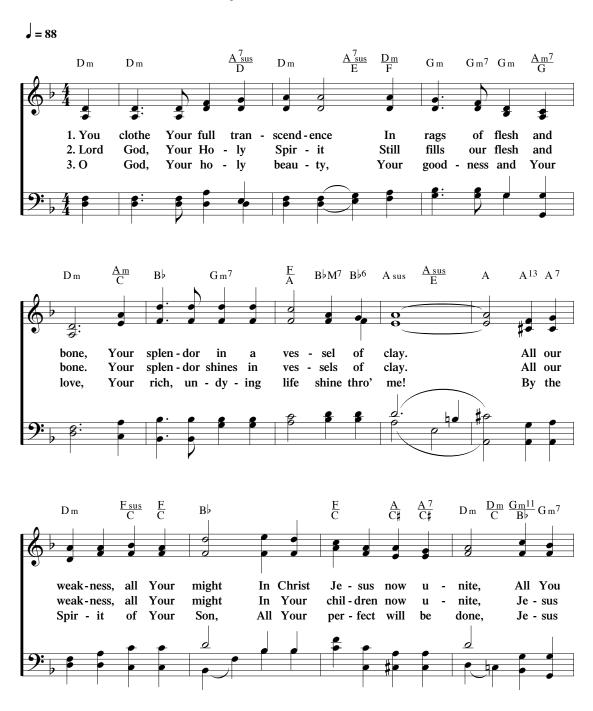
He would finally, fully enable us all to want God's perfect will and do God's perfect will. (Philippians 2:12-13).

Thank You, Father, for Your unspeakable Gift! Thank You for Jesus Christ!

Hymn recording: God in Christ in Us

God in Christ in Us

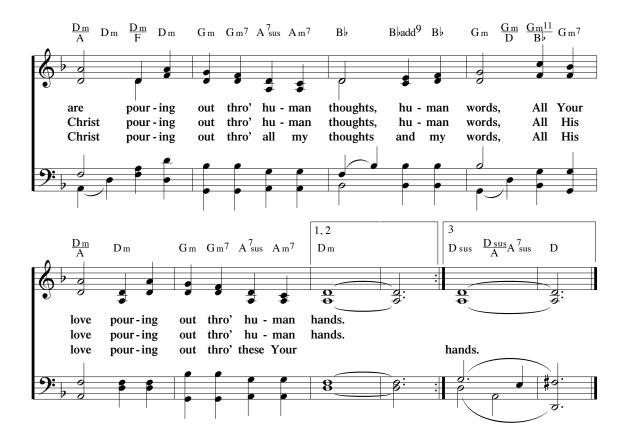
John 1:14; Romans 8:8-11; 2 Corinthians 4:7; 12:9; Galatians 2:20; Ephesians 3:14-21; Colossians 1:15; 2:9-10



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Messiah and the Holy Spirit

What united the thoroughly-human Son with the thoroughly-transcendent Father? The Holy Spirit. Father and Son shared the same Spirit, the same Breath, the same Life.

Before Jesus was born and while He was still a helpless infant, the Spirit was at work.

The angel said to him: "Do not be afraid, Zechariah; your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you are to give him the name John...He will be filled with the **Holy Spirit** even from birth." (Luke 1:13-15, NIV)

Hear also Luke 1:30-35 (NIV):

The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, you have found favor with God. You will be with child and give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus..." "How will this be," Mary asked the angel, "since I am a virgin?" The angel answered, "The **Holy Spirit** will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God."

Listen to what happens when Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth:

When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the **Holy Spirit**. In a loud voice she exclaimed: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear." (Luke 1:41-42, NIV)

The Spirit spoke through Zechariah at the circumcision of John the Baptist:

[John's] father Zechariah was filled with the **Holy Spirit** and prophesied: "Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come and has redeemed his people."

(Luke 1:67-68, NIV)

When Mary and Joseph took the infant Jesus to the temple, the Spirit testified to Him through Simeon:

There was a man in Jerusalem called Simeon, who was righteous and devout. He was waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the **Holy Spirit** was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the **Holy Spirit** that he would not die before he had seen the Lord's Christ. Moved by the **Spirit**, he went into the temple courts.

When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace.
For my eyes have seen your salvation."
(Luke 2:25-30, NIV)

Later, when Jesus' earthly ministry was drawing to a close, He would tell His disciples:

"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. He will bring glory to me by taking from what is mine and making it known to you." (John 15:26; 16:14, NIV)

We see the Spirit already filling that role during Jesus' birth. He testifies to Jesus through Elizabeth, Zechariah, Simeon, and even through John the Baptist when he is still in his mother's womb.

Jesus Christ came in the power of the Spirit, lived in the power of the Spirit, and rose in the power of the Spirit. When He returned to His Father, He poured out that same Spirit on all believers. This Spirit is Messiah's gift to all who trust Him. The Spirit of Christ is your eternal birthright as a child of God. Live in Him. Speak in Him. Minister in Him. Love in Him.

Father, today, in every situation, I want the Spirit of Jesus to shape the way I think, speak, and react.

Hymn recording: In the Father, Son, and Spirit

In the Father, Son, and Spirit

Isaiah 11:2; Luke 3:21-22; 4:1; John 5:30; 15:5; Colossians 2:9-10



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The Father's Gift

Father, we are thoroughly human,
made from dust.
You are thoroughly transcendent,
infinitely above us.
How can we ever be fully united with You?

You show us Jesus.

He was completely human,

yet You and He were completely one because You shared the same Spirit.

You shared the same Breath.

You lived as one.

You spoke as one.

You loved as one.

Your Son came to fill us with Your Spirit, the Spirit that made Him so beautiful and complete in You.

He came to share with us

His relationship with You, His life in You, His oneness with You.

This life-changing Gift is poured out among us and within us by simple faith.

And what a marvelous Gift He is!

Yet He is only a downpayment,

only a small taste of our full and eternal oneness with You.

One with You, Father,
one in Your Son,
one through Your Spirit,
fully and forever.
This is the Gift You have given.
You Yourself are the Gift.
Praise to You!

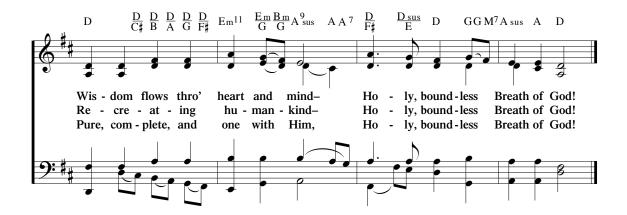
Hymn recording: Holy, Boundless Breath of God

Holy, Boundless Breath of God

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Genesis 1:2; 2:7; Deuteronomy 34:9; Judges 15:14; Job 34:14-15; Psalm 33:6; 104:24-30; Isaiah 11:2; Zechariah 4:6; John 5:19; 10:30; 14:16-24; Ephesians 1:13-14





The Spirit of Jesus

"If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

"These things I have spoken to you while abiding with you. But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you." (John 14:15-17, 25-26, NASB)

The Holy Spirit is to us

what the physical presence of Jesus was to His disciples.

He is

teacher, comforter, encourager, companion, advocate, intercessor, and friend.

The Spirit is to us what Jesus was to His disciples,

but more.

Jesus was limited by a physical body.

The Spirit is Jesus unbound from any limitations.

He is Jesus with us,

among us, and

within us

every moment,

always and forever.

The Spirit is our teacher.

We understand so little and

remember even less.

but the Spirit patiently instructs us.

He reminds us of what is important.

He takes us by the hand and leads us into all truth.

The Spirit helps us know Jesus not just know about Him, but know Him personally, face-to-face and heart-to-heart.
This knowing,
this sharing
is closer than any human friendship.

Hymn recording: Spirit of Christ

Spirit of Christ



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What a Wonderful Gift!

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When Jesus had
       lived the perfect life,
       offered the perfect sacrifice,
       conquered death, and
       risen back to the right hand of Father,
He completed all the Father's plan by giving all God's people
       one
       magnificent,
       all-encompassing Gift.
He gave us His own Spirit
to live in each of us,
       all of us.
       forever.
Jesus referred to His Spirit as
       the Spirit of Truth,
for He would guide us into all truth.
His Spirit would allow us to live in the
       full unity and
       unbroken love
of the Father and Son.
Imagine it!
Through the Spirit,
      the Father and Son would make their home in us.
The Spirit would
       teach us.
       remind us of what we must never forget, and
       glorify Jesus
             in us and
             through us.
Do you want to know God's will and
       live God's will?
Walk in the Spirit of His holy Son,
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Jesus Christ.

Hymn recording: In Your Spirit

In Your Spirit

TUNE: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (HOLY MANNA)

Romans 8



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Pentecost

[Jesus said to them,] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." (Acts 1:8, NASB)

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.

Now there were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the crowd came together, and were bewildered because each of them was hearing them speak in his own language. They were amazed and astonished, saying, "Why, are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we each hear them in our own language to which we were born?...We hear them in our own tongues speaking of the mighty deeds of God."

And they all continued in amazement and great perplexity, saying to one another, what does this mean?" (Acts 2:1-12, NASB)

The gift of God's indwelling Spirit changed the Church from timid, self-centered individuals to a bold and loving body of disciples. They left their fearful hiding and became effective witnesses to the Living Christ.

Jesus Christ had come to make us holy, to reconcile us completely to the Father, to remove all the barriers between Him and us. His ministry to us did not end when He rose from the dead and ascended back to His Father. The Man of the Spirit poured out the Gift of the Father, the promised Holy Spirit, on the Jewish festival of Pentecost, ten days after His ascension. His coming was accompanied by two signs. Both of these signs had long been symbols of the living presence of God.

• "A noise like violent rushing wind" (Acts 2:2, NASB) - In both Old Testament Hebrew and New Testament Greek, the word for "Spirit" also means "wind" and "breath". Thus God's Spirit has always been associated with wind. God's Spirit is His life in motion. For example, read Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones in Ezekiel 37:1-10.

• "Tongues as of fire...rested on each one of them" (Acts 2:3, NASB) - Fire is another frequent symbol of God's presence. For example, recall that God's presence was a pillar of fire in the wilderness (Exodus 13:21). God revealed His holy presence on Mt. Sinai by fire (Exodus 19:18). When Elijah faced the prophets of Baal on Mt. Carmel, the God who answered by fire was the true God (1 Kings 18:24).

The dramatic sights and sounds of the Spirit's arrival gave proof that Jesus was who He said He was, that He had completed His earthly ministry, and that He was reigning triumphantly at the Father's right hand. He signaled unmistakably that the powerful, living presence of God Himself was now among, with, and within His people. The promise God had given centuries before through the prophet Ezekiel was now fulfilled:

"I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes." (Ezekiel 36:25-27, NASB)

Being God's holy people is no longer the impossible task of obeying rules. It is receiving God's holy life by faith. It is no longer a burden from the outside, but a power from the inside.

Hymn recording: Pentecost Hymn

Pentecost Hymn



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The Holy Spirit in Acts

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As you read the many
      fascinating,
      surprising,
      challenging stories in the book of Acts,
don't miss the big picture.
Acts is a sweeping panorama of the Holy Spirit –
      the Spirit of the transcendent Father,
      the very Life of the incarnate Christ.
We watch as His resurrection power
      grows God's people and
      grows in God's people,
             calling,
             cleansing,
             uniting,
             empowering,
             equipping,
             emboldening,
             guiding,
             teaching, and
             filling them completely.
Though God's people remain
      thoroughly human,
the Holy Spirit enables them to
      know what they couldn't otherwise know and
      do what they couldn't otherwise do.
He still does -
      for all those who simply
             trust
             Him.
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Hymn recording: Almighty Life

Almighty Life

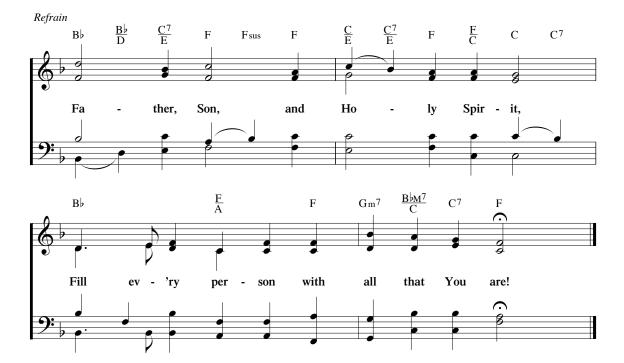
The Holy Spirit in Acts

TUNE: The Streets of Laredo (alt.)



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The Holy Spirit: Power to Serve

God's Spirit frees us from our own helpless weakness and enables us to live as the people of our Holy God. But the Spirit also enables us to serve Him boldly and confidently, in His power, not our own.

In God's Spirit, we are sufficient for every challenge He brings to us:

"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit," says the Lord Almighty. (Zechariah 4:6, NIV)

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." (Acts 1:8, NASB)

We can relax in the Spirit, knowing that He will enable us to say whatever God wants us to say.

Whenever you are arrested and brought to trial, do not worry beforehand about what to say. Just say whatever is given you at the time, for it is not you speaking, but the Holy Spirit. (Mark 13:11, NIV)

In God's Spirit we can dream God's dreams and envision His plans for His people.

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. (Joel 2:28, NIV)

"No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"—but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. (1 Corinthians 2:9-10, NIV)

God never abandons us, His servants, to our own weakness. He always fully empowers us to do all that He calls us to do.

God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:8, NIV)

Be bold! Stand strong in Jesus Christ! When you are His servant, you can be confident in His strength even when you are not confident in your own.

Hymn recording: Lord Jesus, Living Presence

Lord Jesus, Living Presence

TUNE: Lead On, O King Eternal (LANCASHIRE)

Philippians 4:13



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The Holy Spirit: Power to Be

What part does God's Holy Spirit play in our lives? What part can He play as we learn to rely on Him more? Realize this: the Spirit is the constant presence of the Almighty, allwise, all-loving God in the innermost part of our being.

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you? (1 Corinthians 6:19, NIV)

God's Holy Spirit brings us the power to be all our holy, loving Father wants us to be. He doesn't paint a thin layer of holiness over our evil hearts. He transforms us from the inside out, from our very core, freeing us from our slavery to sin.

Now that you have been set free from sin...the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. (Romans 6:22, NIV)

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. (Romans 8:1-2, NASB)

Through the Spirit, Christ's own character grows within us daily, naturally.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Galatians 5:22-23, NIV)

The Holy Spirit teaches us and reminds us of the truth.

Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." (Isaiah 30:21, NIV)

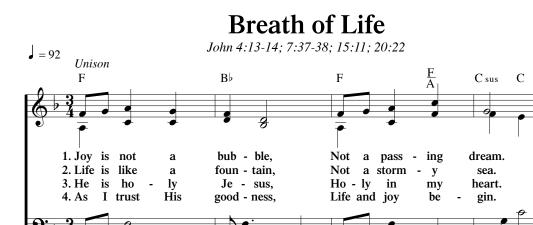
"The Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you. "He will guide you into all truth." (John 14:26; 16:13, NIV)

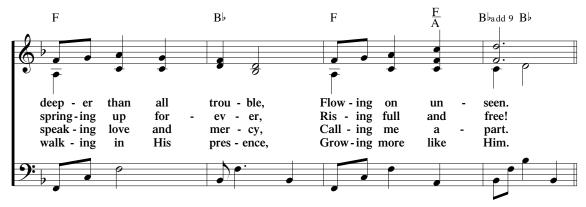
As we trust Him, the Holy Spirit wraps us in God's perfect peace.

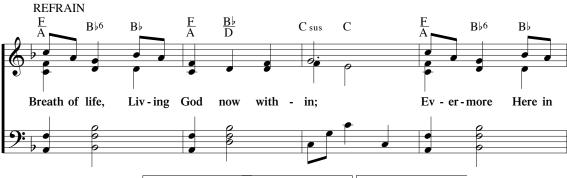
The mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace. (Romans 8:6, NIV)

Through His Spirit, God's *divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness* (2 Peter 1:3, NIV). He has given us the Jesus' own Spirit, always within us.

Hymn recording: Breath of Life









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Walking in the Spirit

Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. (Galatians 5:25, NIV)

All of us want to live a better life.
But more than that, we want to
be better,
from the inside out.

How can we do that?
There are numerous
resolutions we could make or
disciplines we could try to impose on ourselves.
But all are partial and rely on our own
wisdom and
willpower.

Only one resolution is adequate for being better: let us keep in step with the Spirit. It covers every aspect of living.

He provides the wisdom. He provides the power.

He simply asks

that we learn to trust Him,
that we be willing to set aside our own agendas and
follow Him, step-by-step.
It's a natural, person-to-person process,
like walking with a friend.

Father,
our minds and hearts are
too small to grasp
all Your plans and purposes.
How critical it is, then, that we
depend on Your Spirit's guidance
rather than
trusting our own perspective.

Hymn recording: Day by Day in You, Our Lord

Day by Day in You, Our Lord



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I Need the Mind of Christ

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Father, what I need most right now,
      this moment,
      is the mind and Spirit of Christ.
Facing
      this day,
      these concerns, and
      all the needy people around me,
I need the mind and Spirit of Christ.
Nothing less than Him will
      make me who I need to be.
Father, I bow and
      ask and
      depend completely on You.
Help me
      think and
      speak and
      respond
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like Him.

Father,
I get up every morning to
read and pray and serve,
confident that by Your Spirit
You will speak
to me and
through me.
What a marvelous, amazing privilege!

Hymn recording: When I Speak

When I Speak

Luke 11:13; John 14:16-23; 20:22; Romans 8:9; Galatians 4:6; 5:22-25



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God in Christ in Us

Father, I see Your holy beauty in Jesus Christ. Though He is fully human, He is fully, perfectly, gloriously You. Father, You have given us His Spirit, so display Him through us, His Church. When the world sees us, may they glimpse His holy heart and His holy life. May they sense both His divinity and His beautiful humanity. May they feel His compassion, His gentle patience, and His generous heart. May they taste His joy, His deep peace, and His flaming passion for You. Through us, may they come to know Christ; and through Christ, may they come to know You.

Hymn recording: For Such a Time as This

For Such a Time as This

TUNE: Eternal Father, Strong to Save (MELITA)

Esther 4:14; Hebrews 12:1-3



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Anticipation

My favorite poster is a photo of a large whale's tail. The tail alone is seen above the water's surface, with the other 95% of the whale being out of sight.

What draws me to it is its promise. What I see is impressive. But what I don't see intrigues me more. The whale's tale suggests a bigger being, a completely different type of being, a deeper life, a greater realm. What I see is a promise of what I don't see, and it fuels my longing to see and know more.

It reminds me of God. What I know of Him is spectacular, but everything I learn promises even more that I have not yet seen or experienced, that I cannot yet fully grasp. As Job said after describing God's greatness in creation:

Behold, these are the fringes of His ways; And how faint a word we hear of Him! But His mighty thunder, who can understand? (Job 26:14, NASB)

God's promise through Paul is even more explicit:

Now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. (1 Corinthians 13:12, NASB)

God has poured out Himself, His own breath, His own life force, on all of us who simply trust Him. He has lavished on us His power, wisdom, and love, through the Holy Spirit of His glorious Son. But as great as this Gift is, it is only a downpayment, a deposit, a promise of His full gift of Himself to His people:

Having also believed, you were sealed in [Christ] with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory. (Ephesians 1:13-14, NASB. See also 2 Corinthians 1:22; 5:5)

Consider the greatness of God's gift of His Spirit. Right here and now He can be more and wants to be more than you have let Him be. But also, let this great gift fuel your anticipation for the greater gift that is yet to come: our complete and constant union with God.

Hymn recording: <u>I'm in You</u>

I'm in You

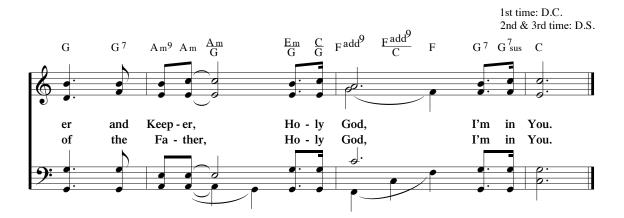
Philippians 1:21; Colossians 3:1-4



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You Are the Blessing

I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."

And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new...It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son." (Revelation 21:3-7, NASB)

Father, how You long to bless Your people with all Your best! And You Yourself are the gift You most long to give. You are the prosperity that You pour into our souls. You are the peace, the harmony, the completeness, the well-being with which You would fill us and our world. Your own Spirit is the blessing that You would breathe and speak and sing throughout all we are into every corner of the universe.

Father, in You we are cradled in Your
unfailing love and
absolute dependability.

In You we possess all things.

In You we possess all the riches of reality
rather than this world's passing illusions.

You are All-in-all,
the Source,
the Goal, and
the Giver.

Whom do we have in heaven but You?

And on earth, what could we ever need but You?

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In life,
    in death,
    in all the world,
    in all eternity,
there is nothing we could want but
the blessing You will soon give in all its fullness:
    Yourself.

The Spirit and the bride say,
    "Come."

And let the one who hears say,
    "Come."

And let the one who is thirsty come;
let the one who wishes take
    the water of life
    without cost. (Revelation 22:17, NASB)
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Hymn Recording: Imagine Your Creator's Breath

Imagine Your Creator's Breath

Tune: LAND OF REST

Genesis 2:7; Isaiah 11:6-9; 35; John 15:5; 20:22; Ephesians 3:14-19; Colossians 2:9-10; 3:1-4; Revelation 21:1-7



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