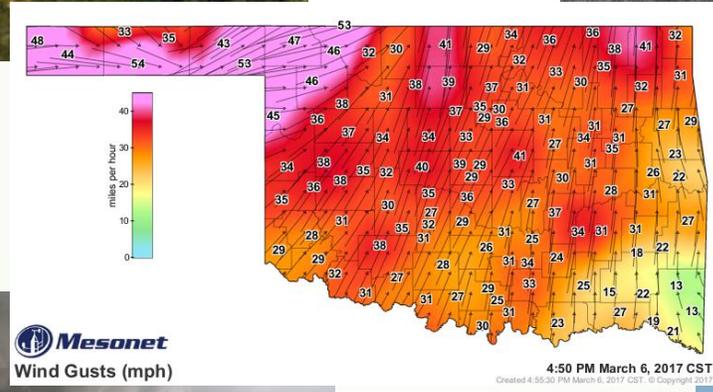


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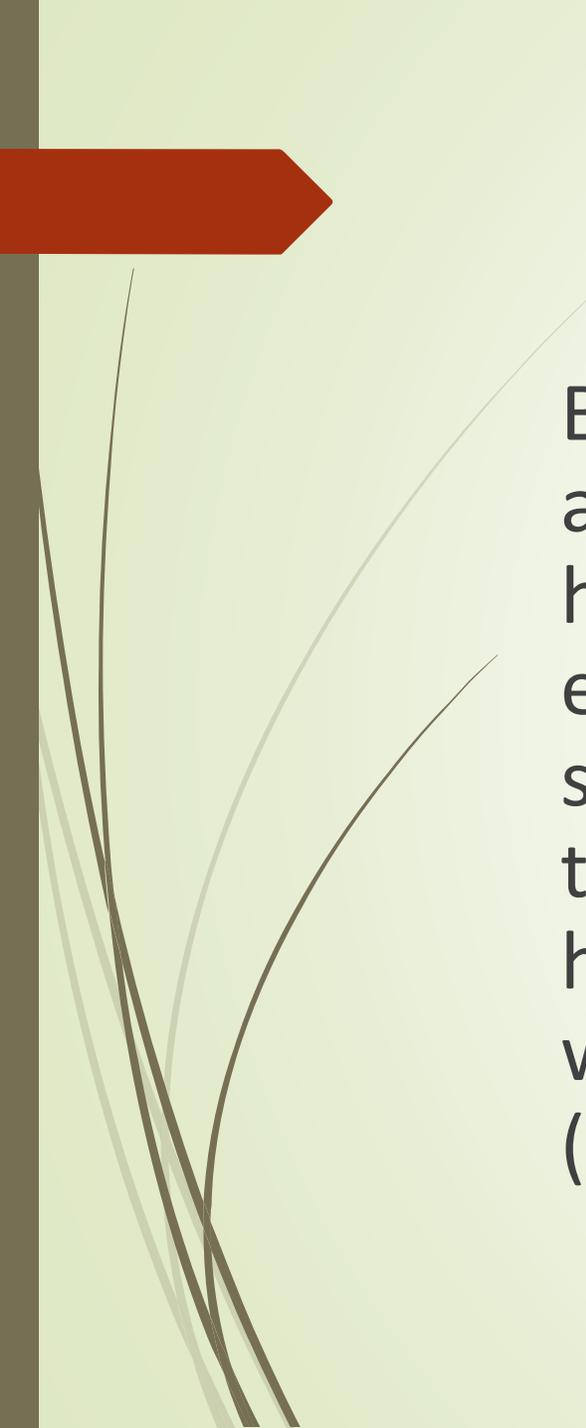






# THE WIND OF GOD

Genesis 8:1-2



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➡ **hover**, i.e., a non-linear flying motion of an object which is stationary above a surface, with a possibly associative meaning of caring superintendence over an object (Ge 1:2; Dt 32:11+)

Swanson, James. *Dictionary of Biblical Languages with Semantic Domains : Hebrew (Old Testament)* 1997 : n. pag. Print.



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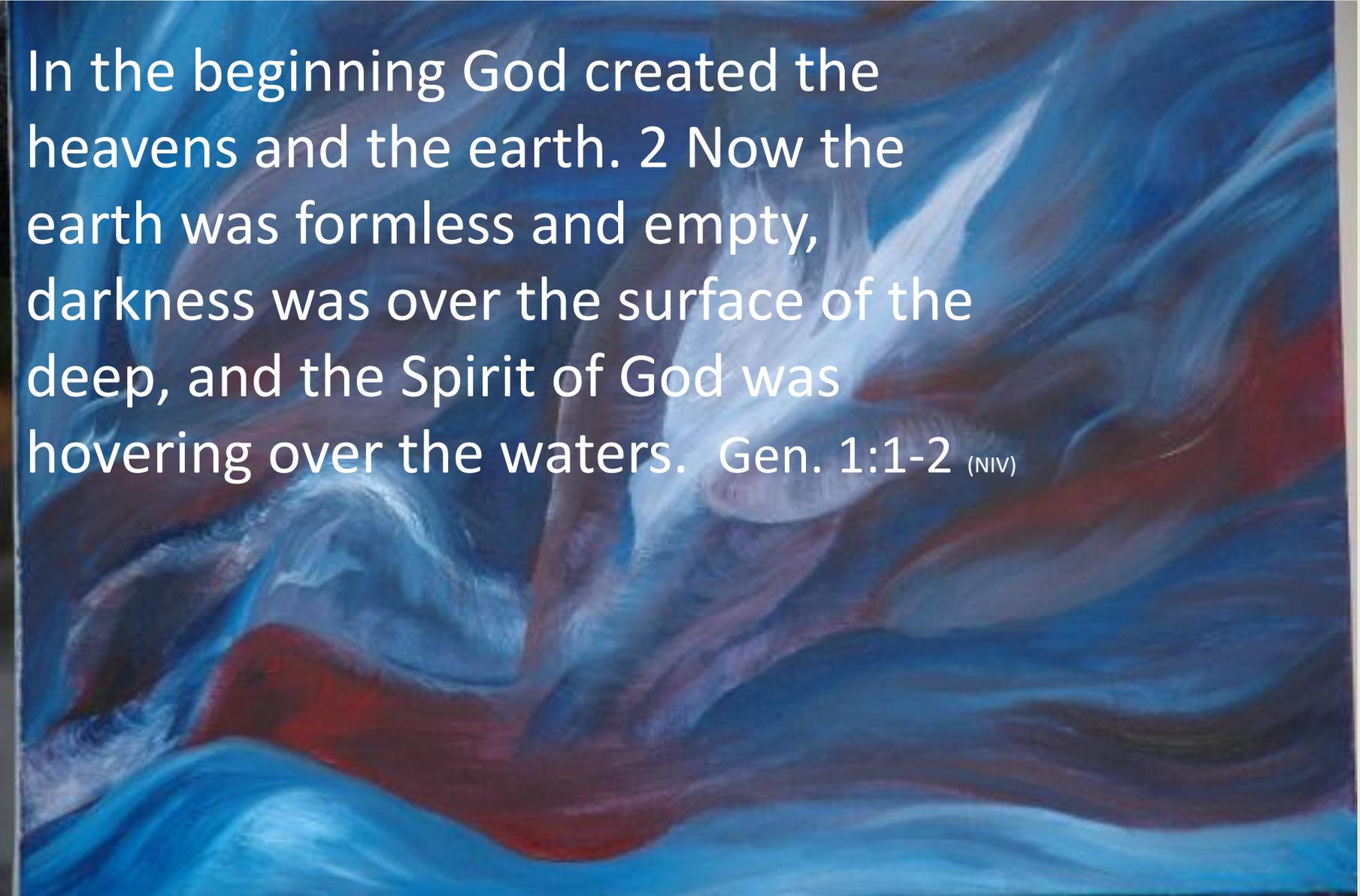
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## **Genesis 1-7 – CHAOS/ORDER/CHAOS:**

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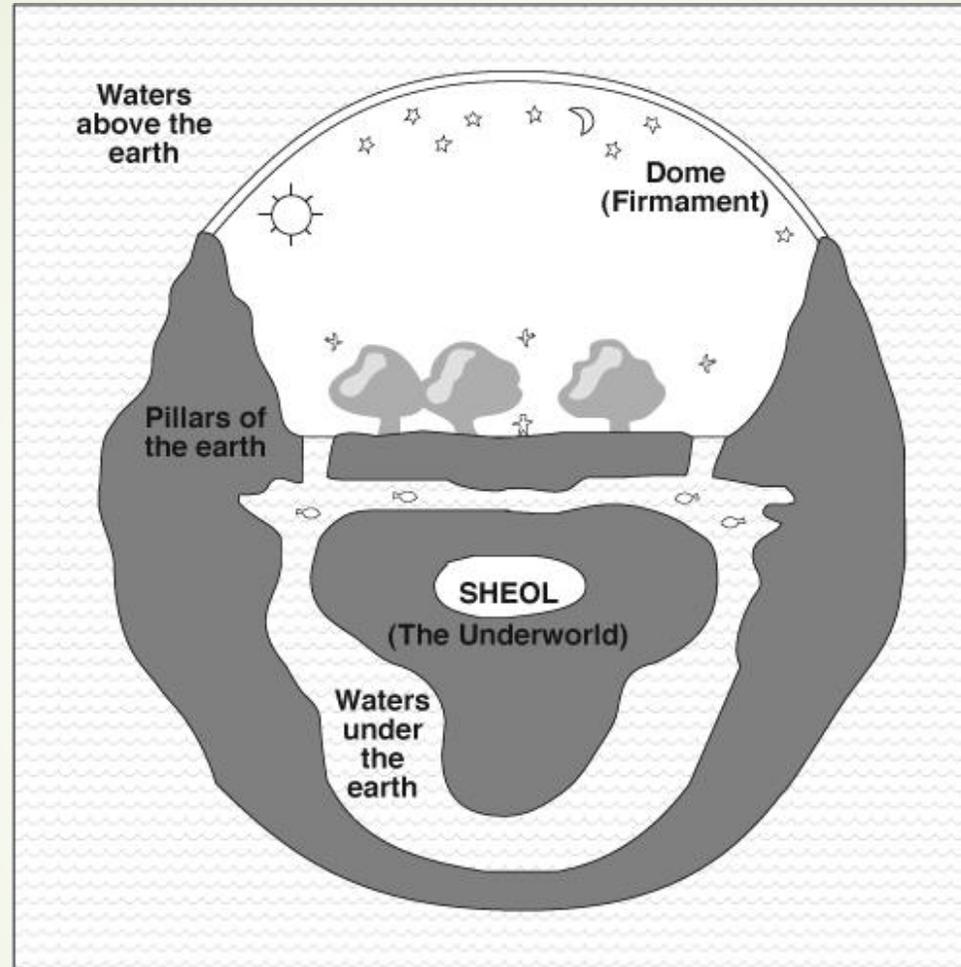
## Genesis 6:5-8

5 The LORD saw how great the wickedness of the human race had become on the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time. 6 The LORD regretted that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was deeply troubled. 7 So the LORD said, “I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them.” (NIV)

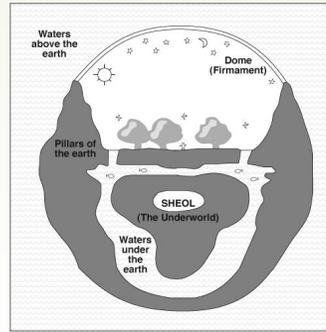


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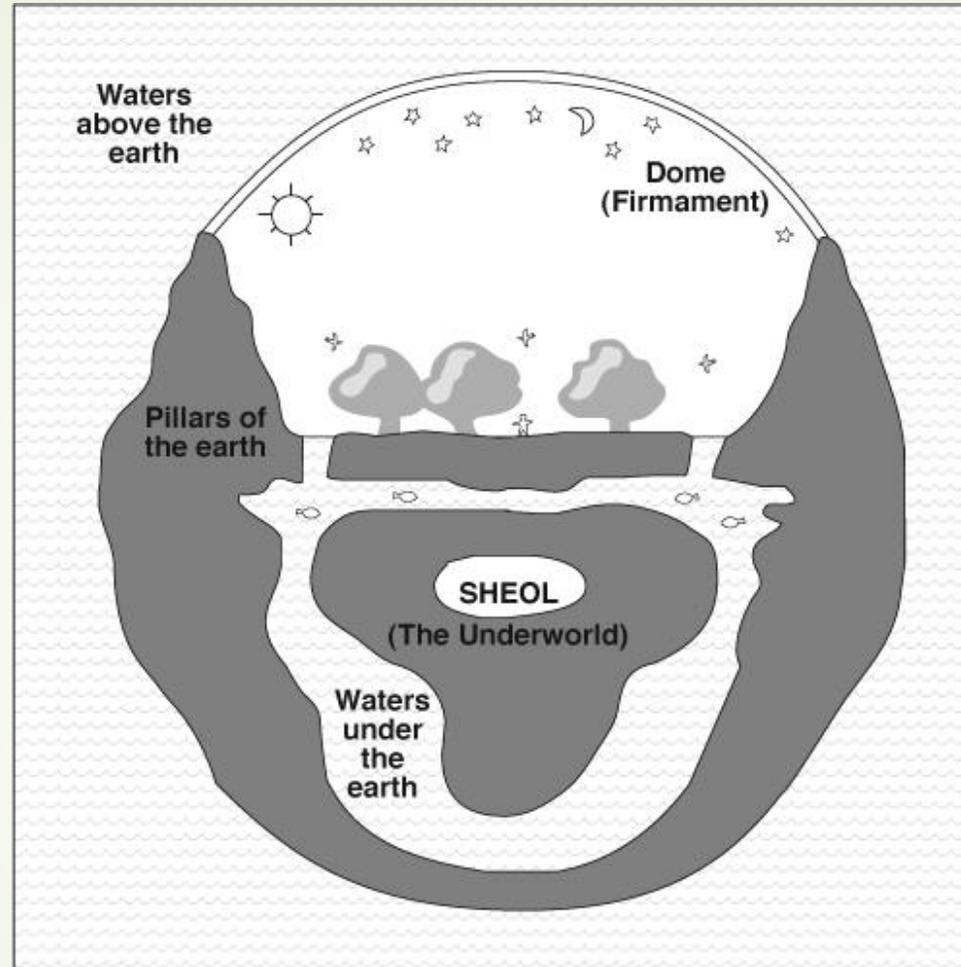


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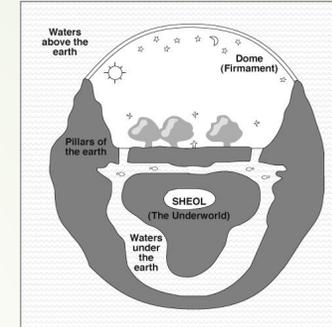


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- *What will happen? Will God again destroy creation?*



## **Genesis 12-50**

God initiates and begins to work out a new plan through Abraham (a promise and plan of deliverance instead of judgment).





## **Genesis 1:2 and 8:1**

Just like God's promise to bless all peoples through the seed of Abraham, God's Spirit/Wind/Breath plays a critical role, at every creative and redemptive act of God to follow in God's story.





## Mary, the Mother of Jesus

18 This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant ***through the Holy Spirit . . . .***



## Mary, the Mother of Jesus

20 . . . an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is ***from the Holy Spirit***. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.” (Mt. 1:18-21, NIV)



## Jesus, the Messiah/Son of God

16 As soon as Jesus was baptized, he went up out of the water. At that moment heaven was opened, and he saw ***the Spirit of God descending like a dove*** and alighting on him.

17 And a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased.” (Mt. 3:16-17)



## Pentecost - Jews

2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent **wind** came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 ***All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit*** and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:2-4, NIV)



## Cornelius – Gentiles

44 While Peter was still speaking these words, the ***Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message.*** 45 The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that ***the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles.*** 46 For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God.



## Cornelius – Gentiles

Then Peter said, 47 “Surely no one can stand in the way of their being baptized with water. They have ***received the Holy Spirit just as we have.***” 48 So he ordered that they be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. (Acts 2:44-48, NIV)



## Nicodemus

3 Jesus replied, “Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.”

4 “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!”

5 Jesus answered, “Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the *Spirit*.”



## Nicodemus

6 Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the ***Spirit*** gives birth to **spirit**. 7 You should not be surprised at my saying, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The **wind** blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the ***Spirit***.” (Jn. 3:3-8)



## Spirit Given at Baptism

38 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***. 39 The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.” (Acts 2:38-39, NIV)



## **Spirit Dwells in Christians/Church**

16 Don't you know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? (1 Cor. 3:16)





## **BENEFITS OF HAVING GOD'S SPIRIT IN US:**

- ***Love of God poured into our hearts***, Rom. 5:5
- ***Freedom***, Rom. 8:2, 11; 2 Cor. 3:17; Gal. 5:16
- ***Life & Peace***, Rom. 8:6, 13; 2 Cor. 3:6
- ***Children of God***, Rom. 8:14-16
- ***Help when we pray***, Rom. 8:26-27
- ***Righteousness/Peace/Joy***, Rom. 14:17; 1 Thess. 1:6
- ***Hope***, Rom. 15:13
- ***Reveals the mind of God/Christ***, 1 Cor. 2:6-15



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- ***Washed/Sanctified/Justified***, 1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Thess 2:13
- ***Gifts***, 1 Cor. 12:7, 11
- ***Guarantee of future blessings***, 2 Cor. 1:22; 5:5
- ***Fellowship/Unity***, 2 Cor. 13:13; Phil. 2:1; Eph. 4:3-4
- ***Access to God***, Eph. 2:18
- ***Inner Strength/Power***, Eph. 3:16
- ***Ability to serve/worship God***, Phil. 3:3
- ***Word/Truth of God***, 2 Tim. 3:16; 2 Pet. 1:21; 1 Jn. 5:6



## BENEFITS OF HAVING GOD'S SPIRIT IN US:

### ➤ *Fruit of the Spirit, Gal. 5:22*

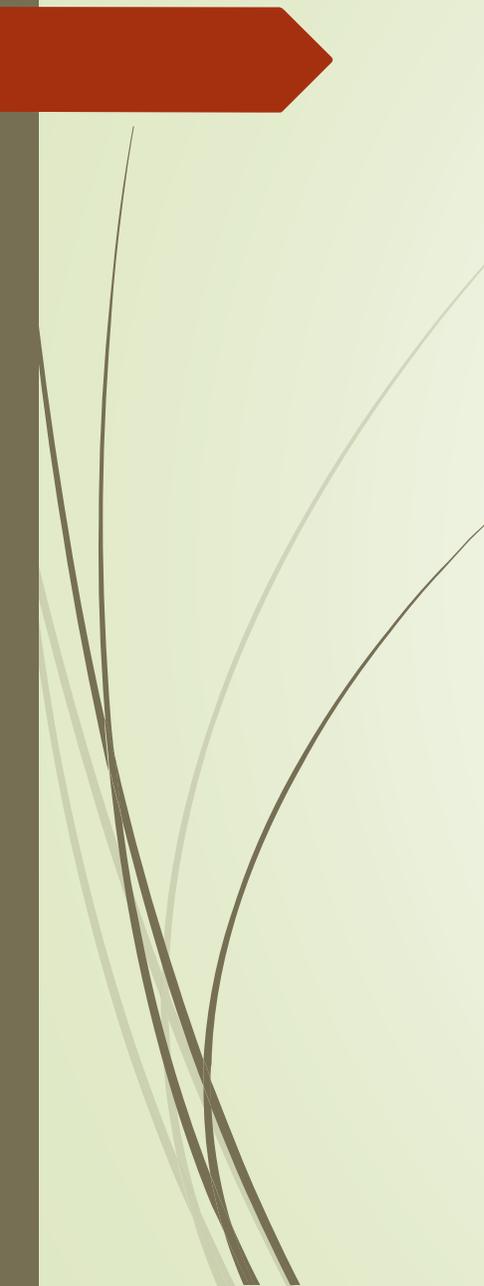
22 But the *fruit of the Spirit* is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. (Gal. 5:22-23)



**BENEFITS OF HAVING GOD'S SPIRIT IN US:**

***Order, Instead of Chaos***





<b>CHAOS – WORKS OF FLESH</b>	<b>ORDER – FRUIT OF SPIRIT</b>
Sexual immorality/Impurity	Love
Debauchery/Idolatry	Joy
Witchcraft	Peace
Hatred/Discord	Patience
Jealousy/Fits of rage	Kindness
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## WALK IN/BY THE SPIRIT

16 So I say, *walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.* (Gal. 5:16, NIV)





## WALK IN/BY THE SPIRIT

19 Do you not know that your bodies are ***temples of the Holy Spirit***, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; 20 you were bought at a price. ***Therefore honor God with your bodies.*** (1 Cor. 6:19-20, NIV)



## WALK IN/BY THE SPIRIT

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*.





## WALK IN/BY THE SPIRIT

*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. (Rom. 8:5-11, NIV)*



**WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?**

***Order OR Chaos***

***Spirit OR Flesh***

***Life & Peace OR Death***