



# An Introduction

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# From What Does Jesus Save Us? Emphases

- The wrath of God → Forgiveness
- The devil → Deliverance
- The corruption in human nature → His Spirit

Each emphasis promotes a certain understanding of the Holy Spirit

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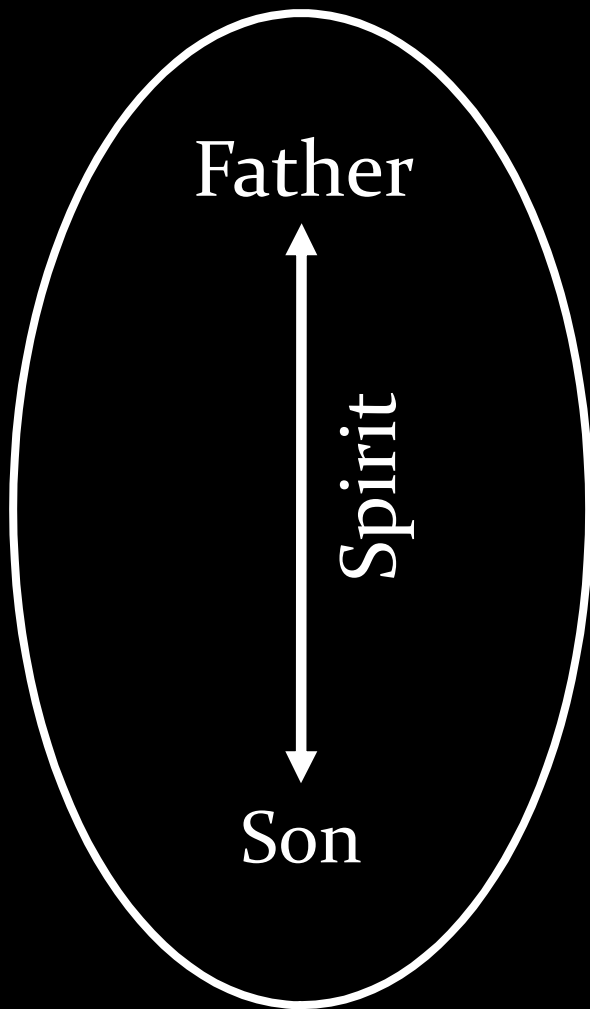
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So how do we relate all three to each other?

# Who is the Holy Spirit?

## God as Trinity



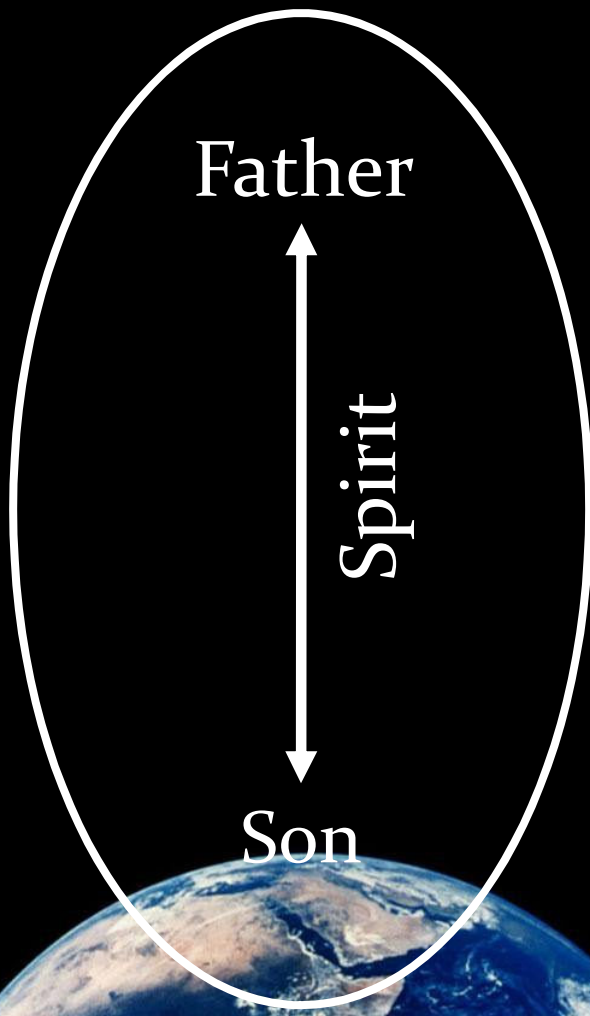
“...the Holy Spirit is a certain unutterable communion of the Father and the Son...”

...the bond of love between them...

-- Augustine of Hippo, *On the Trinity* 5, 11

# The Work of the Spirit: His Goal

## God as Trinity



“...the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens and things on the earth in him... you were sealed in him with the Holy Spirit...”

-- Paul, *Ephesians 1:9, 13*

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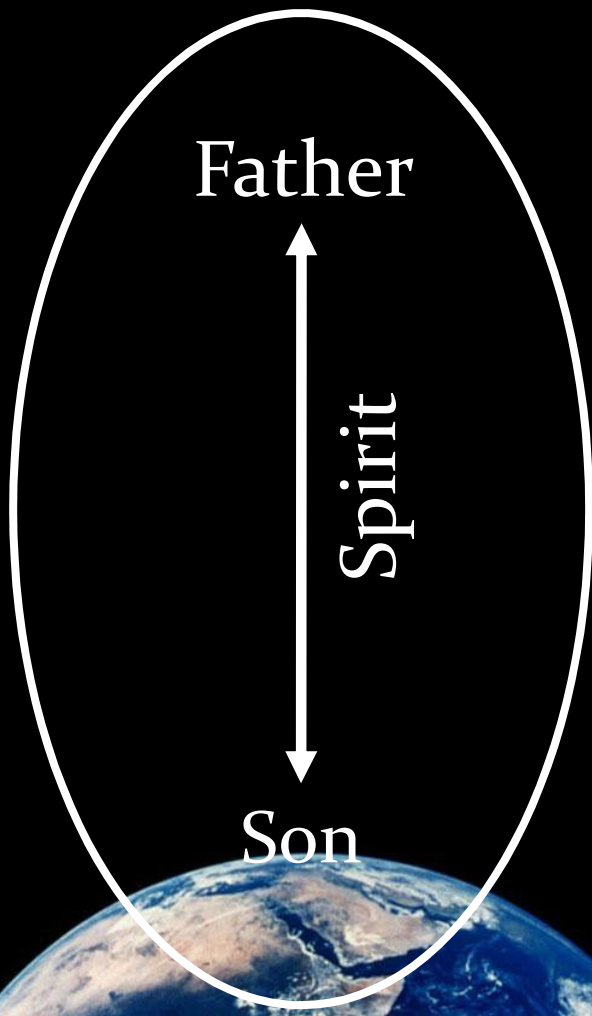


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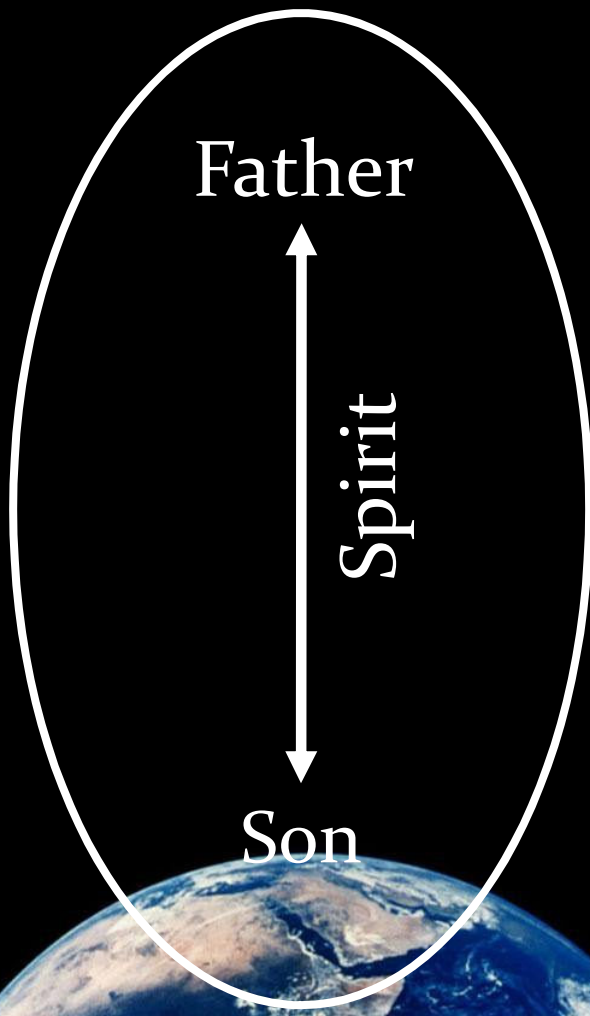


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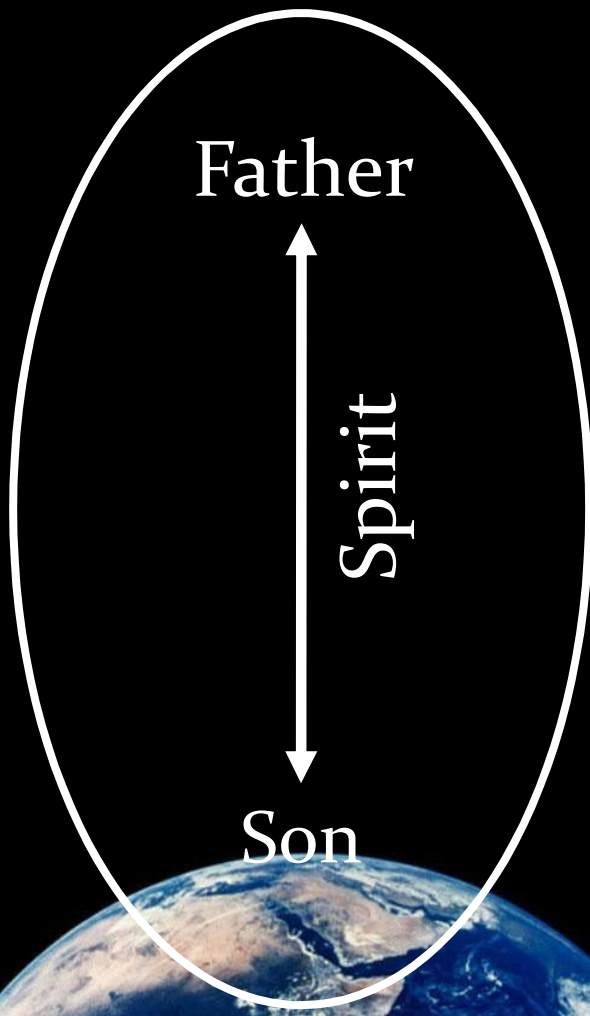


What the Spirit does  
*outside* God  
is based on  
who the Spirit is  
*inside* God:

drawing all into loving,  
personal union with God  
and one another

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He can be grieved, resisted  
(Eph.4:30)

The Spirit works to  
nourish and refine us,  
cooperatively not coercively,  
personally not mechanically,  
unifying all creation in love  
through the Son  
to the Father

# From What Does Jesus Save Us?

## Relating Emphases 2 and 3

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# Why Are We Vulnerable to the Demonic?

<sup>12:28</sup> But if **I cast out demons by the Spirit of God**, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. <sup>29</sup> Or how can anyone enter the **strong man's house** and carry off his property, unless he first **binds the strong man**? And then he will plunder his **house**... <sup>43</sup> Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and does not find it. <sup>44</sup> Then it says, 'I will return to my **house** from which I came'; and when it comes, it finds it unoccupied, swept, and put in order. <sup>45</sup> Then it goes and takes along with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first. (Matthew 12:28 – 45)

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<sup>12:33</sup> Either **make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad**; for the tree is known by its fruit... (Matthew 12:33)



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4:26 Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup> and do not give **the devil** an opportunity... (Ephesians 4:26 – 27)

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<sup>2:1</sup> And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, <sup>2</sup> in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience**. <sup>3</sup> Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. (Ephesians 2:1 – 3)

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  - Jesus heals our vulnerability to the demonic by the Spirit
- The corruption in human nature → His Spirit
  - This is the deeper problem

# Deliverance in a Ugandan Prison



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# How Do We Experience God's Wrath?

## Type 1: Alienation from God

<sup>1:18</sup> For the **wrath of God** is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppress the truth in unrighteousness... <sup>21</sup> For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God... <sup>24</sup> Therefore **God gave them over**... <sup>25</sup> For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie... <sup>26</sup> For this reason **God gave them over**... <sup>28</sup> And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, **God gave them over**... (Romans 1:18 – 32)

<sup>5:9</sup> we shall be saved from **the wrath of God** through Him... <sup>10</sup> we shall be saved by His life. (Romans 5:9 – 10)

# How Do We Experience God's Wrath?

## Type 2: God Surgically Targets Our Resistance

<sup>2:29</sup> **circumcision** is that which is of the heart, by the Spirit (Romans 2:29; first in Jesus, Col.2:12, then in us)

<sup>6:6</sup> our old self was **crucified with him**, in order that our body of sin might be done away with... (Romans 6:6)

<sup>8:3</sup> For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh [of Israel], God did: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, **He condemned sin in the flesh [of Jesus]**, <sup>4</sup> so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. (Romans 8:3 – 4)

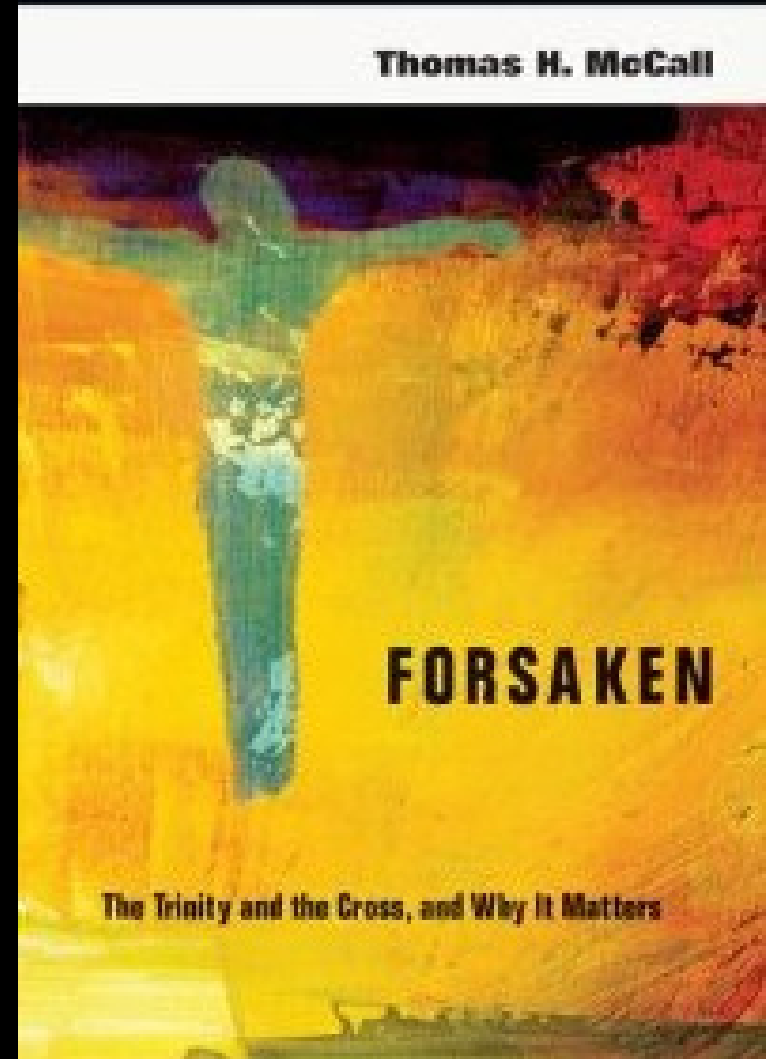
# What About: 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?'

- Psalm 22:1 quoted in Mt.27:45 and Mk.15:34
- The Father turned away from the Son?
  - Opposition?
  - What happened to the Holy Spirit in that moment?



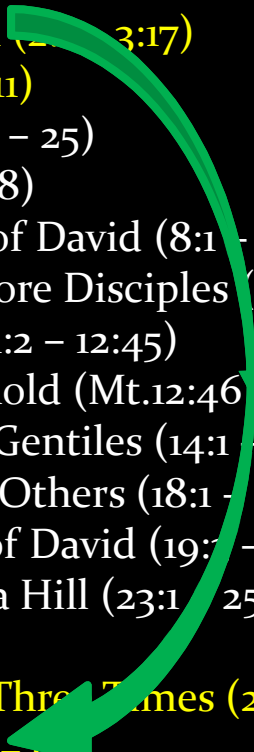
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- No early church theologian believed the Father turned away from the Son
- For more information:



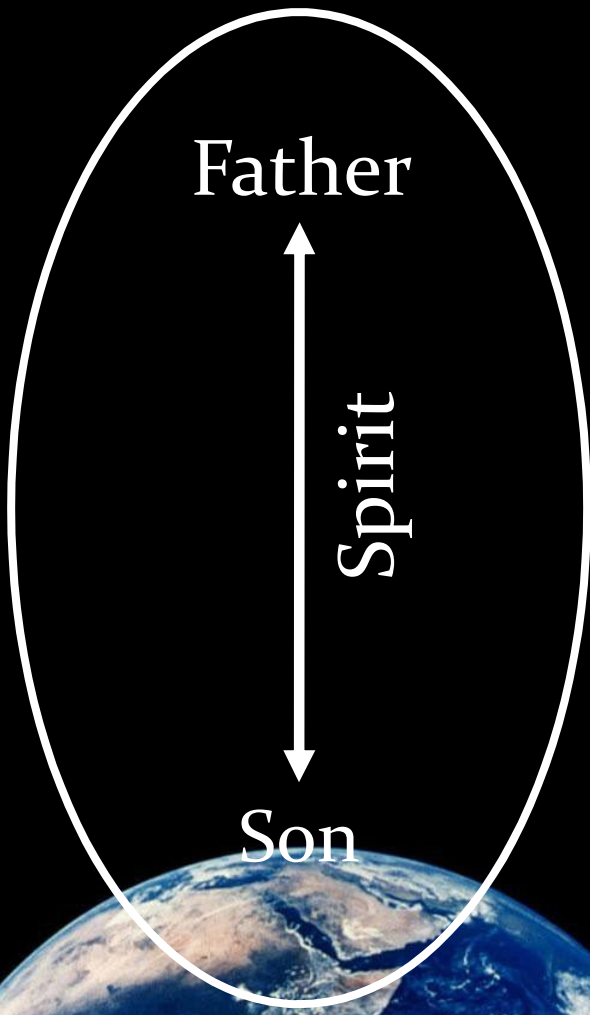
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## The Gospel of Matthew: Literary Structure

- A. Jesus, Israel & the Gentiles, Fulfillment, God With Us (1:1 – 25)
  - B. Jesus as King, Rejected by Herod, Acknowledged by Magi, Baptism (2:1 – 3:17)
  - C. Jesus Overcomes Three Temptations in the Wilderness (4:1 – 11)
  - D. Jesus Gathers and Prepares the Disciples for Ministry (4:12 – 25)
  - E. Discourse #1: Blessings, the New City on a Hill (5:1 – 7:28)
  - F. Jesus Calls to Israel as the Prophet Like Moses, Heir of David (8:1 – 9:34)
  - G. Discourse #2: Jesus Trains the Disciples to Call More Disciples (9:35 – 11:1)
  - H. Jesus as Messiah & Temple, Jews & Gentiles (11:2 – 12:45)
  - I. Discourse #3: Kingdom Growth as a Household (Mt.12:46 – 13:58)
  - H.' Jesus as New Temple Presence of God, Jews & Gentiles (14:1 – 17:27)
  - G.' Discourse #4: Jesus Trains Disciples to Shepherd Others (18:1 – 19:2)
  - F.' Jesus Calls to Israel as the Prophet Like Moses, Heir of David (19:7 – 22:46)
  - E.' Discourse #5: Woes, Fall of Jerusalem, the Old City on a Hill (23:1 – 25:46)
  - D.' Jesus Prepares His Disciples for His Death (26:1 – 35)
  - C.' Jesus Overcomes Three Temptations in a Garden, Peter Fails Three Times (26:36 – 75)
  - B.' Jesus as King, Rejected by Jewish and Gentile Leaders, Death (27:1 – 31)
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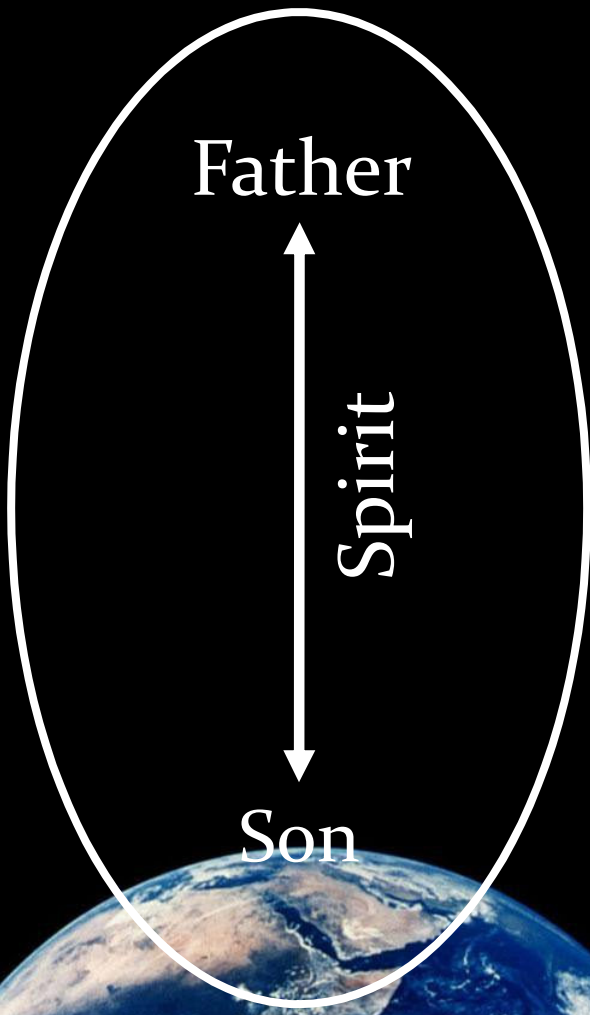
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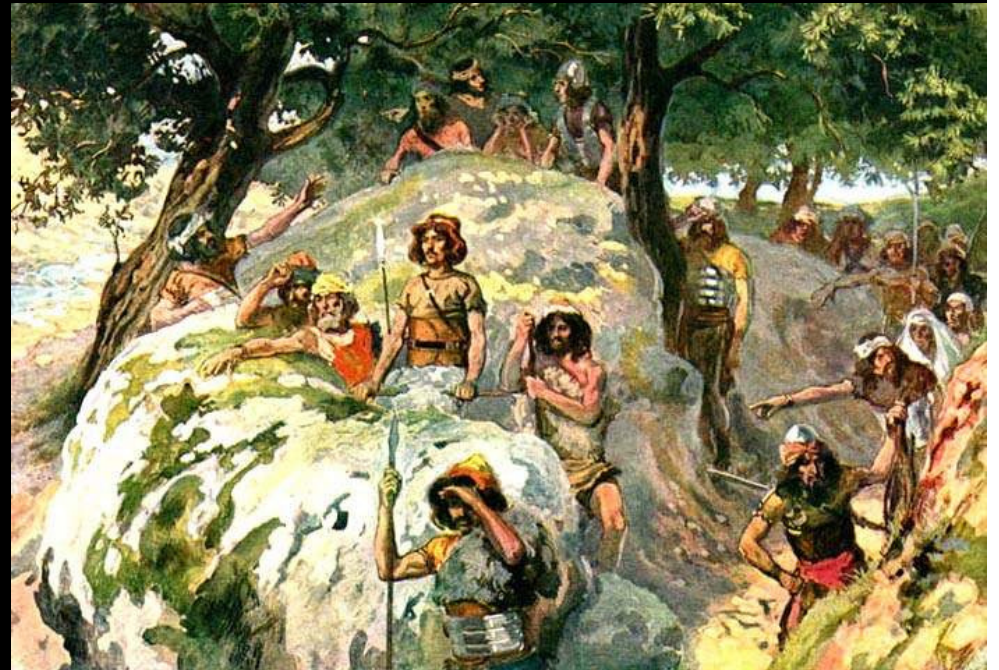
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# ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me [to the Gentiles]?’

- King David wrote Psalm 22 to reflect his suffering and hope
  - He was rejected by Saul and the majority of Israel
  - He was forsaken to the Gentiles
  - But he was not forsaken by God in an absolute sense



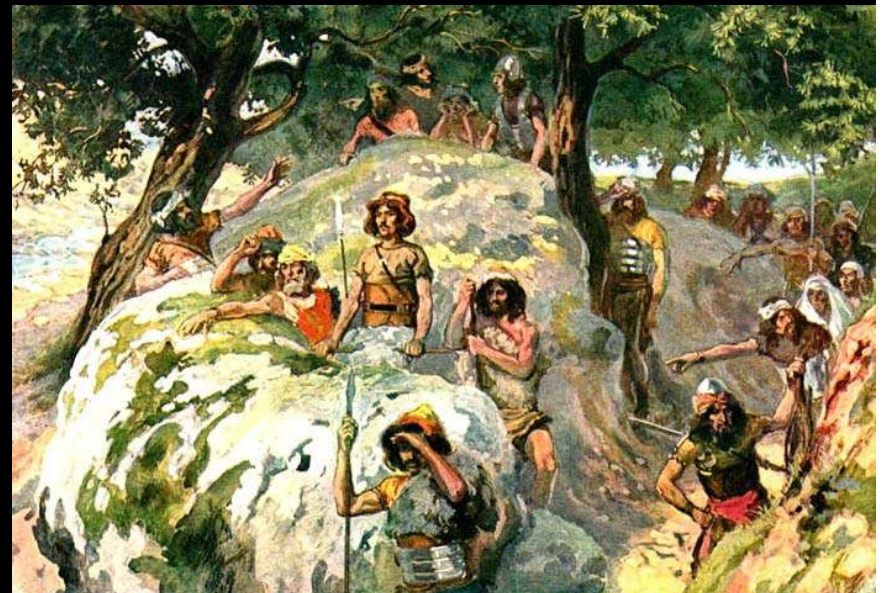
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- Jesus quoted Psalm 22:1 to help others connect his suffering to David’s suffering
  - Esp. the two criminals with him
  - He would first suffer at Gentile hands because King David suffered that way (Mt.27:37 – 46; Mk.15:29 – 34)
  - King in exile, forming a new kingdom



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- David did not believe he was abandoned by God in an absolute sense, even in the wilderness
  - ‘For He has not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; nor has He hidden His face from him’ (Ps.22:24)
  - The Spirit spoke through David while in the wilderness (Psalms)



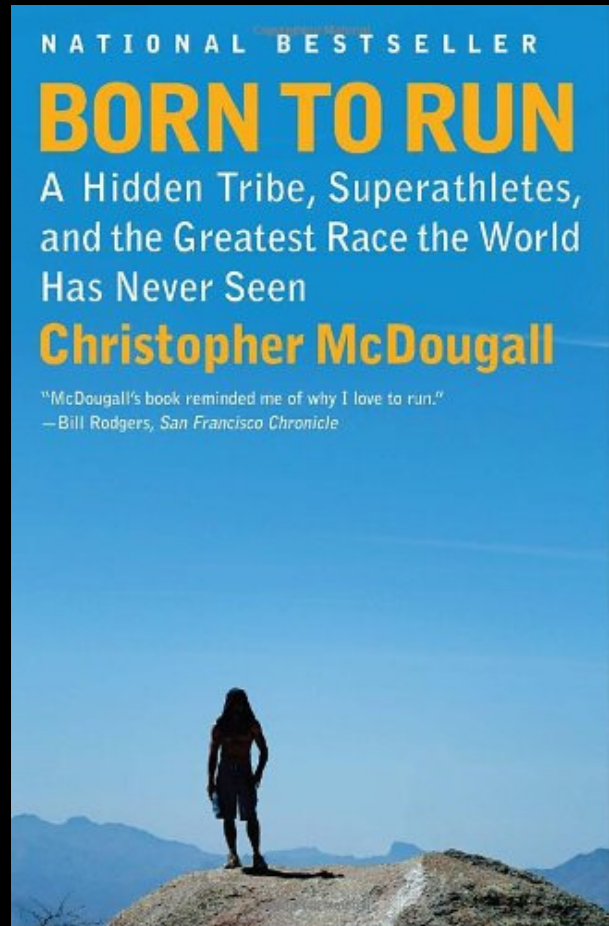
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- Jesus was not abandoned by the Father in an absolute sense, even on the cross
  - The Spirit helped the Son kill the sinfulness in himself by dying
  - The Spirit spoke through Jesus to retell David’s story



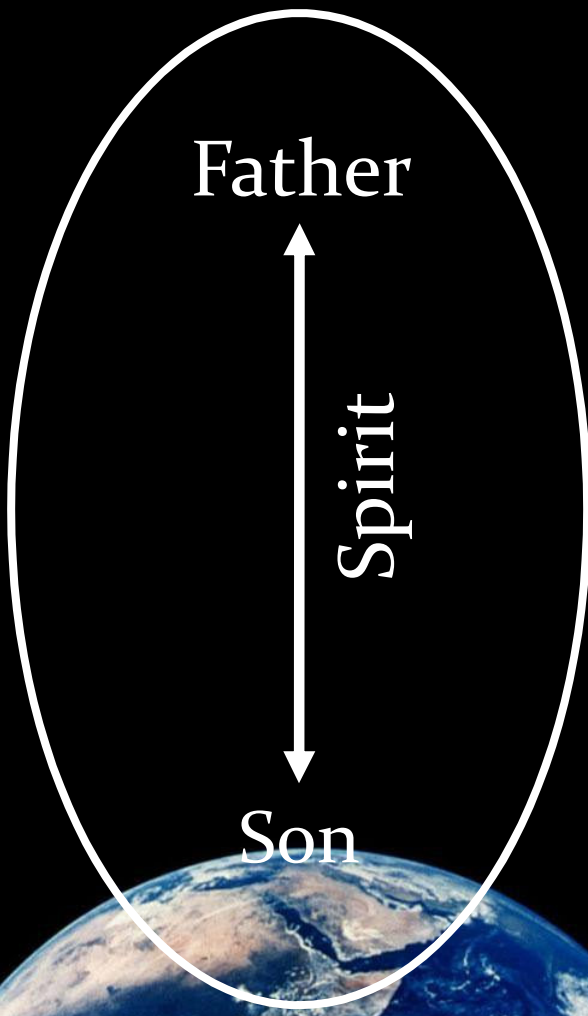


# Sharing in My Daughter's Jogging



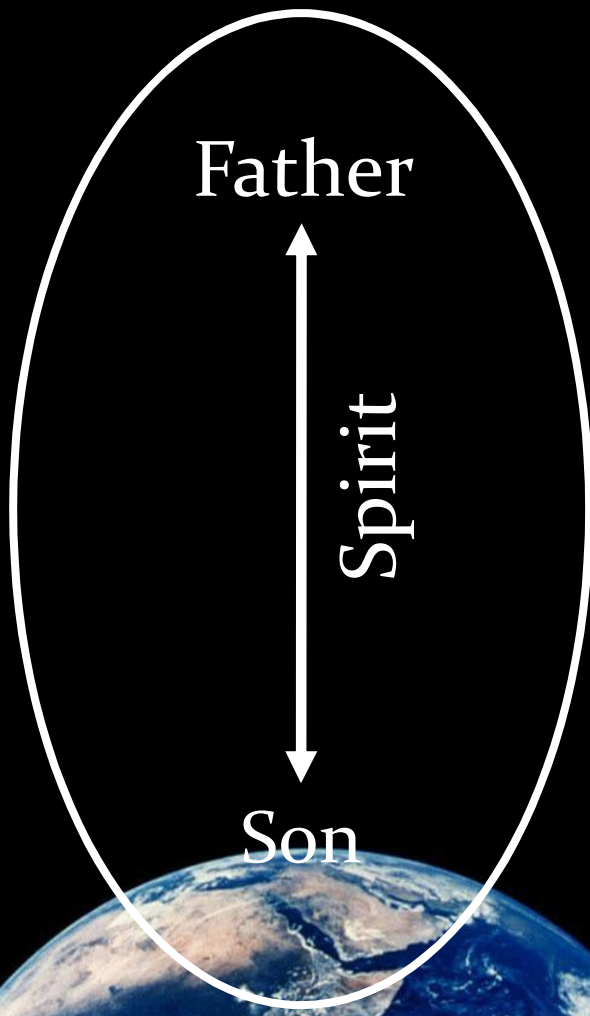
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- The Spirit of God extended the Son of God into our corrupted human nature
  - To share the Father's love
  - To share in the worst of Israel's exile
  - To share in the consequence of opposing Caesar as Lord
  - To share in physical death
  - To share with us Jesus' healed human nature



# The Work of the Spirit

## God as Trinity



‘The Son of God saves human nature and the Spirit of God saves human persons.’

-- Vladimir Lossky, Russian Orthodox theologian, quoted in Chris Jensen, ‘Shine as the Sun: C.S. Lewis and the Doctrine of Deification’, *Road to Emmaus*, Vol. 8, no. 2 (#29), 2005.

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## Three Emphases United

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  - The Spirit of God extends the Son of God into our corrupted human nature and offer us his healed human nature
  - We are human becomings, not just human beings



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# Appendix: Was Jesus Cursed?

- Jesus 'hung on a tree'
  - Why? A Jewish motif of being cursed
    - Dt.21:22 – 23; Gal.3:13; Jn.3:14 – 15 citing Num.21:4 – 7
  - What was cursed?
    - Like an x-ray machine: Human nature had already become cursed (Gen.6:5 – 6; 8:21)
    - Like a laser surgery: 'God condemned sin in the flesh' of Jesus (Rom.8:3); sinfulness was circumcised away (Col.2:12)
  - The wrath of God: *within* Jesus, not *upon* Jesus
  - Passover imagery: go through a doorway of blood