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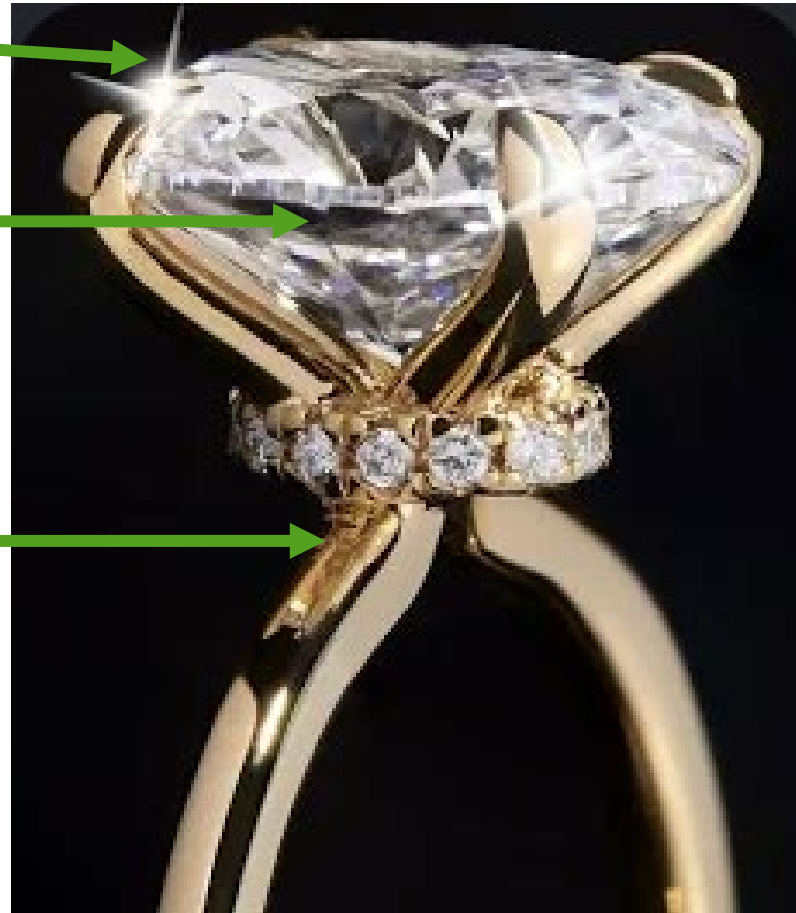


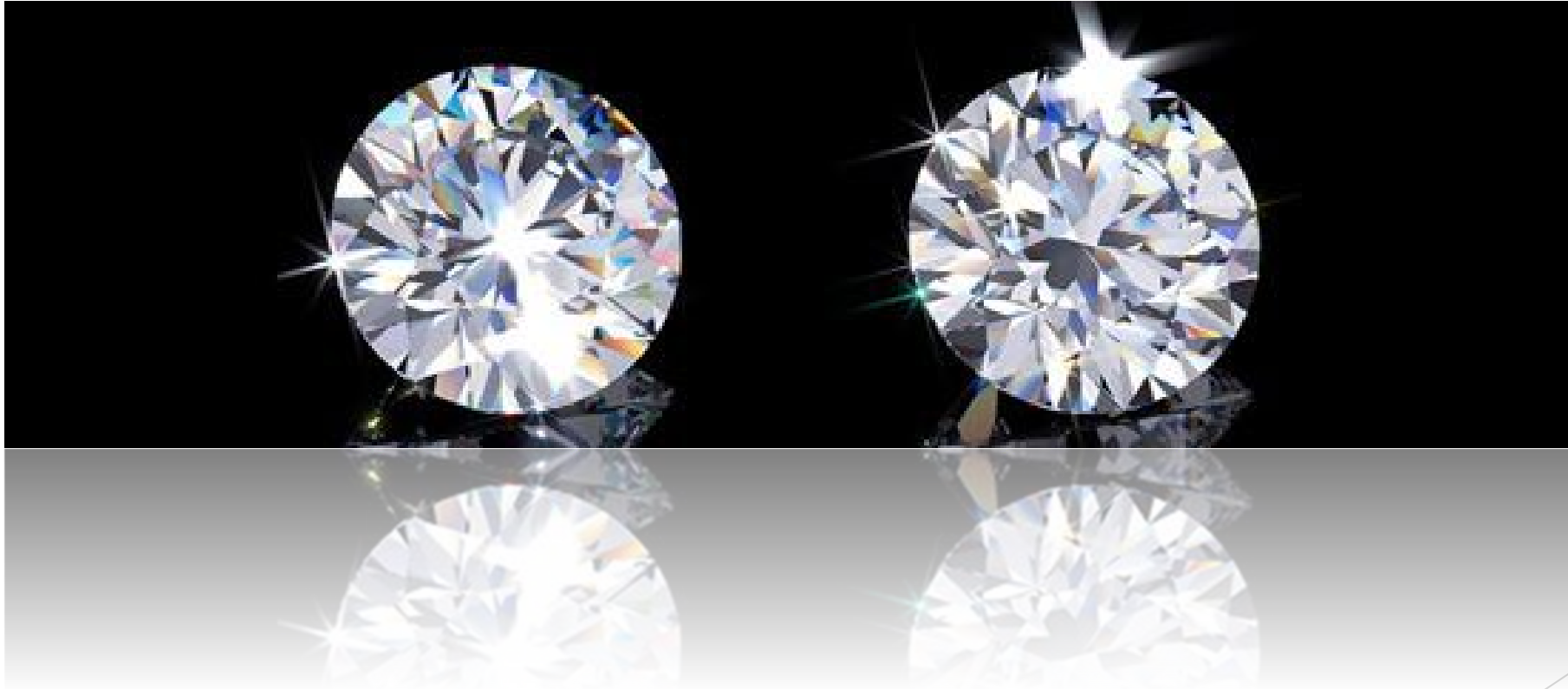
Martin Luther

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We need to rightly
emphasize that
the value of the
promise is found
in the cost of the
provision.

“And we know that for
those who love God all
things work together for
good...”



“And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.”





REVELATION 2:2-5

To Ephesus

² I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not and found them to be false. ³ I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name's sake, and you have not grown weary.



REVELATION 2:1-5

⁴ But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first.



REVELATION 2:1-5

⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent.

*When was the last time
you were truly stunned
by the mercy of God?*

ROMANS 8:1-17

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No Condemnation / Liberation

ROMANS 8:1-4

ESV There is therefore...

THE “THEREFORE”

▶ The Revelation of Righteousness (1:1-17)

- ▶ Paul basically says, "I've got news that changes everything." He introduces the Gospel not as a set of rules, but as God's raw power to save anyone who simply trusts Him.

▶ The Universal Problem (1:18-3:20)

- ▶ Here's the reality check. Paul looks at the world—from the "wild" sinners to the "good" religious folks (the pagan, the moralist, and the religious person)—and says we're all in the same boat. We've all wandered off, and none of us are "good enough" on our own.

▶ Justification by Faith (3:21-4:25)

- ▶ Since we can't earn our way back, God steps in. Paul uses Abraham to show that God credits us with "right standing" as a total gift. It's not about our "to-do" list; it's about believing God keeps His word.

▶ Peace and Hope (5:1-21)

- ▶ Because of that gift, the war is over. We have peace with God. Paul explains that while the "first man" (Adam) brought us into a mess of sin, the "second man" (Jesus) brings us into an abundance of grace that's way bigger than our mistakes.

THE “THEREFORE”

▶ Dead to Sin, Alive to God (6:1-23)

- ▶ Paul anticipates the question: "If grace is free, can I just do whatever I want?" He says, "No way!" We've died to that old way of living. We aren't slaves to our impulses anymore; we've got a new Master who actually loves us.

▶ Released from the Law (7:1-13)

- ▶ He explains that the Law (the rules) is like a mirror—it can show you that your face is dirty, but it doesn't have the power to wash it. We had to "break up" with the law as our way to God so we could actually be united with Jesus.

▶ The Inner Conflict (7:14-25)

- ▶ This is where Paul gets real. He describes that frustrating feeling we all have: "*I want to do what's right, but I keep doing the very thing I hate!*" He ends the chapter totally exhausted, crying out for a Rescuer.



ROMANS 8:1-4 - NLT

So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. ² And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you from the power of sin that leads to death. ³ The law of Moses was unable to save us because of the weakness of our sinful nature. So God did what the law could not do. He sent his own Son in a body like the bodies we sinners have. And in that body God declared an end to sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. ⁴ He did this so that the just requirement of the law would be fully satisfied for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit.



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ROMANS 7

Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? ² For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. ³ Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. ⁴ Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. ⁵ For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. ⁶ But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.



Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu?



Mother Theresa



Milwaukee Monster?



Jeffrey Dohmer



They both needed
the same thing!



▶ Romans 8:5-8

New Mind

Paul's Understanding

The Flesh (*Sarx*):

It's not just your skin and bones; it's that "me-first" factory inside us. it represents weak, fallen human nature prone to sin and selfish desires. Opposed to God

Paul's Understanding

The Spirit:

The Holy Spirit. Paul mentions Him 22 times in this chapter! If you're a student of the Bible, you know that when a word is repeated that much, Paul is screaming, "*You can't do this on your own!*"

Romans 8:5-8

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Flesh isn't just bad behavior

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Live According?



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Live According...

Means yielding control, following a lead, and submitting to a an influence in every moment.

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The Greek word for "set the mind"
(*phroneo*)

- ▶ Isn't just a fleeting thought; it's an entire disposition or a "way of being."

Mindset of the flesh

- ▶ What do I want right now?
- ▶ Where is my identity?
- ▶ What do I live for or WHO?
 - ▶ Success
 - ▶ Others
 - ▶ Money
 - ▶ Pleasure
 - ▶ etc
- ▶ Spiritual Indifference
- ▶ Short term thinking
- ▶ Lack of concern for others

Mindset of the Spirit

- ▶ What honors God
- ▶ Identity in Christ
- ▶ Teachable
- ▶ Repentant
- ▶ Love for others
- ▶ Eternal perspective
- ▶ Desire for God

Romans 1-3

- ▶ Paul shows us that we were all 'Team Flesh' by nature—whether we were living wild lives or religious lives.
- ▶ We were all trapped in a mindset that was or is hostile to God.

The Spirit doesn't just change our
destination (Heaven)

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The Spirit doesn't just change our destination (Heaven)

He changes our disposition (The Mind).

We cannot serve two master!



▶ Romans 8:9-11

Indwelling Spirit



Romans 8:9-11

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Doubt



Romans 8:9-11

⁹ You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.



▶ Romans 8:12-13

New Master

Mindset and Focus:

- ▶ **Flesh:** Sets its mind on earthly, selfish, and sinful desires.
- ▶ **Spirit:** Sets its mind on spiritual desires, truth, and holiness.

Relationship with God:

- ▶ **Flesh:** Hostile to God; it cannot submit to God's law and cannot please Him.
- ▶ **Spirit:** Submissive to God; it resides within believers and unites them with Christ.

Outcome and Result:

- ▶ **Flesh:** Leads to death.
- ▶ **Spirit:** Leads to life, peace, and eternal life.

State of Being:

- ▶ **Flesh:** Defines those who are not in Christ, or Christians operating in their old, fallen nature.
- ▶ **Spirit:** Defines those belonging to Christ who are indwelt by the Holy Spirit.



Romans 8:12-13

¹² So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Romans 6 - Turn to it and read along

6 Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? **2** Of course not! Since we have died to sin, how can we continue to live in it? **3** Or have you forgotten that when we were joined with Christ Jesus in baptism, we joined him in his death? **4** For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives.

5 Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was. **6** We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. **7** For when we died with Christ we were set free from the power of sin. **8** And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. **9** We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him. **10** When he died, he died once to break the power of sin. But now that he lives, he lives for the glory of God. **11** So you also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin and alive to God through Christ Jesus.

12 Do not let sin control the way you live; ^[a] do not give in to sinful desires. **13** Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God. **14** Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God's grace.

15 Well then, since God's grace has set us free from the law, does that mean we can go on sinning? Of course not! **16** Don't you realize that you become the slave of whatever you choose to obey? You can be a slave to sin, which leads to death, or you can choose to obey God, which leads to righteous living. **17** Thank God! Once you were slaves of sin, but now you wholeheartedly obey this teaching we have given you. **18** Now you are free from your slavery to sin, and you have become slaves to righteous living.

19 Because of the weakness of your human nature, I am using the illustration of slavery to help you understand all this. Previously, you let yourselves be slaves to impurity and lawlessness, which led ever deeper into sin. Now you must give yourselves to be slaves to righteous living so that you will become holy.

20 When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the obligation to do right. **21** And what was the result? You are now ashamed of the things you used to do, things that end in eternal doom. **22** But now you are free from the power of sin and have become slaves of God. Now you do those things that lead to holiness and result in eternal life. **23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.



Paul is challenging our
seriousness of sin!!

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Are we willing to mortify it? To kill it?

- ▶ Jesus called it "Radical Amputation": If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. He wasn't talking about surgery; He was talking about a ruthless commitment to holiness.
- ▶ King Josiah is our Old Testament Example: When he realized how far the nation had fallen, he didn't start a committee or a "gradual phase-out" of idols. He tore them down and burned them *overnight*. No messing around.

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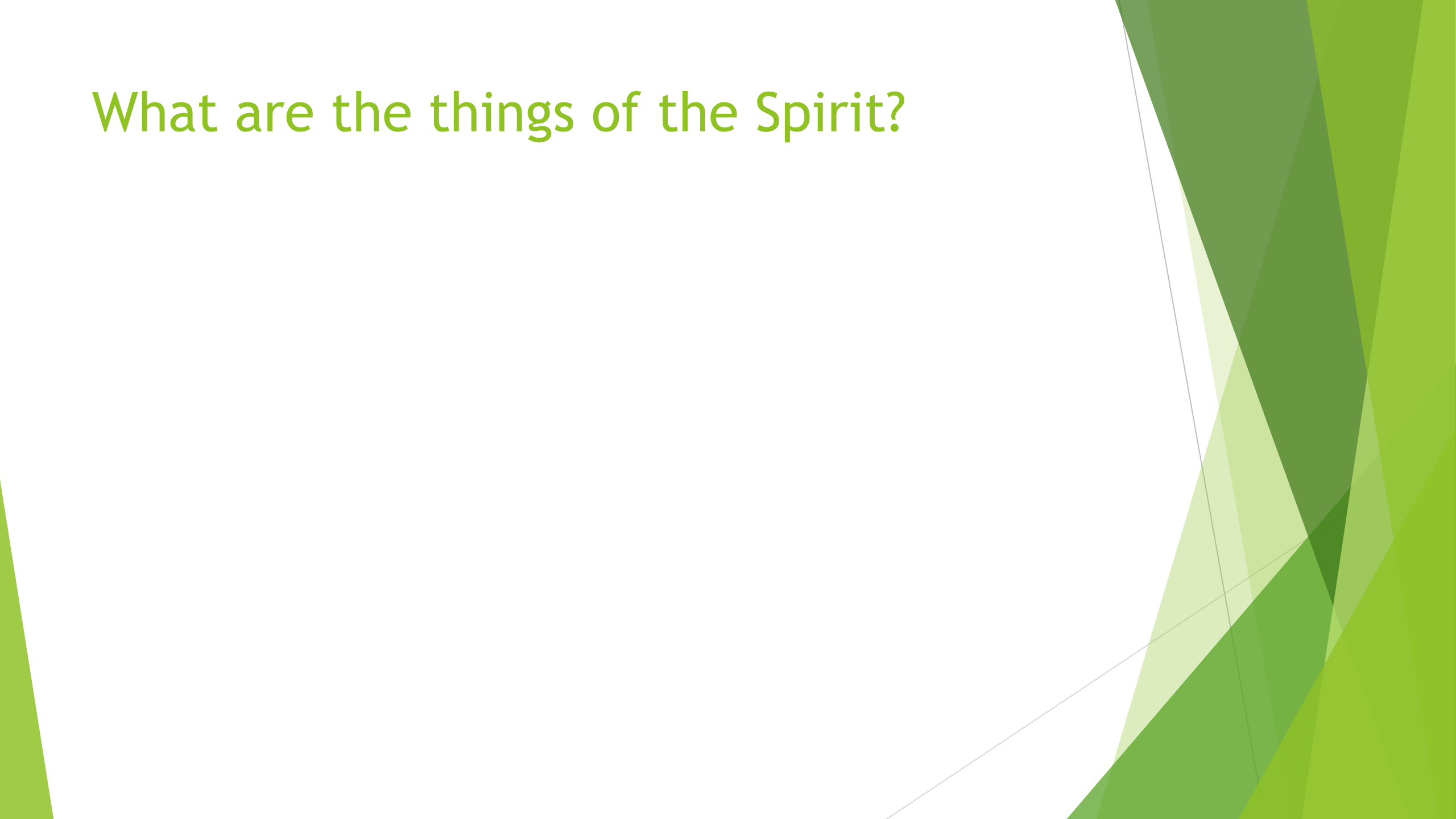
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Romans 8:14-16

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- ▶ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depends all the Law and the Prophets.
 - ▶ Matthew 22:37-40

What are the things of the Spirit?

- ▶ “Things of the Spirit” include virtues of “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control”
 - ▶ ([Galatians 5:22–23, NLT](#)).
- ▶ We set our minds on things of the Spirit and live according to the Spirit when we set our thoughts toward loving our neighbor
 - ▶ ([John 13:34–35](#))
- ▶ Doing good to others
 - ▶ ([Galatians 6:10](#); [1 Timothy 6:18](#))
- ▶ Serving faithfully
 - ▶ ([Matthew 25:23](#); [1 Corinthians 4:2](#))
- ▶ Exercising gentleness ([Ephesians 4:2](#)) and self-control ([Titus 2:12](#)).



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- ▶ **Provision:** Just like a healthy parent, God loves to give good gifts (Matthew 7:9-11). He isn't just concerned with your "spiritual" life; He promises to meet all your needs (Philippians 4:19).
- ▶ **Empowerment:** He doesn't leave us trembling. He gives us a spirit of "power, love, and a sound mind" to combat fear (2 Timothy 1:7).
- ▶ **Security:** Once you are in His hand, you are secure. He gives eternal life, and He doesn't let go (John 10:28-29).
- ▶ **Comfort:** He pours out His Spirit like water on thirsty land, specifically blessing the next generation (Isaiah 44:3-4).



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Heirs



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1 Peter 1:3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



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Family Business



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Glorify God

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Concluding Thoughts

