

GOD
THE HOLY SPIRIT
His coming (advent)



In the OT the HS is in the world as the omnipresent God.

Yet we still say he came on the day of Pentecost. He will remain until on the day of the rapture of the church he will depart, in just the same way he 'came' at Pentecost.

This will be fully explained in this section.



A. THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE OT

Before the coming of Christ the HS was still present on the earth working in and through people for the will of God.

Gen 41:38 - *And Pharaoh said to his servants, "Can we find a man like this, in whom is the Spirit of God?"*

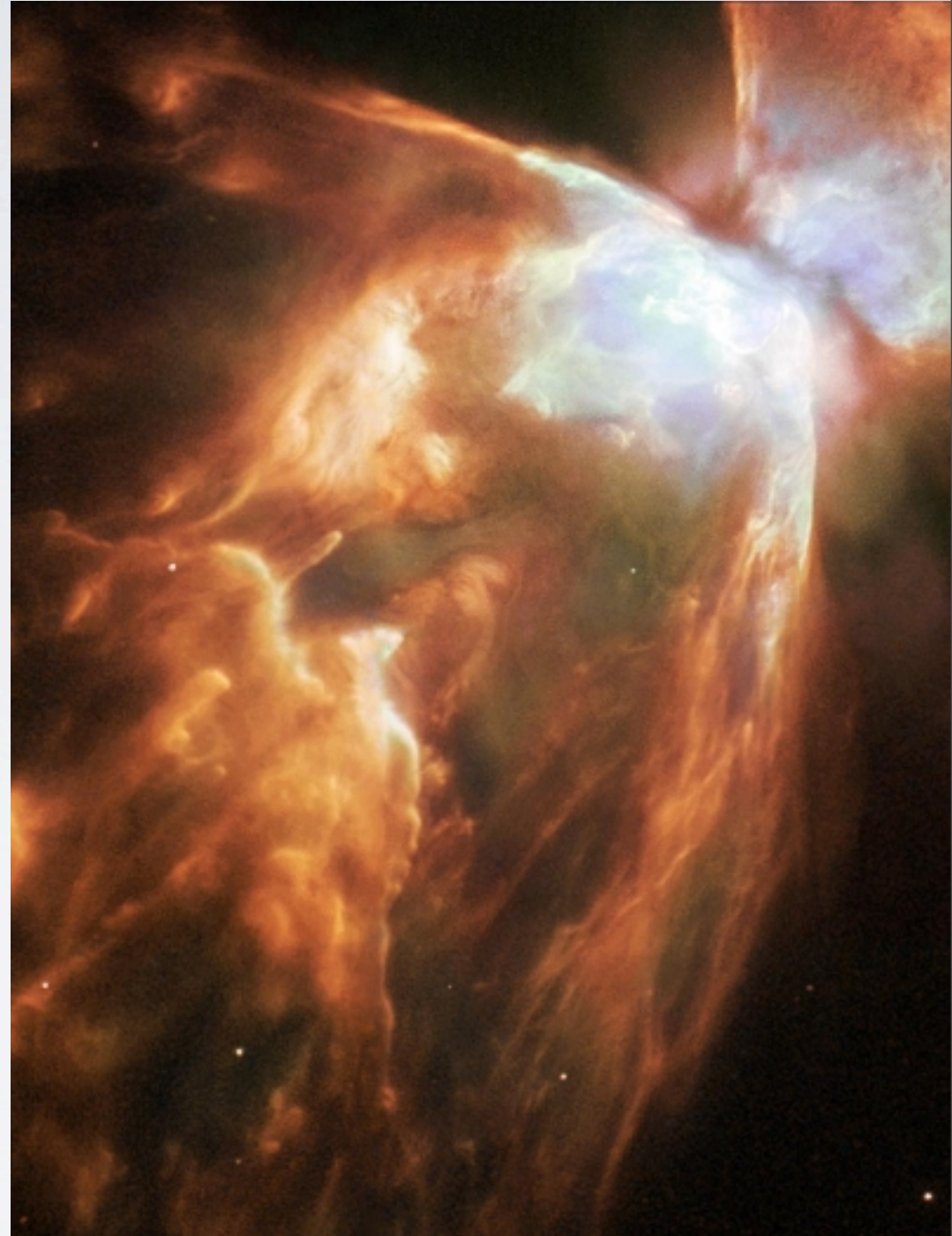
Num 27:18 - *So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand on him.*

Zech 4:6 - *Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.*



HS was involved in creating the world, speaking to prophets, inspiring scripture to be written, restraining sin, enabling believers, performing miracles.

It appears HS was **with** but not **in** every believer in the OT.



B. THE HS DURING THE LIFE OF CHRIST ON EARTH

1. The Spirit was the generating power for Christ's conception - he also came at his baptism - and, **Heb 9:14**, by the HS he offered himself to God

2. There was a progressive relationship of HS to men during Christ's ministry
Luke 11:13 - they could ask



Jn 14:16-17 - Jesus would ask and send

Jn 20:21-22 - *Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.*

Luke 24:49 - (Acts 1:4) -*And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."*



C. THE COMING OF HOLY SPIRIT AT PENTECOST

Fulfilling the promise of Father and Son the omnipresent Holy Spirit **came** into the world on the day of Pentecost.

God is omnipresent yet the Bible says **Father** is in heaven but **Eph 4:6** -*one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.*

Jesus - Matt 18:20 - *For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."*

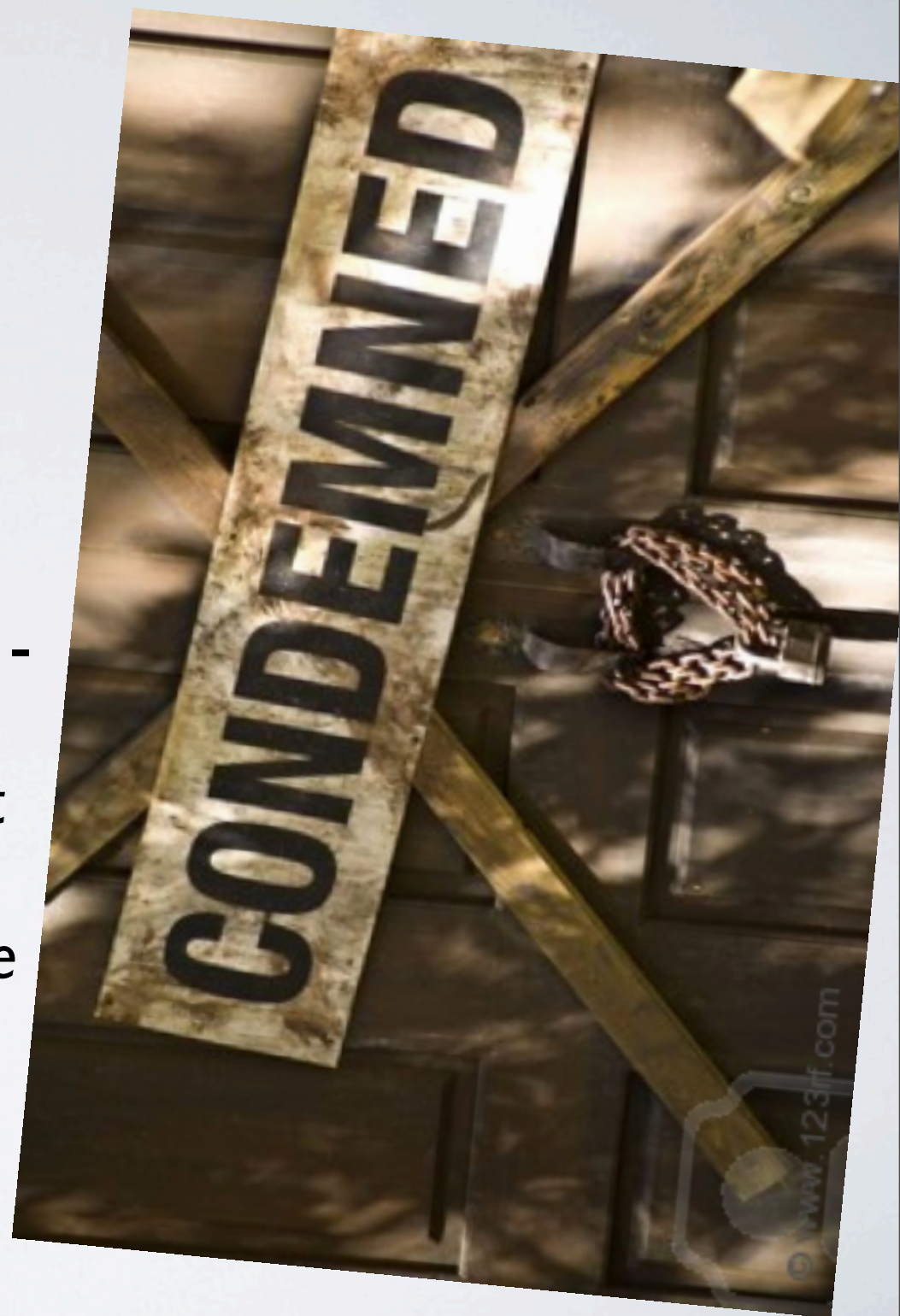
So **Holy Spirit** comes and makes his dwelling amongst us in this time - he has **moved** to earth for this time of grace



It is the work of the HS which brings any man to Christ

I. **HS enables men to understand their sin of unbelief in Jesus - Jn 3:18 -**

Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God.



2. HS shows unbelievers the righteousness of God

- HS reveals the righteousness of God - which is so high that it cannot be achieved by human works - and that there is a righteousness available by faith in Christ - which when accepted enables man to be accepted by faith in Christ's righteousness in life and his death on the cross.

Rom 1:16-17 *-For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*

Rom 3:22 *- the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction:*

Rom 4:5 *-And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness,*

3. HS reveals the judgement and eternal punishment brought upon satan by the cross -at the cross satan has been defeated and judged

In a believer the HS now brings about regeneration (Jn 3:3-7), indwells them (Jn 7:37-39), seals them (Eph 4:30), baptises them (1 Cor 12:13), fills them (Eph 5:18) and enables them to walk in Him (Gal 5:16)

When the rapture takes place HS will have accomplished his work in all believers (just as Christ did before the ascension)

