




# Giver. Given. Gift.

**YOU WILL RECEIVE THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT - ACTS 2:38**







A close-up shot of a man with dark, wavy hair, wearing a light-colored suit jacket, white shirt, and dark tie. He has a surprised or incredulous expression on his face, with his eyes wide and mouth slightly open. The background is dark and out of focus.

"Surely you can't be serious?"

## John 14:15-18

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. 16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, 17 even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you.

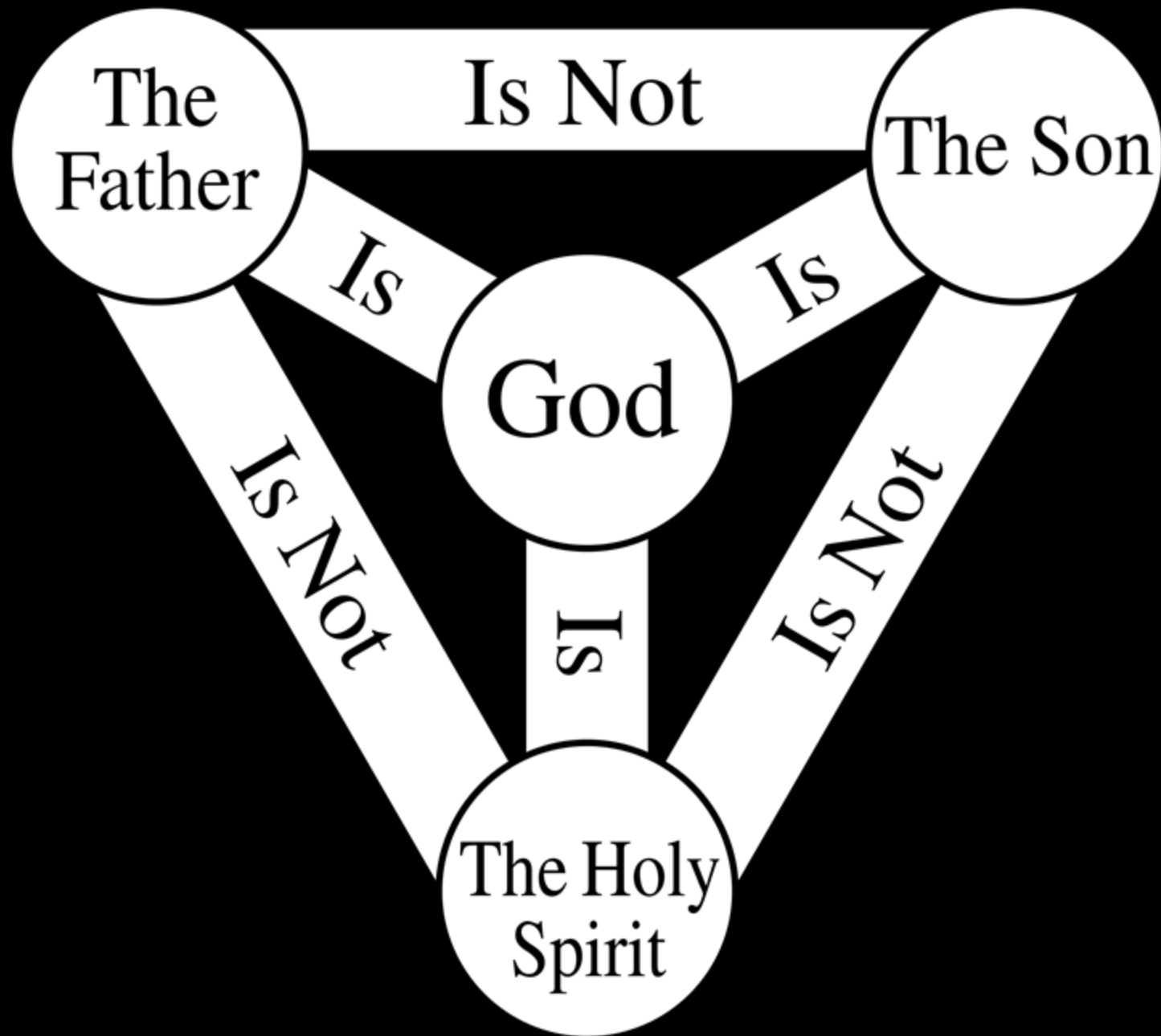
18 "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

## John 16:6-8

6 But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment

## John 16:13-15

13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.





### **Question 36**

## **What do we believe about the Holy Spirit?**

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That he is God, coeternal with the Father and the Son, and that God grants him irrevocably to all who believe.





### **Question 37**

## **How does the Holy Spirit help us?**

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The Holy Spirit convicts us of our sin, comforts us, guides us, gives us spiritual gifts and the desire to obey God; and he enables us to pray and to understand God's Word.

## Luke 24:44-49

44 Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms must be fulfilled." 45 Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, 46 and said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead,

## Luke 24:44-49

47 and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 You are witnesses of these things. **49 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."





## Acts 2:32-33

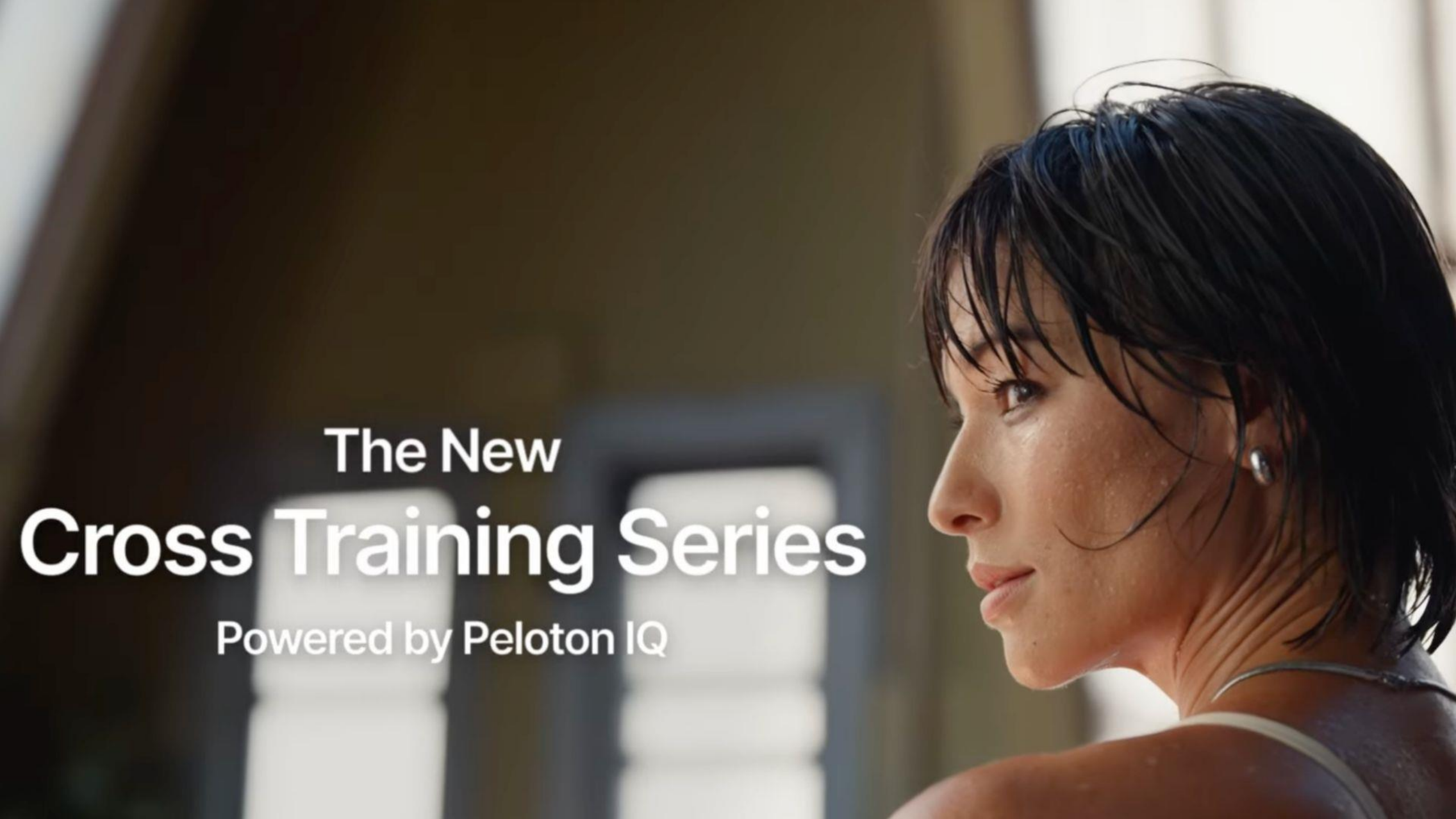
32 This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses. 33 Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God, and having received from the Father the promise of the Holy Spirit, he has poured out this that you yourselves are seeing and hearing.

## Acts 2:37-39

37 Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?" 38 And Peter said to them, "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 For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself."





A close-up, profile shot of a woman with dark, wet hair, looking out a window. Her face is glistening with sweat or water droplets. The background is a blurred view of a window with white frames.

# The New Cross Training Series

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**“Christmas is telling you that you could  
never get to heaven on your own.  
God had to come to you.”**



**-Tim Keller**



“ Indeed, the Spirit has the power to guide us in adversity, advocate for us in our weakness, uplift us from our despair, and even improve us, bringing us closer to Christlikeness. Yet here once more we must remember a caveat: the Holy Spirit is not an electrical socket.

In an age that valorizes self-help, it may be tempting to see the Spirit as a kind of cosmic energy that, if we only tap into it, will make us into the righteous, successful people we want to be. But the power of the Spirit is of the Spirit, which is to say, God’s power — not ours.

Sarah Grace Thompson

The Holy Spirit Isn’t a Teddy Bear (or an Electrical Socket),

<https://mbird.com/theology/the-holy-spirit-isnt-a-teddy-bear-or-an-electrical-socket/>

## Ezekiel 36:25-27

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

## John 3:1-8

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. 2 He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him."

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



## John 3:1-8

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.

## John 3:1-8

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."

# Ephesians 1:13–14

In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

“The Holy Spirit indwelling the individual Christian is not only the agent of Christ, but he is also the agent of the Father. Consequently, when I accept Christ as my savior, my guilt is gone, I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit, and I am in communication with the Father, and the Son, as well as of the Holy Spirit--the entire Trinity. Thus now, in the present life, if I am justified, I am in a personal relationship with each of the members of the Trinity. God the Father is my Father; I am in union with the Son; and I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit. This is not just meant to be doctrine; it is what I have now.”

Francis Schaeffer, *True Spirituality*, p. 271



## Galatians 4:4-7 NIV

4 But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, 5 to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. 6 Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." 7 So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.



## Galatians 5:22-26

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 3:18

18 And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.



## Romans 5:5-8

5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

“So that you shall have my heart as surely and as speedily as if I were with you; and he will be continually breaking your hearts, either with my love to you, or yours to me, or both. . . . He will tell you, when I am in heaven, that there is as true a conjunction between me and you, and as true a dearness of affection in me towards you, as is between my Father and me, and that it is as impossible to break this knot, and to take off my heart from you, as my Father’s from me.”



**"I Love Inside Jokes.  
I Hope To Be A Part Of One Someday."**

# Gospel Response

## ***Start:***

Repent, call upon the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

## ***Strengthen:***

Look to the love of God shown in the gospel and the power of God's Spirit will transform you