

# Message

#### Jesus embodied the 'kingdom of God'...



*'God's people, in God's place, under God's rule, and enjoying God's blessing.'*  'Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' (Acts 1:6) 'After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.' (Acts 1:9)

'Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptised with water, but in a few days you will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' (Acts 1:4-5)

**'But you will receive power** when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

(Acts 1:8)

'Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body – whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. And so the body is not made up of one part but of many.' (1 Cor. 12:12-14) **find the set of the s** have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ.' (**Romans 8:9**)



## 'I am the vine; you are the branches.' (John 15: 5)



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'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!'...



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 3:3-5)





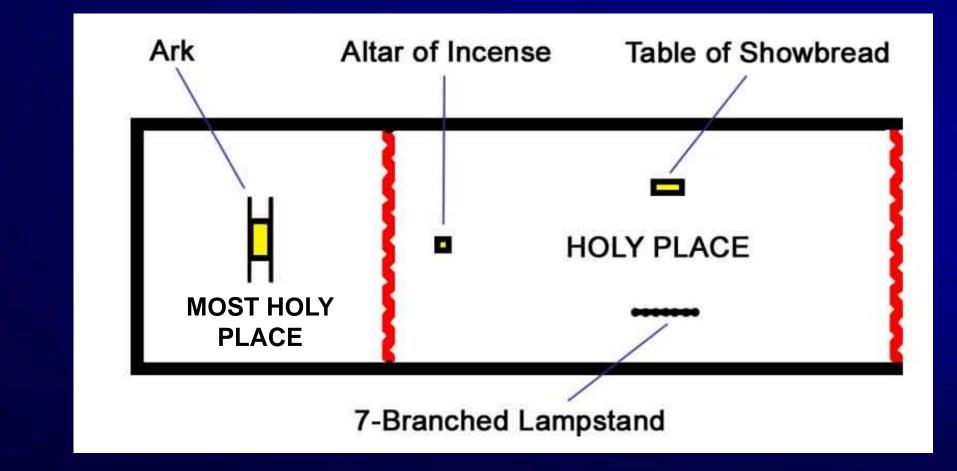




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John 16:7-10...conviction of sin Romans 8:15...Abba, Father 2 Cor. 5:5-15...living for Jesus







'Do you not know that your bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God?' (1 Corinthians 6:19)

The kingdom of God... **God's place** 'In [Jesus] the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.' (Ephesians 2:20-22)





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# '...by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body...'

(Romans 8:13)



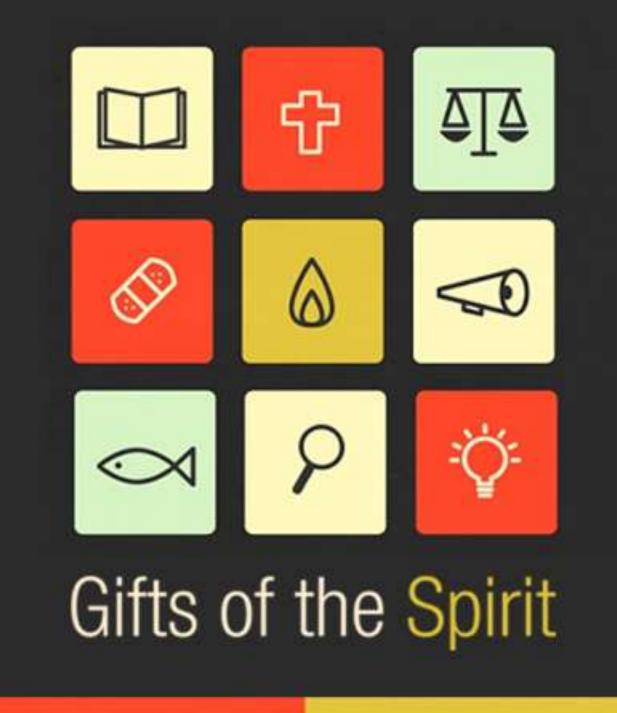
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'You will be a blessing...and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.' (Genesis12:2-3)

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The kingdom of God... God's blessing 'We cannot claim to be filled with the Spirit as individuals or as [congregations] if we are not active in evangelism; [for] the Spirit's great concern is to lead people to Christ.' (Vaughan Roberts, God's Big Picture, page 136)



#### Alpha video testimony

# The 'kingdom of God'...



Extended by the Spirit through a new birth... ...with power over sin ...gifts for service ...and a call to witness

