

Face to Face with God

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Very few people in this confused world understand what God's Spirit is all about. Jesus said, "You Must Be Born Again."

John 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

John 3:2 The same came to Jesus **by night** [out of fear of the Jews], and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born again**, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.

Nicodemus understood clearly that Jesus was referring to birth – just like when a baby is born. But Nicodemus understood only one kind of birth – the kind where a baby grows protected in his mother's womb by amniotic fluid. This fluid serves as a cushion for the growing fetus, but also serves to facilitate the exchange of nutrients, water, and biochemical products between mother and fetus. When the mother's "water breaks" the baby is born into the world. Nicodemus followed Jesus' analogy to a point – and then became confused.

John 3:4 Nicodemus asked Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

In answer to him, Jesus built on Nicodemus' understanding of the mother's "water breaking," – and then added an entirely new concept about Spirit life.

John 3:5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say unto thee, Unless a man be born of "water" **and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God.

I find it interesting that the KJV translators capitalized Spirit in verse 5, because they clearly did not understand what Jesus was saying anymore than Nicodemus did. Jesus clarifies His statement.

John 3:6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Jesus said, "They are two different things."

John 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

Jesus switches metaphors to help Nicodemus understand. What was the best representation of "Spirit" that Jesus could have used? Jesus could have used oil, breath of life, air, a mighty rushing wind, water, tongues of fire, paraclete (a comforting advocate), as He does elsewhere in the Scriptures. God's Spirit descended as a **dove** upon Jesus. There were so many examples Jesus could have chosen from. Any of those analogies would have worked.

"Holy Spirit" in Greek is *Hagion Pneuma* - **holy breath**. What better way is there to say it? But, spirit cannot be reduced to **mere physical things** – but in the flesh, we must start somewhere... Jesus chose "wind," to represent **spirit**. He told Nicodemus in verse :8.

John 3:8 The "wind" blows where it wants to, and thou hear the sound thereof, but you cannot tell whence it comes from, or where it is going: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

John 3:9 Nicodemus answered and said unto him [in a doubtful tone of voice], How can these things be?

John 3:10 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and know not these things?

John 3:11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.

John 3:12 If I have told you earthly things, and ye believe not, how shall ye believe, if I tell you of heavenly things?

John 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

John 3:15 That whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have **eternal life**.

The point is that you must become **spiritual in nature** to have eternal life. Paul says it:

1Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God;

1Corinthians 15:49 And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the **image of the heavenly**.

Paul is saying that we will be **spiritual** beings, having acquired the very **spiritual** nature of God. That is the only way we will be able to interface with our Supreme Almighty God face to face – as **spiritual** beings. We must breathe, eat and drink – or we soon perish. Godly Spiritual beings inherently possess everlasting life – without this sustenance.

SPS: Today we are looking at the **difference** between this **physical realm** in which we live and exist, and the Spiritual realm in which God exists. Two entirely separate and different realms.

The Bible reveals that Jesus Christ **controls** every last thing – every **single element** in the universe through His Spirit. It is by His Spirit that God accomplishes His Divine Will. Jesus' **Spirit dominion** is not restricted nor constrained by the physical laws of nature and the universe. His spiritual control and rule is universal and instant. David prayed,

Psalms 139:7 Whither shall I go from your Spirit? [Your reach is everywhere.]

Jesus **upholds** and sustains the entire universe by way of His Spirit. That is how He reaches out. That is how he stays in contact.

Hebrews 1:3 Who [Jesus Christ] being the brightness of His [the Father's] glory, and the express image of His person, and **upholding all things** [in the entire universe] by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high;

Not as a **fleshly** man – but as the glorified risen Spiritual Son of God. After Jesus **created** the heavens and the earth, He declared in the second verse of the Bible how He gets things done by His **life's force and vigor**:

Genesis 1:2 ...The **Spirit of God** moved upon the face of the waters.

Brethren, we have been baptized and given a token of God's life and Spirit. We in God's Church are the only ones who are able to come to a deeper truth - vis-à-vis God and His Holy Spirit. Vis-à-vis is a French phrase that means "with regard to," but interestingly, it also means "face to face," as when the Lord spoke unto Moses **face to face**, as a man speaks unto his friend.

Exodus 33:11 And the LORD spoke unto Moses face to face, as a man speaks unto his friend.

But God goes on to tell us that there was much more to their meeting than when two friends meet each other. The encounter with God **face to face** left Moses' face **shinning radiantly**. This was Jesus Christ that Moses met face to face with on Mt. Sinai – and Jesus worked a **special miracle** so that Moses was not consumed by God's brilliance.

Exodus 34:29 ...When Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of testimony in Moses' hand... he knew not that the **skin of his face shone ...**

Exodus 34:30 And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone; and **they were afraid to come near him**.

Exodus 34:33 And till Moses had done speaking with the Israelites, he put a **veil** over his face.

Let's never forget that each and everyone of us will one day soon **face** Jesus Christ **face to face** and give an exacting account of ourselves.

Romans 14:10 ...We shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

Romans 14:11 For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

Romans 14:12 So then every one of us shall **give account of himself** to God.

We are in the **physical** world. We can only know the Spiritual things about God through the Scriptures which have been revealed to us about the things of the spiritual realm.

1Corinthians 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

We have only **partial** knowledge - that alone should keep us searching and growing in knowledge and truth.

1Corinthians 2:10 But God has revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searches all things, yea, the **deep** things of God.

1Corinthians 2:11 For what man knows the things of a man, except by the spirit of man which is in him? **Even so** the things of God knows no man, except by the Spirit of God.

That is what we are speaking of today - the **deep** things of God. It is exactly like Paul said; man is ill-equipped to be able to understand the all encompassing scope of the reach of God's Spirit. Paul tells us that we only have **partial** knowledge at this time, but in the resurrection we will see God **face to face**. How can mere man presume to ever see God face to face? The Title of today's sermon comes from this verse.

1Corinthians 13:12 For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then **face to face**: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

John also reveals that when we will see God **face to face**; we will see Him as He is. Those in the world cannot fully grasp that concept. We are physical right now – we cannot **see** God or Jesus Christ. John reveals that we **will** see God as He is.

1John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the **sons of God**: therefore the world knows us not, because it knew him not.

1John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is. [face to face]

And that will be in His supreme authority and power to control all that has ever happened, is happening, and will ever happen. Let's remember that everything that has ever happened from creation until now is for one single purpose – and that is for God to bring many sons and daughters to glory in His eternal Kingdom (Hebrews 2:10). God's Spirit is so much more than His ability to **create** and move things about the universe.

John 4:24 tells us that **God is Spirit** and He exists in the **spirit realm** where no man has ascended (as we saw in John 3:13) which is eternal – not like our temporary existence in this **physical world**.

The Bible is the story of how God is bringing true believers across that **great gulf** that separates the **physical world** from the **spiritual realm** (Luke 16:26).

That **chasm** is as great as the one between death and life!

To **traverse** that **divide** we must literally be **born again** into that spirit realm (as we saw in John 3:3).

And to be chosen by Go to be born again we must have acquired the attributes and characteristics of God's **Spiritual** nature. So, what is God's Holy Spirit like? God's Spirit is the one Spirit that the Father and Jesus Christ share with each other and with us.

**God's Spirit is His life, mind, and yes, His life's force and power, but much more than that. His Spirit is His love, His all-presence, His all-knowing, His personality, His manifold traits, His character – it is every characteristic of God like His gentleness, compassion, generosity, mercy... the list is endless – because God is infinite.

God's desire is to share His Spirit with us, for the promise of His Spirit is unto us, and to our children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call. (Acts 2:39) We are totally unable to comprehend every characteristic of God's Spirit with our limited human intellect, for God is too great. The complete attributes of God's Spirit are beyond the grasp of our finite minds.

And yet, we are to do our utmost to acquire the same perspective on everything that God has and be exactly like Him in every way that we are able. Man begins to make the transition from his **physical** existence to growing in **Spirit** toward the flawlessness of Christ when he receives the first token of God's Spirit at his baptism and the laying on of hands.

In order for a Christian to be able to achieve that great leap from man-**kind** to God-**kind**, God gives baptized Christians a security pledge of His Spirit – His Life, making us His Godly children.

God's Spirit in a Christian begins the conversion process, which culminates in our being born eventually into the eternal Family of God. God's eternal Spiritual Family is open to all those who live by His Spirit – it is **not a closed family as Satan would have us believe.

The Trinity doctrine is a Heresy

Three in one – Father Son Holy Ghost – three equal persons. The Bible teaches that **false** doctrine **nowhere!** It is necessary to know, as we do, that the Holy Spirit is **not a third person** of a mysterious closed Trinity.

Only God's people have a right understanding of the nature of God. More importantly, however, we must understand **what** God reveals to us about His Holy Spirit.

The Tree of Life in the Garden of Eden represented God's Spirit – God's Life – God's Family tree – even His eternal Life. The Tree of Life is about God's Holy Spirit. So few people in this confused world understand what Spirit-Life is all about.

When Adam was created – he became a living breathing human being like you and me. But, without instruction directly from Jesus Christ, Adam was unable to understand **spiritual** things. God has to give spiritual knowledge to mankind – because it is **spiritually discerned**. [As we saw in 1Corinthians 2:11]

God was not creating mankind only for the temporary **physical** realm – but for the purpose of becoming God in His eternal **spiritual** realm. We are preparing – even now – to make that great leap. Mankind was created to eventually be in the image of God – a Spiritual being.

Let me make a clarification here between **man and angels**. Yes, angels are spirit beings – but they are **not** in God's Family – possessing His Spirit as we are destined to become.

That Family relationship is **unique for man** – being created in God's image – not for angels who are created as ministering spirits.

Because God is Spirit, He is still bringing us to completion; we do not yet possess His eternal spiritual Life. We do not have an eternal immortal soul – as the world believes. Mankind was created to be in the Family of God – not with human life – but with **God Life** – with the same Spirit of God. God's Spirit makes a real relationship with Him possible – **face to face** – as He is.

This next verse explains that great gulf – that chasm – that divide – that leap – that traverse – from **physical** to **Spiritual** so well.

Philippians 3:21 [the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ:] shall **change our vile body**, [We have temporal bodies] that it may be fashioned like **unto His glorious body**. [His Spiritual Body]

Jesus', with a glorified body, is now **an** immortal resurrected Spiritual member of the God Family – as we will be. We will not retain our flesh and blood bodies – we will be changed to Spirit.

We have the example of Jesus Christ's body being **changed to a Spirit** Body:

John 20:3 Peter therefore went forth, and that other disciple, and came to the sepulcher.

John 20:4 So [Peter and John] ran both together: and the other disciple [John] did outrun Peter, and came first to the sepulcher.

John 20:5 And he stooping down, and looking in, saw the linen clothes lying; yet went he not in.

John 20:6 Then cometh Simon Peter following him, and went into the sepulcher, and saw the linen clothes lie,

John 20:7 And the napkin, that was about his head, not lying with the linen clothes, but wrapped together in a place by itself.

John 20:8 Then went in also that other disciple [John], which came first to the sepulcher, and he saw, and believed.

John believed in the resurrection because he saw how Jesus' body had **dematerialized** and the grave-cloths had simply collapsed in place because Christ's body was gone – it had become **Spiritualized**.

Only the **spiritual part** of us that has put on Godliness will be resurrected – not the body which rots in the grave, but by His Spirit that dwells in us.

Have you ever noticed that everything on this earth is only temporary? **Only God's Spirit** will endure after all. The **Temple** of God's presence is gone. The church **congregations** of the first century are gone. Paul said, "All they of Asia have abandoned me." The Worldwide Church of God is gone. Only the eternal Spirit of God, the truth of God and the way of God will remain. Our fleshly body will not remain. Paul described how our **fleshly** body is not that which is gloriously resurrected.

1Corinthians 15:42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown [buried] in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: [spiritual]

1Corinthians 15:43 It is sown [buried] in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown [buried] in weakness; it is raised in power:

1Corinthians 15:44 It is sown [buried] a **natural** body; it is raised a **spiritual body**. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.

There we see the distinction. There is a **natural** physical body, and there is a spiritual body – like unto God.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of [God the Father] that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken [make alive] your mortal [dead] bodies **by His Spirit** that dwells in you.

But, His Spirit must be dwelling in us for us to be resurrected to spirit life! God's eternal Spiritual Family is **open** to all those who live by His Spirit.

God's Family is not a **closed** family as Satan would have us believe – only three. That is one of Satan's big lies. Knowing as we do that the Holy Spirit is **not a third person** of a mysterious closed Trinity is a good start at coming to the True knowledge of the nature of God. The Trinity is the most devious of all heresies in that when you are taught that the Holy Spirit is a person – you will make no attempt to become that person.

But we are to strive to become like God is – Spirit, as God is Spirit. That is our destiny – our incredible human potential – to be like God. The Truth is – we will be changed and become Spirit as God is Spirit - and know God **face to face** as family members know one another.

The evidence of God's Spirit within the Church of God is rare these days. That is a sad thing to say – but it is true. We all know the Scripture that says "You shall know them by their fruit. (Matthew 7:20)

Luke 18:8 ... when the Son of man returns, shall He find faith on the earth?

Will there be any true believers when Jesus comes? Would Jesus find Faith among the church brethren that you know? Are their lives shining examples of lives filled with the **fruit of God's Holy Spirit**? Are they a joyful people who uplift and encourage you? Do they trust in God's principles – or, Are they more like the people in the world? Is the fruit of God's Spirit evident in their lives?

As we look around our scattered congregations – how many brethren are holding grudges? Who honors his parents according to God's Commandment? How many refuse to reconcile or to be reconciled? Who is truthful in their words and deeds? Who will literally set everything aside – even their very lives – to do what God says to do?

The False Prophet will be on the scene **very shortly** – and he will give everyone ample excuse not to do what God says to do. He will make it very easy not to do what God commands of us. Obedience **to God** is necessary for Christians. Not obedience to government, organizations, nor anyone else – but obedience to God. As it says in:

Hebrews 13:9 They were carried away with divers and strange doctrines.

Brethren, Most importantly, we must understand what God's Holy Spirit is – and how it is that we grow in Spirit. God's Way of Life is one of Sharing who and what we've become – caring, sacrificing, healing, loving according to **all** God's Commandments.

Jesus says, "Will I find faith on the earth?" because so – so many continue to be Takers – without Putting Back - without being willing to truly give of themselves. They withhold their friendship, their concern, their love, their emotions because they maintain a Gentile mindset of "The more I Get – the more I'll have.

Brethren, are we so blind to the workings of God's Holy Spirit? It is not memorizing Scriptural verses. It is not being in good favor with the pastor or the powers that be. (Actually that is a very dangerous place to be.) Do we understand yet – that the more we exercise God's Spirit – the more we'll have His Spirit? The more we give of ourselves – the more like God we become.

I'm not speaking of money - I'm talking about giving of ourselves, our emotions, our love, our attention, our caring, our time, our being, our attitudes, our concerns – our outgoing concern for others. The more we **give of ourselves**, the more we are spiritually like God. I want to look at a very straight forward spiritual principle in Proverbs 13 verse 7.

Let's take a good look at this scripture because within it is the **Spiritual Principle** that many neglect to understand.

Proverbs 13:7 There is that makes himself rich, yet has nothing: there is that makes himself poor, yet has great riches.

To the Gentile mind – this is a great contradiction – because every Gentile (and too many Israelites too) knows that the more you hoard – the more you have... And the more you let get away from you – the less you have. The Gentile mind thinks that is clear and simple logic. "Hoard it and you'll have it."

The principle says that the generous prosper – while the selfish decline. Why? Because it is a **Spiritual Law of God**. That principle works with property, wealth, riches, etc. But let's look further – into the Spiritual Principle contained in this verse.

"There is that makes himself rich" – this is referring to one who thinks he gets ahead of the game by withholding, concealing from others.

He does not speak to those whom he holds in contempt, or those who do not measure up to his own perceived righteousness. He does not send notes of encouragement to those who are sick. He lets himself off easily by saying, "They know I care – I don't need to show it." He is unwilling to share his concerns... Never does he get around to calling or visiting the elderly or disabled. He has learned not to get involved – because it might impact him negatively. He is trying to be something when he is unwilling to sacrifice, be a living sacrifice for his brother's spiritual welfare, and he is unwilling share of himself. He will not jeopardize his social standing in the church for any reason.

"There is that makes himself rich" – and the Scripture says "yet has nothing." He becomes Spiritually void, empty and has nothing – He is lacking God's Spirit. Now let's look at the second-half of this Scripture.

Proverbs 13:7 ... there is that makes himself poor,

This is the man who willingly gives of himself – without cost to others. He will willingly go out in the pouring rain to change a flat tire for you – and insist that you owe him nothing. Better than that (here is the spiritual application) – when you have a sin in your life that threatens your salvation – he will come to you in great peril of your friendship – and none the less – he will try to help you with fasting and prayer and spiritual reasoning – to get you back on the straight and narrow. He sets a Godly example in His life of giving and living all the spiritual virtues of Christ.

On the wrong side of that coin is the brother who goes to the one who is sinning and commiserates with him – becoming an enabler of the sinner – and costing him his salvation.

James 5:20 ...He which converts the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death...

What is a Christian to do in such circumstances?

Galatians 6:1 ...When a man is overtaken in a fault, you **which are spiritual**, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

"Restore such an one," that is what God has done for us – and that is what we must do for others.

Proverbs 13:7(cont.) ... there is [one] that makes himself poor, yet has great riches.

He becomes **Spiritually Prosperous** in God's sight – and that is the only thing that counts.

Peter has some things to say on this topic. Let's take a look at how we can become **Spiritual** – like God is spiritual.

2Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be **partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Partakers of the **divine nature** [Become Spirit like God is] – that is what we must do to be in the Kingdom of God – in the Spiritual Family of God. Then Peter shows that there is a proper progression of Spiritual growth that we must follow to be **partakers of the divine nature**.

God's Spirit in a Christian **begins** the conversion process, which culminates in our being born eventually into the eternal Family of God.

Of those who fell away in the Worldwide apostasy – none understood the conversion process – and how to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ – not a single one of them.

1John 2:19 They **went out** from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

God's Holy Spirit is more than just picking an apple off the Tree of Life – and saying I got it.

Peter shows here that it is a lifetime's process in **spiritual growth**. God is not mocked.

2Peter 1:5 And beside this [we come out of the corrupt world], giving all diligence, add to your faith - virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

Virtue – that is like excellent character – living Godly lives.

2Peter 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

Temperance – that's self control – doing what we are supposed to – when we are supposed to do it.

2Peter 1:7 And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity [Godly Love in helping others into God's Kingdom].

How would you like to be a part of a congregation where all the brethren practiced all of these Spiritual Characteristics in a way that profited everyone?

Is God asking too much of us – or has He set the bar very high for us to be among the firstfruits of His creation.

2Peter 1:8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

What is God's Holy Spirit like? God's Spirit is the one Spirit that the Father and Jesus Christ share with each other and with us.

First of all, God's Spirit is **His Life**. That is why the Tree in the Garden of Eden is called the Tree **of Life**.

We were fond in the Worldwide Church of God to say that God's Spirit is His power. Well, that was a good starting point – power – but God's Spirit is so much more than His power – it is His very Life. God did not name the tree in the Garden of Eden the Tree of Power, but the Tree of Life.

Yes, His Spirit is power, but not just raw power to move mountains and oceans – but His very Spirit Life's essence that He is sharing with us – to make us His eternal children.

His Spirit is His attitude, His life's force, His mind, His love.

How much ...Does God Love? ...Does God give? ...Does God Share? ...Does God sacrifice? God the Father and Jesus Christ do not have a spirit that says. "We'll keep all the Glory and Honor and Power to ourselves... That is the spirit of the gentile mind... God is outgoing Love – and sharing of Life.

John 3:16 For God so loved the world, that He gave [up] His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

We cannot grasp the significance of these Words. God the Father gave-up His Son, Jesus Christ – so that we might obtain **God Life** – and live eternally with Him. Had Jesus failed – had He sinned even once, Jesus would have died eternally for His own sin.

There are ministers in God's Church who wish to believe that God did not love us that much – but He did!!! We know that Jesus sacrificed Himself to pay the death penalty for our sins - so that we might obtain God Life – and live everlastingly with Him.

But, brethren, ponder the sacrifice that God the Father made – that is the greatest act of Godly Love ever made. God the Father would have been all alone eternally without His Son – no people – no universe – nothing, had Jesus failed.

And we think that it is **too** much to make the sacrifices that come our way??? Let's try to think about who and what God's Spirit is.

It is His all-presence, His all-knowing, His unlimited love, His personality, His manifold traits, His character. God's Holy Spirit is every characteristic of God - His righteousness, **His mind and thoughts**, His gentleness, peace, compassion, excellence, generosity, mercy... the list is endless.

Again, we are totally unable to comprehend every characteristic of God's Spirit with our human intellect for God is too great. The complete attributes of God's Spirit are beyond the grasp of our finite minds.

And yet – it is absolutely necessary that we "grow in Spirit" in order to put on the Godly character that is necessary to be in the Spiritual Family of God.

In God's Church, brethren, we have been given the same opportunity to take of the Tree of Life that was presented to Adam and Eve by Jesus Christ.

Remember – the Tree of Life represented God's Holy Spirit – freely available to our parents, Adam and Eve. They had freedom of choice – the same as we do.

No one is able to know the things of God except by the Spirit of God. The natural man of the world is unable to receive the things of the Spirit of God because they are **absurd** to him – he is utterly unable to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

God knows how to instruct His people. Man begins to make the transition from this **physical** existence to growing in Spirit toward the flawless Life of Christ **when** he receives the first **token** of God's Spirit at his baptism and the laying on of hands.

Ephesians 1:13, 14 You were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise, Which is the **earnest** of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession [our resurrection], unto the praise of His glory.

In the resurrection we will be Spirit – like God is. God's Spirit is the gift of God unto eternal life (Romans 6:23). It is God's Will that we enter His Kingdom as His Spirit-born eternal Children. To those who are called, chosen and faithful He will say,

Matthew 25:21 Well done, thou good and faithful servant: you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things: enter you into the joy of thy Lord.

And then we will be face to face with our creator God.

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