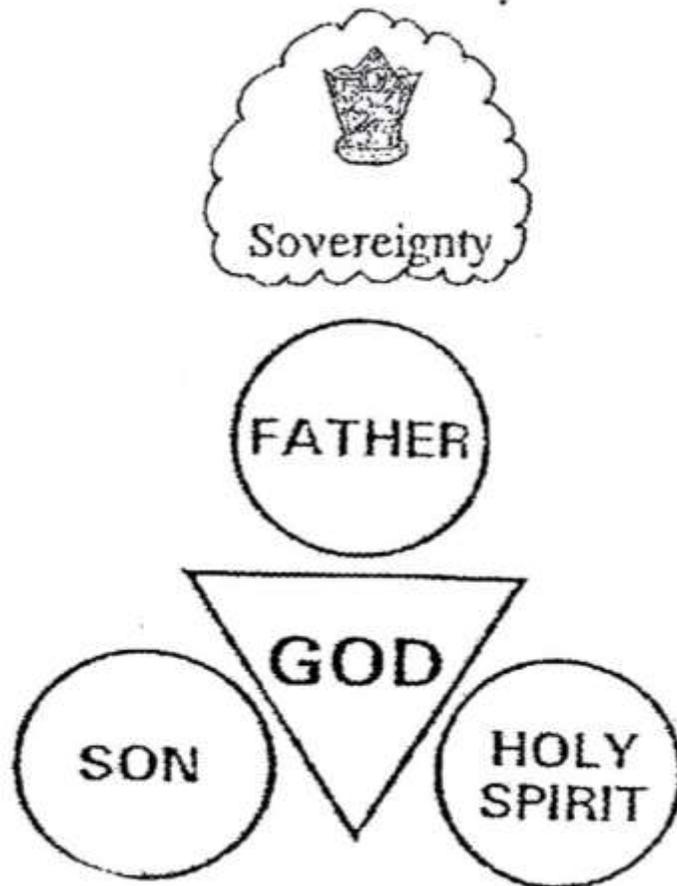


# The Holy Spirit Is Sovereign

## Part 2

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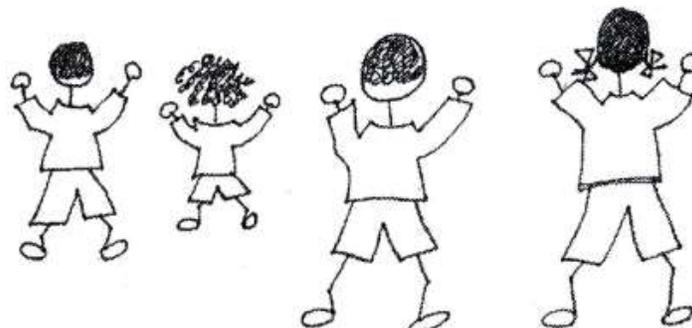




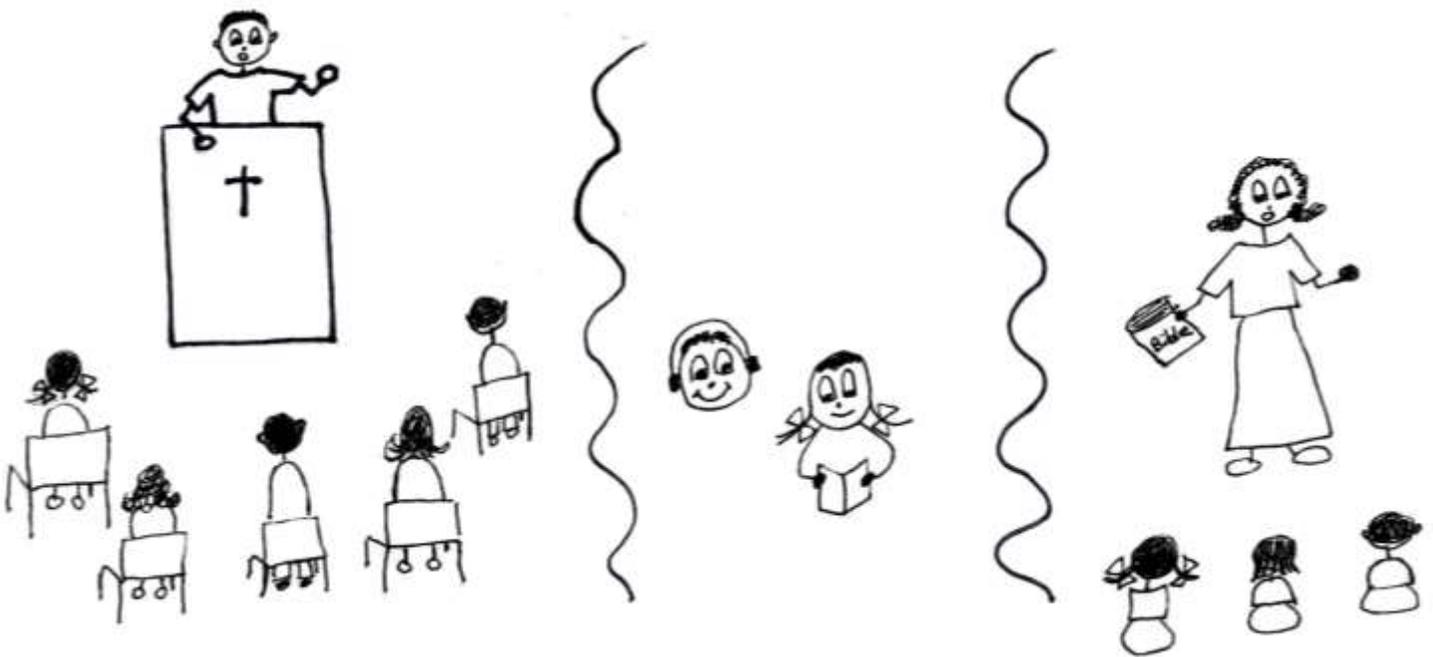
We have **God** on our side working for us!  
Here are more Scriptures in the New Testament  
that are simply statements of fact about things  
**God the Holy Spirit** does for us. He uses His supreme,  
permanent authority - His **sovereignty**.

2 Corinthians 3:18 But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away [moment of salvation]. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord [Jesus Christ], are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

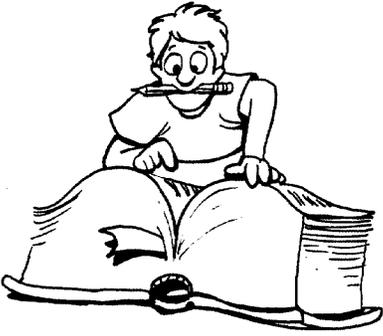
Transform: to change completely the appearance or character of something or someone, especially so that they are improved.



God the Holy Spirit doesn't ask our permission to change us, He just does it! He is **sovereign!** We need to learn the thinking of Jesus Christ, the word of God, through the power of the Holy Spirit. He will make it understandable to us. He will change our thinking by using the word of God. He will transform us into the image of Jesus Christ! Being transformed into the image of Jesus Christ is definitely the work of God the Holy Spirit. It is something we could never do on our own; it takes supernatural power. God the Holy Spirit chooses to do this for us!

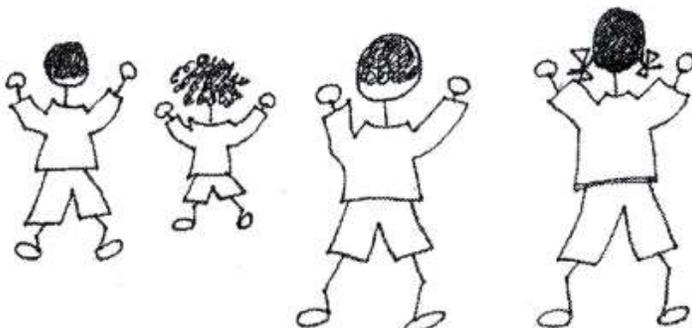


Romans 12:2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.



John 14:26 But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, Whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Jesus was talking to His disciples, giving them comfort. His words were meant to also comfort believers in the Church Age. The Holy Spirit will gradually teach us all spiritual things when we are ready to learn them. Think of being in first grade and learning how to add  $1 + 1 = 2$ . You could handle that. However, if the first grade teacher gave you this problem,  $12 + a = 24$ , you wouldn't know what to do. You wouldn't be ready or have the information you need to solve the problem. The Holy Spirit knows when we are ready to learn a spiritual truth. He is the one who will choose the time to teach us. God the Holy Spirit is sovereign!



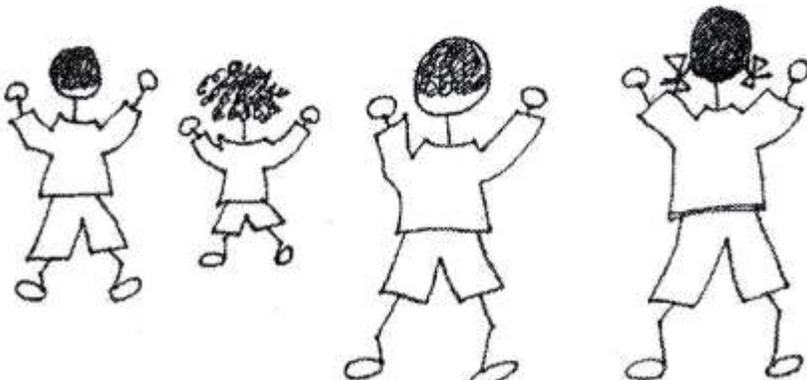


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We are all unique and have different weaknesses which the Holy Spirit wants to change for the better. He is very personal in changing each of us. He will remind us of spiritual truths we have already learned and need to use! God the Holy Spirit is **sovereign!** He chooses *what* and *when* He does what He does to change us into the image of Jesus Christ!



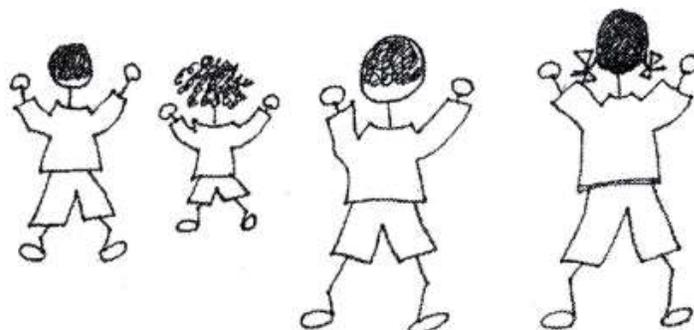
1 Corinthians 2:10-11 For to us God revealed them **through the Spirit** [God the Holy Spirit]; **for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.** For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows **except the Spirit of God.**



Sometimes, because of our weaknesses, we think too lowly of ourselves. Sometimes, because of our strengths, we think too highly of ourselves. In both situations, we are looking at our human ability. If we think too lowly, we set ourselves up for a fall. No matter what we do in our human nature we can't make ourselves better. This can be very discouraging!

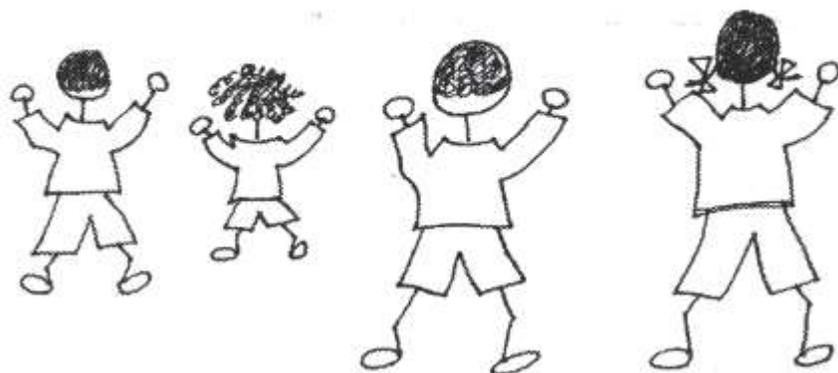
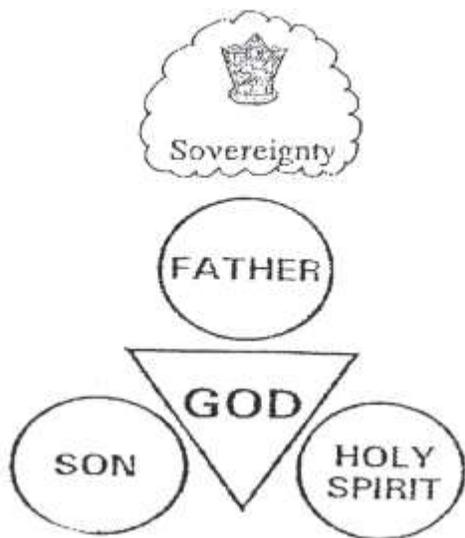
If we think too highly of ourselves, we will also set ourselves up for a fall. We can't continue to live in such high expectations of ourselves. Both of these behaviors can lead to making us anxious and fearful! Ouch!!! Instead, we are to think of Jesus Christ and who we are in Him - **loved by God!**

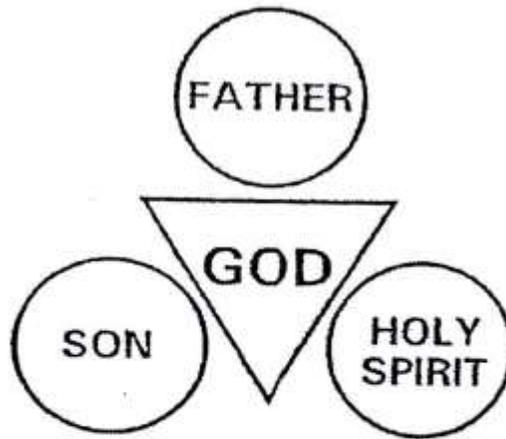
1 Corinthians 12:9a And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.



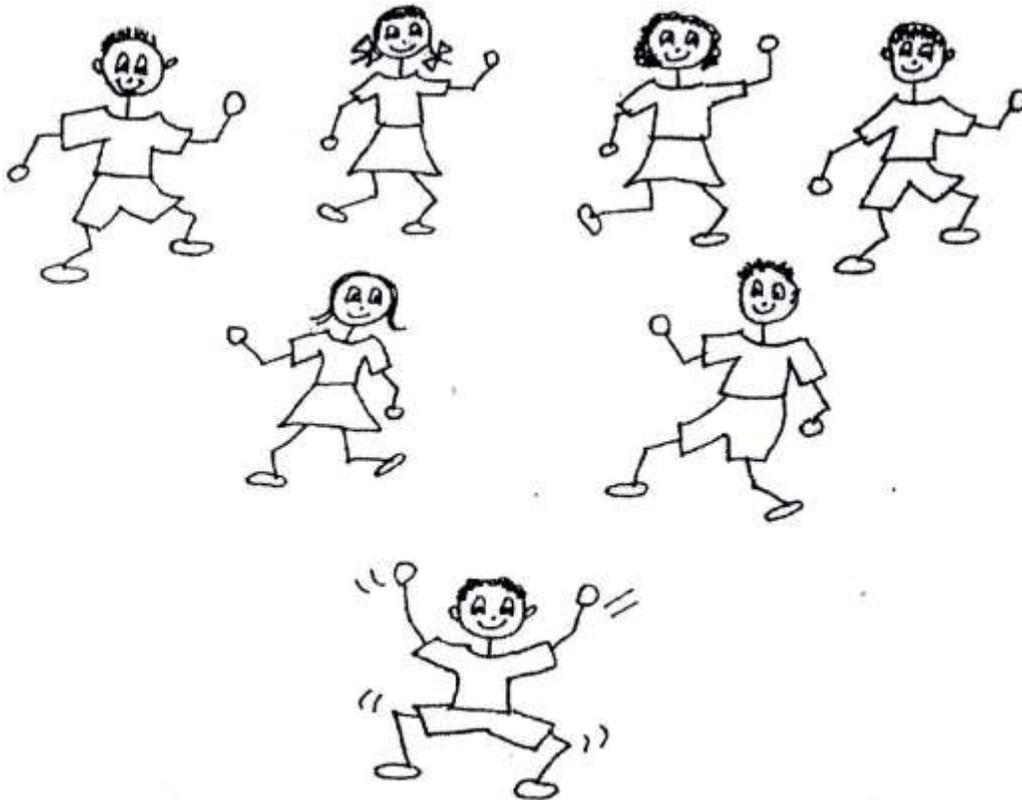
Titus 3:5-7 He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

God wants us to be completely aware of how He has taken care of us. We all have different ways of thinking and behaving; we have different backgrounds and environments; we live in different parts of the country. God works separately with each one of us! All He wants is for us to have an open heart - an open mind! Let's relax, enjoy and rejoice in what God the Holy Spirit is doing in our lives. He is **sovereign!**





**GOD IS FOR US!**



Romans 8:31

What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *is* against us?