

Not Yet...But Soon!

John 7:30-39

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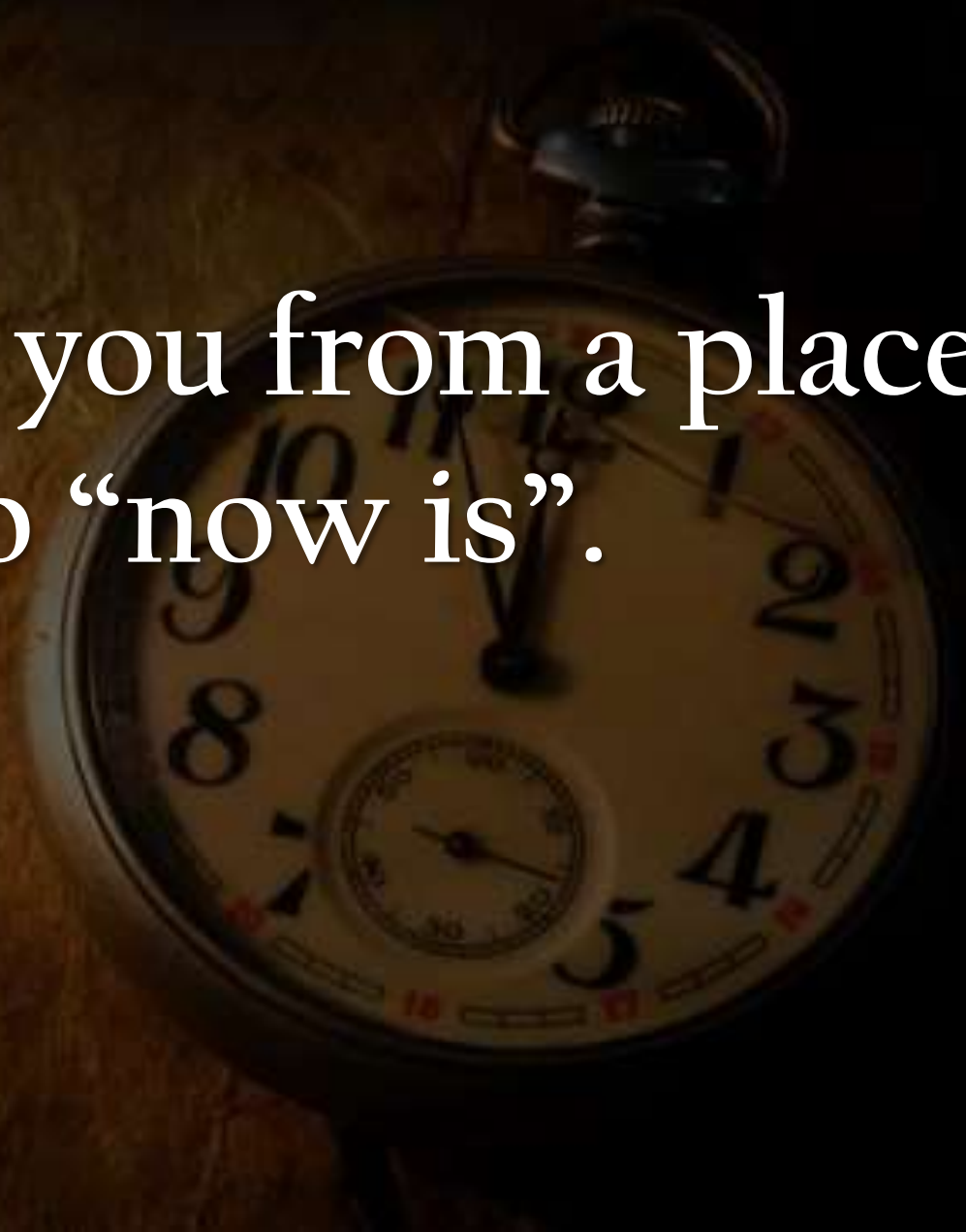


3 “Not-yets”

- His hour not yet come
- The Spirit was not yet given
- He was not yet glorified



God works to bring you from a place
of “not yet” to “now is”.



John 7

30 – So they were seeking to seize Him; and no man laid his hand on Him, because His hour had not yet come.

31 – But many of the crowd believed in Him; and they were saying, “When the Christ comes, He will not perform more signs than which this man has, will He?”

32 – The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about Him, and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent officers to seize Him.

33 – Therefore Jesus said, “For a little while longer I am with you, then I go to Him who sent Me.

John 7

34 – “You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come.”

35 – The Jews then said to one another, “Where does this man intend to go that we will not find Him? He is not intending to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks, is He?”

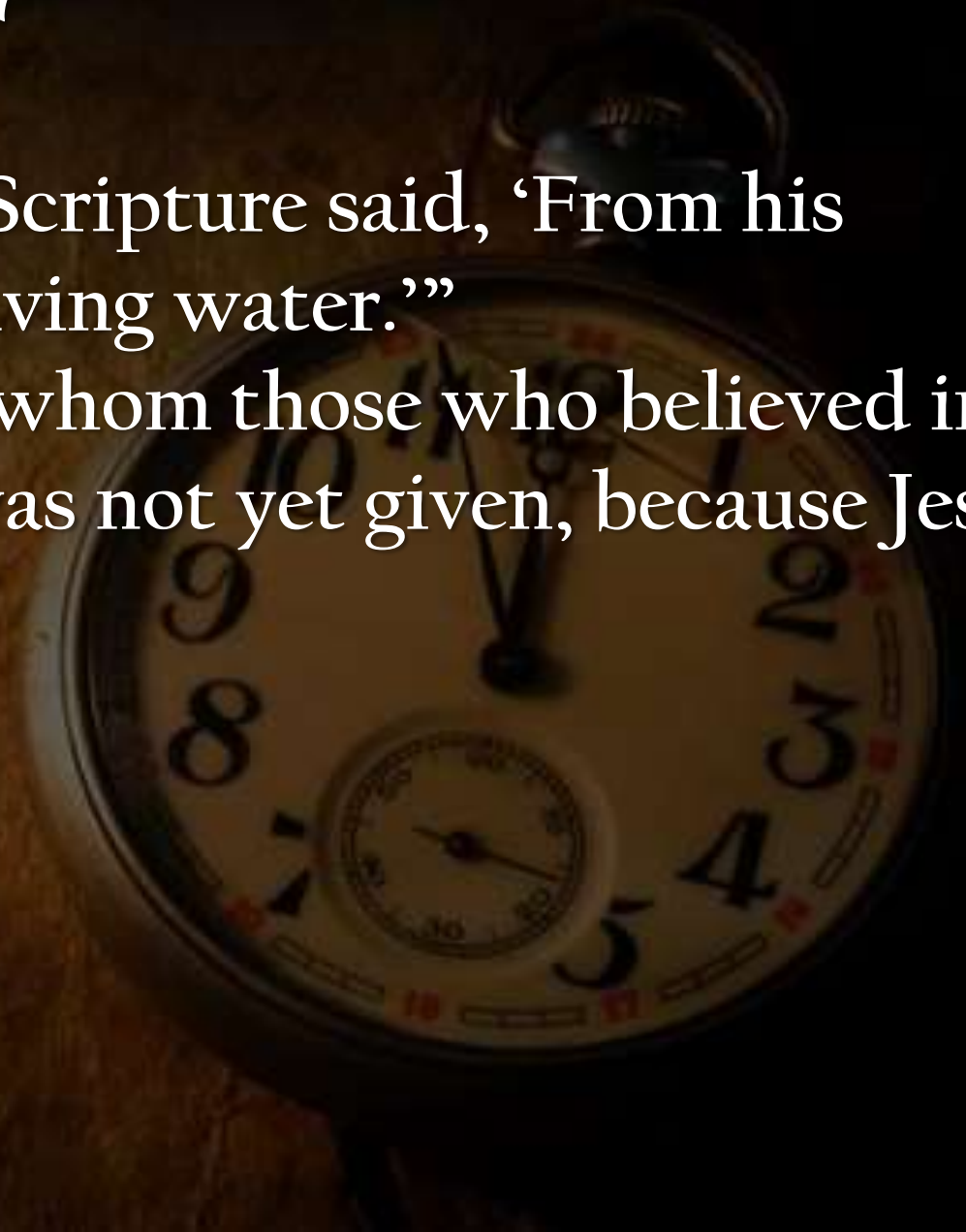
36 – “What is this statement that He said, ‘You will seek Me, and will not find Me; and where I am, you cannot come’?”

37 – Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, “If anyone is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.”

John 7

38 – “He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being will flow rivers of living water.’”

39 – But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.



“His hour had not yet come”

“He [the Father] made Him [Jesus] who
knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so
that we might become the righteousness
of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21

Jesus...said, “It is finished!” And He
bowed His head and gave up His spirit.

John 19:30



Romans 5

06 – For while we were still helpless, *at the right time* Christ died for the ungodly...

12 – therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin and so death spread to all men, because all sinned...

17 – for if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

With regards to eternal salvation, “soon” has become “now”!

- *A once-for-all event*
- *Why live one more second without His forgiveness, when you don't have to?*



“The Spirit was not yet given.”

Old Testament Holy Spirit

vs.

New Testament Holy Spirit:

“upon” vs. “within”

- *Temporary visitation*
- *Numbers 11:25, Judges 3:10 “The Spirit came upon him...”*
- *1 Samuel 16:14 – “The Spirit of the Lord departed Saul...”*



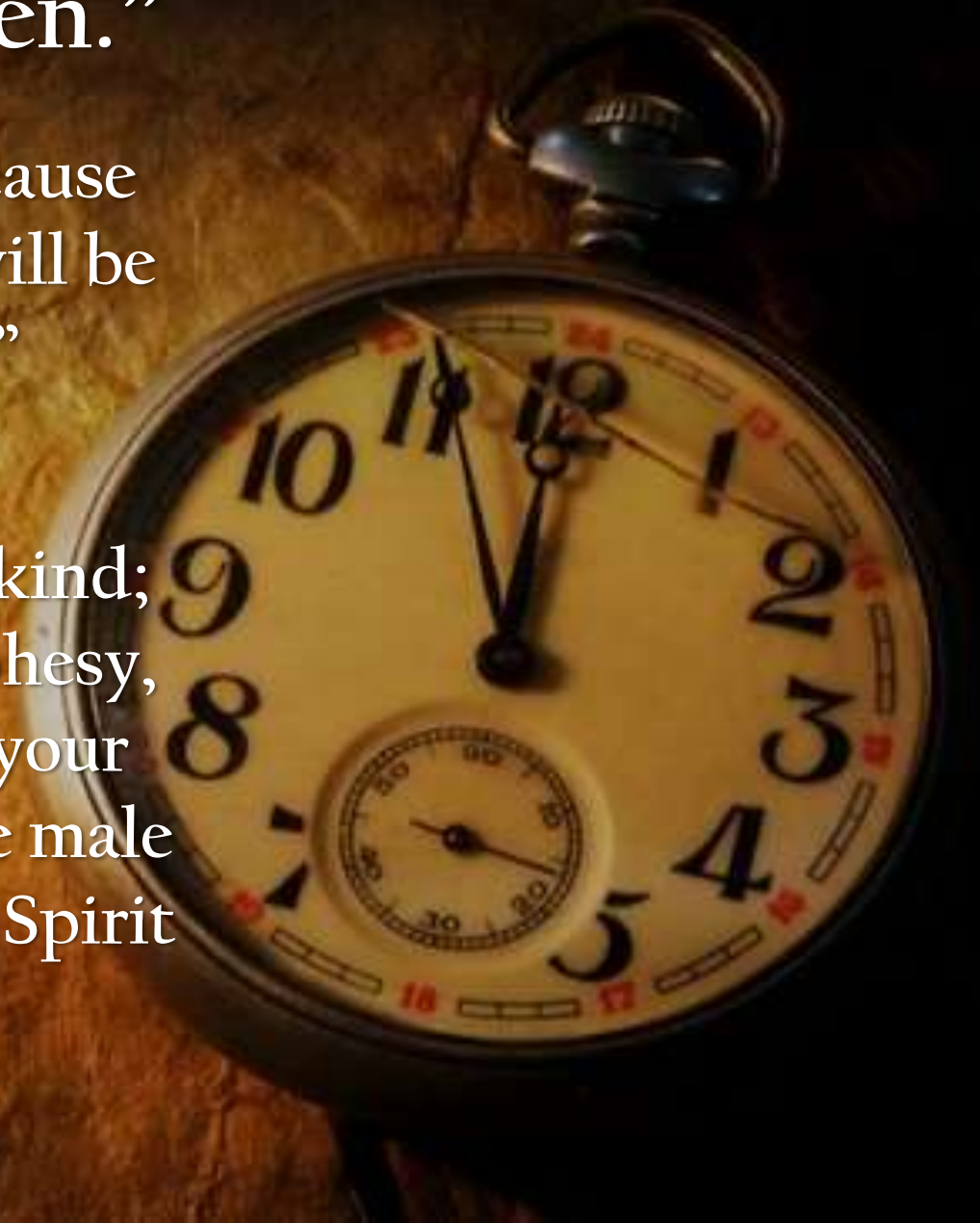
“The Spirit was not yet given.”

“I will put My Spirit *within you* and cause you to walk in My statutes, and You will be careful to observe My ordinances.”

Ezekiel 36:27

“...I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams and your young men will see visions. Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days.”

Joel 2:28



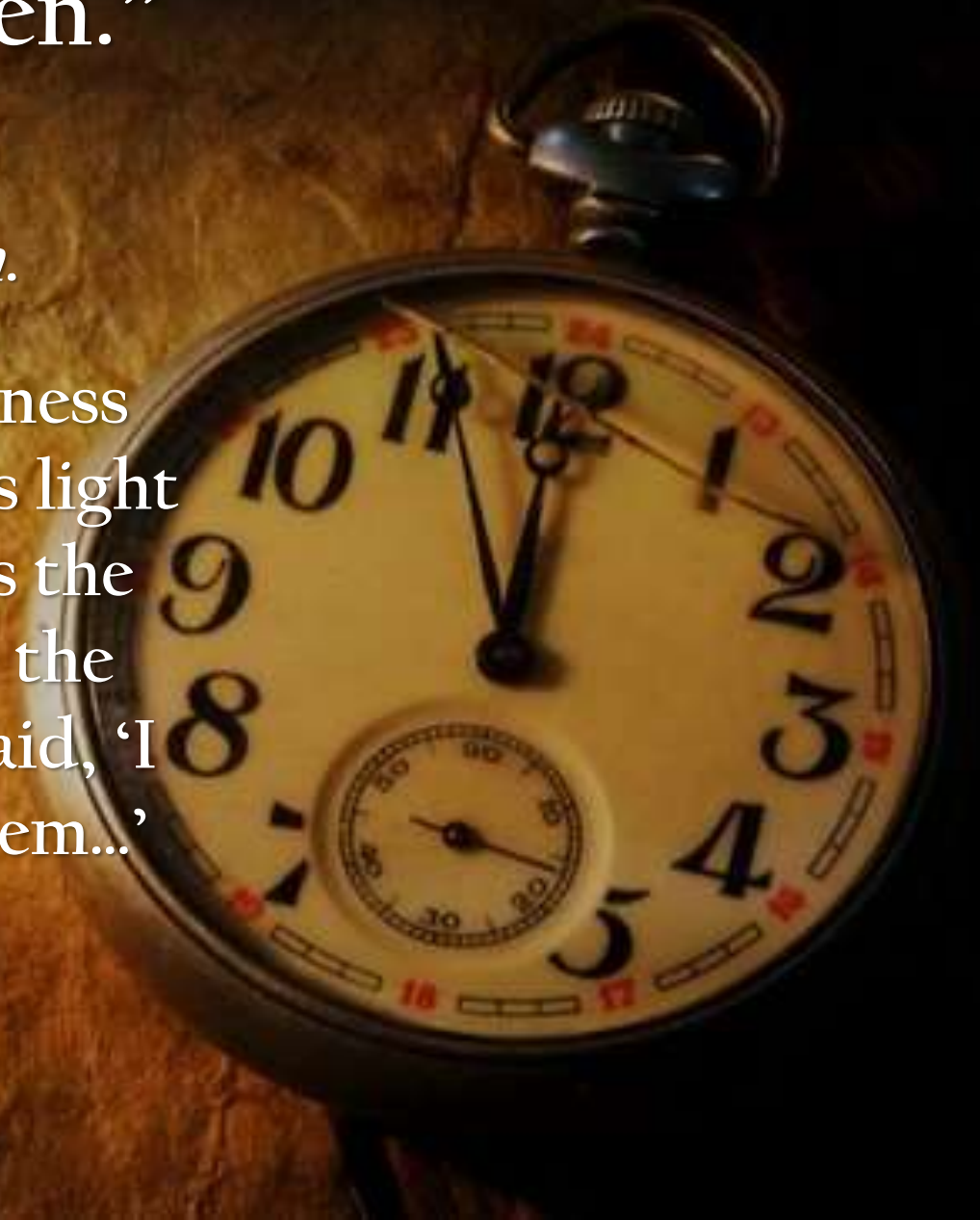
“The Spirit was not yet given.”

Why?

The Spirit cannot coexist with sin.

...for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? ...or what harmony has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God, just as God said, ‘I will dwell *in them* and walk among them...’

2 Corinthians 6:14, 16



“The Spirit was not yet given.”

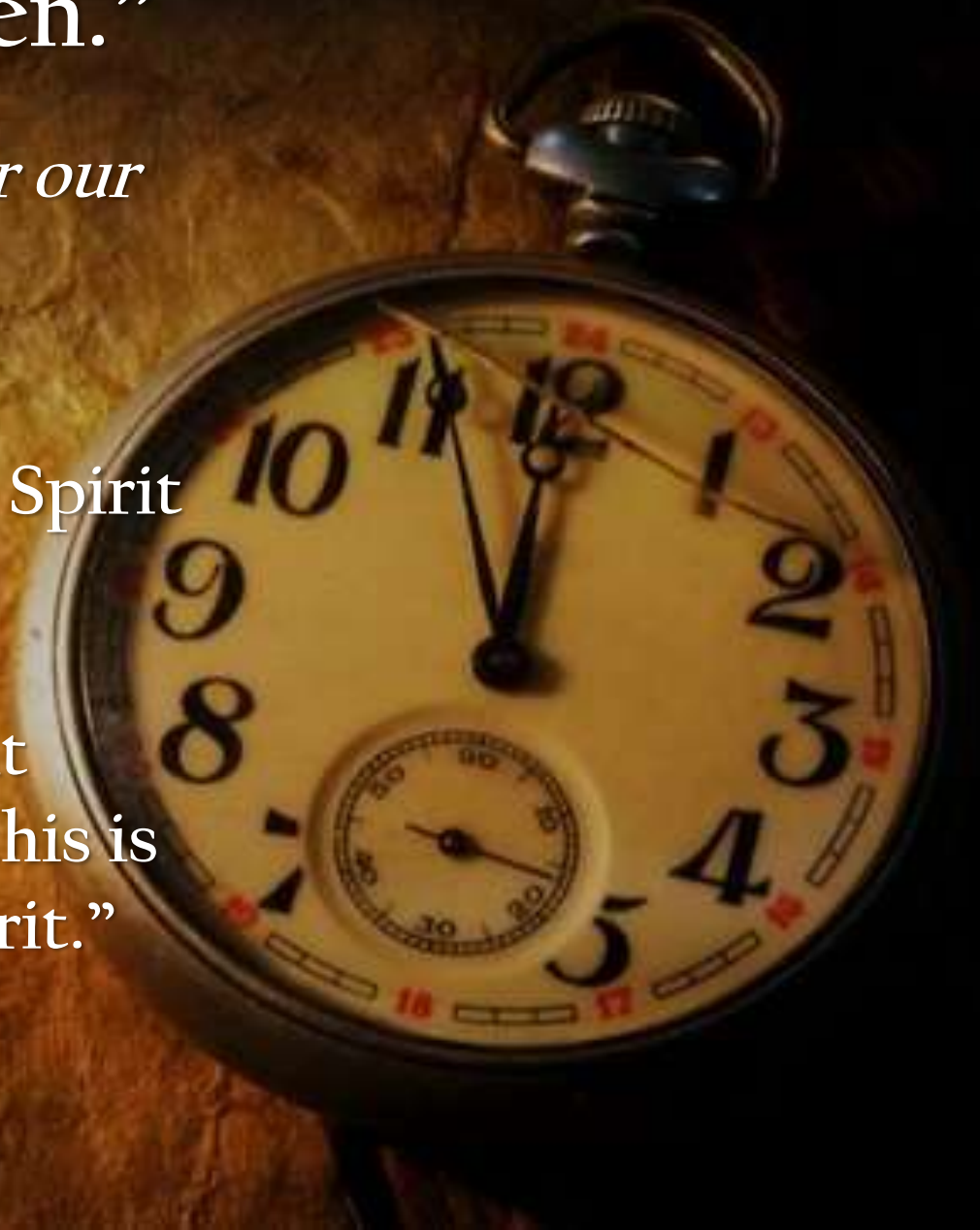
*Before Jesus, we could only “atone” for our
sin - cover it up.*

Jesus has removed it completely!

Jesus was the first human to receive the Spirit
in full.

“...He upon whom you see the Spirit
descending *and remaining* upon Him, this is
the One who baptizes in the Holy Spirit.”

John 1:33

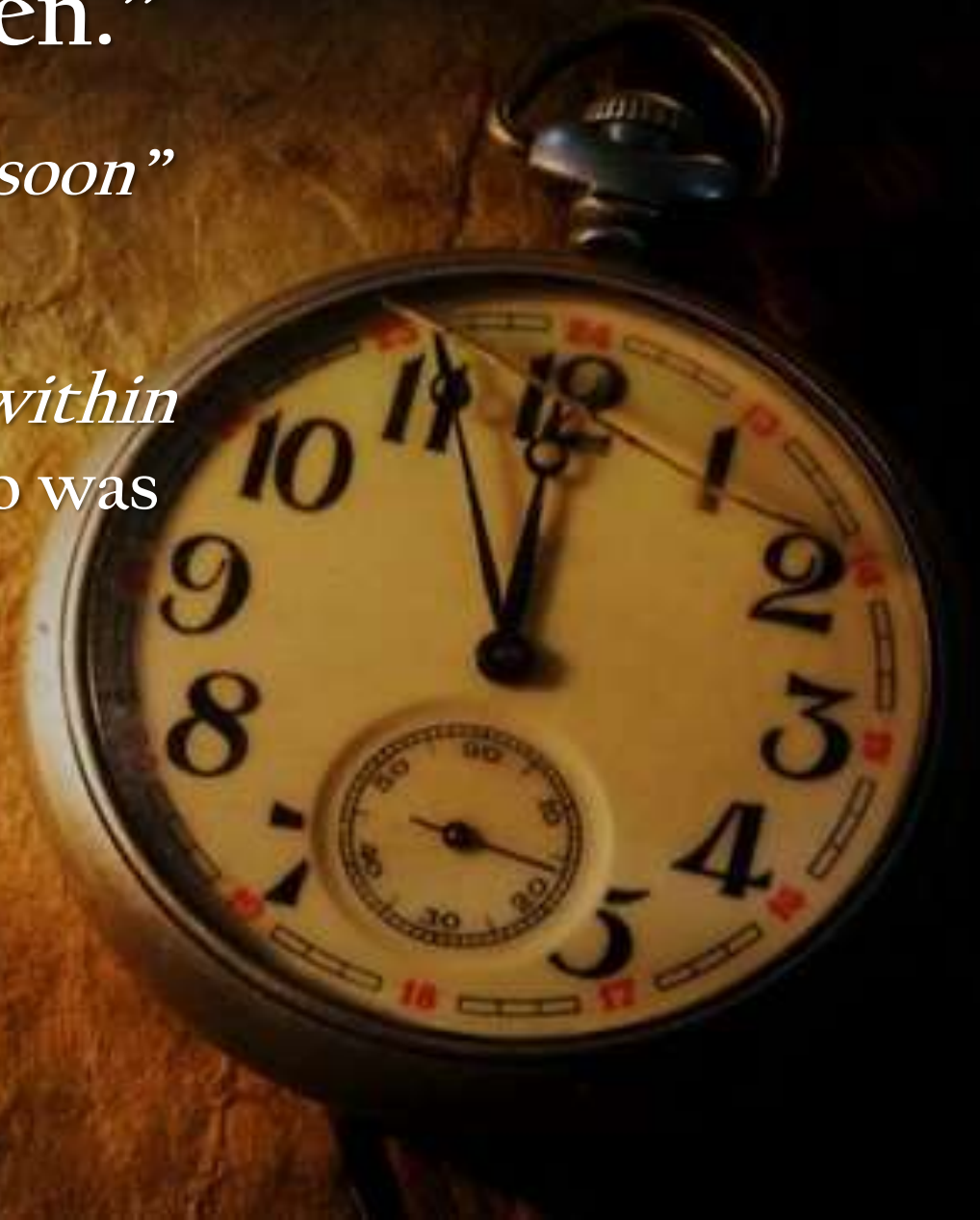


“The Spirit was not yet given.”

*The Spirit’s “not yet” was tied to the “soon”
of Jesus’ death and resurrection.*

...the love of God has been poured out *within
our hearts* through the Holy Spirit who was
given to us.

Romans 5:5

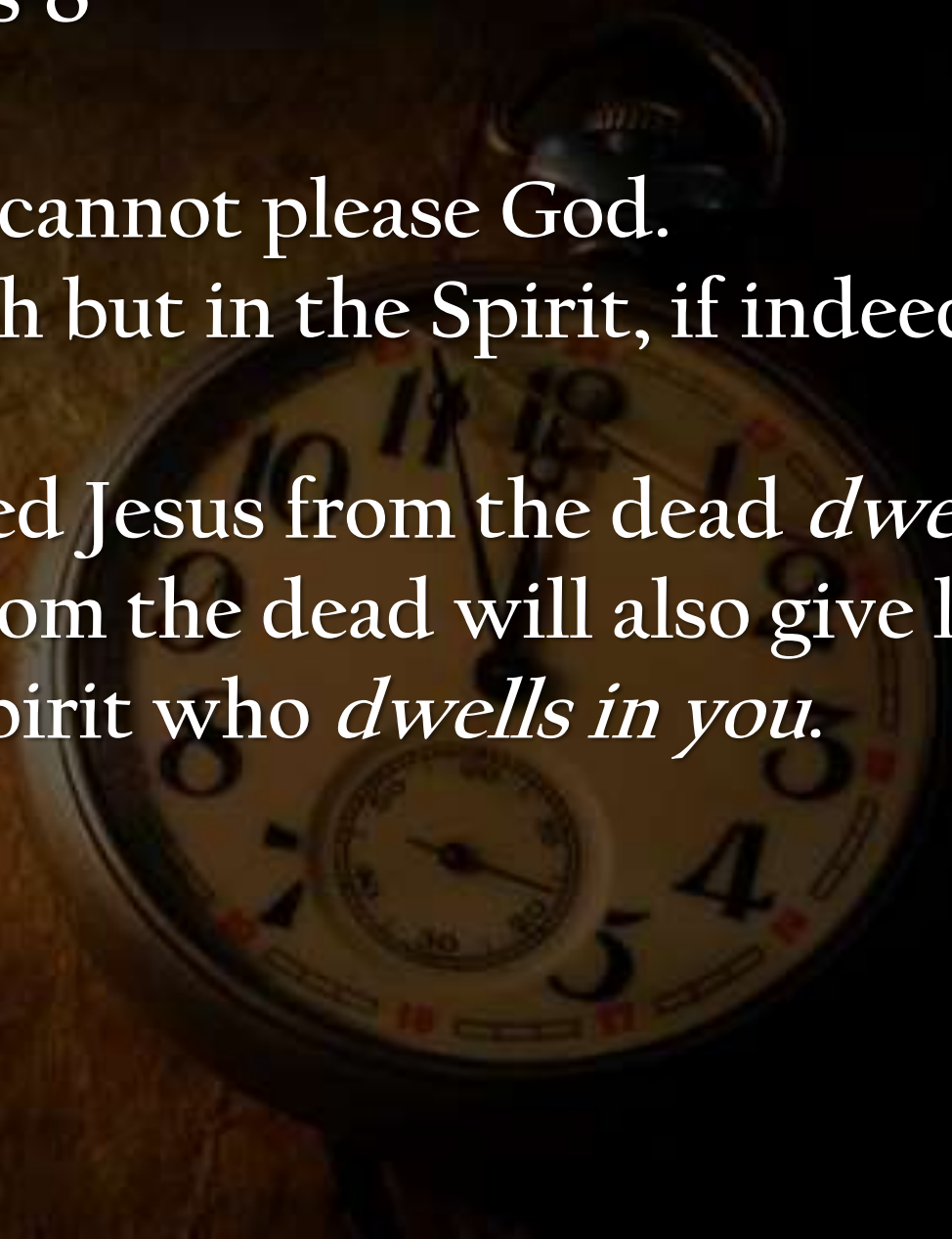


Romans 8

08 – ...and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

09 – However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God *dwells in you*...

11 – But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead *dwells in you*, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who *dwells in you*.



With regards to the Holy Spirit,
“soon” has become “now”!

- *A continual availability (Acts 2:39)*
- *Why live one more second without His power, when you don't have to?*

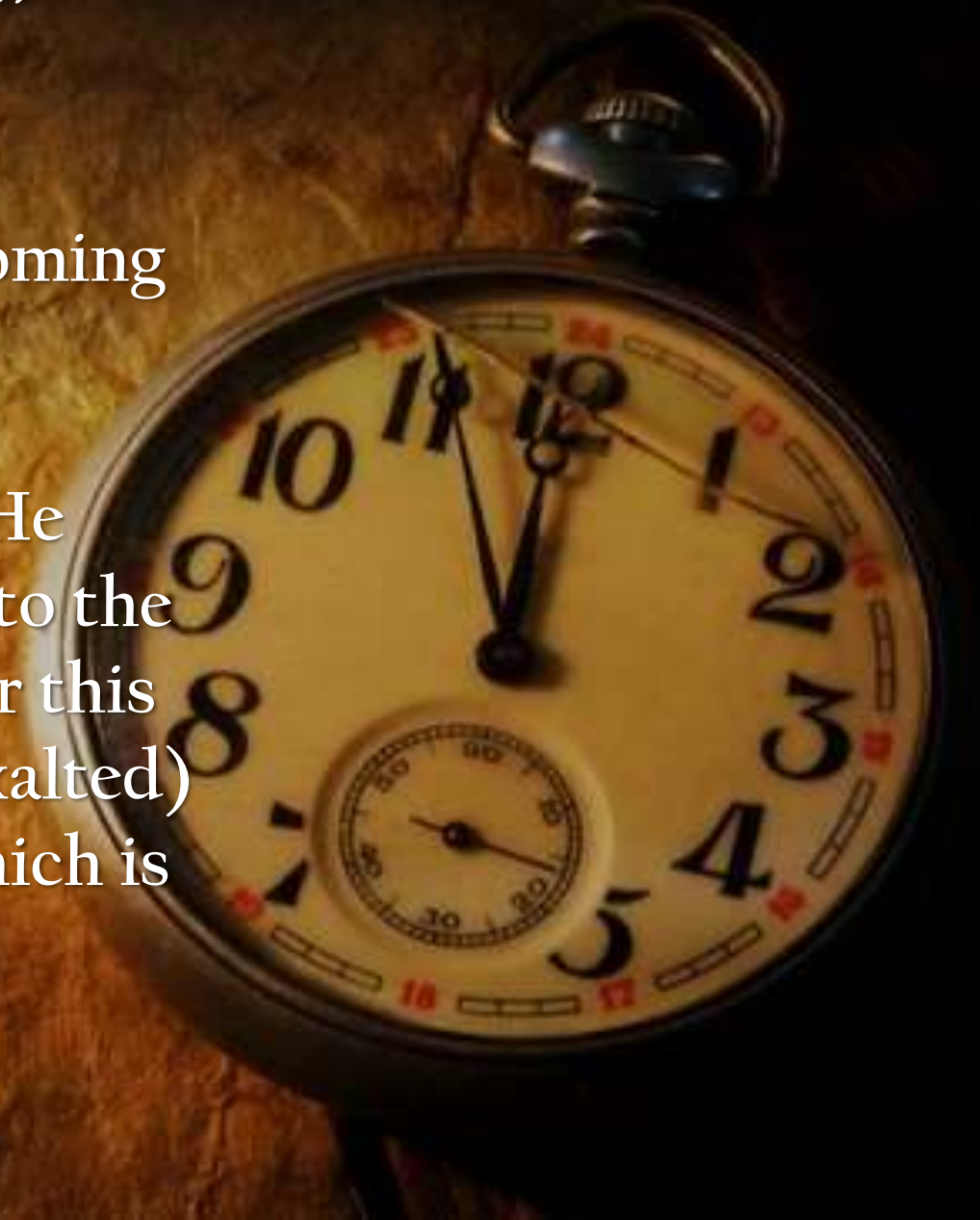


“He was not yet glorified”

- Jesus was not yet *honored*
- He first had to be *dishonored* by becoming sin on the cross

Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted (hyper-exalted) Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every other name...

Philippians 2:8-9



“He was not yet glorified”

- Jesus was not yet *transformed* by the resurrection from the dead
- He had not received His glorified body – the one capable of living forever



1 Corinthians 15

35 – But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? And with what kind of body do they come?”

40 – There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another.

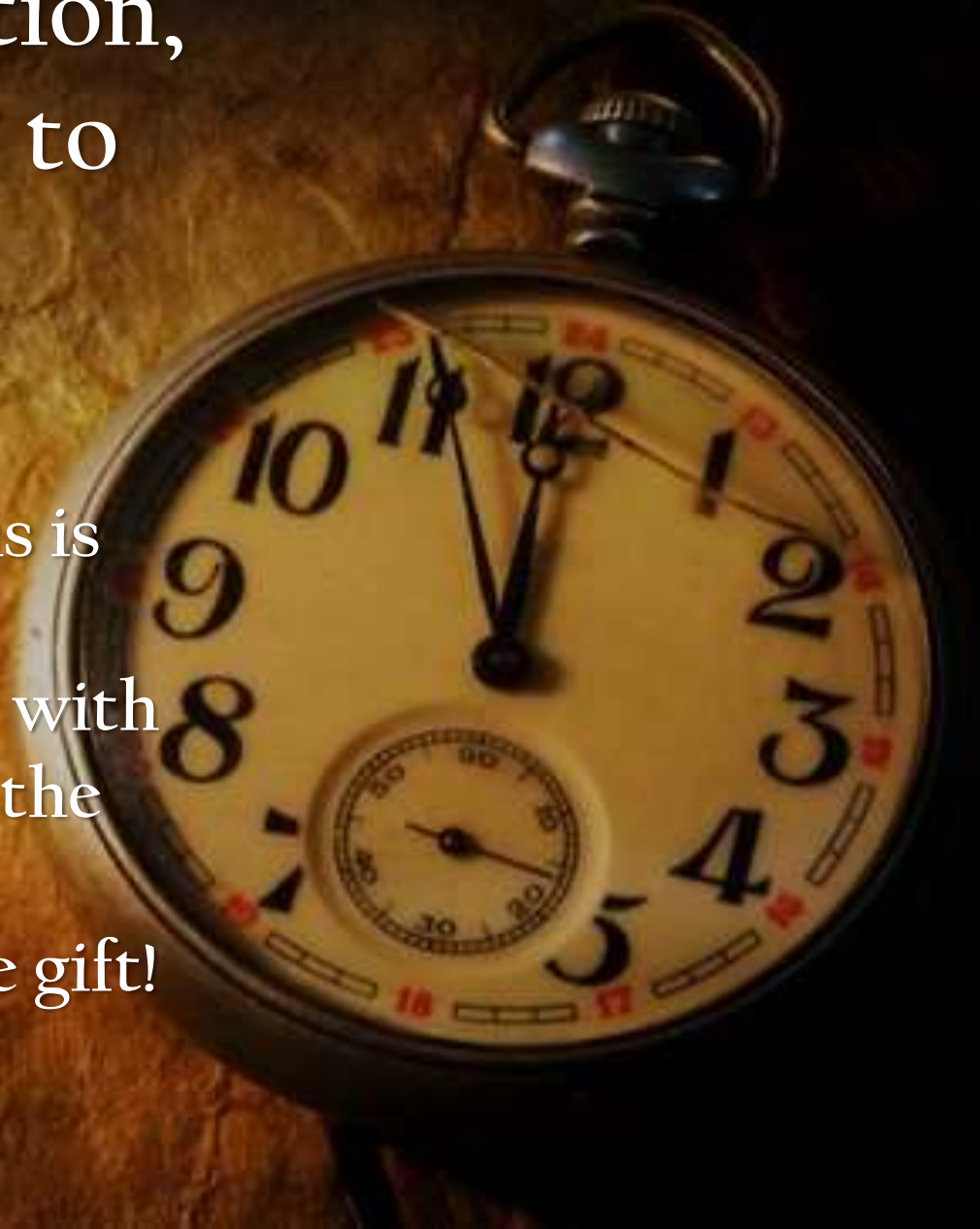
42 – So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body;

43 – it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power;

44 – it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.

With regards to the resurrection,
Jesus was the first “not yet” to
become a “now is”!

- For the believers still on the earth, this is our “not yet”...but “soon”!
- Our challenge is to live to glorify God with our lives, trusting Him to honor us in the right time, for the right purposes.
- We eagerly await this most incredible gift!
(Romans 8:23)



Jesus is coming again –
not yet, but soon!

“Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him,
even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn
over Him. So it is to be. Amen.”

Revelation 1:7

*Is today the day your eternal salvation or
abundant life moves from a “soon” to a “now is”?
Do you live in peace, eagerly waiting for the final
“not yet”?*