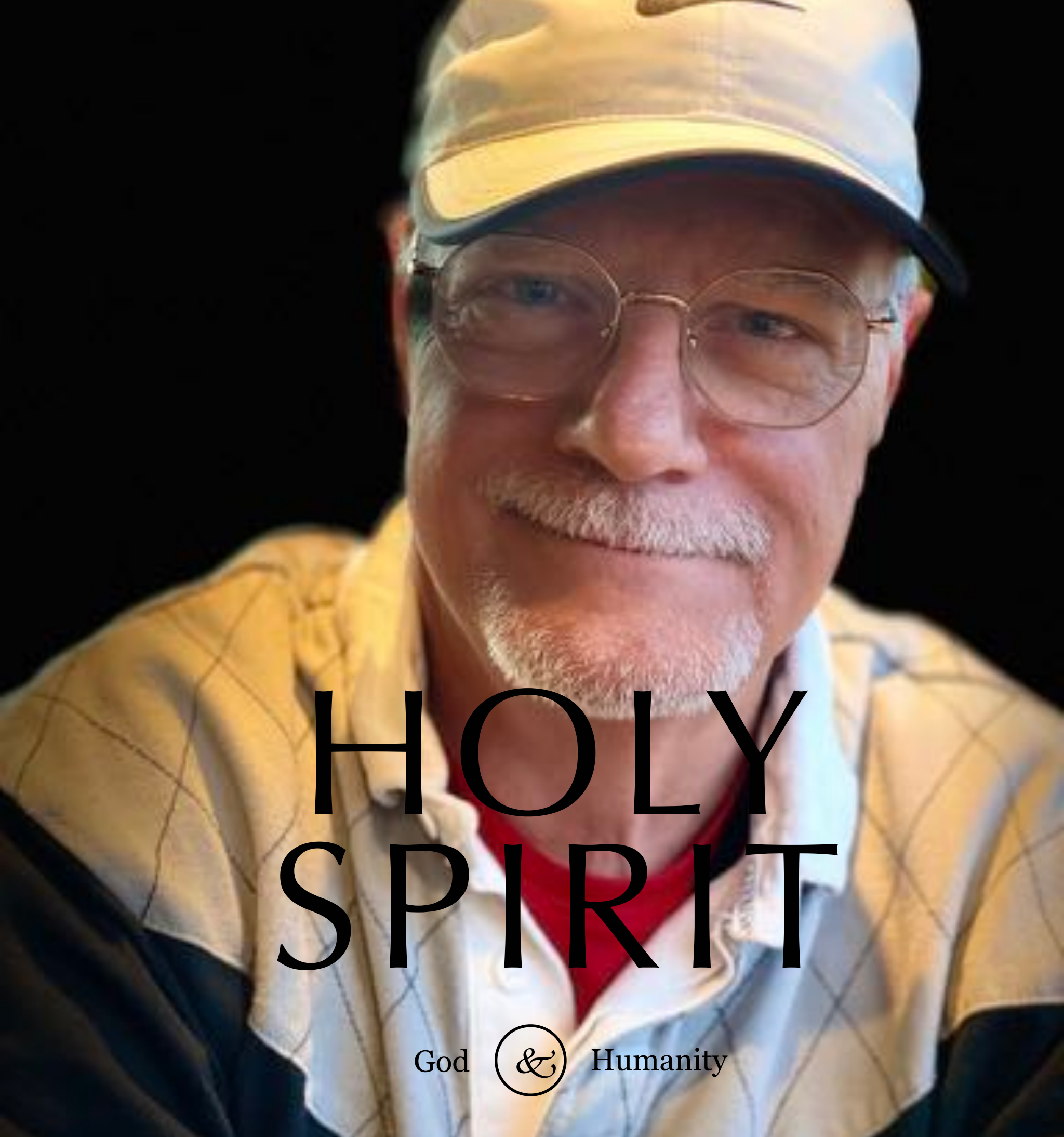




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God's Person present in and with us.

Celebrate God's exact address.

*"As for me,
I baptize you with water for repentance,
but He who is coming after me is **mightier** than I,
and I am not fit to remove His sandals;
He will baptize you with the **HOLY SPIRIT**
and **fire**."*

(Matthew 3:11 NAS77 emphasis mine)



HE HAS TAKEN OVER

not only your life but your living.

When we come to Christ, most often, it is out of need springing from guilt, fear, and shame. But we have no idea what we really need. Left to our own devices we seek to mitigate these tortuous soul encounters with our own wisdom and strength. In these times we are more than willing to let God visit us as long as He is bearing gifts wrapped in forgiveness. We are happy to suffer some humiliation for a well-needed change as long as that change is under our control. We are happy to have God show up as an influence we can direct through a few words and genuflections.

It is like being sprinkled with water. Even better if you can come in with your street clothes and leave with eternal life and the same street clothes. Not a bad deal. But being drowned in water only to let another

take over...hmmm. You walk in and He walks out. That's like finding a body snatcher and begging them to take over.

HOLY SPIRIT has no intention of letting one of His children define their destiny if that destiny ends with their separations from Himself. Like at the very first, HOLY SPIRIT is prepared to hover over your personal voids and the darkness of the oceans of your fears. There waiting, even stirring, He waits for the voice of Father to declare exactly what should happen next and it is done. (Genesis 1:2)

My concern should never be with what **is** this HOLY SPIRIT as much as what is HOLY SPIRIT up to? First, of course, what is He doing with the world, but more importantly, what is He up to with His life eager to live through me?



Surprisingly, the answer to that question is as clear as concise. For if God has chosen to forgive me, I have a license to forgive. If He has graced me with what I do not deserve, I have the liberty to grace others. If He has enriched me at His expense, I can enrich others at my expense. In short, I am given absolute sway to so love myself so much that I can forgive HOLY SPIRIT for creating me. Then, also, I can forgive HOLY SPIRIT for creating that pesky neighbor.

HOLY SPIRIT is not out to give me good times and good feelings, but His heart of LOVE eager to love those I would rather ignore. Okay, do I have any sane reason to say these things?

Jesus teaching those who would follow Him.

27 “To you who are ready for the truth, I say this: Love your enemies. Let them bring out the best in you, not the worst.” Luke 6:27 (The Message)

There I have it. HOLY SPIRIT has revealed His intentions. Anything less is of my own invention.