

God wants an intimate friendship with us

The removing of sin had to happen first

When Gods prophets spoke about the new thing God would be doing, it was clear that God intended to become intimate with Man again.

And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations.

— **Ezekiel 36:26-27** (Ez. 11:19-20 + Jer. 31:33-34 + 32:38-40)

- But if God was going to become intimate with Man again the power of the “sin virus” would have to be broken.
 - And not only would past sins needed to be forgiven, future sins would also need to be dealt with.

For God’s will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

— **Hebrews 10:10**

who does not need daily, as those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then for the people’s, for this He did once for all when He offered up Himself.

— **Hebrews 7:27**

- As Mans sin problem had been dealt with, man became ready to have Gods Holy Spirit move inside of him.
- When this happens, we become “born again” as Jesus talked about in John chapter 3 (See also Joh. 1:12).