Grace Commons

The Friendly GHOST

Understanding the essential & powerful role of the Holy Spirit

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Come dig into Scripture with Anthony Ceder and grow in your knowledge of the third person of the Trinity.

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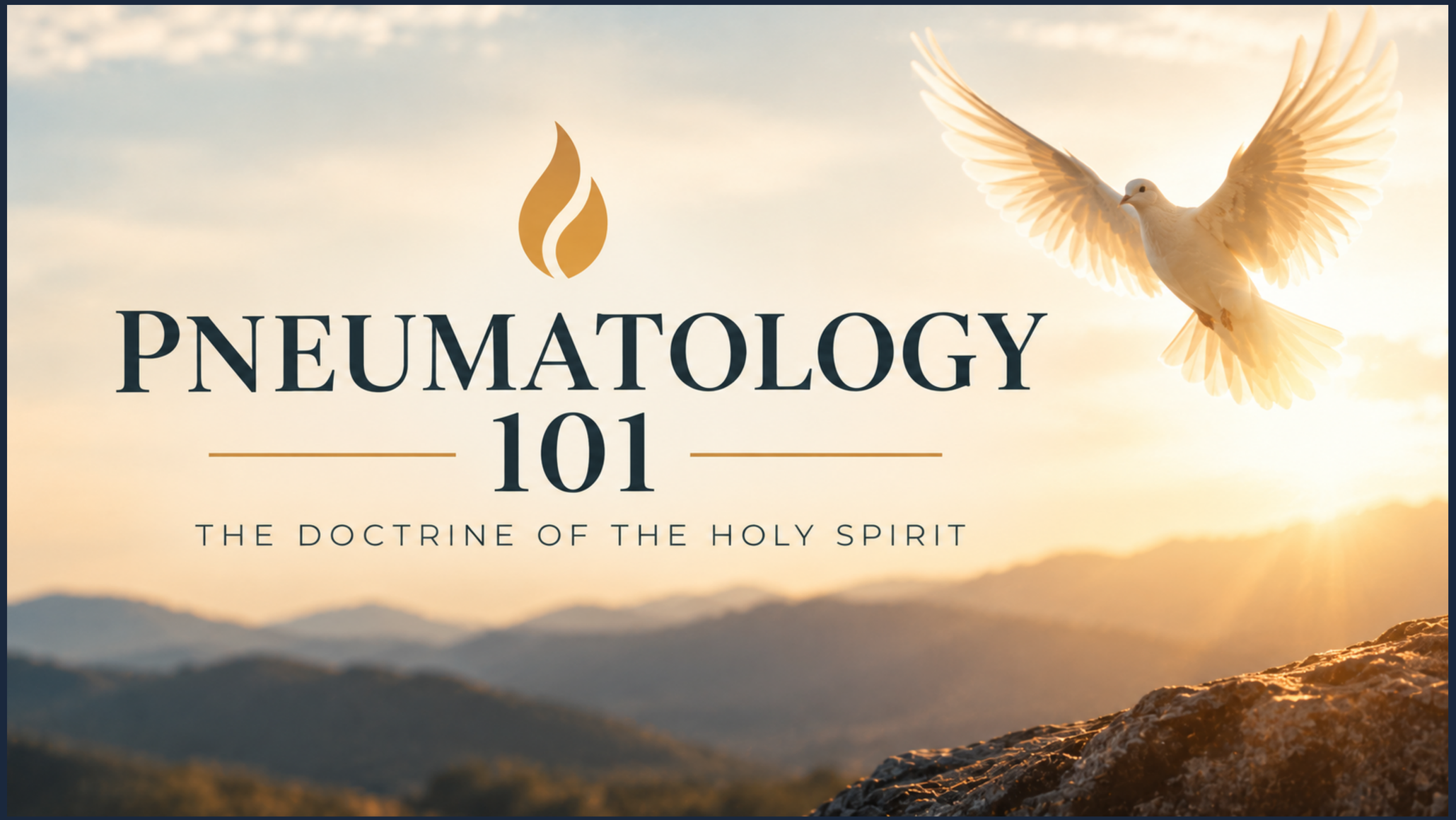
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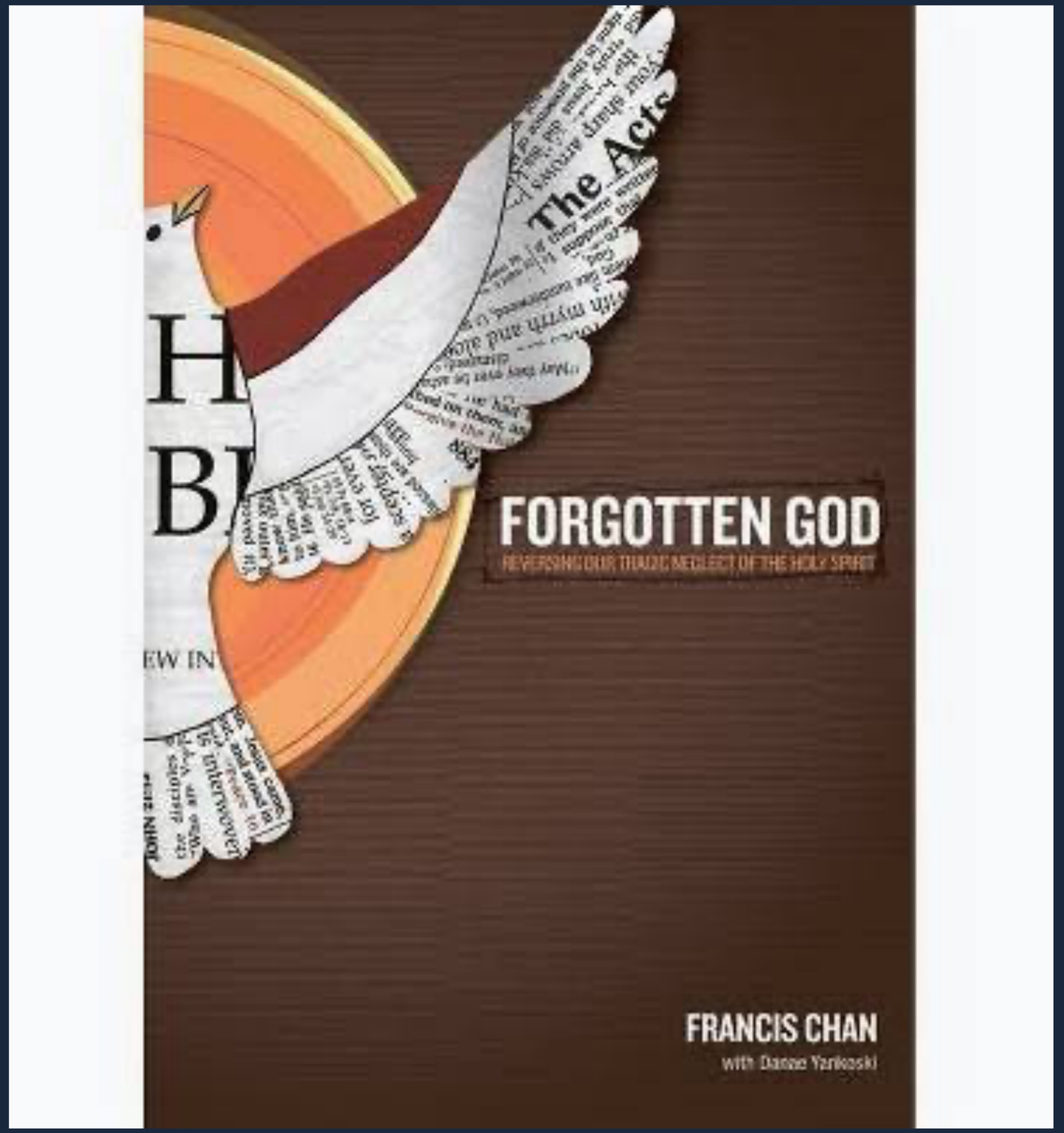
THE DOCTRINE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Why do you think we decided to offer this course? And why did you prioritize it?




The Acts
FORGOTTEN GOD
REVERSING OUR TRAGIC NEGLECT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
FRANCIS CHAN
with Danae Yankoski

“I believe that this missing something is actually a missing Someone—namely, the Holy Spirit. Without Him, people operate in their own strength and only accomplish human-size results.”

Francis Chan

In the month of my 50th birthday I wanted to honor a friend and offer you my best.

I know the Holy Spirit.

I know he changed my life.

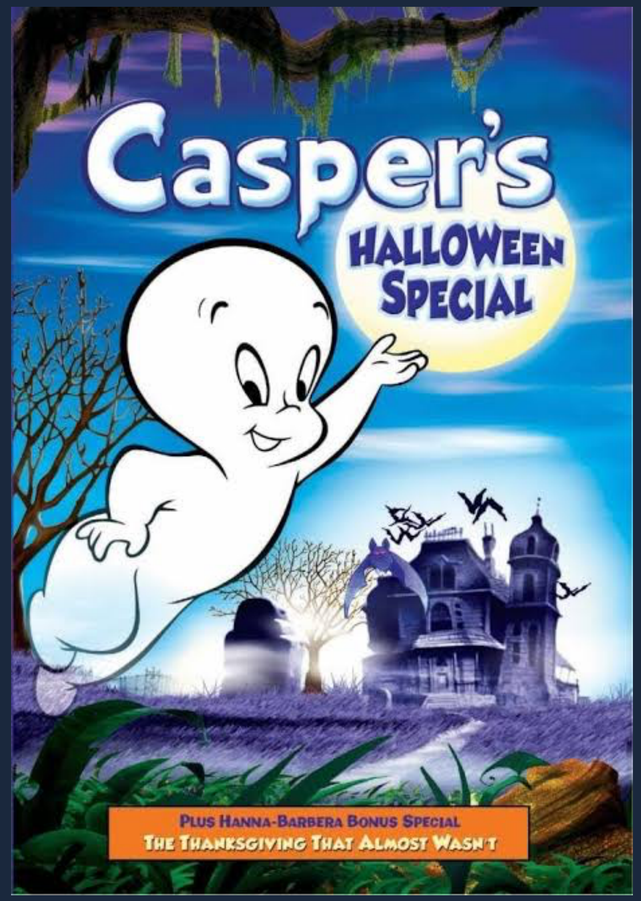
I know he led me to Jenn.

I know he has rerouted me many times.

I know he has given me every sermon I've ever preached.

I know he was in the room when loved ones passed.

And I know he's helping make Grace Commons all that it can be right now.



Introducing a very friendly Ghost

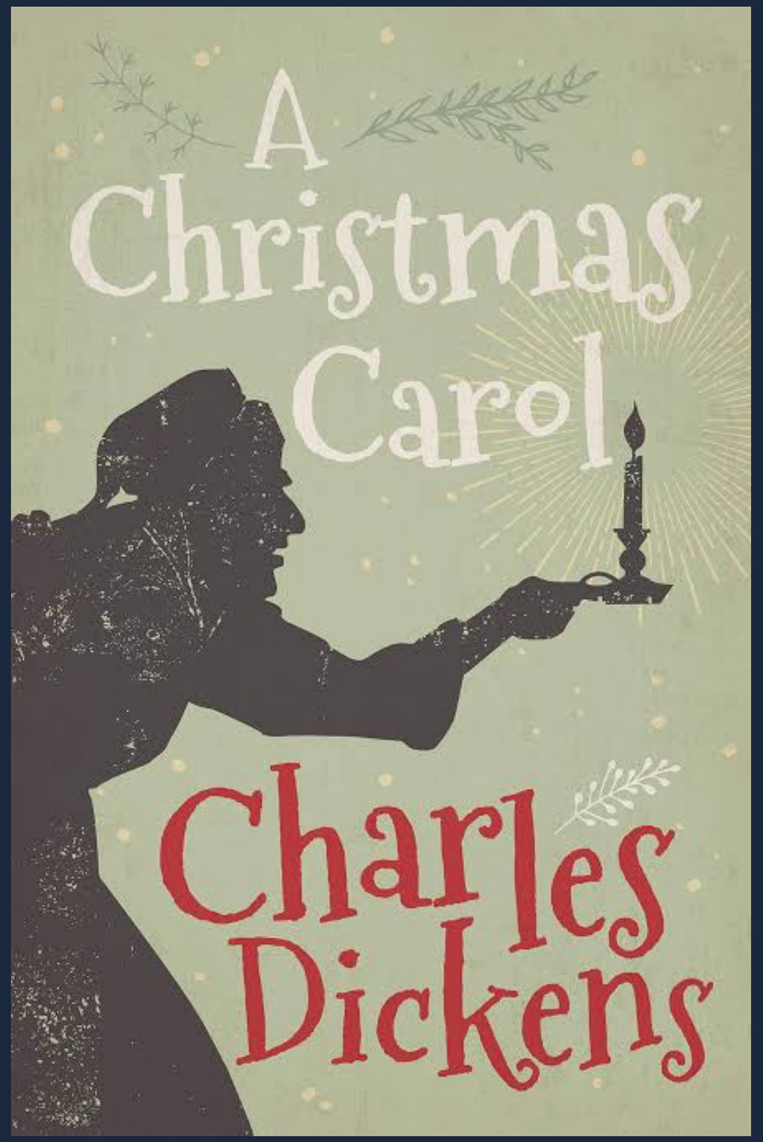
The Apostles Creed

“I believe in the Holy Ghost…”

Does it matter if we call him Holy Spirit or Holy Ghost?

Holy Ghost or Holy Spirit?





The King James Bible used “Holy Ghost” to translate the words, “Hagios Pneuma”

Why?

Ghost - 90 times

Spirit - 7 times

Key King James Bible Publication Facts

- Commissioned in 1604 by King James 1 to unify the church of England with one reliable translation.
- 47 scholars, 6 working groups (Oxford, Westminster, Cambridge)
- Original Hebrew/Aramaic and Greek translations were used



In 1611, the word "ghost" did not mean a scary phantom of a dead person. Instead, it meant an immaterial being, soul, or the living essence of a person.

Phrases like "gave up the ghost" appear in Shakespeare's plays (such as *Henry VI*).

What’s one question you have about the Holy Ghost?

When is the first mention of the Holy Ghost in the Old Testament? New Testament?

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters.” (רוּחַ אֱלֹהִים).

Genesis 1:2

“Ruach Elohim”

“This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.” (*Hagios Pneuma*).

Matthew 1:18

Week 1 - Who is the Holy Ghost?

Week 2- What Does He do?

Week 3 - How can we experience Him today?

Who is the Holy Ghost?



Is the Holy Spirit a mystical energy force that brings balance to creation?



Is He merely
like gas station
where we get
fuel?

The Holy Spirit is a Person

“But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. **14** He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.”

Jesus (John 16)

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God.”
Ephesians 4

“And Yet they rebelled
and grieved his Holy Spirit.”
Isaiah 63:10

The Holy Spirit as a Person

- Lied to: Acts 5:3
- Tested: Acts 5:9
- Resisted: Acts 7:51
- Insulted: Hebrews 10:29
- Blasphemed against: Matthew 12:31-32

He Does What People Do

- Speaks: Acts 8:29; Acts 13:2; Revelation 2:7.
- Teaches and reminds: John 14:26.
- Testifies about Jesus: John 15:26.
- Convicts the world: John 16:8.
- Guides: John 16:13; Romans 8:14.
- Intercedes for us: Romans 8:26-27.
- Calls and sends: Acts 13:2-4.
- Shares in a church decision: Acts 15:28 (“it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us”).
- Protects: Acts 16:6-7: the Spirit forbids Paul’s team from preaching in Asia and does not allow them into Bithynia.

He is not an “it”



“But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I am going away. For if I do not go away, *the Advocate* will not come to you, but if I go, I will send *him* to you.”

John 16:7



Homework Assignment #1 Save a Seat

Thoughts? How, if at all, does this change how we think about the Holy Ghost?

The Holy Spirit is God

Genesis 1:26, God said, “Let *us* make man in *our* image, after *our* likeness.”

Genesis 3:22, “Behold, the man has become like one of *us*, knowing good and evil.”

Genesis 11:7, “Come, let *us* go down, and there confuse their language”,

Isaiah 6:8 “Whom shall I send, and who will go for *us*?”

“go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son *and of the Holy Spirit*”
Matthew 28

“How is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have *lied to the Holy Spirit* and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? … What made you think of doing such a thing? *You have not lied just to human beings but to God*”

Acts 5:3–4

At the baptism of *Jesus,* the *Father* speaks from heaven and the *Holy Spirit* comes like a dove.

1 Corinthians 3:16, “Do you not know that you are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit dwells in you?”

Remember God’s temple was the place where God himself dwelled therefore…



The Holy Spirit is Omnipresent

The Psalm 139:7-8,

“Whither shall I go from your Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there!”

One God in Three Persons

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”

Deut. 6:4



Homework Assignment #2 Go for a Walk & Invite Him

Thoughts? How, if at all, does this change how we think about the Holy Ghost?

The Holy Spirit is Nice



He is a great
gift giver

1 Corinthians 12:4 – 6: “Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one.”

“If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Luke 11:13

Adjectives

- Holy: Luke 11:13; Ephesians 4:30. Romans 1:4 calls him the “Spirit of holiness.”
- Eternal: Hebrews 9:14 (“through the eternal Spirit”).
- Good: Nehemiah 9:20 and Psalm 143:10 (“your good Spirit”).

Fruit of the Spirit (not “fruits”)

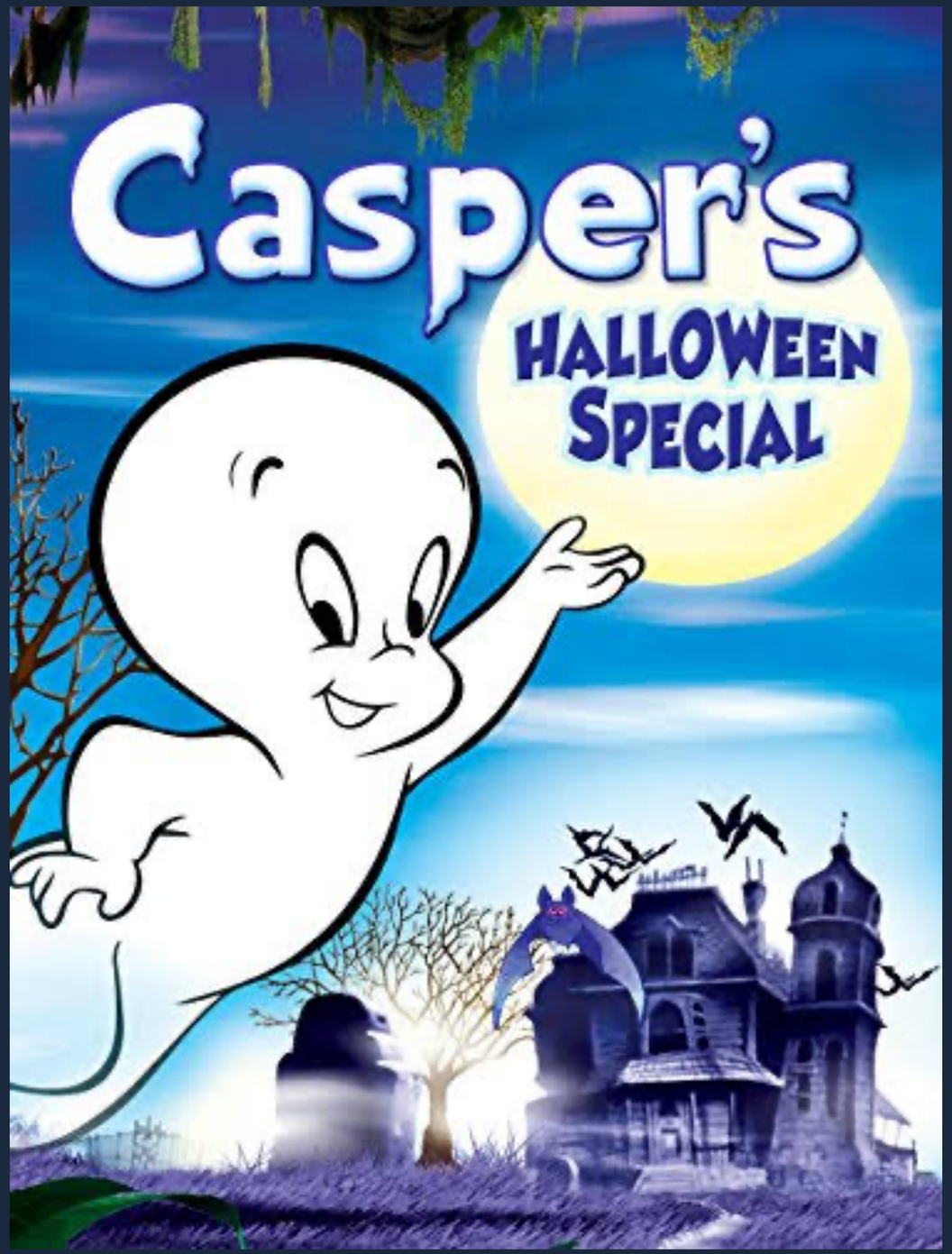
“But *the fruit* of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control.”





Homework Assignment #3

Write the Holy Ghost a Half Page Thank You Letter. Use only scripture.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