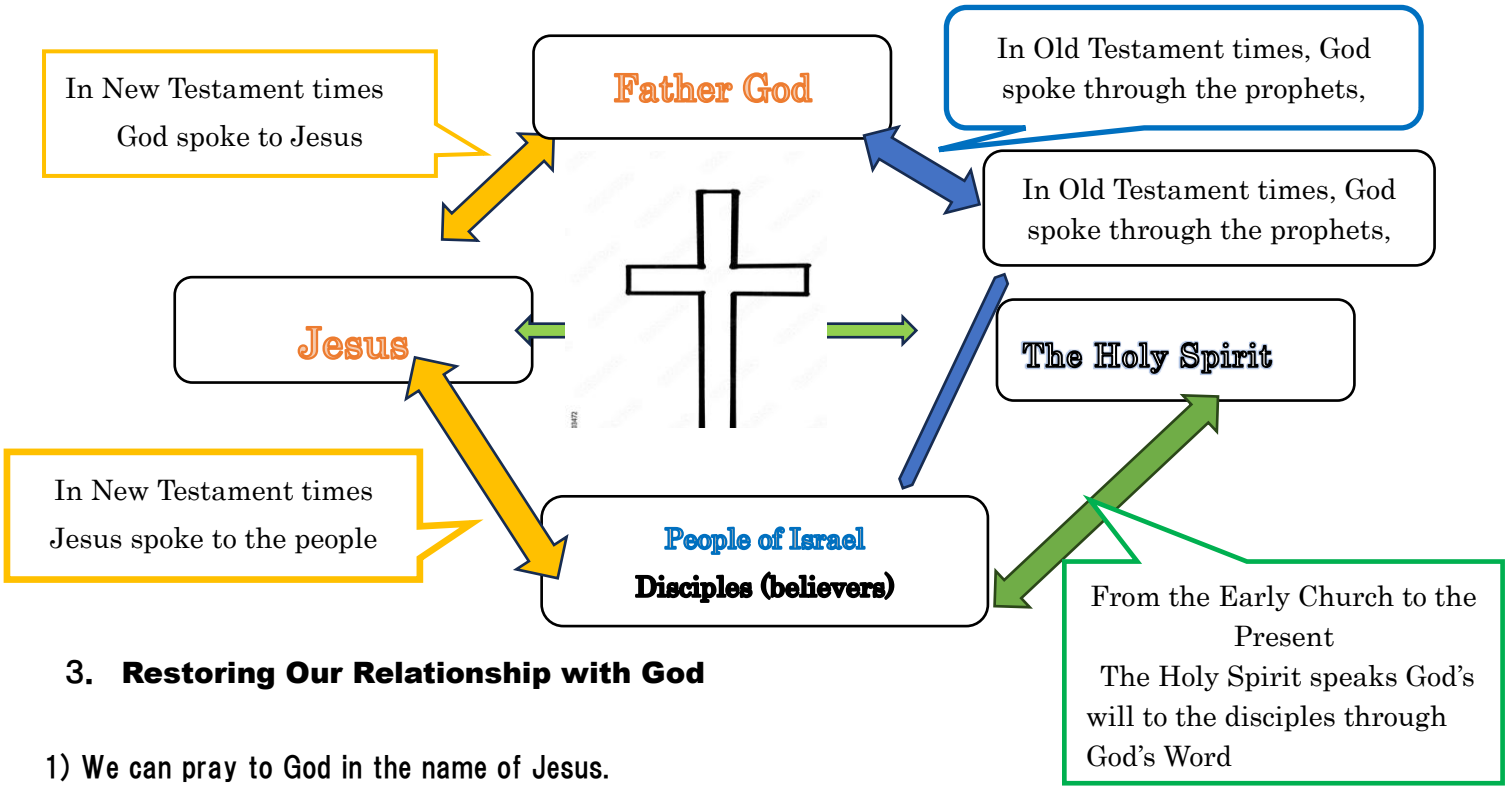
1. Creation to the fall of man 【at the Garden of Eden 】

1. God created Adam.
2. God placed Adam in the Garden of Eden.
3. God and Adam enjoyed a close relationship in the Garden of Eden.
4. Adam and Eve disobeyed God's command and listened to the serpent.
5. God spoke to Adam, saying, "Adam, where are you?"
6. Adam hid from God.

Because of man's disobedience to God [sin], his relationship with God was severed.

2. **Ever since Adam, God has continued to reach out to mankind.**



3. **Restoring Our Relationship with God**

1) We can pray to God in the name of Jesus.
2) Through the Holy Spirit, we can hear God's voice and receive His help and guidance.

➢ The last commandment of Jesus

Acts 1:4 On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. 5 For John baptized with[a] water, but in a few days **you will be baptized with[b] the Holy Spirit.**"6 Then they gathered around him and asked him, "**Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"**7 He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. 8 **But you will receive power** when **the Holy Spirit** comes on you; and **you will be my witnesses** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

➔ The Descent of the Holy Spirit

1. Before Jesus was crucified, He spoke about the Holy Spirit.
   The One who is the Helper, the Guide, and the Comforter.

➔ The disciples did not understand at all what Jesus was saying.

2. Before His Resurrection and Ascension, He spoke to them once more about the Holy Spirit.
   "You will receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit, so do not leave Jerusalem; wait here."

➔ Even then, the disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying.
   They were focused on the actual restoration of the nation of Israel.

➢ The disciples who followed Jesus wholeheartedly

> Acts 1:12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk[a] from the city. 13 When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

1 The disciples could not understand the Holy Spirit with their minds.

2. They prayed, trusting in Jesus' promise. [This was a new experience of praying in Jesus' name.]
Believing in His word that anything would be granted if they prayed to God the Father in Jesus' name, they continued to pray and ask God the Father for what they needed.

3 They obeyed Jesus, they waited for the Holy Spirit.
And they did not return to their hometown of Galilee, but continued to pray.

4. After Jesus left, the disciples desperately needed a Helper [to guide, strengthen, and comfort them].
They were given a new purpose in life as witnesses of the Lord.

They made Jesus is the Lord of their life, rather than living a life based on their own plans.

➔ God is reaching out to mankind, seeking to restore His relationship with us as He did in the Garden of Eden.

➔ Since the time of Adam, God has appeared to and spoken to Noah, Abraham, Moses, and the prophets. They were all righteous before the Lord. [People who believed in the Lord's Word and obeyed it]

➔ Sin [disobedience to God's Word] prevents us from building a relationship with God.

> Isaiah 59:1 Surely the arm of the Lord is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear.
> 2 But your iniquities have separated you from your God; **your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.**

➔ What kind of hunger and thirst did the disciples have for the Holy Spirit as they waited for Him? Why did the disciples need the Holy Spirit?

➔ What kind of Christian are you?

1) You have a deep academic understanding of the Word, but you do not personally know Jesus.
2) You are casual and lukewarm. You go to church every week and participate in ministry, but you do not personally know Jesus. You are heavily influenced by the world.
3) Spiritually hungry and thirsty. You do not know Jesus personally, but you are earnestly seeking the Holy Spirit.
4) A devoted Christian who walks with Jesus as the Lord of their life. You are humble and obedient to the Lord, and you have a personal relationship with the Holy Spirit.

➔ Let's surrender our entire lives to Jesus.

➔ This is the first step toward hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit.