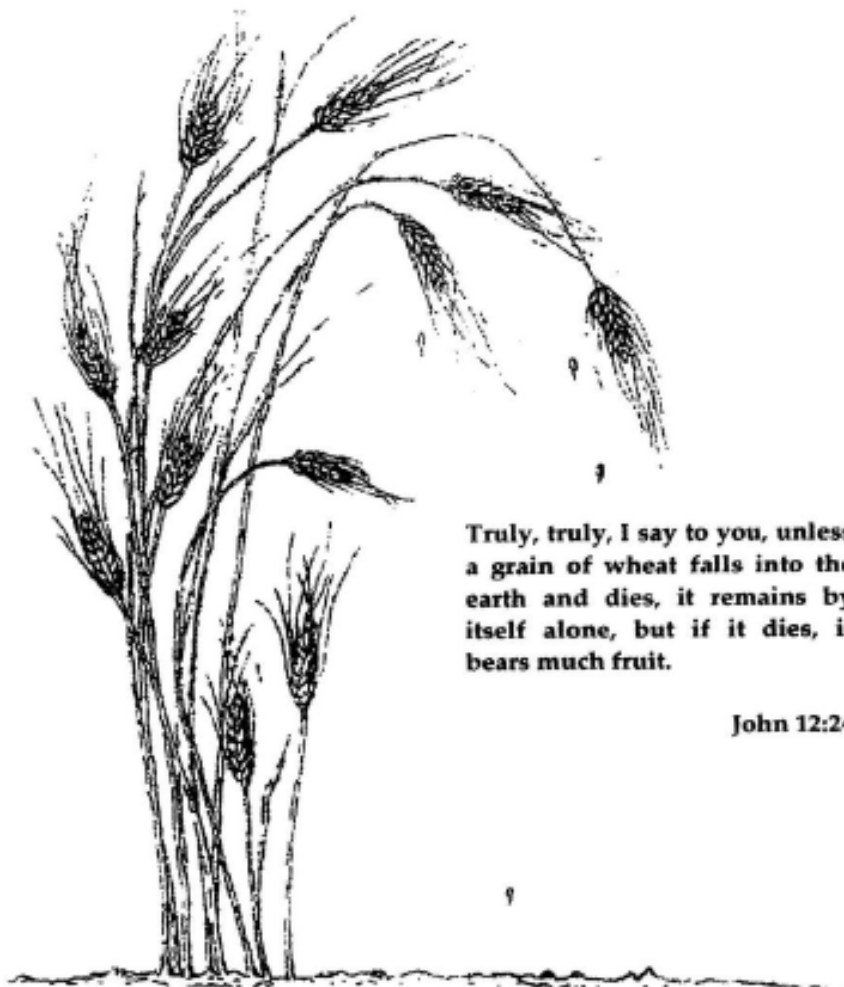


unless a grain of wheat . . .



Truly, truly, I say to you, unless
a grain of wheat falls into the
earth and dies, it remains by
itself alone, but if it dies, it
bears much fruit.

John 12:24

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Dear Reader,

The diagrams in this notebook are not intended to be an exhaustive exposition of the scriptures used, but rather, they are included as a visual aide and teaching tool to help explain some of the scriptural truths we are teaching.

We recognize that it is the Holy Spirit who will teach persons and equip them. Therefore, this manual presents only those truths that we have discovered in God's Word to be vital in a person's growth and walk in this knowledge of our Lord Jesus. We desire to provide a foundation that will enable a person to become established in their walk and relationship with Jesus Christ.

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May the Lord Himself go before you as you press on to possess the fullest measure of the knowledge and the life of Jesus Christ.

Coming up higher in the Lord,

Altha Burts

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Section 1

This Side of the Jordan

"SUCH WERE SOME OF YOU ...

fornicators
idolators
adulterers
effeminate
homosexuals
thieves
covetous
drunkards
revilers
swindlers

BUT YOU WERE ...

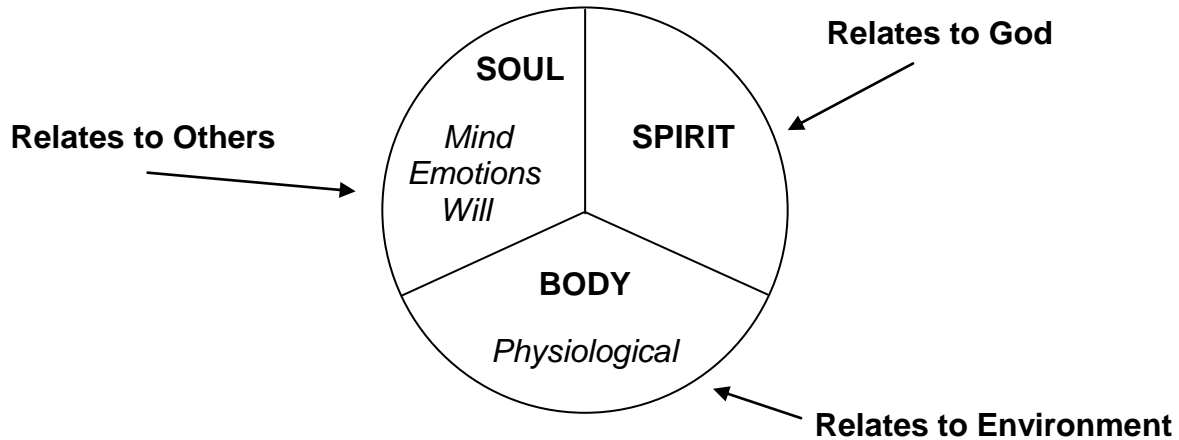
Washed
Sanctified
And justified

In the name of the **LORD**
JESUS CHRIST and in the
Spirit of our God."

I Corinthians 6:9-11

The Model of Man

MAN - A TRI-UNITY



Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

For the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: SPIRIT

| | |
|---------------------|--|
| Zechariah 12:1 | <i>"the Lord . . . formed the spirit of man within him"</i> |
| Romans 8:16 | <i>"our spirit"</i> |
| 1 Corinthians 2:11 | <i>"the spirit of the man which is in him"</i> |
| 1 Corinthians 5:4 | <i>"my spirit"</i> |
| 1 Corinthians 14:14 | <i>"my spirit"</i> |
| Hebrews 12:23 | <i>"the spirits of just men"</i> |

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: SOUL

| | |
|---------------------|---|
| Psalms 13:2 | <i>"How long must I bear pain in my soul?"</i> |
| Psalms 119:20 | <i>"my soul is consumed with longing"</i> |
| Proverbs 2:10 | <i>"knowledge will be pleasant to your soul"</i> |
| Song of Solomon 1:7 | <i>"You whom my soul loves."</i> |
| Lamentations 3:20 | <i>"My soul continually thinks of it."</i> |
| Luke 1:46 | <i>"My soul magnifies the Lord."</i> |

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES: BODY

| | |
|--------------------|---|
| Genesis 2:7 | <i>"Then the Lord God formed man of dust."</i> |
| Psalms 139:14 | <i>"I am fearfully and wonderfully made."</i> |
| Romans 12:1 | <i>"present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice"</i> |
| 1 Corinthians 6:20 | <i>"glorify God in your body"</i> |

Man in Distress

“The process (of the fall of Adam) was not, I conceive, comparable to mere deterioration as it may now occur in a human individual; it was a loss of status as a species. What condition was transmitted by heredity to all later generations, for it was not simply what biologists call an acquired variation. It was the emergence of a new kind of man; a new species, never made by God, **had sinned its way into existence** . . . It was a radical alteration of his constitution.”

The Problem of Pain by C. S. Lewis

In the Genesis account of creation, we see man, made in the image of God, enjoying the privilege of **receiving** and **reflecting** the very character and glory of God. They lived in harmony and unbroken fellowship with their Creator.

Tragically, through Adam and Eve’s choice to violate God’s command, they were cut off from **life**. Their intimacy and fellowship with God was broken. This offense had its drastic effects, which resulted in a fallen race, mankind. Ever since, man has known a spiritual **vacuum** within himself.

In the book of Romans, we again see mankind living apart from the Creator. Rather than acknowledging our spiritual bankruptcy before a holy and righteous God, we still have a bent towards choosing to find **life** and **fulfillment** outside of the Person and Life of God. Paul writes in Romans 1:21, 25:

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks . . . for they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped the creature rather than the Creator who is blessed forever.

It is at natural birth that we inherit this state of hostility toward our Creator that originated in Adam’s fall. We are born into a state of death where the law of sin governs our being and actions. We suffer from the effects of non-equilibrium with God, with others, and with ourselves.

Through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, God has made a provision for man to become a **new creation**.

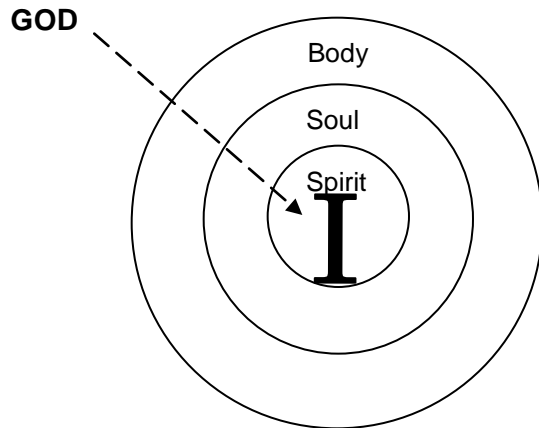
The following pages describe man’s spiritual history and God’s answer to man’s desperate condition . . .

OUR SPIRITUAL HISTORY . . .

Most of us are aware of our natural history,
but let’s take a glance at our spiritual history . . .

Man's Spiritual History

1. ADAM BEFORE THE FALL



Adam was made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26). So, Adam's spirit was the highest center of operation. The *essence of Adam was spiritual*.

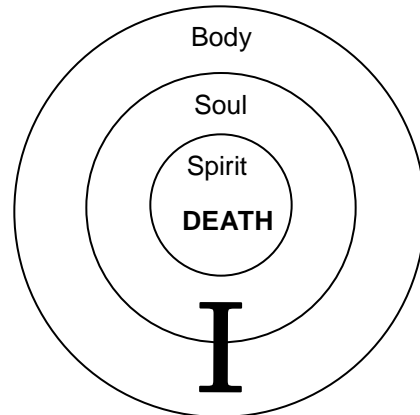
As an essentially spiritual being, Adam enjoyed unbroken fellowship with God.

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2. ADAM AFTER THE FALL



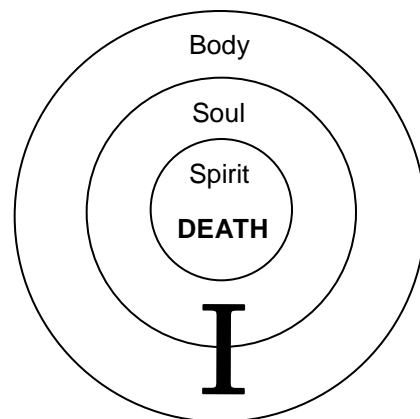
After the fall, Adam's spirit died - he was separated from God; thus his soul became the center of operation, independent of God. The *essence of Adam became soulical*.



Adam became an independent creation, cut off from the life of God - Adam was cut off from God's mind, His perfections, and His purity. Therefore, Adam had to find his identity (purpose and meaning) from his soul - drawing upon his natural resources. For Adam, life had to be found from within.



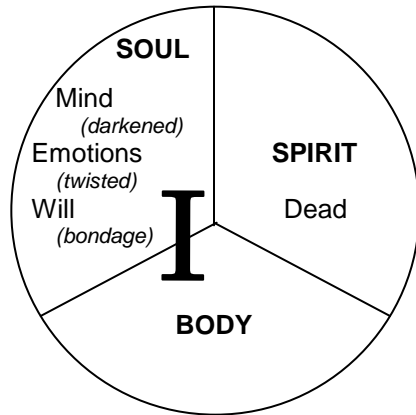
3. AT OUR NATURAL (PHYSICAL) BIRTH



*Our essence is soulical, without divine resources. Just as Adam was cut off, we were born cut off from God's mind, perfections, and purities. **Life** needed to be found within ourselves. Jesus said, "He who is without the Son is without life (spiritual life)." 1 John 5:12*

The result of the Fall for mankind . . .

MANKIND WAS BORN IN NEED OF **LIFE**



The soul is the center of operation - the essence of man is soulical. Identity, purpose, and meaning are derived from self, apart from God.

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Unregenerate men are born:

- Dead in trespasses and sin (Ephesians 2:1)
- Walking according to the course of this world (Ephesians 2:2).
- Walking according to the prince of the power of air (Ephesians 2:2).
- Indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind and are by nature children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3).

UNREGENERATE MEN MANIFEST THE FOLLOWING DEEDS:

| Matthew 15:19 | Romans 1:29-32 | Romans 3:13 | I Cor 5:10 | II Cor 12:20 | I Tim 1:9-10 |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|
| evil thoughts murders adulteries fornicators thefts false witness railings | covetousness maliciousness envy murder strife deceit malignity whisperers backbiters hateful to God insolent haughty boastful inventors of evil things disobedient to parents covenant breakers without natural affection unmerciful | reveling drunkenness immorality debauchery strife jealousy | fornicators covetous extortioners idolaters reviler drunkard | strife jealousy wrath factions backbitings whisperings gossip disorders | lawless unruly sinners unholy profane patricides matricides murderers fornicators homosexuals kidnappers liars false swearers |

Jesus said, "For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders." Matthew 15:19

God's Promise . . .

Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

And I will put My spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to do my ordinances

Ezekiel 36:26-27

He sent His Son . . .

For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. John 3:16

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. Romans 5:10

Jesus said, "You must be born again." John 3:7

At the Cross of Christ . . .

We are taken out of Adam and placed into Christ. Our old self was crucified with Christ. Romans 6:6

When Christ died, we died. Galatians 2:20

When He was buried, we were buried. Colossians 2:12

But, He didn't leave us there . . .

As a new creation, He raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2:6

We become people we never were before . . .

Now let's look at who we are as A NEW CREATION . . .

New Birth: Regeneration Red Sea - Salvation

Born of God

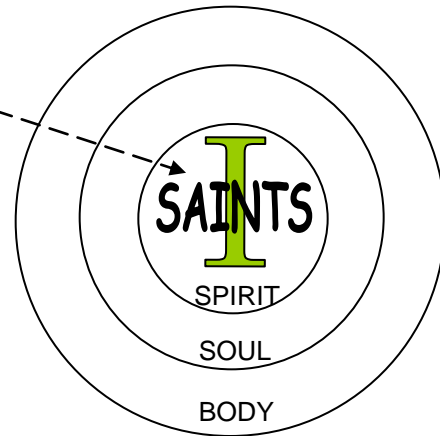
But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become the children of God, even to those who believe in His name. John 1:12

I came that they may have life.

John 10:10

The spirit is the highest center of operation. As spiritual people, we are also partakers of the divine nature.

II Peter 1:4



New Creation: Born of God

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That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. However, the spiritual is not first, but the natural; then the spiritual. John 3:6; I Corinthians 15:46

DEFINITION: REGENERATION GREEK: *PALIGGENSIA*, A BEING BORN AGAIN

Regeneration is the spiritual change wrought in man by the Holy Spirit, by which he becomes the possessor of a new life. It is to be distinguished from justification, because justification is a change in our relationship to God, while regeneration is a change in our moral and spiritual nature. Regeneration is also to be distinguished from sanctification, inasmuch as the latter is the work of God in developing the new life and bringing it to perfection, while the former is the beginning of that life.

Unger's Bible Dictionary

As we understand who we have become in Christ, we learn to walk after the Spirit:

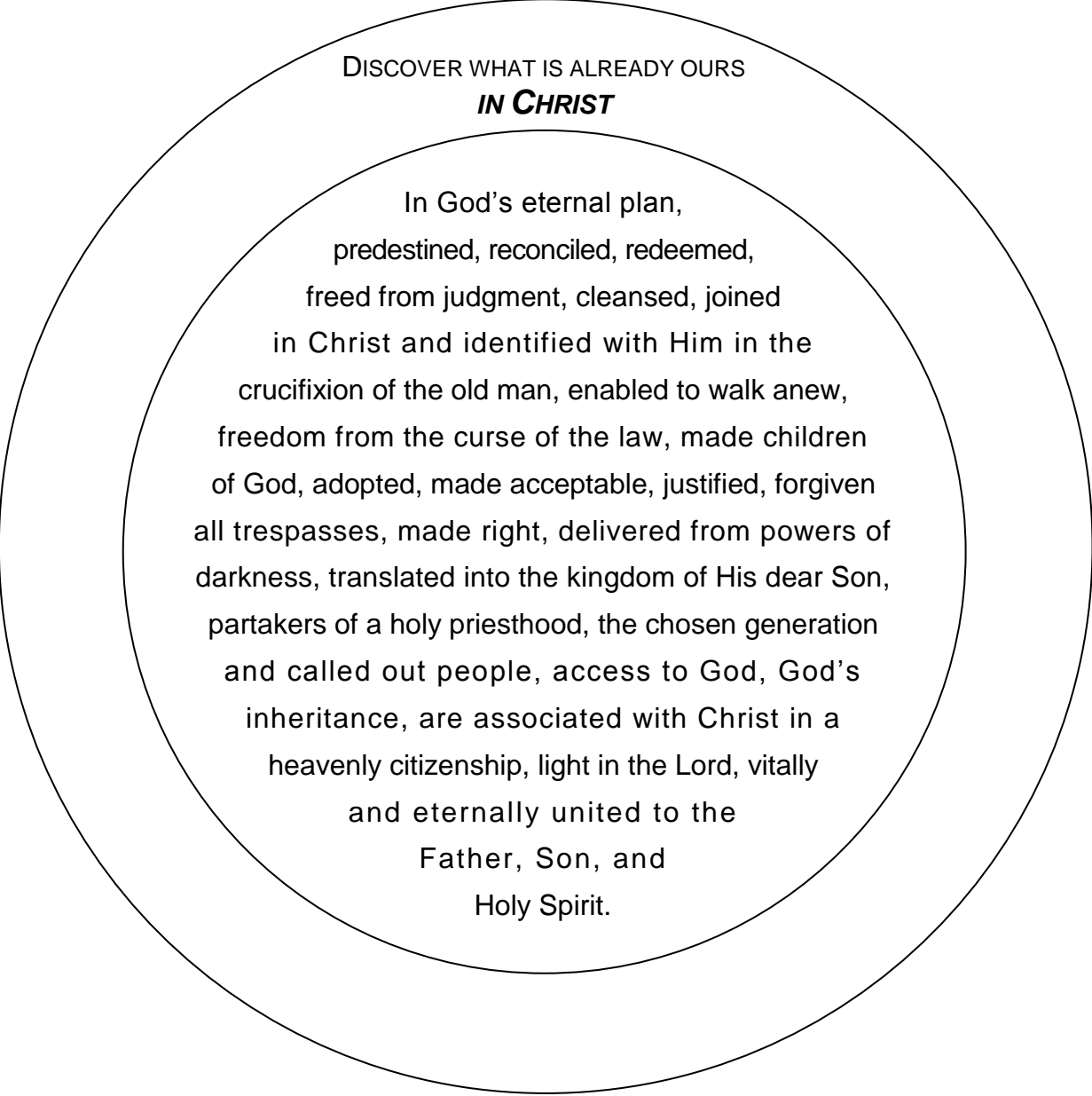
| OUR TRUE IDENTITY | A NEW CREATION | OUR TRUE PURPOSE | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------|--|-----------------|
| We are a child of God | John 1:12 | To know God and bring glory to His name: | |
| We've had a spiritual birth | I Peter 1:23 | | |
| We have Christ's very life | John 10:10 | | |
| We are righteous | II Corinthians 5:21 | In our character | Galatians 5:22 |
| We are wealthy | Romans 8:17 | In our service | Romans 1:13 |
| We are a heavenly citizen | Philippians 3:20 | | Philippians 1 |
| We have a new position | Ephesians 2:6 | | Colossians 1:10 |
| We are totally accepted | Ephesians 1:6 | In our praise | Hebrews 13:15 |
| We are God's workmanship | Ephesians 2:10 | | Hebrews 13:16 |

Now that we have looked at who we have become as a new creation, let's look at all that we possess the instant we are born again . . . all we need for life and godliness . . .

Our Present Possessions

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3



DISCOVER WHAT IS ALREADY OURS
IN CHRIST

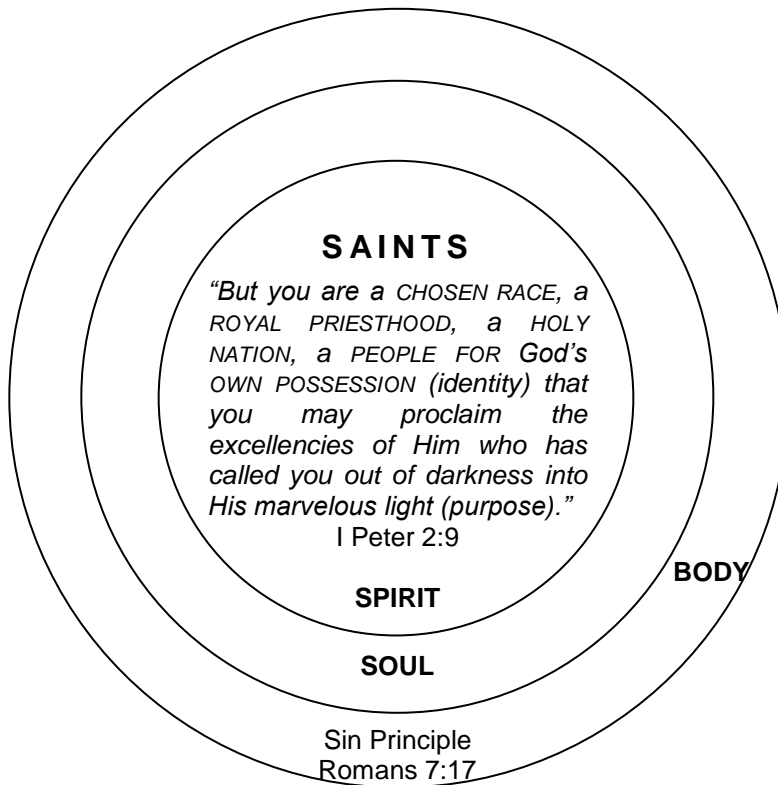
In God's eternal plan,
predestined, reconciled, redeemed,
freed from judgment, cleansed, joined
in Christ and identified with Him in the
crucifixion of the old man, enabled to walk anew,
freedom from the curse of the law, made children
of God, adopted, made acceptable, justified, forgiven
all trespasses, made right, delivered from powers of
darkness, translated into the kingdom of His dear Son,
partakers of a holy priesthood, the chosen generation
and called out people, access to God, God's
inheritance, are associated with Christ in a
heavenly citizenship, light in the Lord, vitally
and eternally united to the
Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit.

"I pray the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints..." Ephesians 1:18

As His Church . . .

A CALLED OUT PEOPLE . . .

As a new creation, the Christian now belongs to the Church of Jesus Christ; he has entered a whole new race. As Paul writes in addressing the believers: “. . . to the saints who are at Ephesus . . . to all the saints . . . in Philippi . . .”



By means of regeneration we are presently suited, by nature, for the eternal kingdom. We are at different levels of maturity. Press On-
“...for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly supplied to you.”
II Peter 1:11

TRUE PURPOSE AND MEANING:
To proclaim His excellencies and bring glory to His name.

- In our character
Galatians 5:22-23
- In our service
Romans 1:13; Phil 1:11;
Colossians 1:10
- In our praise
Hebrews 13:15-16

“There are two segments of the human race that are at opposite poles; they are basically in antithesis. They dwell together because they are both members of the Family of Man. They are one genus, to use the zoological term. But something has happened to cause them to separate into two species within that genus, and this separation is at a far deeper and more fundamental level than mere genetics. The division is a result of a spiritual transformation that really constitutes a new creation - nothing less in fact, than rebirth. It is not a symbolic rebirth, like that achieved by ritual in some pagan religions of antiquity and even of today. It is a fundamental change in human nature, so great a change that it amounts to a genuine form of speciation . . . we indeed remain in the world, but we are no longer of the world.”

Man in Adam and in Christ by Arthur W. Custance

As to our relationship to the world now, the Lord says we are . . .

SOJOURNERS

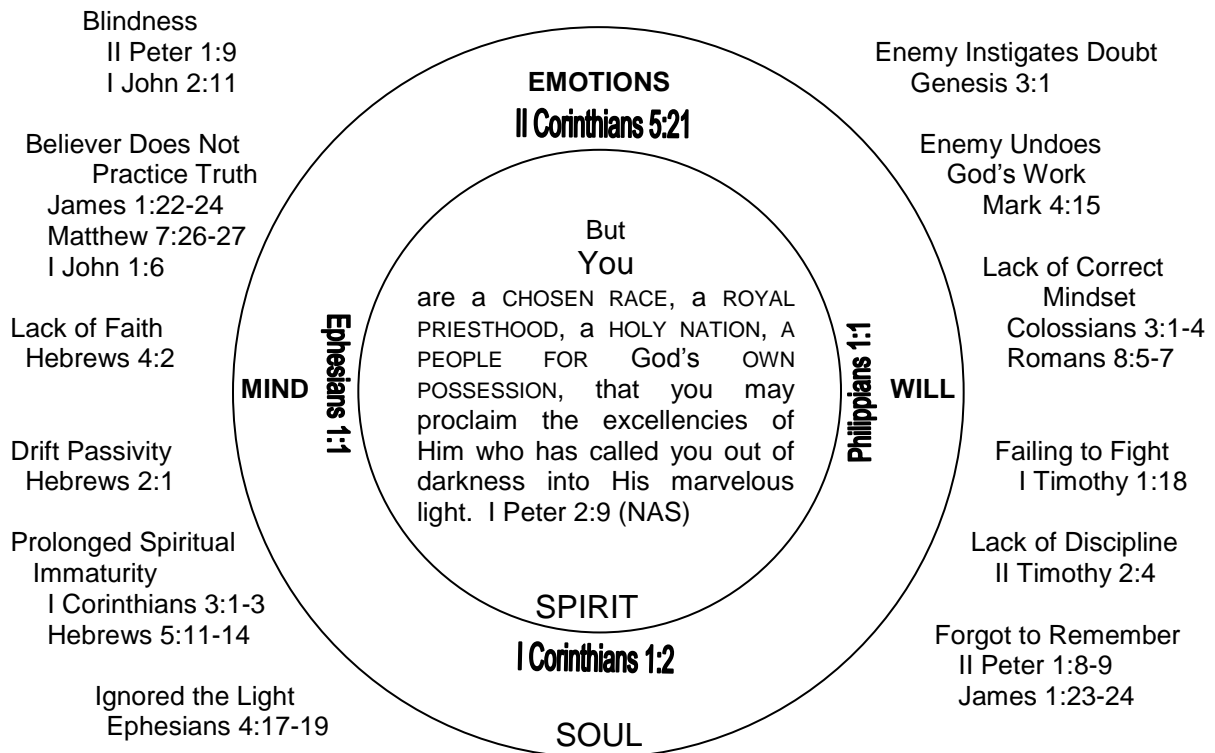
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:1-2

Conformed: masquerade; to show on the outside what is not true on the inside.

Transformed: manifest on the outside what is true on the inside.

In our true identity we are no longer suited for this world system. Jesus said, "They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world." John 17:14b

What hinders us from seeing, believing, and acting upon this truth?



"We think that we have to change the way we act in order to be different. God says, No, I have made you different, and when you believe it, you will automatically change the way you act." From Guilt to Glory by Ray Stedman

"For as he (a man) thinks in his heart, so is he..." Proverbs 23:7a

If I'm a new creation, a righteous sojourner in this world, why do I struggle?

Let's look at the waging war.....

Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul. 1 Peter 2:11

THE WAGING WAR

Scripture teaches that even though I'm a new creation in Christ, I have a law within my members waging war . . .

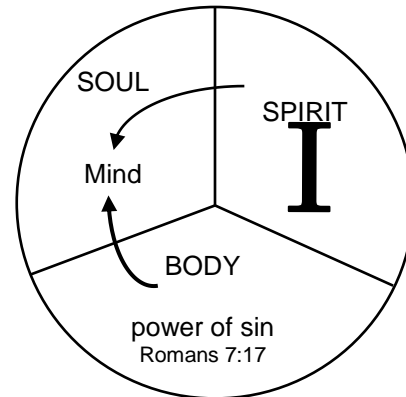
For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. Romans 7:22

But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Romans 7:23

For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Galatians 5:17



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The unregenerate person is an "in the flesh" person who is in bondage to the power of sin. He walks "in the flesh" and "after the flesh." All that he can do is sin because he is "in Adam" and therefore has no spiritual life. By nature, he is a "child of wrath" (Eph 2:3).

At salvation, the believer is taken out of Adam and placed into Christ. Having been born of the Spirit, the regenerate person is no longer "in the flesh" - that is in the past tense in Romans 7:5. The regenerate person is an "in the Spirit" person: holy, righteous, and a new creation. Yet, the Christian continues to live in this mortal body. This mortal body contains within a law or principle of sin residing in the members which is always vying for attention and fulfillment of its own.

The Christian who is "in the Spirit" can temporarily walk "after the flesh" by yielding his members to the power of sin. This produces the condition called "flesh" (Galatians 5:19-21). The Christian at this point is walking contrary to his true nature and is therefore walking contrary to who he really is.

| THE DEEDS OF THE FLESH | |
|--|---|
| immorality, impurity, and sensuality | Man's attempt to get meaning and completeness through his body. |
| Idolatry | An idolater is one who has made up his mind on where and how he will find 'life'. |
| sorcery | Focuses on the search for 'meaning' in the occult. |
| enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, and outbursts | Reflect the standard reaction of one who is frustrated with a given set of circumstances. |
| disputes, dissensions, and factions | Point to conflicting ideologies as to where 'life' is found. |
| drunkenness and carousing | Evidence of the fact that I have given up. |

Man's way to resolve the conflict

Let's look at one man's search

His comments . . .

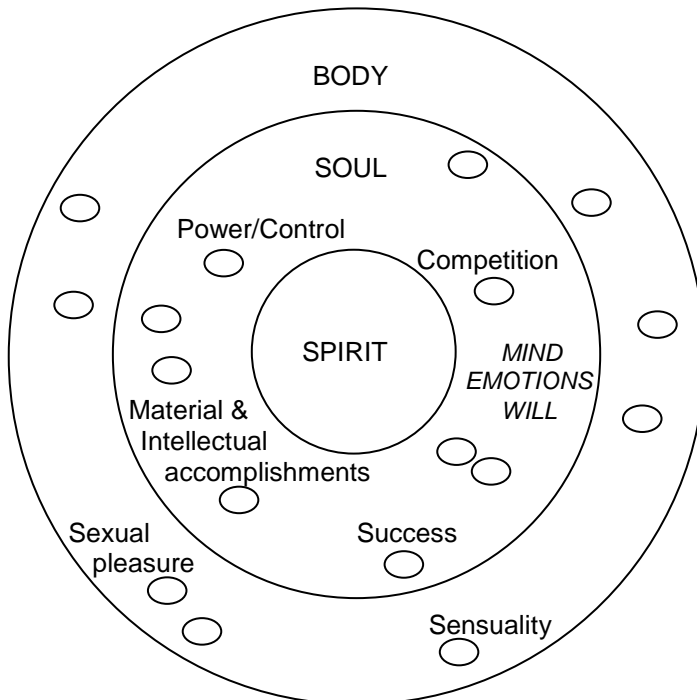
His conclusions . . .

SOLOMON'S SEARCH

LIFE IN THE WILDERNESS

I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with mirth; therefore enjoy pleasure" but surely, this also was vanity. I said of laughter; "Madness!" and of mirth, "What does it accomplish?" I searched in my heart how to gratify my flesh with wine, while guiding my heart with wisdom, and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the sons of men to do under heaven all the days of their lives. I made my works great, I built myself houses, and planted myself vineyards. I made myself gardens and orchards, and I planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. I made myself water pools from which to water the growing trees of the grove. I acquired male and female servants, and had servants born in my house. Yes, I had greater possessions of herds and flocks than all who were in Jerusalem before me. I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the special treasures of kings and of the provinces. I acquired male and female singers, the delights of the sons of men, and musical instruments of all kinds. So I became great and excelled more than all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. Whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I did not withhold my heart from any pleasure, for my heart rejoiced in all my labor; and this was my reward from all my labor. Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labor in which I had toiled; and indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun.

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11



Vacuums for Identity and Meaning attempted to be filled by the FLESH.

Solomon attempted to have his needs for identity, meaning, and fulfillment through these avenues.

God's Wisdom...

I Samuel 12:21

SOLOMON'S CONCLUSION

Then I looked on all the works that my hands had done and on the labor in which I had toiled; and indeed all was vanity and grasping for the wind. There was no profit under the sun. Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all. Ecclesiastes 2:11; 12:13

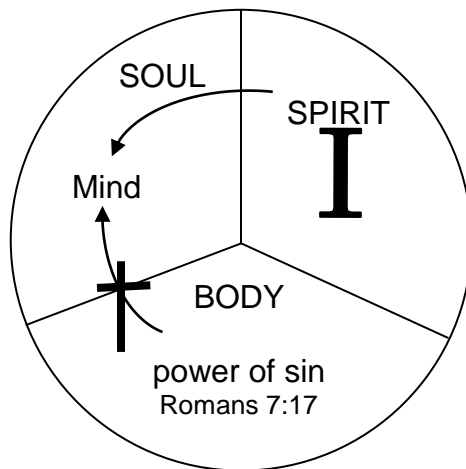
God's way to resolve the conflict

For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. I Corinthians 1:18

The reckoning that counts . . .

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

We **break the hold** sin has on us by relying upon a *new view* of ourselves that is true because we are in Christ Jesus.



We are NOT to identify with our temptations. We learn to identify a law that wages war.

The power of sin has been broken because of our union in Christ's death and resurrection.

Romans 6:6

WE ARE NOT OUR TEMPTATIONS.

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Feelings must be answered by facts.

"We think that we have to change the way we act in order to be different; God says, No, I have made you different, and when you believe it you automatically change the way you act."

From Guilt to Glory by Ray Stedman

"This struggle can cease only when we reckon on who we really are in Christ. It is a new self-image that delivers us. When we begin to think of ourselves as God thinks of us we will find we have the power to say 'no' to 'sin'."

From Guilt to Glory by Ray Stedman

CONCLUSION

Remember:

God didn't take the world away,
He didn't take Satan away, and
He didn't take the power of sin away . . .

He took US away . . .
on the cross of Christ, and
He gave us a new life and that new life
has no relationship with the power of sin.

“What good is it to be free from sin through Jesus Christ and have every opportunity and every possibility of walking in holiness and in righteousness (sense of self-worth, a sense of security and assurance that you are loved by God and valuable to Him), if at the moment of choice, you ignore these things and choose to go right on as though you're a slave to sin?”

From Guilt to Glory by Ray Stedman

Section 2

The Jordan River

The Jordan - Identification

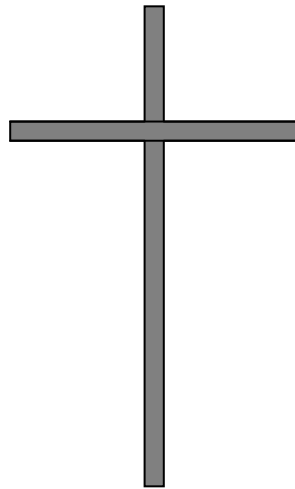
The Jordan River in the Old Testament typifies a deeper union of **our heart** with Christ in **His death**.

That I may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death, if, by any means, I may attain to the resurrection from the dead.

Philippians 3:10-11

*"**Knowing** this, that our old man was crucified **with Him**, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin. For he who has **died** has been freed from sin."*

Romans 6:6-7



*"**I have been crucified with Christ**; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the **life** which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me."*

Galatians 2:20

Personal Death - Resurrection
(Picture of Appropriation)

Identification with Christ begins with understanding our own death and burial (of the old man), and the resurrection of the **new man**. We are no longer slaves ... *"For he who has died has been freed from sin"* (Romans 6:7).

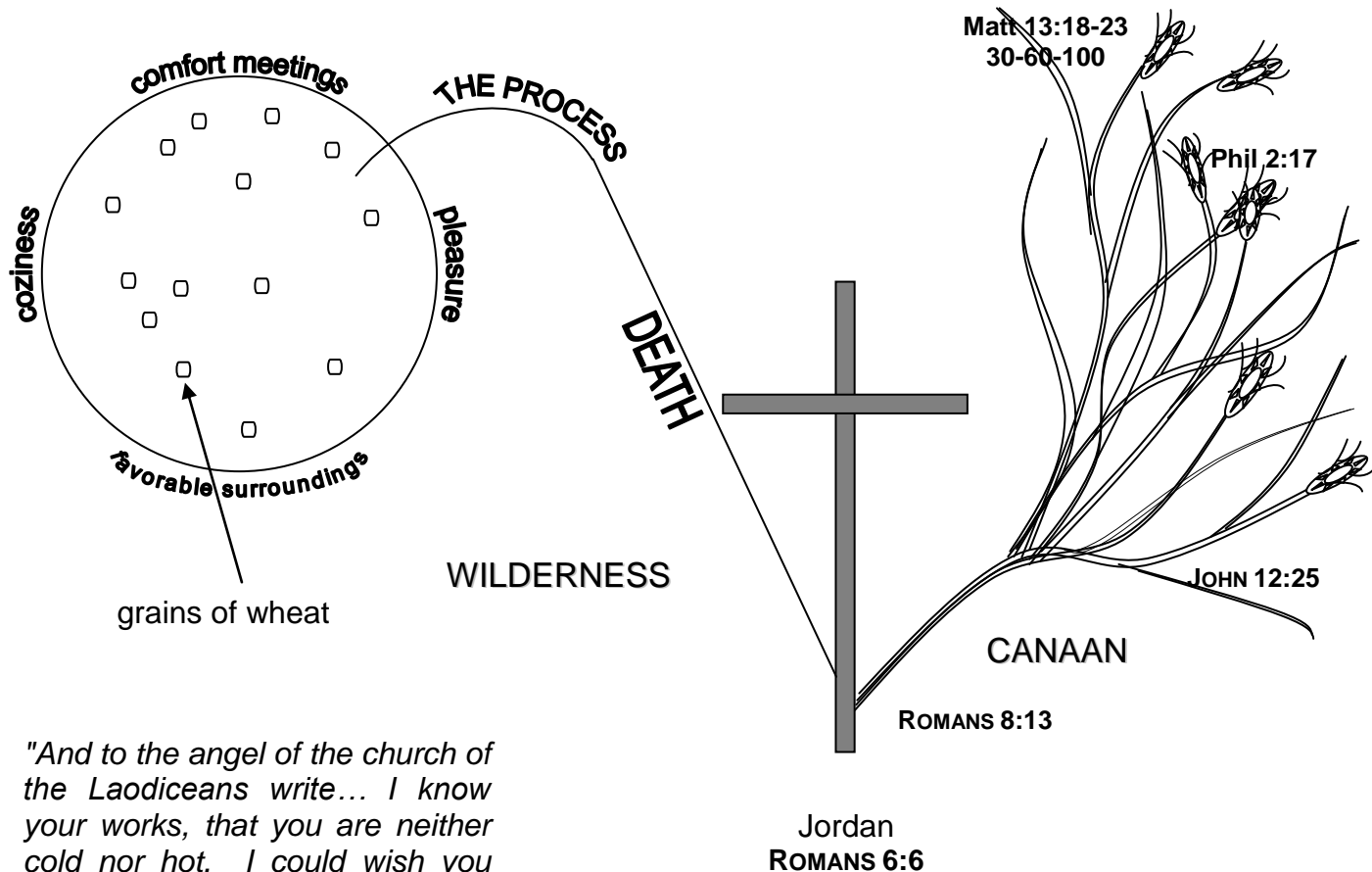
"When Christ calls a man He bids him come and die..."

The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and **dies**, it remains alone..."*

Dying to Live

"...but if it dies, it produces much grain." John 12:24



"And to the angel of the church of the Laodiceans write... I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. Because you say, 'I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing'; and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked."

Revelation 3:14-15, 17

"He who loves his life (Greek – soul) will lose it, and he who hates his life (Greek - soul) in this world will keep it for eternal life." John 12:25

The Way to Victory...the Believer's Victory

THE CROSS OF CHRIST

The believer's victory is essentially based on our union in Christ's...

- death Romans 6:6-11; Galatians 2:20
- resurrection Romans 6:4-5; Colossians 3:1; Ephesians 2:6
- ascension Colossians 3:1-3

From this standpoint we deal with each one of our foes. Following are other truths to stand on when engaged in a conflict.

CLEANSED BY HIS BLOOD

All sin is removed by the death of Christ. I Peter 2:24; Romans 4:25

1. Past The blood removes the penalty of sin.
No need for guilt.
2. Present The blood removes the power of sin. I John 1:7
No need to yield to sin
3. Future The blood removes the presence of sin.
The glorious hope of the believer.

DELIVERED FROM THE POWERS OF DARKNESS

Delivered (Greek, *ruomai*) is to draw unto one's self and thus deliver. Acts 26:18, Colossians 1:13; 2:13-15

TRANSLATED INTO THE KINGDOM OF HIS DEAR SON

Translate (Greek, *methistemi*) is to remove from one place to another. The words "of His dear son" are literally, "of the son of His love." Colossians 1:13

JOINED TO CHRIST AND IDENTIFIED WITH HIM IN CRUCIFIXION OF THE OLD MAN AND ENABLED TO WALK ANEW

We must reckon it to be true (count on it), Romans 6:6 and Galatians 2:20 = crucified; Romans 6:8; I Peter 2:24 = dead; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12 = buried; Romans 6:4; Colossians 3:1 = raised.

FREED FROM JUDGMENT

Romans 8:1; *katarkrime*; *kata* (Greek) is the idea of punishment
John 3:18 *krima* (Greek) is a verdict, a sentence
II Corinthians 11:32-33

FREED FROM THE LAW

Dead Romans 7:1-4

Delivered Romans 7:6; Galatians 3:24-25

Schoolmaster (Greek, *paidagagos*) is a child trainer that trained the child in morals, manners, and deportment.

MADE CHILDREN OF GOD (ROMANS 8:16)

Born Again John 1:12; I Peter 1:23; John 3:7

Quickened Ephesians 2:5; Colossians 2:13

Sons I John 3:2; II Corinthians 6:18; Galatians 3:26

New Creation II Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15; Ephesians 2:10

Regenerated Titus 3:5

MADE COMPLETE IN HIM

All we need we have in Christ, Colossians 2:9-10, note also Ephesians 3:19.

There are several words in the Greek for “complete”.

- *Apiteleo* bringing to completion perfectly, Philippians 1:6
- *Exaretizo* to outfit, II Timothy 3:17
- *Sunteleo* to finish, to complete in a manner of time, to fulfill or accomplish what is foretold, Hebrews 8:8 (“When I will make”).

Sunteleo, as used in Colossians 2:9-10 is *pleroo* which is to be made fully full, “ye are in Him made full.” He is the wealth from which we draw and find all of our fullness and satisfaction.

ASSOCIATED WITH CHRIST IN A HEAVENLY RELATIONSHIP

Partners in Life Colossians 3:4; I John 5:11-12

Partners in Position Ephesians 2:6

Partners in Service I Corinthians 1:9

- Workers together with God I Corinthians 3:9
- Workers together with Him II Corinthians 6:1
- A minister of the New Testament II Corinthians 3:6
- Ambassadors II Corinthians 5:20
- Epistles II Corinthians 3:3
- Ministers of God II Corinthians 6:4

Partners in Suffering II Timothy 2:12; Philippians 1:29; I Peter 2:20; 4:12-13;
I Thessalonians 3:3; Romans 8:18; Colossians 1:24

Partners in Prayer John 14:12-14

Partners in Betrothal II Corinthians 11:2; with Ephesians 5:25-27

Partners in Expectation Titus 2:13; Hebrews 10:13

MADE HEAVENLY CITIZENS

Philippians 3:20 – Citizenship (Greek, *politeia*) is the relationship in which the citizen stands to the state. Ephesians 2:19; Hebrews 12:22; Luke 10:20

*“Thus we are **strangers and pilgrims.**”* I Peter 2:11; Hebrews 11:13

Called the Chosen Generation and the Peculiar People (I Peter 2:9; Titus 2:4)

Chosen (Greek, *eklektos*) to choose out

Peculiar (Greek, *peripoiesis*) is literally to make a round, to make something and then surround it indicating ownership.

Peculiar (*peripoiesis*) means three things to the believer:

- That we are God’s **private** possession
- That we are God’s **precious** possession
- That we are God’s **protected** possession

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36 Things that Happened at Salvation

Section 3

CANAAN

“They were brought, so to speak, out of the world-sphere, Egypt – through the Red Sea into a new path, and then through the wilderness, and finally into Canaan; the land which is a picture of the heavenly sphere, where the child of God is **united** with the Lord, a new creation in Him, and equipped for war with the adversaries of God, led forward by Him in victory.”

Jessie Penn-Lewis
The Conquest of Canaan

Entering the Land

CANAAN – Life in the Heavlies

“As newly created believers, we are in the Lord Jesus in the heavlies, while at the same time we are in the Spirit of Christ here on earth.

This is the eternal position in which every believer has been placed, whether he is aware of it or not. The Christian who comes to **see** his position in the Lord Jesus begins to **experience** the benefit of all that he is in Him. His daily state is developed from the source of his eternal standing.”

The Principle of Position by Miles J. Stanford

Experiencing the union of the risen Lord in His:

- Life Colossians 3:4
- Mind I Corinthians 2:16; Philipians 2:5
- Will Luke 22:42

Union with Him in:

- Nature II Peter 1:3-4
- Purposes Romans 8:28-29
- Death to sin Romans 6:6
- Death to the law Romans 7:4
- Death to the flesh Galatians 5:24
- Death to the world Galatians 6:14
- Service II Corinthians 6:1
- Suffering I Peter 4:1
- Resurrection Ephesians 2:5; Romans 6:5
- Ascension Colossians 3:1; Ephesians 2:6
- Fruit Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:4-5

"In that day you will know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you." John 14:20

Through this union we learn the true meaning of **consecration**....

"But present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead..." Romans 6:13

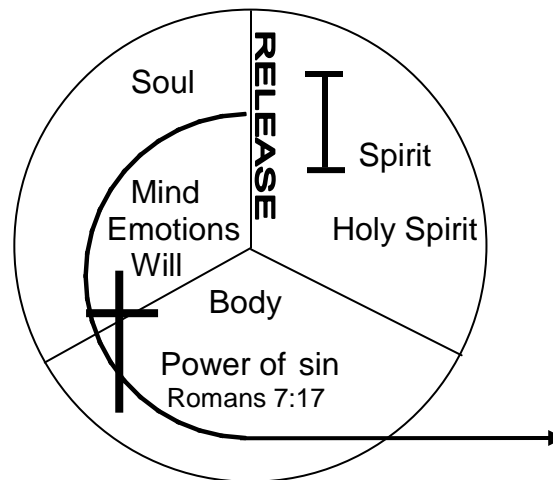
Consecration

Consecrate the New Man

As we understand who we already are in Christ as a totally new creation, we will learn to consecrate the **new man** from a position of completeness, wholeness, and righteousness... as those *“alive from the dead”* (Romans 6:13b).

For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. Romans 7:22

...but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.
Romans 6:13b



“God asks us to present our bodies as living sacrifices to Him (Romans 12:1). Until we have done this there is nothing else we can do. Notice this exhortation comes **after** Romans six. There is a reason for this order – **crucifixion** comes before **consecration**. Un-crucified self refuses to be consecrated. This is why so many people with all sincerity walk down the aisles again and again, consecrating un-crucified selves to God.”
H. Duncan

After becoming a Christian and especially after entering the land of Canaan, it is important for you to...

EQUIP YOURSELF FOR WAR...

About forty thousand equipped for war crossed over before the LORD for battle, to the desert plains of Jericho. Joshua 4:13

In Ephesians, Paul draws the curtain back on the drama behind the scenes and states that “we wrestle not against flesh and blood....”

The Christian has become engaged in....

The Invisible War

“In this theater of the universe, the earth is the stage on which the whole drama of rebellion, ruin, fall, judgment, redemption, salvation and the triumph and ultimate vindication of God’s wisdom and righteousness is being unrolled in the amazing spectacle of the invisible war.”

The Invisible War by Donald G. Barnhouse

KNOW YOUR ENEMIES:

- The Flesh...
 - The World...
 - The Devil...
 - The Powers of Darkness...

The Flesh

I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. Galatians 5:16-17

The Flesh

"The flesh is a built-in law of failure, making it impossible for natural man to please or serve God. It is a compulsive inner force inherited from man's fall, which expresses itself in general and specific rebellion against God and His righteousness. The flesh can never be reformed or improved. The only hope for escape from the law of the flesh is its total execution and replacement by a new life in the Lord Jesus Christ. This terrible force is within us, and even after we have by faith counted him dead, he will attempt to spring to life again and control us."

The Adversary by Mark Bubeck

The flesh and the Spirit are in conflict. Romans 7:23; Romans 8:7
The works of the flesh lead to bondage.
The flesh is an expression of this world system that is
independent from God. I John 2:16
We cannot glorify or serve God in the flesh. Romans 8:8;
Galatians 6:15; I Corinthians 7:19

Dangers of Indulgence

"...nor give **place** to the **devil**." Ephesians 4:27
"...and escape the **snare** of the devil" II Timothy 2:26
"...and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth **death**." James 1:15
"...concerning the faith have suffered **shipwreck**" I Timothy 1:19

Our Lord warns us of the dangers of indulging the flesh in the book of Joshua. Because of Achan's sin they "...could not stand before their **enemies**." Joshua 7:11-12

Warning

When I saw among the spoils a beautiful Babylonian garment, two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold weighing fifty shekels, I coveted them and took them. And there they are, hidden in the earth in the midst of my tent, with the silver under it. Joshua 7:21

Note...

he saw...
he coveted...
he took...

Result...

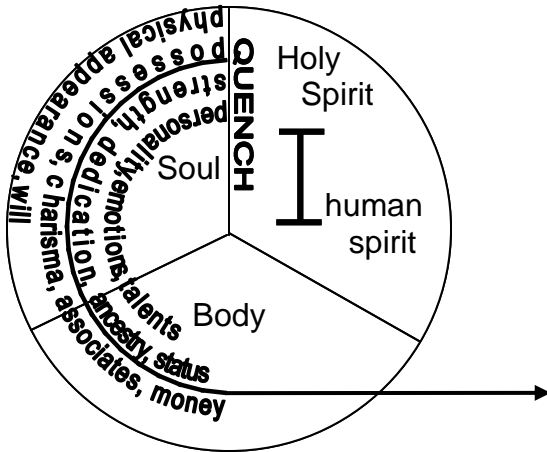
DEATH

Fleshly Expressions

Quench Not, Grieve Not

Self Reliance or Moral Laxity...which way does your pendulum swing?

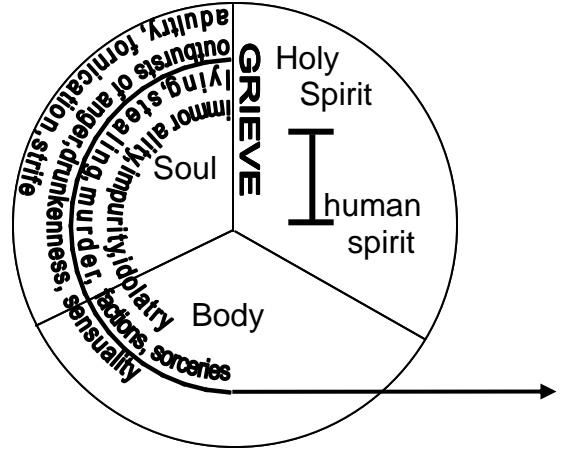
Self Reliance



*Do not quench the Spirit.
1 Thessalonians 5:19*

Quench means to extinguish; make an end of; subdue, suppress.

Moral Laxity



And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God. Ephesians 4:30

Grieve signifies pain of body or mind. It means things that cause sorrow, grievances.

“...you can go no faster than a full dependence upon God can carry you. God is always present, and always working towards the life of the soul, and its deliverance from captivity... but this inward work of God, though never ceasing, or altering, is yet always, and only hindered by the activity of our own nature, and faculties; by bad men through their obedience to earthly passions; by good men through striving to be good in their own way, by their natural strength, and... seemingly holy labors and contrivances.”

The Power of the Spirit by William Law

THE NEXT ENEMY THE BELIEVER NEEDS TO BE AWARE OF IS...

The World

Greek: *kosmos*

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever. I John 2:15-17

The World System

The *Kosmos*

Following are three different usages of the word *kosmos*:

1. It is used first with the sense of the material universe, the round world, this earth:

Matthew 13:35

Mark 16:15

John 1:10

2. The second usage is twofold:

- a) for the inhabitant of the world:

John 1:10

John 17:9

John 12:19

- b) the whole race of men alienated from God and thus hostile to the cause of Christ:

Hebrews 11:38

John 14:27

John 14:17

John 15:18

3. The whole circle of worldly goods, endowments, riches, advantages, pleasures which are part of the world system and attempt to seduce us from God:

I John 2:15

Titus 2:12

Matthew 16:26

II Peter 1:4

I Corinthians 7:31

I John 2:16-17

I Corinthians 2:12

James 1:27

Let's look at the *kosmos* as a world system...

The World System

“The world is the corporate expression of all the flesh-centered individuals who make up the human race – that human society which insists on Satanic value judgments and is guided by Satanic pride and philosophy.”

Spiritual Warfare by Ray Stedman

Attractions

The world appeals to our ‘flesh’ through its philosophies, values, position, friendship, riches, and goods. It is a system that offers us a real yet temporal treasure. It is a deception from ‘the prince of the power of the air’ – the mind that is behind this world system.

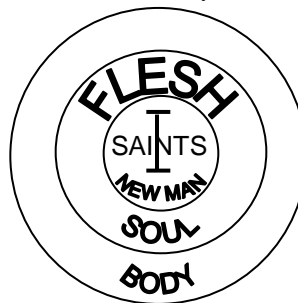
The word *kosmos* is used to refer to the world system. Wicked and alienated from God, yet cultured, educated, powerful, outwardly moral at times; the system of which Satan is the head, the fallen angels and the demons are his servants, and all mankind other than the saved, are his subjects.

Its Atmosphere

The ruler of this world...
John 12:31

Worldly desires...
Titus 2:12

The corruption that is in the world. II Peter 1:4



The wisdom of this world...
I Corinthians 3:19

The spirit of the world...
I Corinthians 2:12

The defilements of the world...
II Peter 2:20

The world primarily appeals to our emotional and psychological side... *For all that is in the world; the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life; is not of the Father but is of the world. I John 2:16*

It is to the flesh of man that the world appeals... not to the **new man** as he is in Christ.

In It But Not Of It

They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. John 17:16

As regenerate people we are utterly unrelated to this world system because by the Spirit we've been born from 'above'... heaven is not only our destiny, but our origin.

The character of the world is morally different from the Spirit-imparted life we have received from God.

By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. II Peter 1:4

Satan

For still our ancient foe,
 Doth seek to work us woe—
His craft and power are great,
 And, armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
 Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
 The man of God's own choosing.

Dost ask who that may be?
 Christ Jesus it is He—
Lord Sabbath His name,
 From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world with devils filled,
 Should threaten to undo us.
We will not fear, for God hath willed,
 His truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim,
 We tremble not for him—
His rage we can endure,
 For lo, his doom is sure:
One little word shall fell him.

Martin Luther
A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Satan

"We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one." I John 5:19

1. NAMES OF LUCIFER

| | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| Satan means 'adversary' | Zechariah 3:1; I Peter 5:8 |
| He is called accuser of the brethren | Revelation 12:10 |
| Lucifer | Isaiah 14:12 (Son of the morning) |
| The dragon | Revelation 12:7 |
| Devil (slanderer, signifies separator) | I Peter 5:8 |
| Murderer and liar | John 8:44 |
| Deceiver | II Cor 11:3; Revelation 12:9; 20:10 |
| Prince of this world | John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11 |
| Prince of the power of the air | Ephesians 2:2 |
| Tempter | Matthew 4:3; I Thessalonians 3:5 |
| Prince of the demons | Matthew 12:24 |
| The evil one | Matthew 13:38 |
| The god of this age | II Corinthians 4:4 |
| Destroyer (Appolyon and Abaddon mean destroyer) | Revelation 9:11 |

2. HIS DESIGNS

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| To undo and hinder God's work | Matt 16:23; Mark 4:15; I Thess 2:18 |
| To divide the brethren | II Corinthians 2:10-11 |
| To instigate evil | John 13:2, 27 |
| To secure men's worship | Luke 4:6-8; II Thessalonians 2:3-4 |
| To make men turn away from God | Job 2:4-5 |

3. HIS CHARACTER

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|----------------|-----------------|
| Deceiver | Revelation 12:9 |
| Father of lies | John 8:44 |
| Adversary | I Peter 5:8 |

4. HIS METHODS

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|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Disguises himself | II Corinthians 11:14 |
| Insinuates doubt | Genesis 3:1 |
| Misuses scripture | Matthew 4:6 |
| Uses schemes | II Corinthians 2:11; Ephesians 6:11 |
| Afflicts | Luke 13:16 |

5. HIS OPERATIONS

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|---|---------------------|
| Satan is a king and presides over a kingdom | Matthew 12:24-26 |
| He lies | John 8:44 |
| He deceives the nations | Revelation 20:3 |
| He destroys | I Peter 5:8 |
| He is the accuser of the brethren | Revelation 12:10-11 |

6. STRATEGY OF WORK

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|--|---------------------------|
| Seeks to snatch the Word of God | Mark 4:15 |
| Authored sin and continues to agitate man to sin | Genesis 3:1-6 |
| Causes sickness and suffering | Acts 10:38 |
| Provides snares or traps for men | Psalm 91:3; I Timothy 3:7 |
| Injects wicked purposes into men's hearts | John 13:2 |

7. HIS GOAL

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| Our destruction | I Peter 5:8 |
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Now, let's look at

The Powers of Darkness

"The age of the demon or the era of the occult in which we find ourselves is not a time to be naïve concerning the powers of darkness... Today many believers simply do not face the issue of the degree to which demonic powers can take over in their lives if they open the door to them...

Such a situation is perilous, for to be ignorant or misinformed on this subject is weighted with dire risks. This becomes apparent when the Christian warrior realizes that he is the target of demonic strategy and attack.

In its spiritual conflict, the Church of Christ must obviously be knowledgeable about its foes. In wars on the human plane, military strategists are keenly aware of the necessity of knowing the enemy... Without intelligence of the enemy's strength and position the results of any military encounter would be highly dubious... This apathy or dread is almost as perilous as the opposite extreme of fanatical occupation with evil...

Satan's chief tactics are to hide his identity and his assaults. The Christian must recognize him and anticipate his moves. Only as the believer knows the powers of darkness will he be able to win against them in his superior position and strength in Christ. The rampant demon activity of these last days (I Timothy 4:1) issues a clarion call to every friend of Christ: 'KNOW YOUR FOE!'"

Merrill F. Unger
What Demons Can Do to Saints

Satan's Organization

Satan as prince of the demons (Matthew 12:24) is the head of a well-organized rank of angels (Ephesians 6:11-12).

THE LEVELS OF AUTHORITY

SATAN

Prince of the demons (Matthew 12:24).

PRINCIPALITIES

Arche

First one, pre-eminent ones, leaders. They rule over various lands (Daniel 10:13). Angelic warfare. They carry vast responsibility and power to guide the affairs of Satan.

POWERS

Exousia

Authorities – demons of Satan in the lower atmosphere, constituting his kingdom in the air... positions of authority. Suggest very powerful activity they are capable of addressing against believers.

RULERS OF DARKNESS

Kosmoskrator

World rulers of this darkness. These beings are more numerous; yet are the real workhorses on the command level.

WICKED SPIRITS

Pnumatikos poneeria

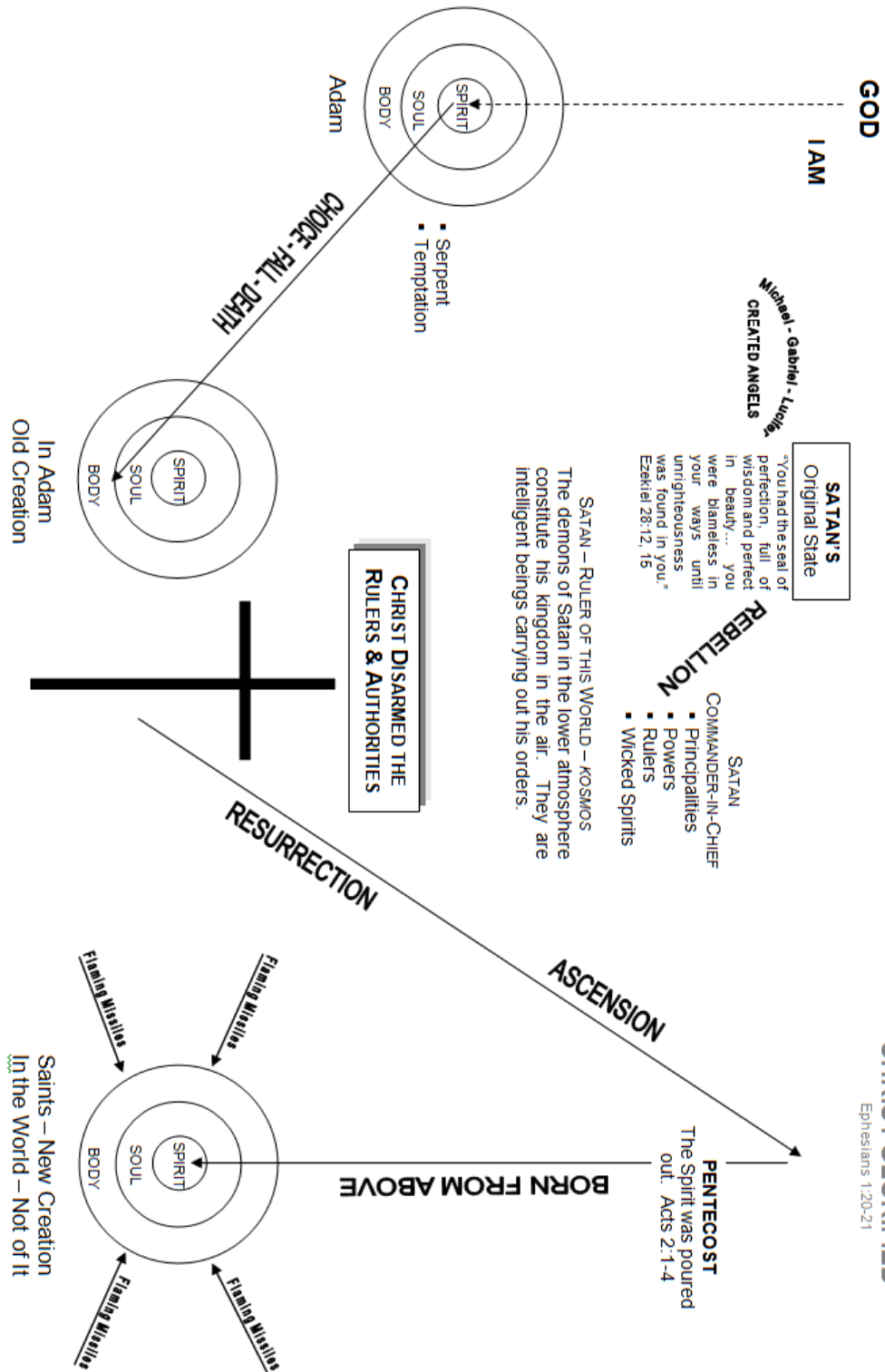
The demonic spirits so often mentioned in the earthly ministry of the Lord Jesus as found in Mark 5:9.

“Through these ‘principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this world and wicked spirits in the heavenlies,’ (Ephesians 6:12) he exerts dominion over the fallen human race. As men open the door to him by sin and rebellion against God, he enters to dominate and enslave.”

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In review...

Principles of Spiritual Warfare



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THE FLESH

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| Definition: | “The flesh is a built-in law of failure. It is a compulsive inner force inherited from man’s fall, which exposes itself in general and specific rebellion against God and His righteousness...” Mark Bubeck, <u>The Adversary</u> | |
| Nature of: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Hostile (Col 1:21; Rom 8:7; Eph 2:3)▪ Rebellious (Ephesians 2:2)▪ Opposed to the Spirit (Gal 5:17)▪ Proud (James 4:6; Luke 1:51) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9; Eph 4:22)▪ Alienated (Eph 4:18; Col 1:21)▪ Callous (Hebrews 3:13; Mark 3:5)▪ Enticing (James 1:14) |
| Dangers of: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “neither give place to the devil” (Ephesians 4:27).▪ “the snare of the devil” (II Timothy 2:26).▪ “shipwreck of your faith” (I Timothy 1:19).▪ compromise (II Corinthians 6:16-7:1). | |

THE WORLD

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| Definition: | There are three Greek words translated world: <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ <i>Oikoumene</i>: signified populated world▪ <i>Aion</i>: age of time we live in (Romans 12:2; II Corinthians 4:4; Galatians 1:4). The philosophy or system of thought which characterizes a particular age.▪ <i>Kosmos</i>: describes the order or system that runs this inhabited earth; spiritual system of things that is opposed to God and the Lord Jesus Christ (John 12:31; I John 5:19). | |
| Nature of: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ As a spiritual system of things that are opposed to God’s plan for the believer, it is to be seen as one of the believer’s very real enemies (I John 2:16; James 4:4).▪ Tempts us to gain its treasure (Luke 9:23-25).▪ Tempts us to be ashamed of the Lord Jesus Christ (Luke 9:26; Romans 10:11).▪ Exalts its own wisdom (I Corinthians 1:18-31).▪ Hatred towards believers (John 17:14, John 15:18-25). | |

THE DEVIL

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| Original State: Ezekiel 28:12-15 | | Fall: Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:16-19 |
| Titles and Names: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ “Adversary” (Zech 3:1; I Peter 5:8)▪ The accuser (Revelation 12:10)▪ Lucifer: light bearer (Isaiah 14:12)▪ Murderer and liar (Revelation 12:7)▪ The evil one (Matthew 13:38)▪ The god of this age (II Cor 4:4) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Deceiver (Revelation 20:10)▪ Ruler of this world (John 12:31)▪ The Dragon (Revelation 12:7)▪ Prince of the power of the air (Eph 2:2)▪ Destroyer (Revelation 9:11)▪ Tempter (Matthew 4:3) |
| Strategy of Work: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Authored sin and continues to agitate man to sin (Genesis 3:1-6).▪ Causes sickness and suffering (Acts 10:38).▪ Has the power of death (Hebrews 2:14)▪ Provides snares or traps for men (I Timothy 3:7).▪ Injects wicked purposes into men’s hearts (Matthew 16:22-23; John 13:2). | |

POWERS OF DARKNESS

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| Origin: | Satan is an angel, and is called prince of the demons (Matthew 12:24), indicating that the demons are angels (II Peter 2:4). | |
| Nature: | They are spirit beings that fell at the time of Satan’s rebellion (Jude 1:6). | |
| Activity: | <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Attempt to thwart the purposes of God (Daniel 10:10-14; Revelation 16:13-16).▪ Extend the authority of Satan by doing his bidding (Eph 6:11-12).▪ May be used by God in the carrying out of His purposes (I Samuel 16:14-15).▪ Oppose the spiritual growth of God’s children (Ephesians 6:12). | |

Section 4

The Conquest of CANAAN

The Walk of Victory

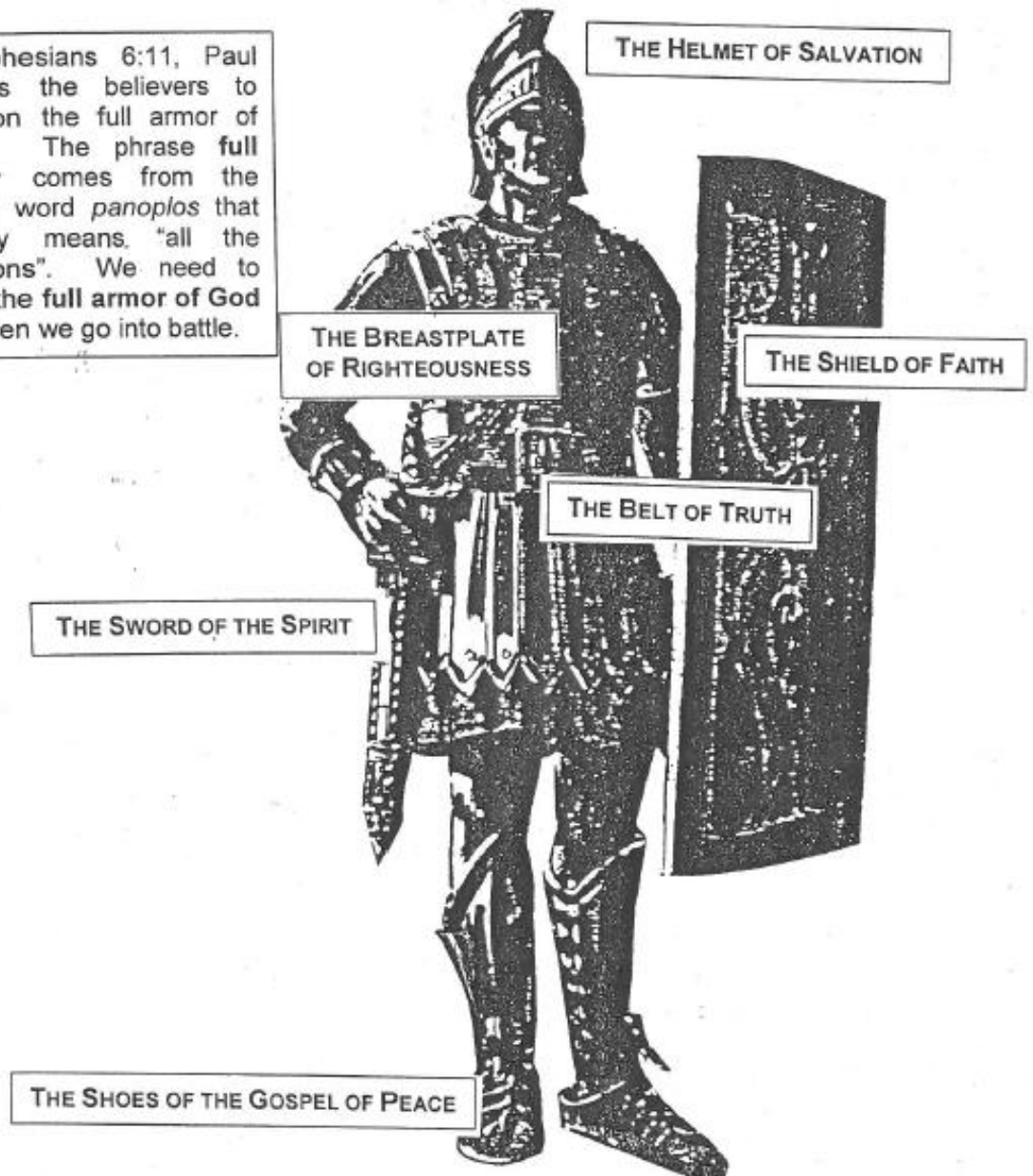
For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

II Corinthians 10:3-5

God's PROVISION ARM YOURSELF!

The Full Armor of God

In Ephesians 6:11, Paul exhorts the believers to "Put on the full armor of God." The phrase **full armor** comes from the Greek word *panoplos* that literally means, "all the weapons". We need to have the **full armor of God** on when we go into battle.



Now, let's look at each individual piece of the armor and see how we are to employ it in this warfare.....

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The Christian's Armor

"Thus, the Christian is to take up and put on all the Armor of God as a once-for-all act and keep that armor on during the entire course of his life, not relaxing the discipline necessary for the constant use of such protection. The historian Gibbon, relates how the relaxation of discipline and the disuse of exercise, rendered soldiers less willing and less able to support the fatigue of the service. They complained of the weight of their armor, and obtained permission to lay aside their cuirasses and helmets." (Wuest)

THE BELT OF TRUTH

"...having girded your waist with truth..."

This is our responsibility as believers:

- Remember that the Word of God is truth. It is up to us as believers to be grounded in the facts of our salvation. Jesus said, *"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life..." John 14:6.*
- Remind yourself of who He says you are as: a royal priesthood, a heavenly citizen, a child of God, His offspring, a saint, and a new creation.

THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

"...and having put on the breastplate of righteousness..."

Our righteousness is given to us. In the realm of the emotions, the enemy constantly tries to create doubt in what God has declared to be true.

"For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." II Corinthians 5:21

THE SANDALS OF PEACE

"...and having shod your feet with preparation of the gospel of peace..."

Because of what Christ did for us on the cross, 'we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.' It is the peace of our justification, union, and fellowship in Him. The enemy tries to create guilt and condemnation to keep us from going to our Father in His grace.

THE SHIELD OF FAITH

"...in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith..."

The shield of faith is not the primary piece of equipment. In order for the soldier to fight effectively, all the other pieces of the armor must be securely in place. The shield is used defensively. The other pieces of the armor (belt, breastplate, sandals, and helmet) are also used defensively. The Sword of the Spirit is used both offensively and defensively.

"Temptation acts on susceptible material. Self-confidence is combustible. Faith, in doing away with dependence on self (flesh), takes away fuel for the dart. It creates sensitivity to holy influences by which the power of

temptation is neutralized.” (Wuest)

Faith enlists the direct aid of God (I Corinthians 10:13; Luke 22:32; James 1:2; I Peter 4:12; II Peter 2:9)

THE HELMET OF SALVATION

“...and take the helmet of salvation...”

The helmet protects the head. Our thought life, as it is transformed by the Word of God, will protect us in the battle.

“The salvation spoken of here is salvation from the power of sin in this present life; salvation from the onslaught of Satan” (Wuest).

THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

“...and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.”

Learn to fence quickly by exchanging the enemy’s lie for God’s truth. Regardless of your immediate feelings, experiences, or circumstances, learn to live by what God says. By walking discerningly in this life of faith, you will progress in your ability to use this weapon skillfully.

Remember, the Sword of the Spirit is used both offensively and defensively to defend and protect us.

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints...” Ephesians 6:18

The Armor

“This great requirement of standing ready for the combat can be made good only when prayer, constant, earnest, spiritual prayer is added to the careful equipment with all the parts of the panoply” (Wuest).

Why Pray?

- It is essential to our mental alertness and response to the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:18).
- When we pray, we recognize and reckon with the spiritual dimension (II Corinthians 10:4).
- We become aware that all of life, visible and invisible, is under the sovereignty of the Lord Jesus Christ. He is the One to whom we pray (Psalm 104, 105; Colossians 1:16).
- Prayer is directly and fundamentally involved in bringing God’s invisible power to bear on visible life (Luke 8:22-24).

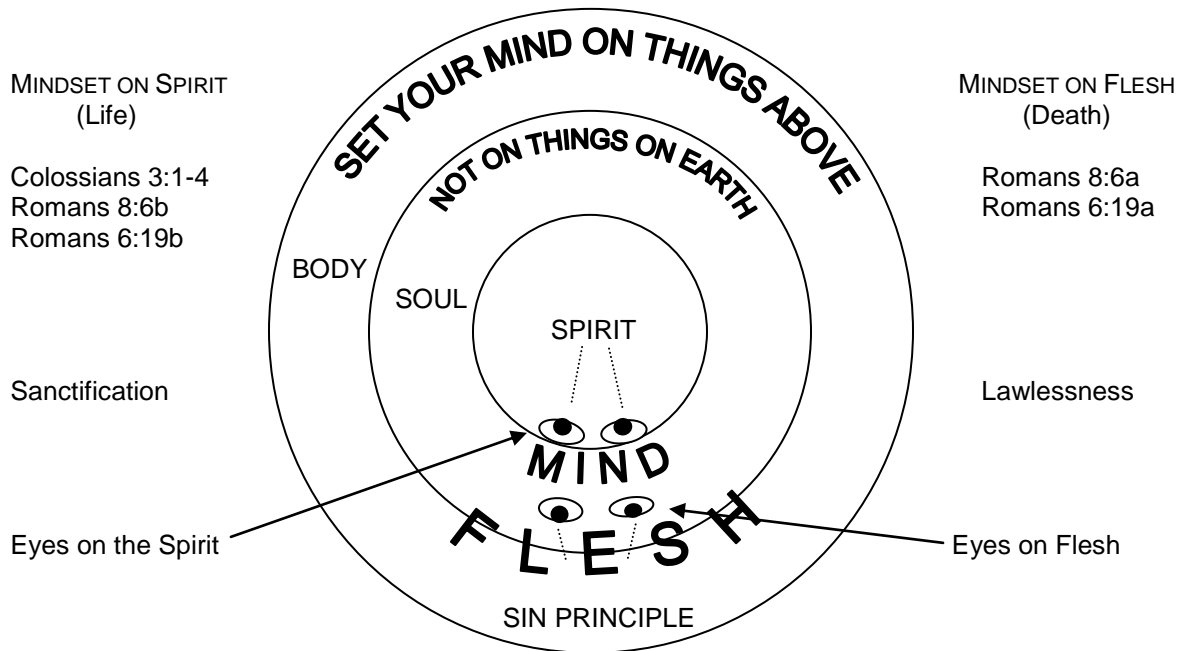
Remember: You are the righteousness of God in Christ (II Corinthians 5:21). Your standing with God is secure; therefore your prayer avails much (James 5:16).

Now that we are familiar with our armor,
let us look at our strategy against **THE FLESH.....**

Death By Neglect

For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. Romans 8:13

The MIND is the Battlefield



THE DEEDS OF THE FLESH ARE PUT TO DEATH BY

NEGLECT.....

But he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.

Galatians 6:8b

Gold, Silver, Precious Stones
I Corinthians 3:12

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption.

Galatians 6:8a

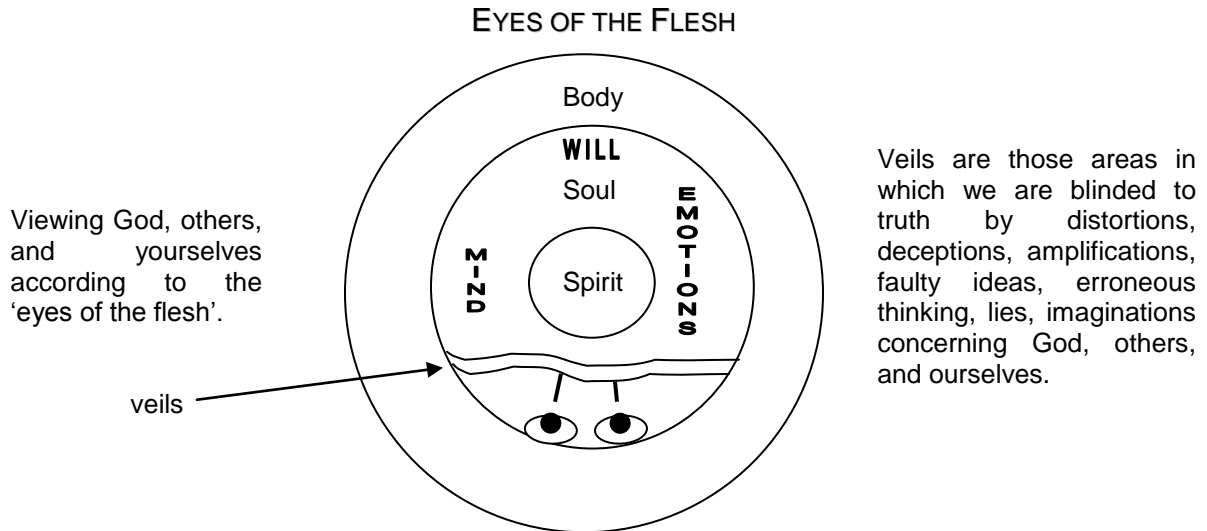
Wood, Hay, Stubble
I Corinthians 3:12b

Moment by Moment.... We **are building** for eternity.....

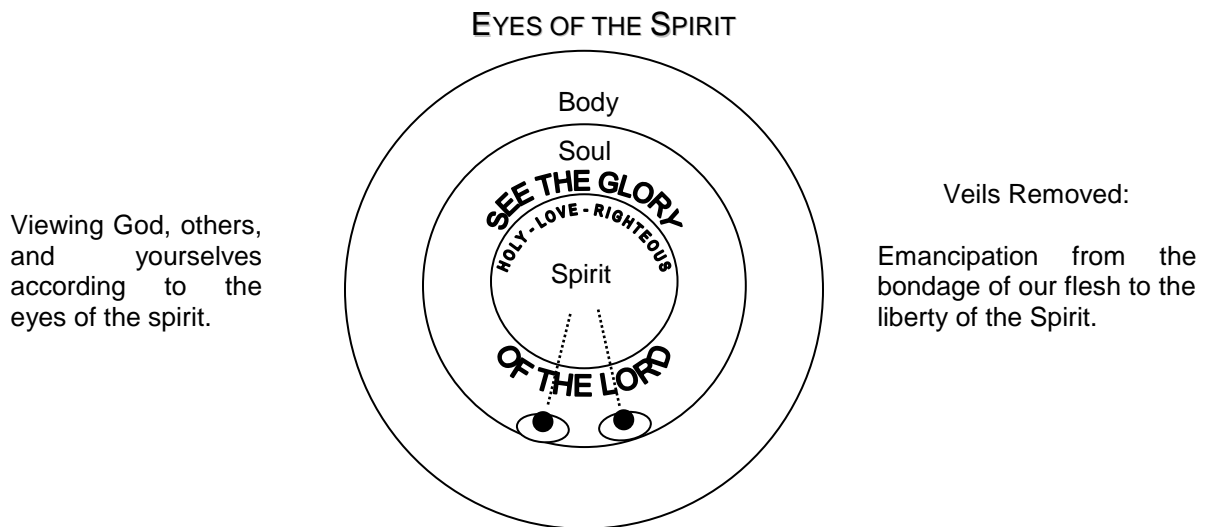
BEHOLDING... THE MEANS OF TRANSFORMING....

Beholding

Before we move on, the verb 'beholding' deserves some further discussion. This thought has the connotation of "constantly gazing at" or "always keeping in view" an object of our sight. This action is performed by the volition of our will in union with His will. The act of beholding the Lord parallels the importance of keeping our minds set on Him. It is our continual pressing on in Christ, laying hold of and requiring His presence in our hearts and lives.



But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord. II Corinthians 3:18



BEHOLDING... EXPRESSES

"The fact from which the process of change into God's image proceeds" (Vincent).

Beholding: With Unveiled Face

Paul had just described how Moses, when he had come down from the mountain, had to cover his face with a veil so that the glory of the Lord resting on his face would not blind anyone. However, Moses left the veil on his face. Paul was using this as **an analogy to the hardening that occurs in our minds and hearts** when we seek Christ by our own merit. He says that the veil is lifted or removed in Christ. Although the glory that Moses was first given faded, he did not remove the veil. He wanted people to think that the glory was not fading away.

Paul goes on to say that whenever *a man turns to the Lord*, the veil is taken away. This denotes an exposure of the inner man, perhaps recognizing our own inadequacy before the living God. It is at this point, **when the veil is lifted, that we experience the transforming liberty of the glory of the Lord**. This moment is the beginning of our emancipation from the bondage of our poor habits, our negative self-image, our inability to meet the demands of our faith alone, and the opening wide of the spiritual realm. Paul seems to indicate from this passage that an unveiled face is a necessity to the act of beholding the Lord.

Beholding as in a Mirror

In scripture, the Word is often referred to as a mirror. In the Old Testament, the laver in the tabernacle was actually made out of mirrors, gathered from women in the community (Exodus 38:8). The laver had special significance in that no one could enter the Holy Place unless he had first cleansed himself by the water. As the laver emptied, he could see himself in the basin. The act of washing symbolized his purification and actually secured his cleansing from his former sins. The dual role of the Word and water is referred to in the New Testament:

That He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word. Ephesians 5:26

In the Word, we come to discover not only *who we are in Christ*, but scripture uncovers our **present character and actions that need to be confessed**. We can turn to the Lord and ask Him to wash us. In John 13, when Jesus washed the disciples' feet, He tells them that unless they allow Him to wash their feet, they will have no part in Him. **As Christians, we are positionally righteous in Christ**. The paradox is that we know we still fall short of the mark.

It is noteworthy that the Lord washed the disciples' feet. It is very similar to our own situation. In our daily walk with the Lord our feet get dirty, we sin. We know that we can come to Him and He will wash us. The place where He washes us is in His Word.

As for compromise....

It is an easy but deadly way out.

Let's look at what our Lord has to say.....

Compromise

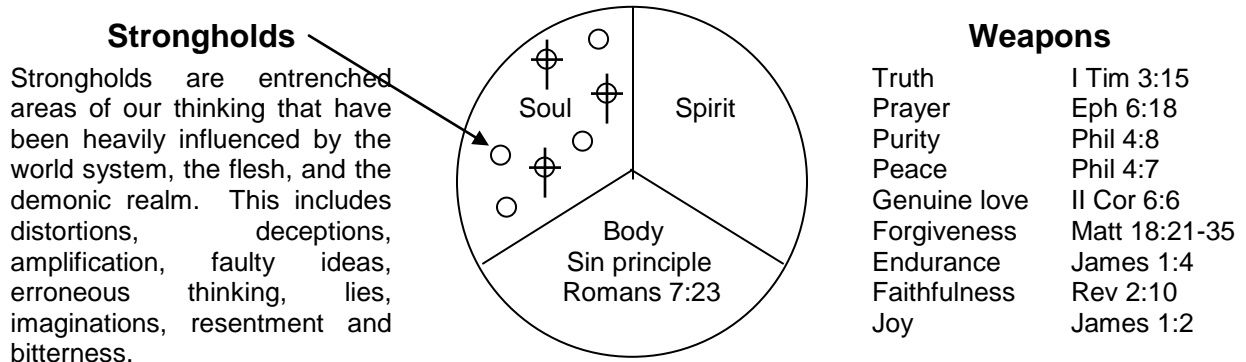
A Deception of the Believer

As we have seen, it is important to know the enemies that the believer is up against upon entering Canaan. The Lord told the nation of Israel through Moses, *“When the Lord your God shall bring you into the land where you are entering to possess it, and shall clear away many nations before you... and when the Lord your God shall deliver them before you, and you shall utterly destroy them. You shall make no covenant with them and show no favor to them.”* Deuteronomy 7:1-3

Brian Morgan in his message “Clearing the Land” shared these helpful insights:

“When the Israelites arrived in Canaan they saw that the Canaanites had a culture which far surpassed their own. They were even more religious than the Israelites. To make peace with the Canaanites, therefore, would seem to be a natural thing. To intermarry (or to compromise) with them would result in gaining property rights (an inheritance) without having to fight for it. **We are always tempted to take the easy way out, by making peace with what God has purposed to destroy – the flesh.**”

*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down **strongholds**, casting down **arguments** and **every high thing** that exalts itself against the **knowledge of God**, bringing **every thought into captivity** to the obedience of Christ. II Corinthians 10:3-5*



“We must learn to recognize how these dark systems of the devil work, but more than that, we must learn the processes of overcoming them – not by flesh and blood... Paul says the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, not fleshly, they are not of the body. Our weapons are mighty, through God, unto the pulling down of **strongholds** and bringing into captivity every thought (Ah! This is the arena. It is the realm of thoughts, it is the realm of ideas)... bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ. That is victory!”

Spiritual Warfare by Ray Stedman

CONDITIONS for occupying... NO COMPROMISE

Section 5

The Carpenter's Tools

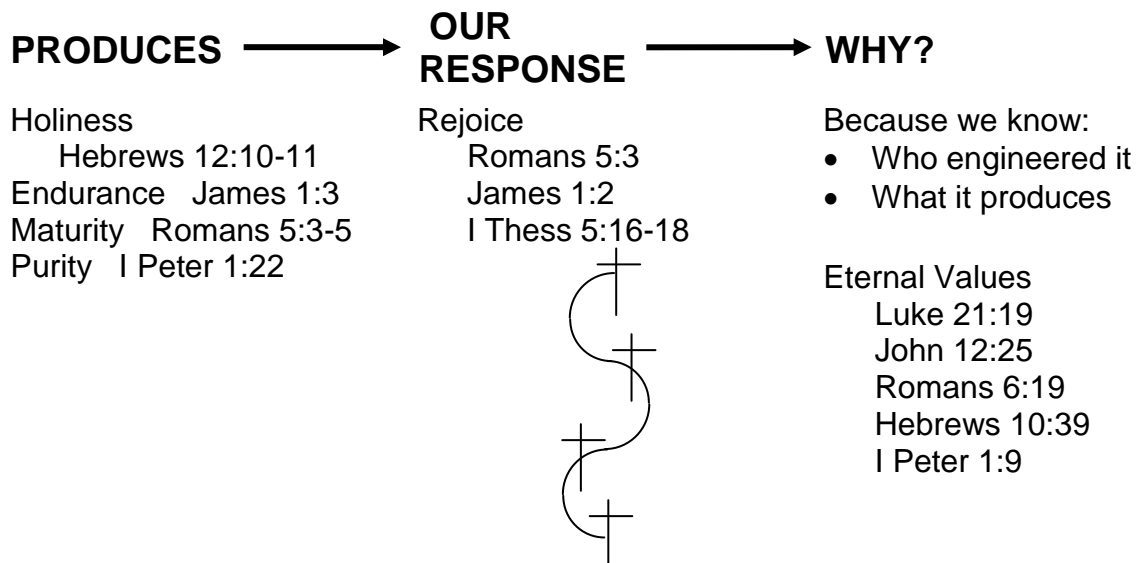
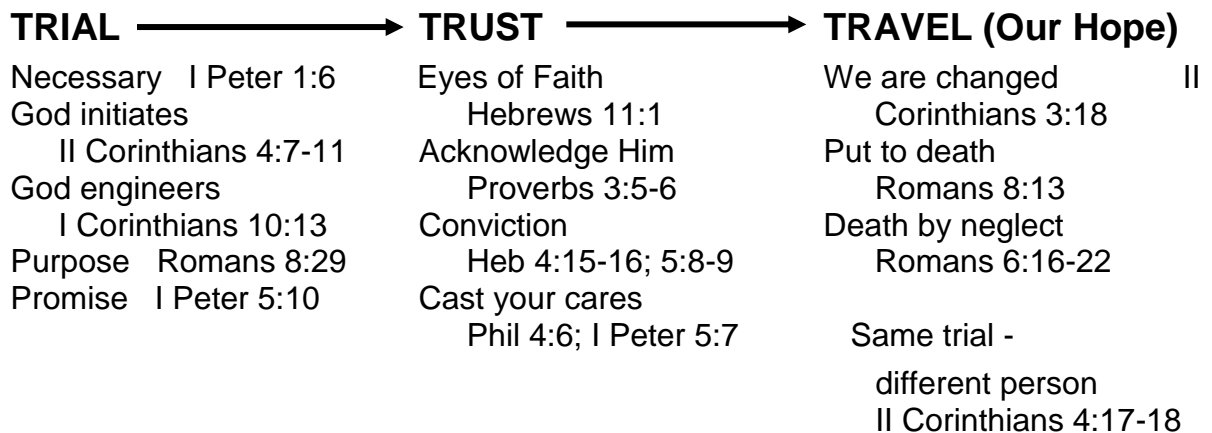
Tribulation

TRIAL TRUST TRAVEL

The Greek word for tribulation is *thlipsis* (Romans 5:3-5), "a pressing together, pressure, oppression, affliction, distress, straits."

Certainly, the first century Christians understood this quite well as many of them had experienced their property, possessions or lives endangered by their confession. In Acts 14:22 we read, Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, "strengthening the souls of the disciples," encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying, "through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God."

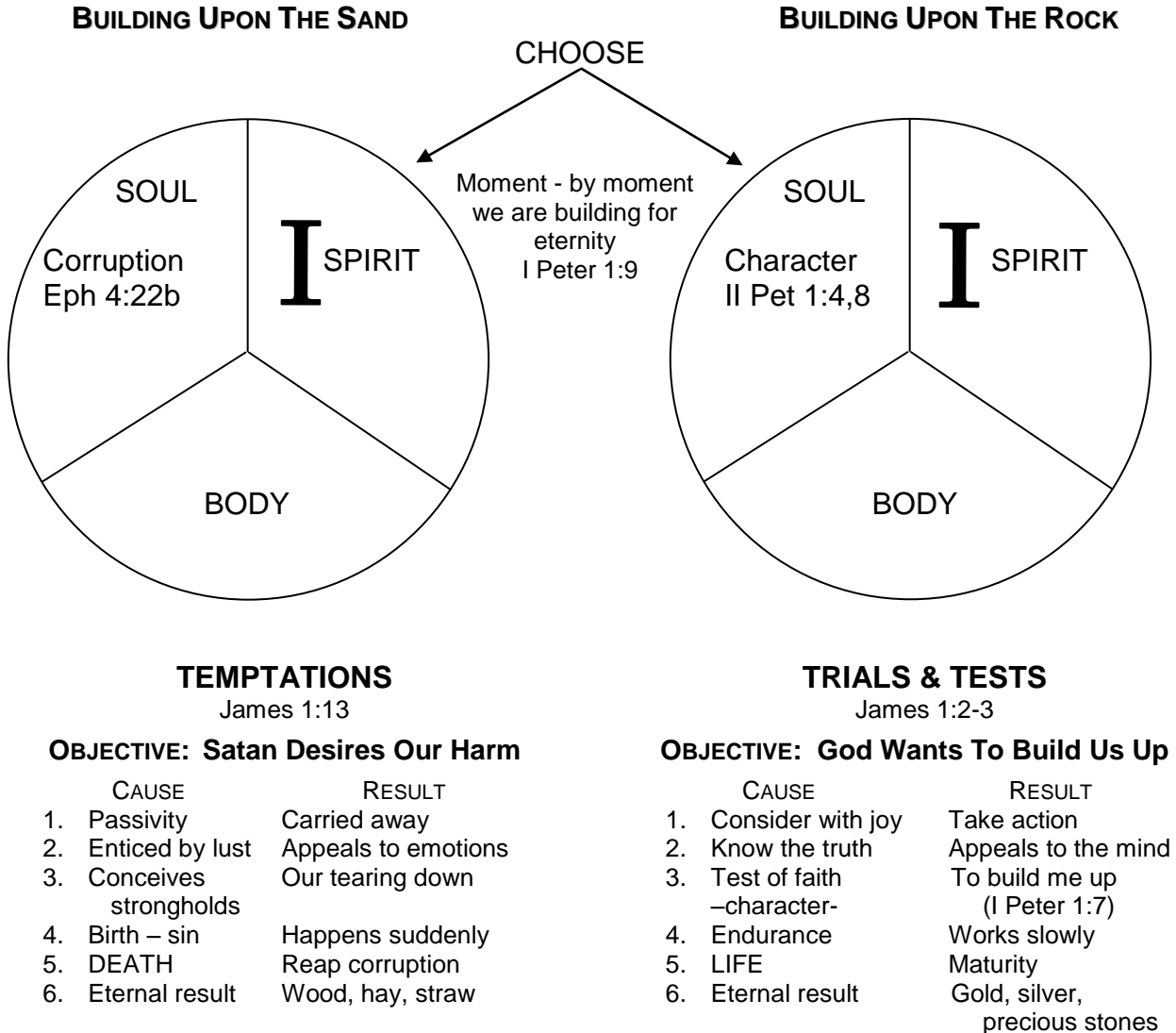
These passages begin to open up one of the secrets that belong to every Christian. That secret is the hidden purpose God has in daily delivering us over to pressing trials and tests that God has uniquely designed for us. Each trial is specifically engineered by Him to produce the **image of Jesus Christ in our soul**. These tribulations are God's statement that He approves of us – Romans 5:3; Hebrews 12:5. We will know more of what actually these trials have produced when we are with the Lord. But for now, we have the tremendous promise of Romans 8:28.



...obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your soul. I Peter 1:9

The Two Foundations

But let each one take heed how he builds on it. I Corinthians 3:10b



Sow a thought reap an act
Sow an act reap a habit
Sow a habit reap your character
Sow your character reap your destiny

DO NOT BE DECEIVED THERE IS NO FENCE
NOW COUNTS FOREVER

Suffering: Worth Its Weight in Gold

Perspective on Suffering

There is a battle raging in the unseen that is clearly perceived by the rulers and the authorities in the heavenlies. Paul states this in his letter to the Ephesians. "In order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the Church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places."

Again, the writer to the Hebrews pictures the corporate church and the individual believer in an observable arena before a host of onlookers. "Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us" (Hebrews 12:1).

Something is accomplished through this vehicle of suffering which is expediting the purposes of God on an eternal dimension and making known His infinite love and wisdom.

"We must be clear exactly what we mean if we say that God 'could have stopped' Job's suffering. We may indeed accept that He had the sheer power to stop or even destroy Satan. The problem is that in this case, even as Satan sank under God's wrath and destruction, he would have gone with a sneer on his lips as though to say, 'I told you so.' Such a 'solution' would have left, forever unanswered, Satan's accusation that God's kingdom was based (like his own) on force and expediency.

It was not lack of power that prevented God from crushing Satan – it was a matter of principle. It is, perhaps, comparable with that moral restraint which makes it impossible for God to lie. Satan's accusations must be answered, and they cannot be truly answered by a force that crushes the accuser. They can only be fully answered by the method God adopts, by allowing Satan to remove Job's privileges. He must show that the servant in whom he trusts loves him for himself and not for what he can get out of Him."

God's Strategy in Human History by Roger Forster

The Purpose of Suffering

The Greek word for suffering is *dokimazo* which means "to put to the test for the purpose of approving, and finding that the person tested meets the specifications; to put one's approval upon him" (Wuest).

God chooses for many reasons to use suffering in the life of the believer. Suffering refines our character and causes our faith to be made more precious than gold. Suffering....

- Perfects and hastens our completion in Christ (I Peter 5:10; James 1:2-4)
- Is producing for us eternal glory (Romans 8:18)
- Promotes fellowship and comfort in the Lord (Philippians 3:10; II Cor 1:3-4)
- Teaches us obedience (Hebrews 5:8)
- Produces perseverance, proven character, and hope (Romans 5:3-4)
- Manifests the life of Jesus Christ (II Corinthians 4:11)

The Refining Process

"But God is not interested in brokenness primarily for its temporal value, great as that may be. His bride Elect is in training for the throne. She is in the school of suffering to learn agape love to qualify her for rulership in an economy where the law of love is supreme.

There is simply no way to explain the Biblical teaching on the glory of suffering and tribulation, except as an apprenticeship for the throne. No love without suffering. No rulership without love. Therefore, ONLY if we suffer shall we reign with Him.

It is easy to doubt that one's present particular suffering qualifies to serve this high purpose. Some day one may come to understand that the very sorrow which he thought most irrelevant was the one God used for His most glorious end..."

Don't Waste Your Sorrows by Paul E. Billheimer

"But who can endure the day of His coming? And who can stand when He appears? For He is like a refiner's fire and like launderer's soap. He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer to the LORD an offering in righteousness." Malachi 3:2-3

"I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, 'This is My people'; and each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'" Zechariah 13:9

The refining pot is for silver and the furnace for gold, But the LORD tests the hearts. Proverbs 17:3

However, the actual refining process is not as poetic as the purpose it is going to achieve. Edith Schaeffer describes the silversmith's methodology of refining silver and compares it to how our Heavenly Father refines our lives.

"In the refining process the silversmith heats the silver to an intense degree and then skims off the top of the liquid silver that has floated to the surface. The silver is not considered pure until the silversmith can see his face reflected in the liquid silver."

One of the necessary elements in the refining process is the quality of...

ENDURANCE

What does our Lord say about endurance...?

Endurance

Seeing That Which is Unseen

Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he (Moses) looked to the reward. By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

Hebrews 11:25-27

Following are some verses dealing with this subject of endurance. God's ultimate goal for your life as a believer is your individual transformation into the likeness of Jesus Christ... *"For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son..." (Romans 8:29)* Through this element of endurance, our lives begin to take on the fullness of the character of Christ.

- *Be patient in tribulation.... Romans 12:12*
- *Let us run with endurance (patience, perseverance) the race that is set before us... Hebrews 12:1*
- *But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience. Luke 8:15*
- *I, John, both your brother and companion in the tribulation and kingdom and patience of Jesus Christ... Revelation 1:9*
- *Now may the Lord direct your hearts... and into the patience of Christ. II Thessalonians 3:5*

Biblical Character Studies in Endurance

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| • Joseph | Genesis 45:4ff; 50:20, 24 |
| • Moses | Exodus 14:22-29; Hebrews 11:24-29 |
| • Elijah | I Kings 18:41-46; James 5:17-18 |
| • Hosea | Hosea 1:2-3; 3:1-3 |
| • Jeremiah | Jeremiah 15:10-16:21; 20:10-13 |
| • Hannah | I Samuel 1:6-15 |
| • Job | Job 2:7-10 |
| • Paul | II Corinthians 4:1, 8-11, 16-18; 6:3-10 |

Another element in our transformation....

Affliction

It is important to keep in mind a balanced understanding of suffering, affliction, hardship, and tribulation. In her book, Edith Schaeffer compares suffering to a small part of the symphony that God is orchestrating in our lives.

“All through the Word of God there runs a thread of silver that speaks of a very real preparation within us. We are being prepared for something ahead, but the complete scope and the rightness of what it is all about is beyond us... I Corinthians 2:9-10... What God is preparing for us is greater than anything He has yet given us to experience. However, it seems clear that He is letting us know that He is not only preparing something for us, He is preparing us for something.”

Affliction by Edith Schaeffer

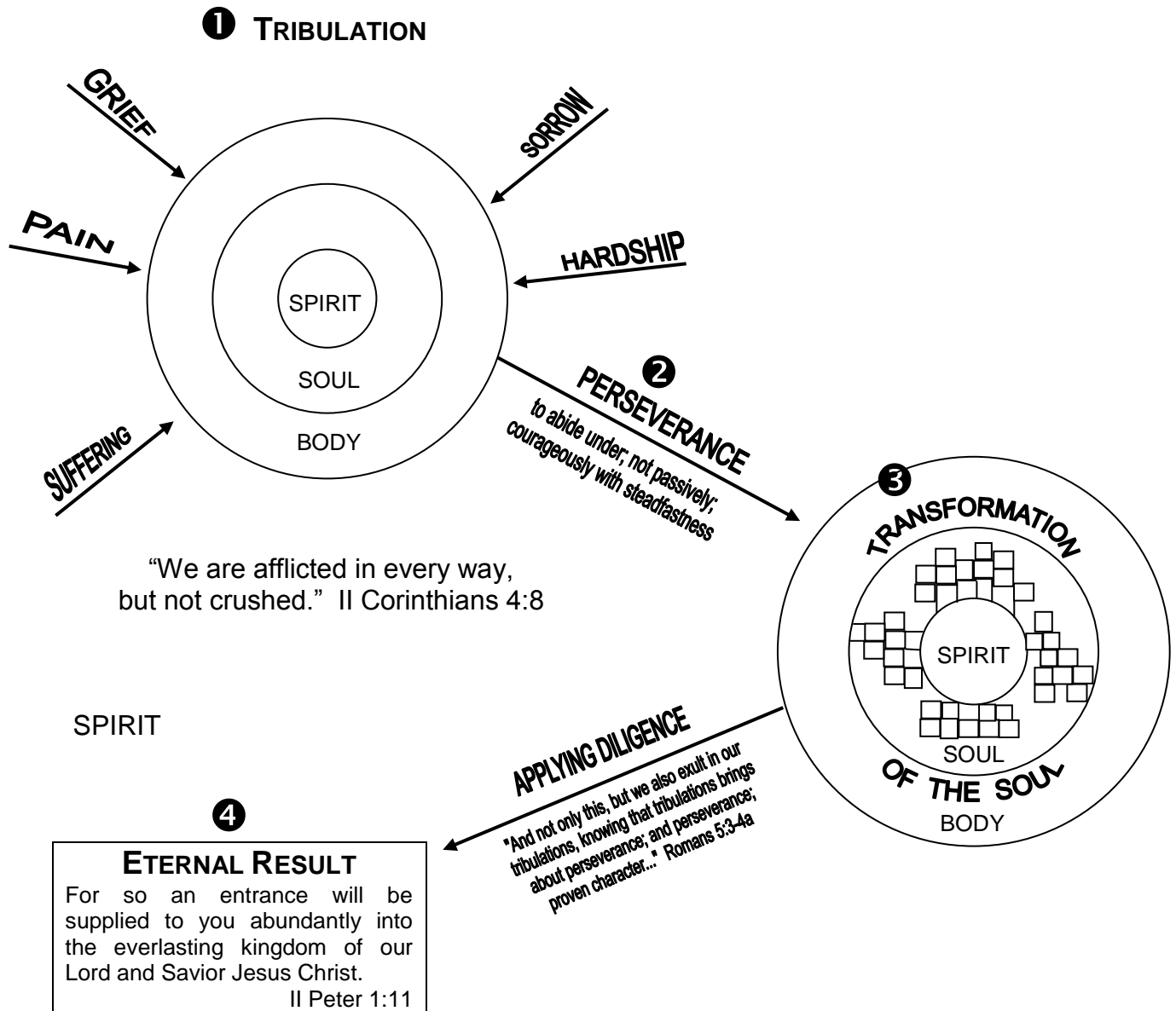
HARDSHIP, SUFFERING, AFFLICTION, TRIBULATION

ARE
WORTH
THEIR
WEIGHT
IN
GOLD.....

*Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold...
I Corinthians 3:12a*

Perseverance

Applying All Diligence



HYPOMENO

Hypomeno means in the first instance, to remain behind, to await. It acquired then the more active sense of overcoming difficulties; to persevere, stand firm, to stand one's ground. The word *hypomeno* is also used frequently in military context. In relation to the Christian walk, it is used as follows:

- In Christ's warning to endure (Matt 24:13; Mark 13:13)
- In bringing forth fruit. (Luke 8:15; Matt 13:23)
- To be coupled with hope and love (Rom 2:7; 5:3; Col 1:11; I Thess 1:3)
- As a quality required of Christian workers (I Tim 6:11; II Tim 2:12; 3:10; Titus 2:2; I Cor 15:58)

Jesus said:

"He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. John 12:25

"Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him." John 6:27

The Church's Vocation

- **Wage a War**

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints. Ephesians 6:10-18

- **Run a Race**

Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:1-2

- **Work in Love**

For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, you are God's building. I Corinthians 3:9

Section 6

Salvation of The Soul

Possessing The Land

"But the ones that fell on the good ground are those who, having heard the word with a noble and good heart, keep it and bear fruit with patience." Luke 8:15

Possessing the Land

It is important to note the recurring theme in scripture that we are, as Christians, in a building process. Daily, and moment-by-moment, we make decisions that affect our lives for eternity. As believers, we have a choice of building materials. However, we are warned what materials will ultimately last and which ones will be burned...

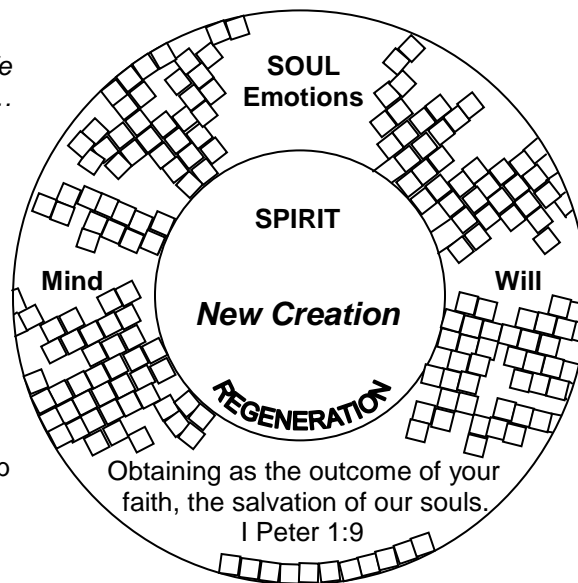
But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

1 Corinthians 3:10b-13

*He who loves his life
(Greek: soul) loses it...
John 12:25a*

*... and he who hates his
life (Greek: soul) in this
world shall keep it to life
eternal. John 12:25b*

Wood, Hay, Straw
BURNED
• 1 Corinthians 3:12b
• 1 Corinthians 3:15



Gold, Silver,
Precious Stones
REMAIN
• 1 Corinthians 3:12a
• 1 Corinthians 3:14

“Whatever portion of the soul (the life of man – that part of us that has functioned within this time and space continuum) which has been saved also returns with the spirit of God. I think it is significant to note that in the scriptures, **the spirit is regenerated** but the **soul is being saved**. There is only one place to my recollection in which scripture ever mentions the spirit being saved. It is in the soul, that life we are living now, that needs to be saved. That part of it which is lived in the power of the Spirit of God, functioning in relationship to the Lord Jesus Christ as God intended man to live, is saved. Our souls are thus being saved as we live day-by-day in relationship to the Son of God. That “saved” soul is what we have left after this life, and only that. All else is wood, hay and stubble to disappear in the judging flame of God.”

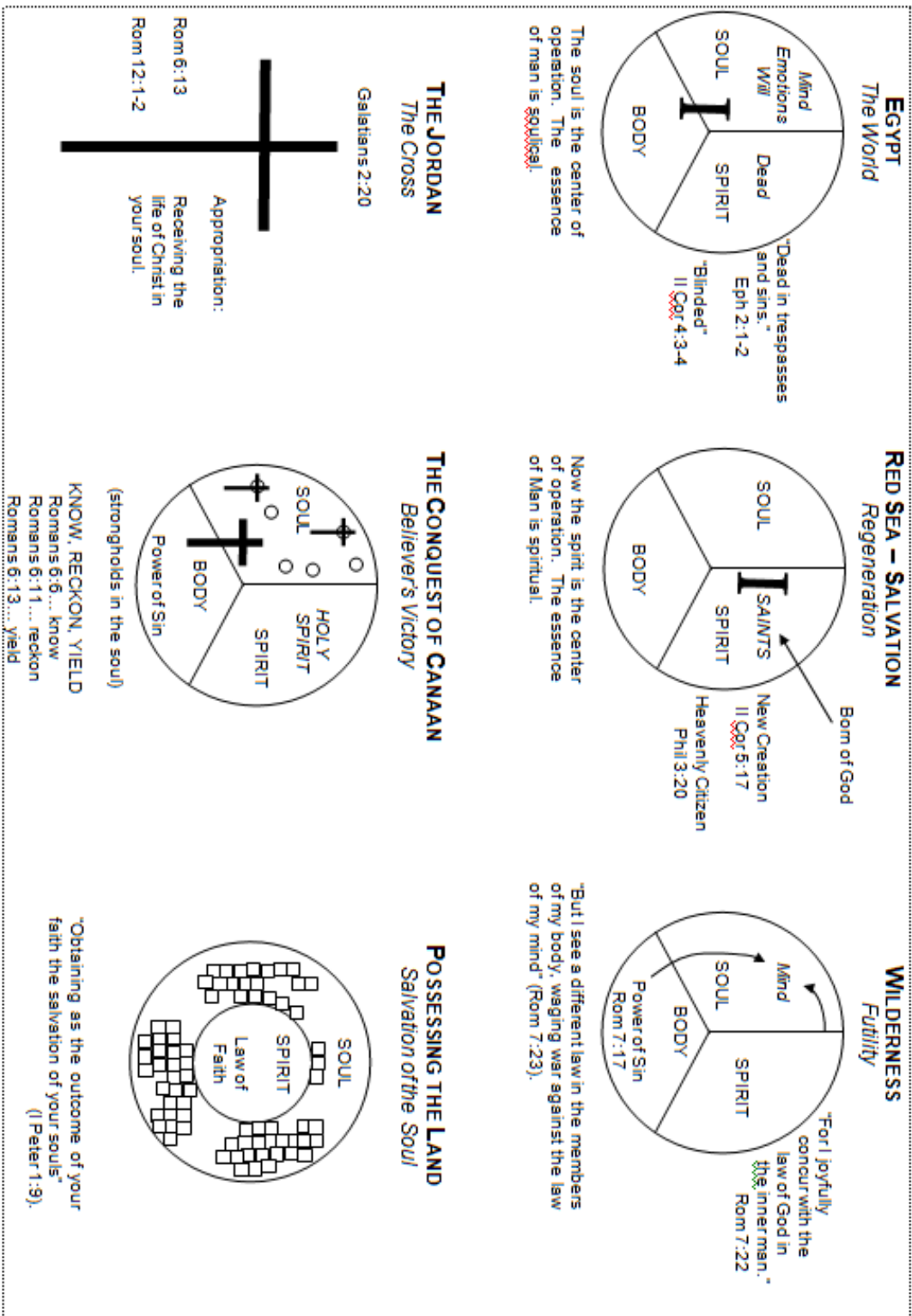
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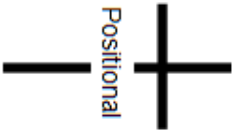

Our Journey at a Glance

He brought us out...

OUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE



“HE BROUGHT US OUT IN ORDER TO BRING US IN...” Deuteronomy 6:23

| EGYPT | SALVATION | THE WILDERNESS | IDENTIFICATION | CANAAN |
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| (unregenerate) “Dead in trespasses and sins.” Ephesians 2:1-2 “Blinded” II Corinthians 4:3-4 | (regeneration) R E D E M P T I O N Christ as Savior  Positional Born of God John 1:12-13 | Craving evil things... Idolatry... Immorality... Trying the Lord... Grumbling... I Corinthians 10:6-10 | “I have been crucified with Christ” Galatians 2:20 J O R D A N Christ as Life  Experiential Romans 6:6 | (Deeper work of circumcision of the flesh) Ai Jericho Gilgal DRIVE OUT the enemies POSSESS your possessions |

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