

GOD IN YOUR HEART

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OPENING COMMENTS

**How does one share the greatest love story of all-time?
First, we must realize that it is impossible to get to God.
The “finite” cannot reach the “infinite”.**

The “mortal being” cannot reach the “immortal”.

In fact the Bible says that nobody has even seen God (as Spirit).

So if it is impossible for us to reach God and impossible for us to see God, how can we experience God?

People ask, “show me God?”

Yet, we cannot even see ourselves. All we see is a reversed reflection of ourselves when we look in the mirror. No one has even seen themselves let alone God.

OPENING COMMENTS

Do you think that an infinite, eternal, perfect Spirit, unchangeable and infinite in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, knowledge, love, grace, mercy and truth in whom all things have their source, support, and end would be able to reveal Himself to mankind?

Or, do you think that finite man could get to God?

If you were God,

**how would you reveal yourself to humanity
and prove you were God?**

THE BIBLE

First, we need to start off with the Bible. Can we trust that the Bible we have is truly the word of God?

Has God really spoken to us through His Word through the prophets?

Let us say this from Hebrews 1:1-2, In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.

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THE BIBLE

Isn't it a wonderful thing that God would speak to us.

While people are looking to "see" God, He has taken the time to speak to us through His Word, first through the prophets of the OT and now through His Son, Jesus Christ.

Let's look at a few brief reasons the Bible is reliable:

THE BIBLE

God's Word, surviving thousands of years, contains the revelation and embodiment of God being unified in its doctrine, moral standard, plan of salvation, etc. even though written by some 40 different authors over 1600 years. No man could have set forth to write such a harmonious book for if they could have then we would have another Bible. Only God could have written such a unified book.

THE BIBLE

The Bible, showing God's fulfilled predictions of future events, shows it's a divine book (332 fulfilled prophecies of Christ alone).

In the O.T. the Bible conveys the message of God's words using phrases such as "The Lord said," "Thus says the Lord," "Now the Lord said to", etc. over 3,800 times showing God actually speaking to these people as well as over 500 times, the N.T. authors claim to give the message of God.

THE BIBLE

Moses' writings in the Pentateuch are very credible being a witness of many events as well as being given credibility throughout the Bible by other writers as well as Jesus.

Jesus Christ recognized and spoke of the Old Testament's credibility.

History and archaeology provide many proofs of the biblical characters, events, and dates of the Bible.

THE BIBLE

In many cases, the N.T. writers were eyewitnesses to Christ's miracles, fulfilled prophecies, life, death, resurrection, and ascension.

The New Testament writer's accounts harmonize with historical figures.

THE BIBLE

The Bible was written by people from different time periods, social standings, and backgrounds yet the unity, literary expertise, and wonder of it is amazing.

The total account of N.T. manuscripts is now around 5,000 with a 99+% accuracy of copy.

No other book from history compares to it.

THE BIBLE

A truly divine book it is without doubt God speaking to mankind!!

So, for our study, we are going to unashamedly use the Bible as our text and voice for the presentation of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

GOD IS SPIRIT

Let us start by saying

GOD IS SPIRIT!!

God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24)

**Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence? (Psalm 139:7)**

**The Spirit of God has made me;
the breath of the Almighty gives me life. (Job 33:4)**



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GOD IS HOLY

God is holy and therefore nothing unholy can be in His presence. He is pure, without sin, and unable to sin.



**GOD
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GOD IS HOLY

God is HOLY. I am the LORD who brought you up out of Egypt to be your God; therefore be holy, because I am holy. (Lev.11:45)

He created heaven and is dwelling there in His holiness. There is no sin in heaven or is there anything unholy. Heaven is a perfect place.
“(God), look down from heaven, your holy dwelling place,” (Deuteronomy 26:15).



GOD
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GOD IS LOVE

God is love. Because God is love, He loves. It is the essence of His being and Who He is. As a complete, supreme being God was self-sustaining. He did not need to create anyone or anything. But He wanted to love and He made us for His praise and glory. God does not love and therefore He is love. HE IS LOVE and therefore love comes from Him. And love has to have an object. So God created.



GOD IS LOVE

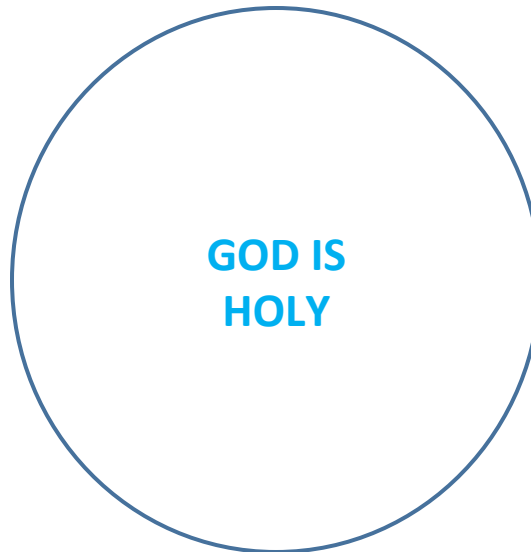
God is LOVE.

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. (1 John 4:16)



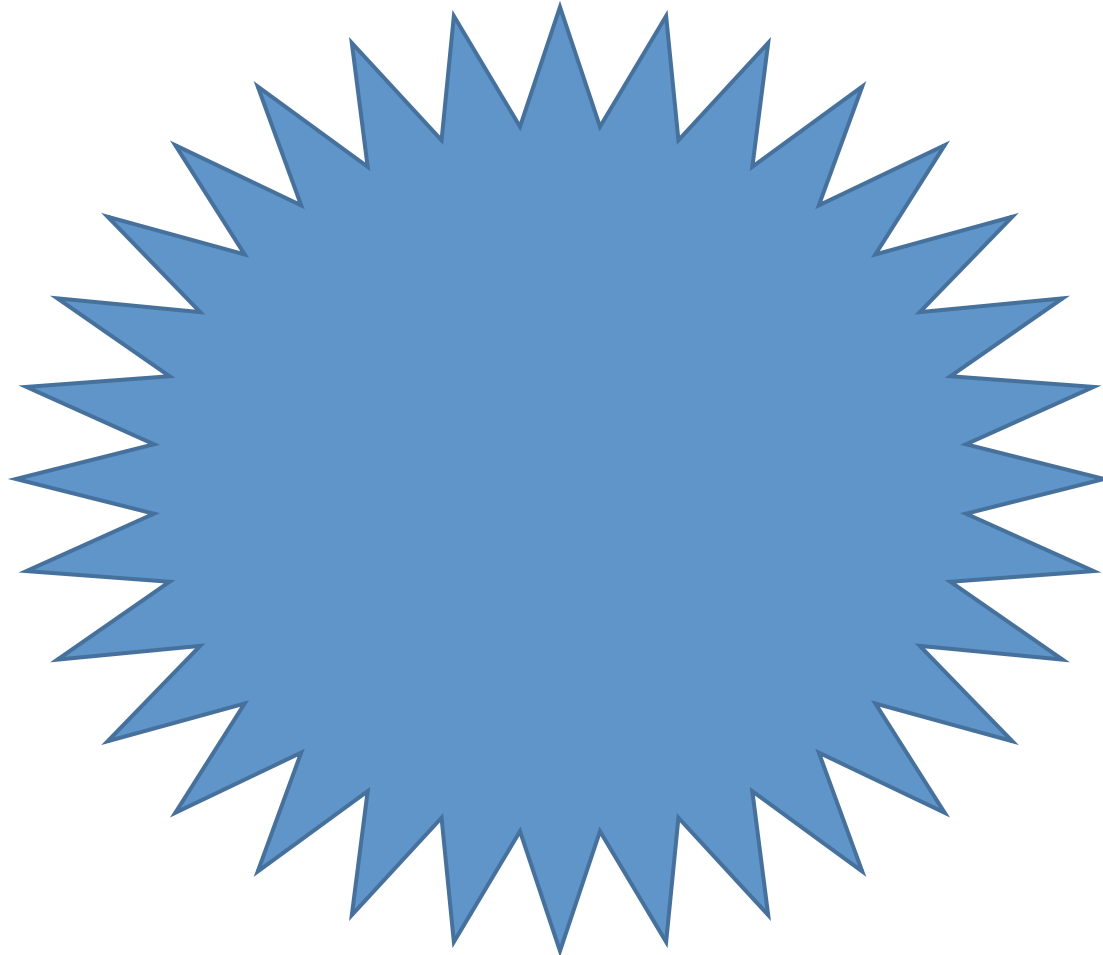
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God is Spirit
God is Holy
God is Love



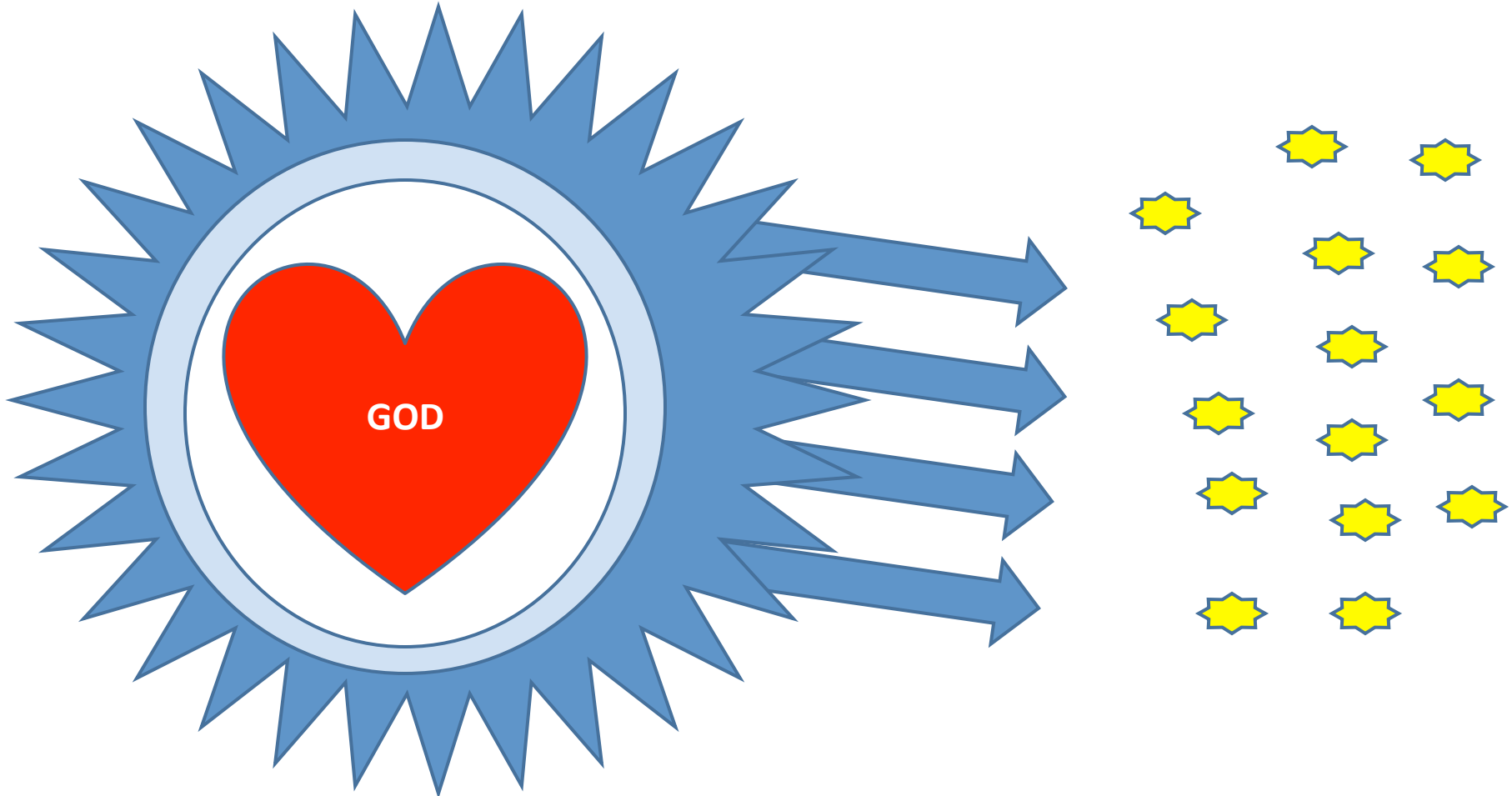
HOW WE FUNCTION AND APPLICATION

God is also infinite, eternal, unchangeable, wisdom, all-powerful, all-knowing, all-present, just, good, grace, mercy, truth, peace, joy, life, light, etc. as we'll see.



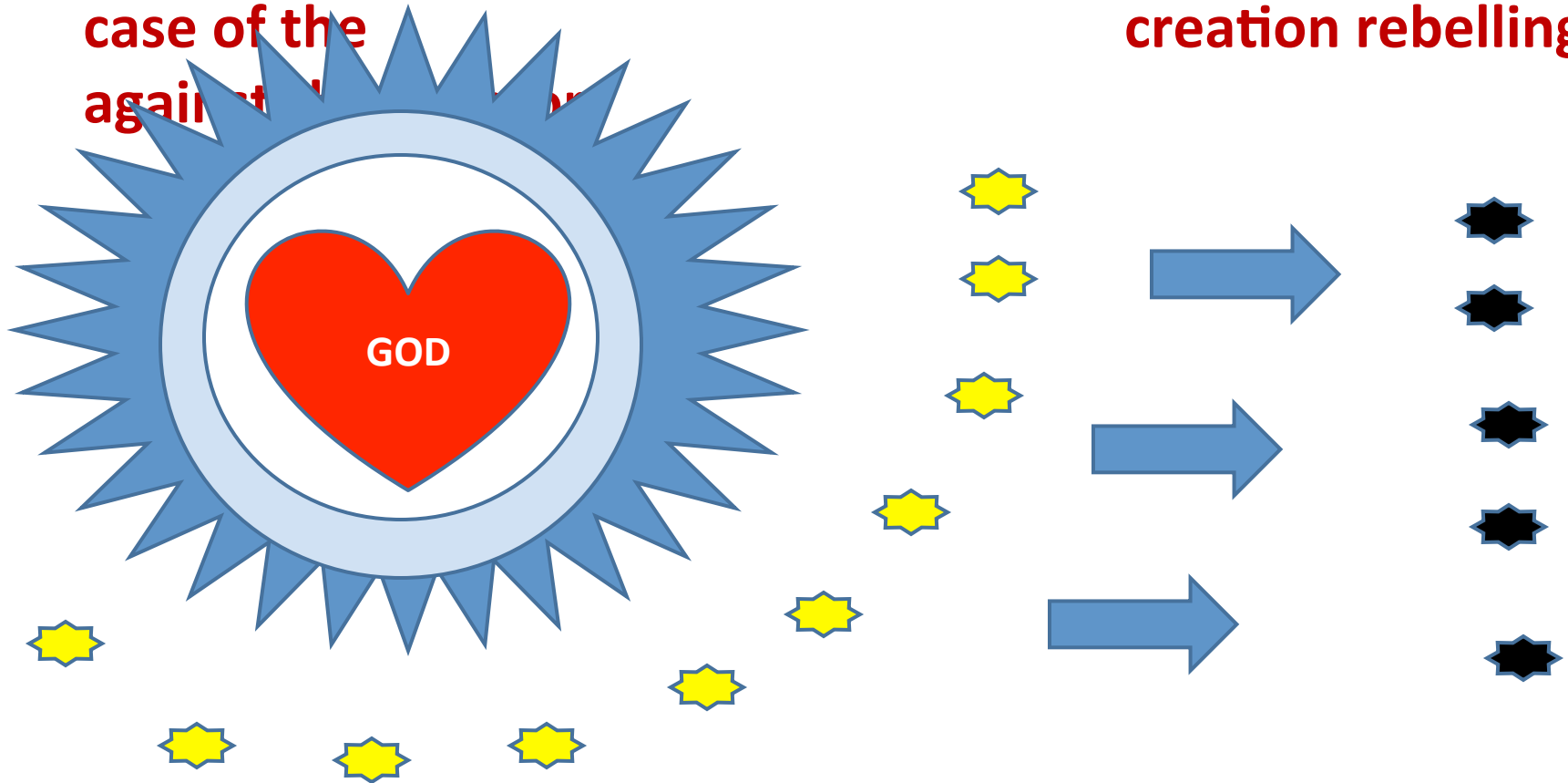
GOD CREATED ANGELIC SPIRITS (SOME WHO REBELLED)

Because God is love and “all-powerful”, He created angelic beings (spirits).



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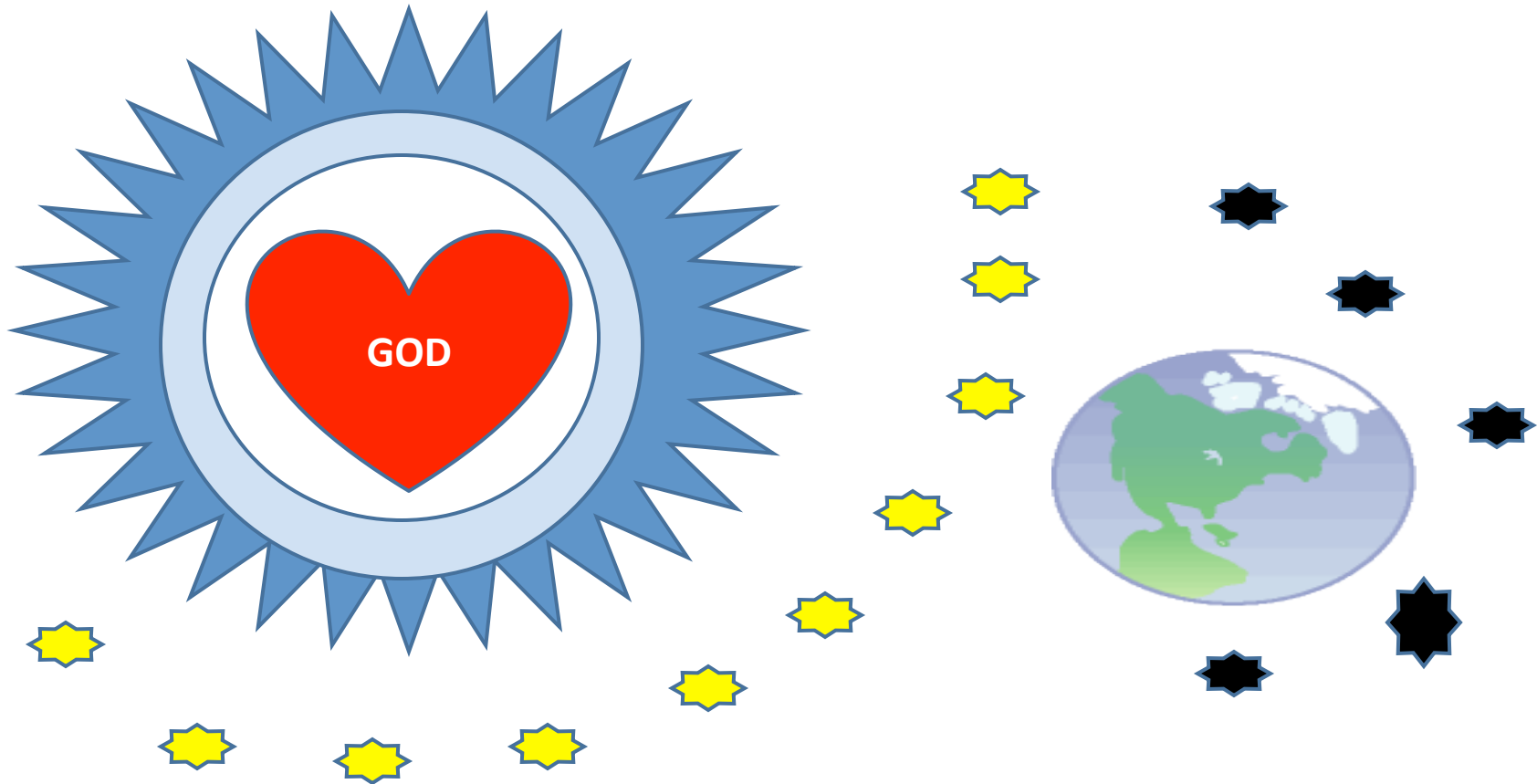
At some point in eternity past, a third of these beings rebelled and were cast out of heaven (see Isa.14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:11-19). Jesus said, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven” (Luke 10:18). This was the first case of the creation rebelling against the Creator.



GOD CREATED ANGELIC SPIRITS (SOME WHO REBELLED)

Now the dividing lines were set up. And a war would be fought. The battlegrounds would be outside heaven.

Why did God not stop here? Why did He decide to continue creating man? There are many answers for this.



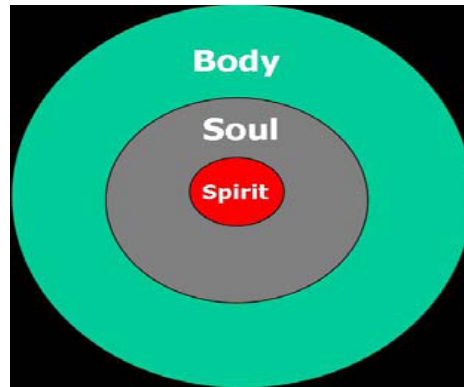
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The rebellious angels would have to be judged for God was holy and holiness requires judgment. God would have to reassert His authority throughout the heavens. And man had been in His heart from all eternity past. Man was to be His finest creation. Man was to be made in His image – in the image of God. And God wanted to continue to love. And God would allow the evil powers of the world to show rebellious man their need to turn to a loving God!!

**As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."
(Romans 3:10-12)**

GOD CREATED MAN

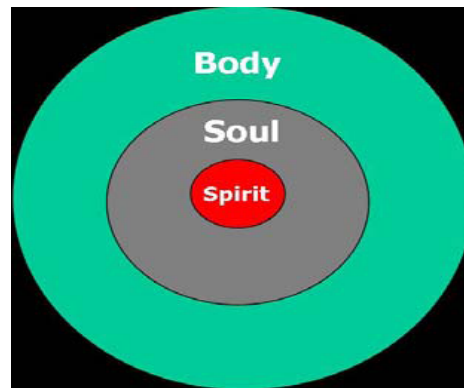
Next, God created man. He made Adam – the first man. Then He brought Eve to him. Adam and Eve lived in a perfect environment. All they needed was supplied for them. They walked in innocence of Sin and in God's presence.



GOD CREATED MAN

We also see the three part (trichotomy) of man here, the LORD God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being. (Genesis 2:7)

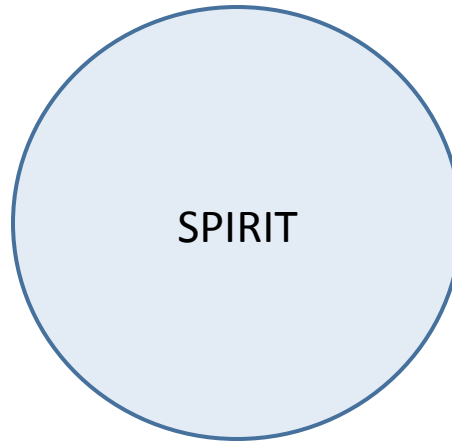
- “dust of the ground” **A BODY**
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- “man became a living being” **A SOUL**



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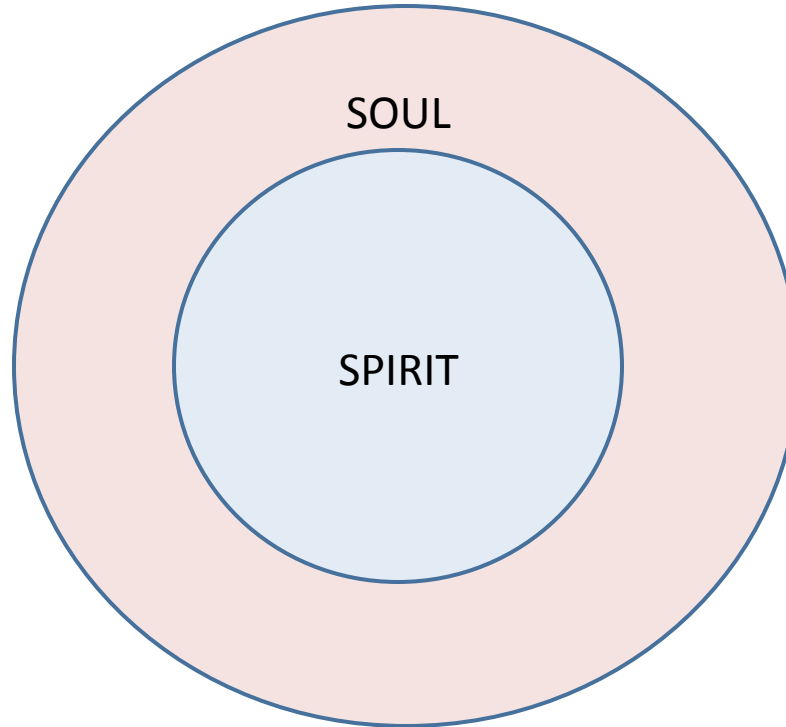
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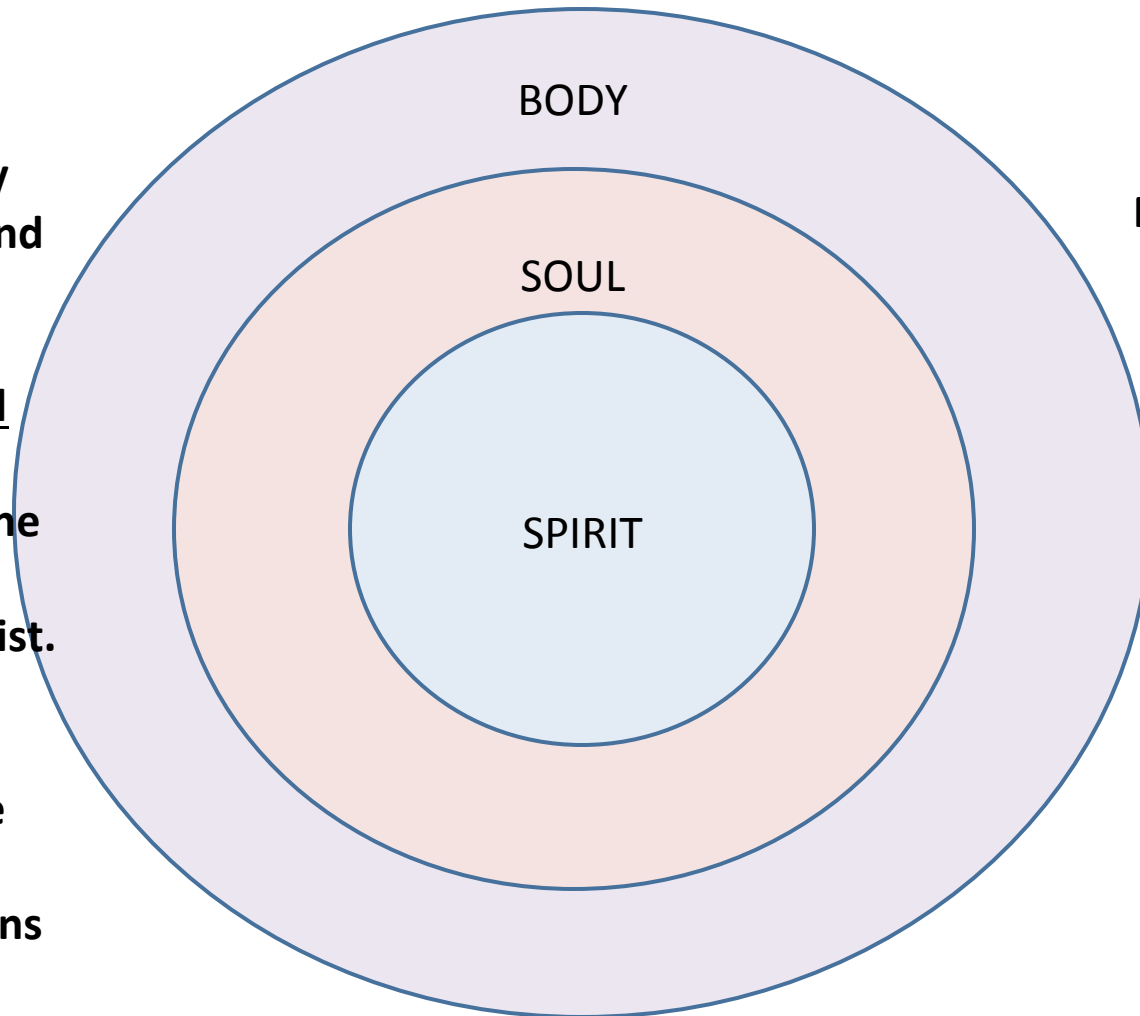
**You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.
(Revelation 4:11)**

MAN IS SOUL



GOD CREATED MAN

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it. (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24)



MAN IS BODY

GOD WARNS MAN

Out of His love, God warned Adam and Eve how they could have life in Him.

And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." (Genesis 2:16-17)



SATAN AND SIN ENTER

Yet, sin was around the corner. Satan tempted Eve and she fell. Then, Adam sinned along with her.

"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." (Genesis 3:4) (see: 3:1-7 for the FALL OF MAN)

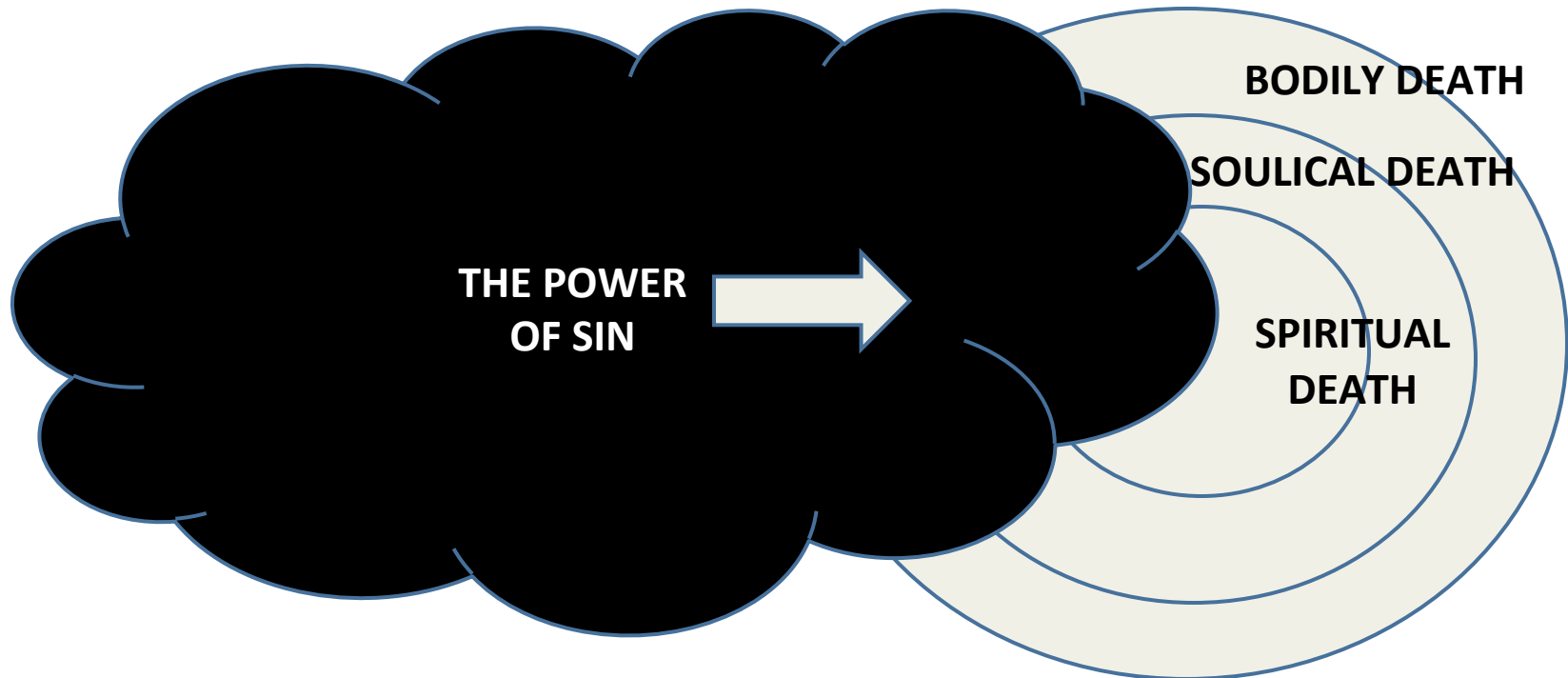


**THE POWER
OF SIN**

DEATH!!

The consequence was **SPIRITUAL, SOULICAL, BODILY DEATH**. Immediate “spiritual death” for they were separated from God and all those from Adam’s seed were born spiritually dead to God.

And “bodily death” for all those from Adam’s seed.



A LIE

"You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

"For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Let it be said that this lie is still being used today. Mankind is still trying to be "gods" & believing themselves more knowledgeable than God Himself." Trying to "be like God."



THE POWER
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A LIE

Satan showed himself to be the father of lies. He lied to Adam and Eve by saying, “you will not surely die” and in verse 1, “Did God really say...?”



father of lies

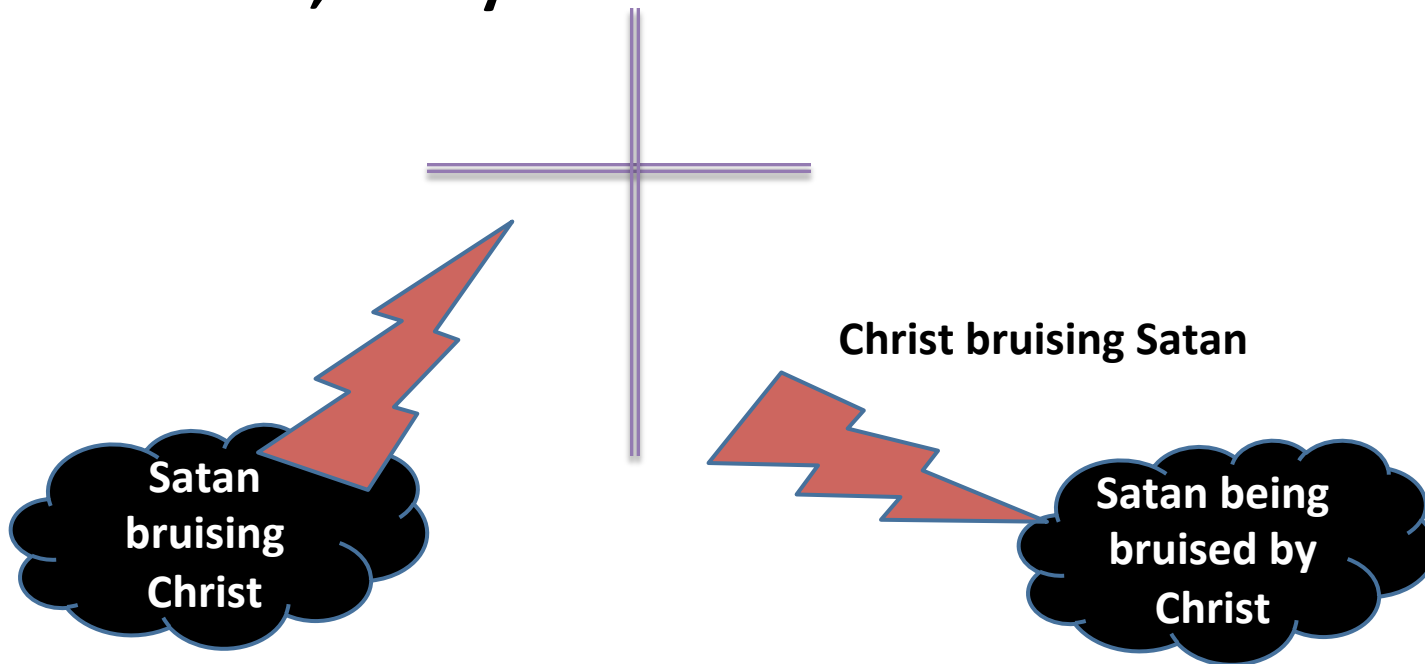
Jesus said, You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for **there is no truth in him**. When he lies, he **speaks his native language**, for he is **a liar and the father of lies**. (John 8:44)

THE PROMISED SAVIOR

Now man would be cast out of Eden. And they would be given the promise of a Savior.

God speaking to Satan said,

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." (Gen.3:15)



SEED OF THE WOMAN

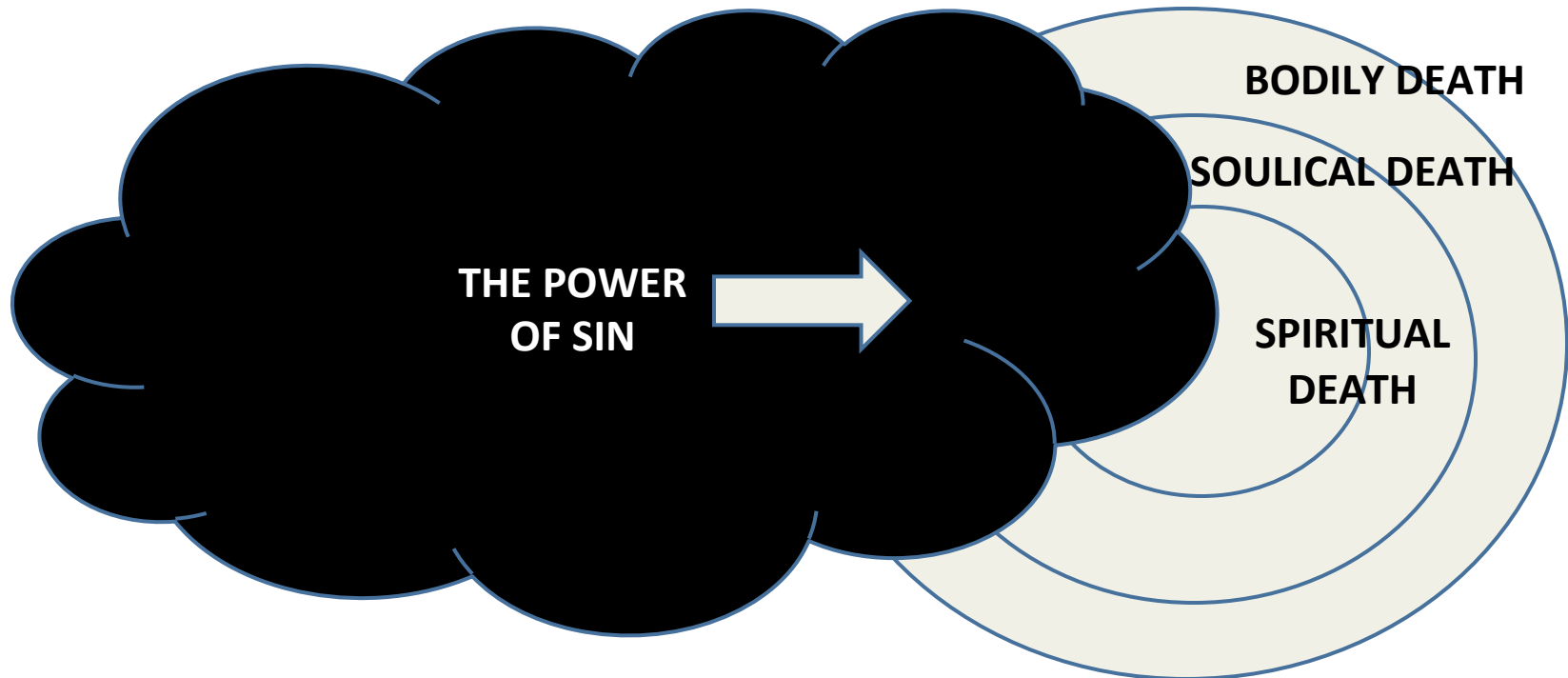
Here we see the “seed of the woman”. Usually, it is the “seed” of the man. God was showing that the “SEED” Christ Jesus was going to come into the world through a woman but without a man. CHRIST IS THE “SEED”.

The promises were spoken to Abraham and to his seed. The Scripture does not say "and to seeds," meaning many people, but "and to your seed," meaning one person, who is Christ. (Galatians 3:16)



ADAM'S SINFUL NATURE

Let it be said that from this point on, Adam had a sinful nature. His very nature was sinful. And he passed his sinful nature down to all mankind through his human “seed”. “For as in Adam all died, so in Christ all will be made alive” (1 Cor.15:22).

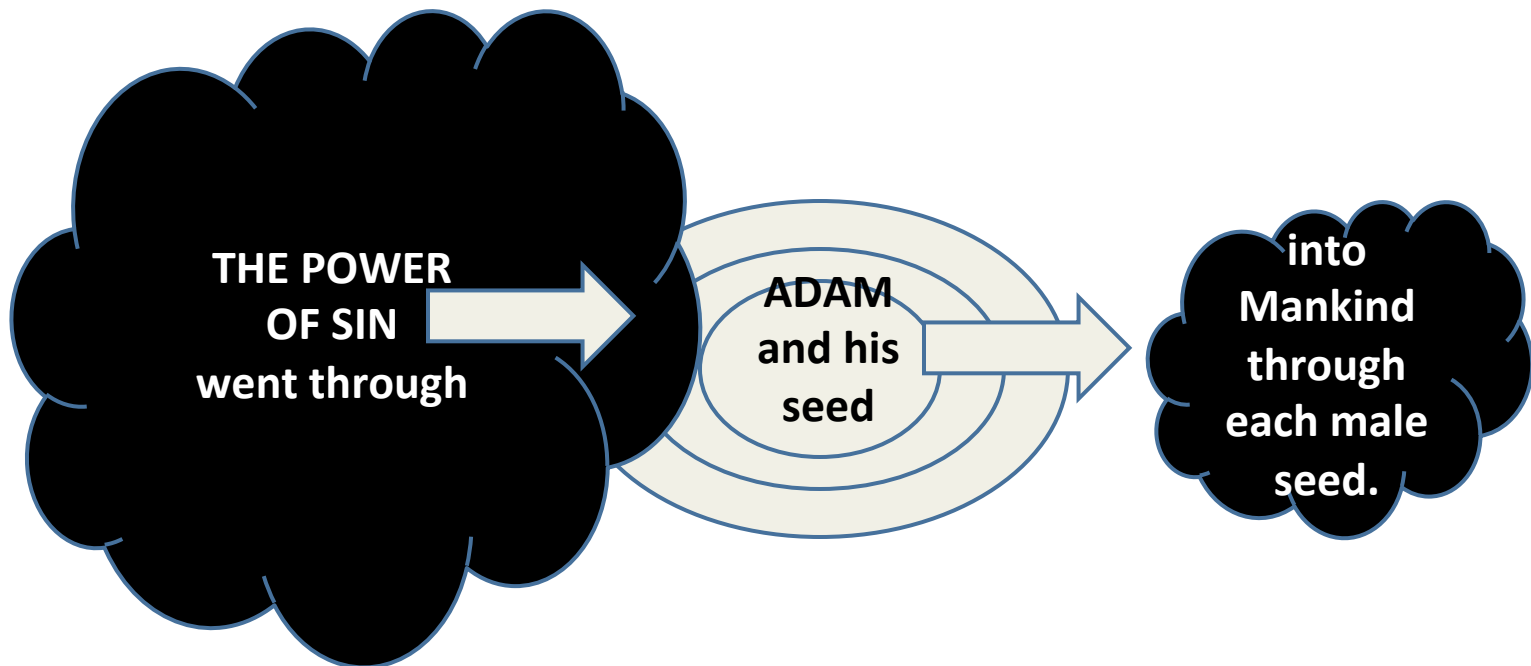


SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL DEATH

“Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned” (Romans 5:12).

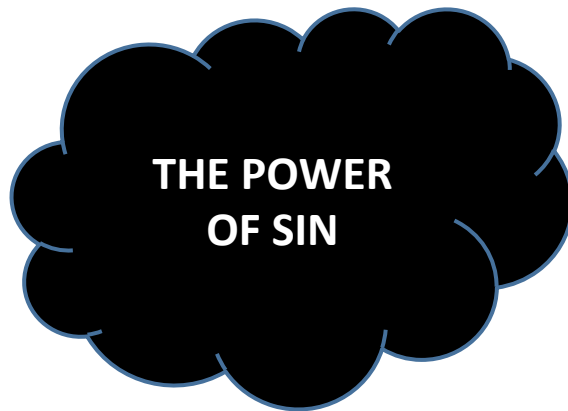
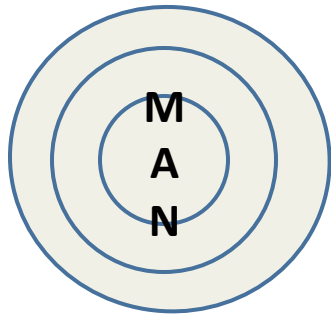
Adam had experienced “spiritual death” but physical death yet until later in his earthly existence.

Now, everyone is born “spiritually” dead & will “bodily die”.



SIN PERVADES EVERYTHING NOT OF GOD

Yet sin pervades everything. All creation. It is like a cancer that goes through everything robbing, killing, destroying. This thing called SIN. It is the reason that people used to live hundreds of years and now live less than a hundred. SIN. It is the reason that plant and animal life die. SIN. It is the thing that we can try to ignore, avoid, deny, yet SIN exists and explains so much. And “SIN” SEPARATES US FROM GOD!!



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Sin is the absence of **GOD** (God is holy).

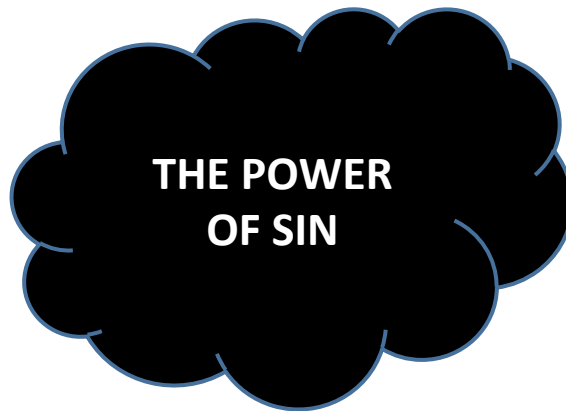
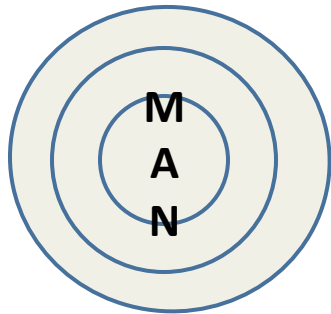
Evil is the absence of **GOOD** (God is good).

Death is the absence of **LIFE** (God is life).

Fear is the absence of **FAITH/TRUST**

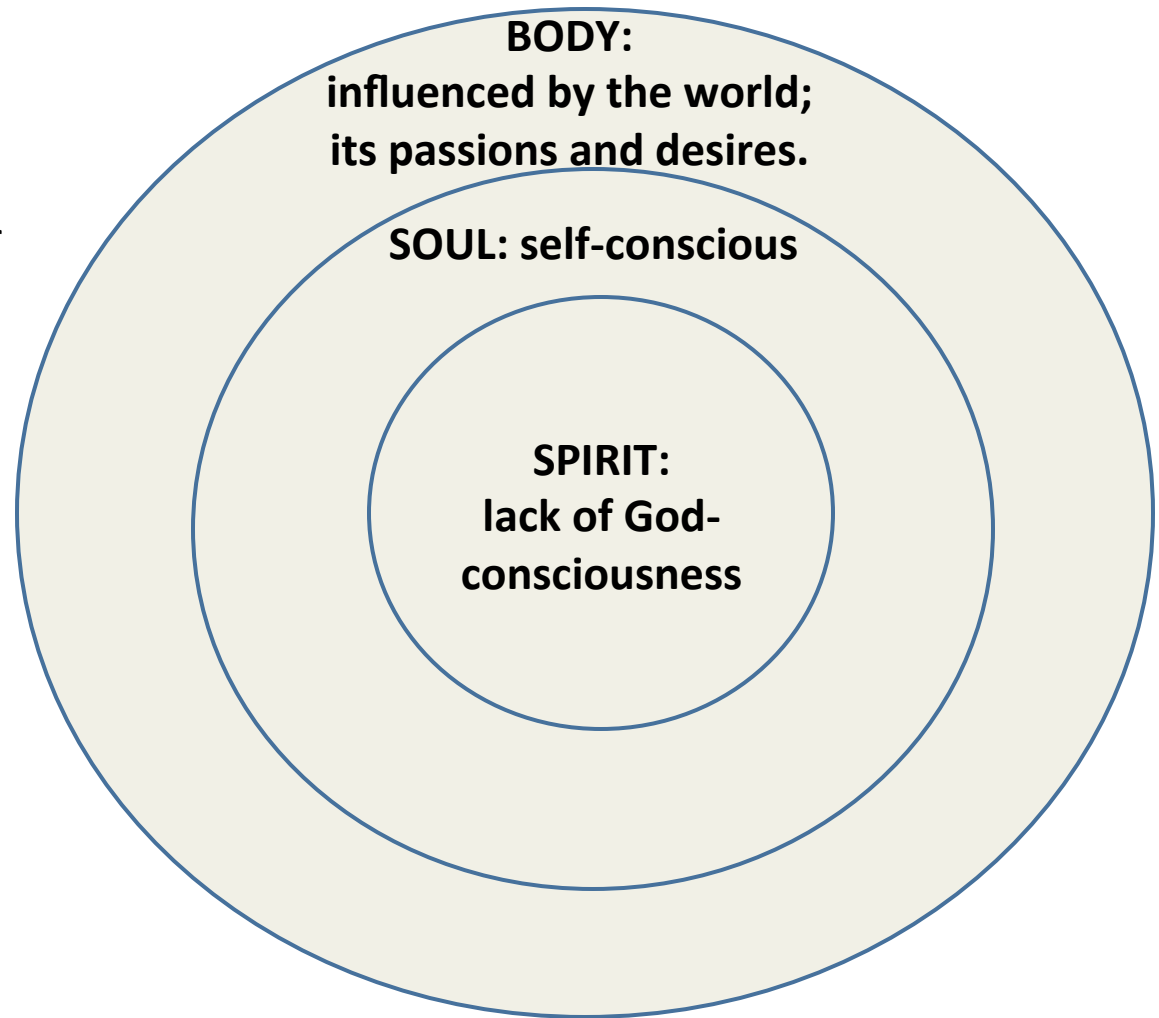
(God is faithful & trustworthy).

Despair is the absence of **HOPE** (Jesus is hope).



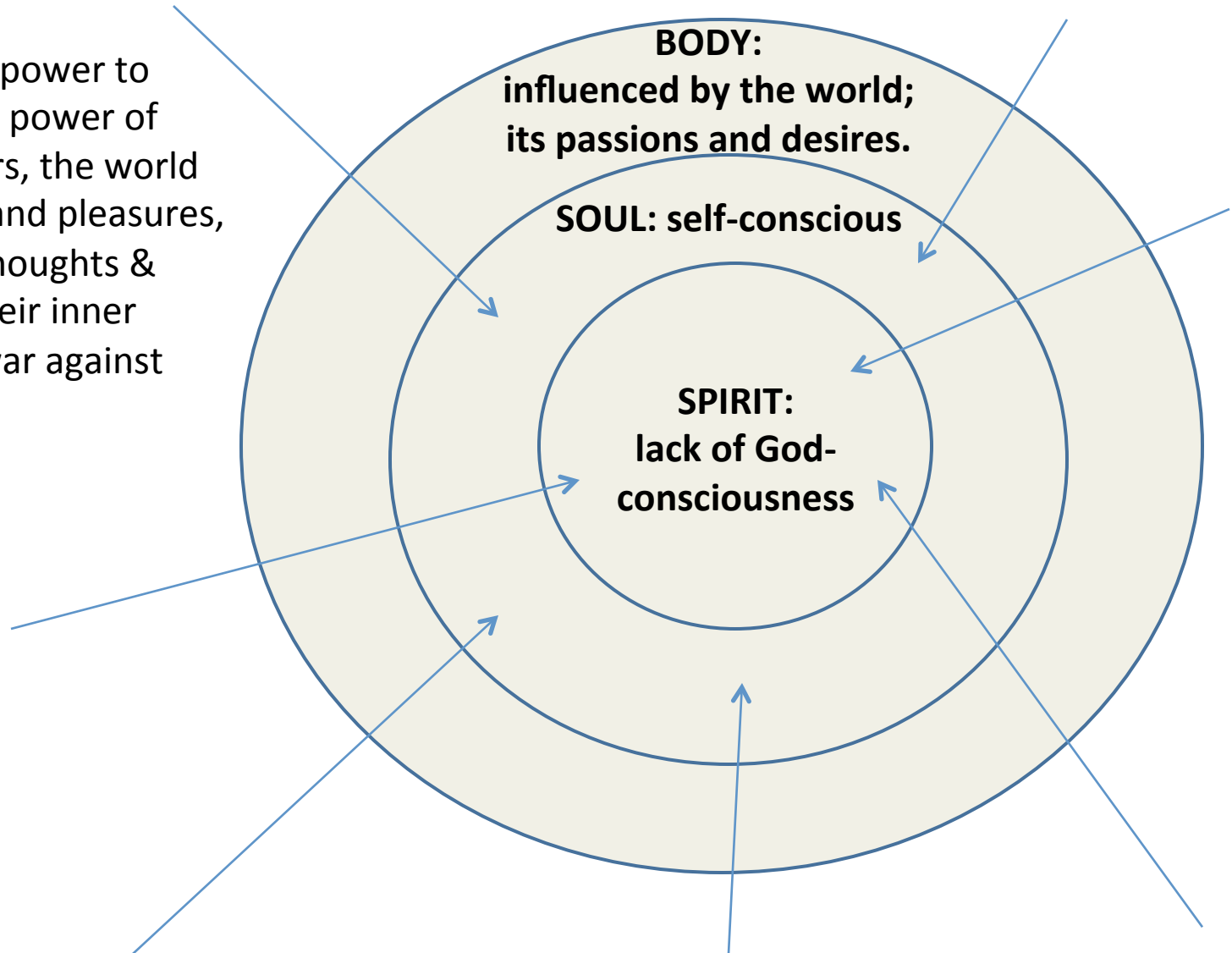
A PERSON WITH AN UNREGENERATED SPIRIT

When a person is not regenerated by God's Spirit in their heart they don't have a sense of God in their heart. They can talk, pray, sing, etc. to God but they don't have a deep inner vibrant sense of His Spirit. Their "spirit" is dead to God but alive to sin. Their soul is very "self-orientated" & "motivated". Their body is very sensitive to the world and its influences and desires.



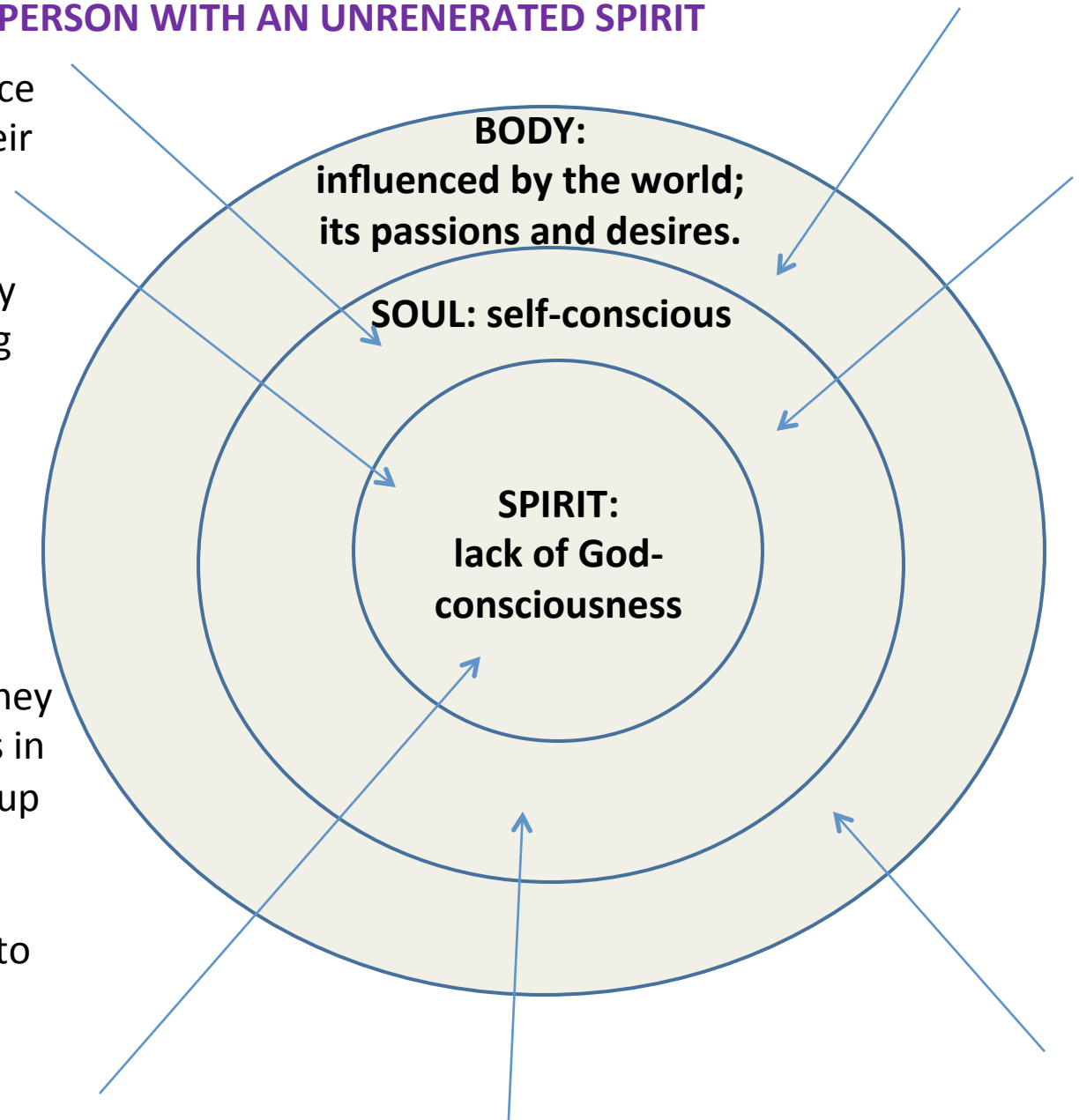
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They have no power to overcome the power of Satanic powers, the world with its lusts and pleasures, their wrong thoughts & words, and their inner desires that war against God.



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God in His mercy and grace is showing the person their need for God not only “now” but for eternal salvation. The person may be angry at God, suffering depression, caught in an addiction, struggling with life in general, going through difficult circumstances with little power to overcome, and feeling “empty” inside. They may even find that things in the world don’t fill them up anymore and they are looking for something “more”. Now they begin to understand their **NEED FOR GOD!!**

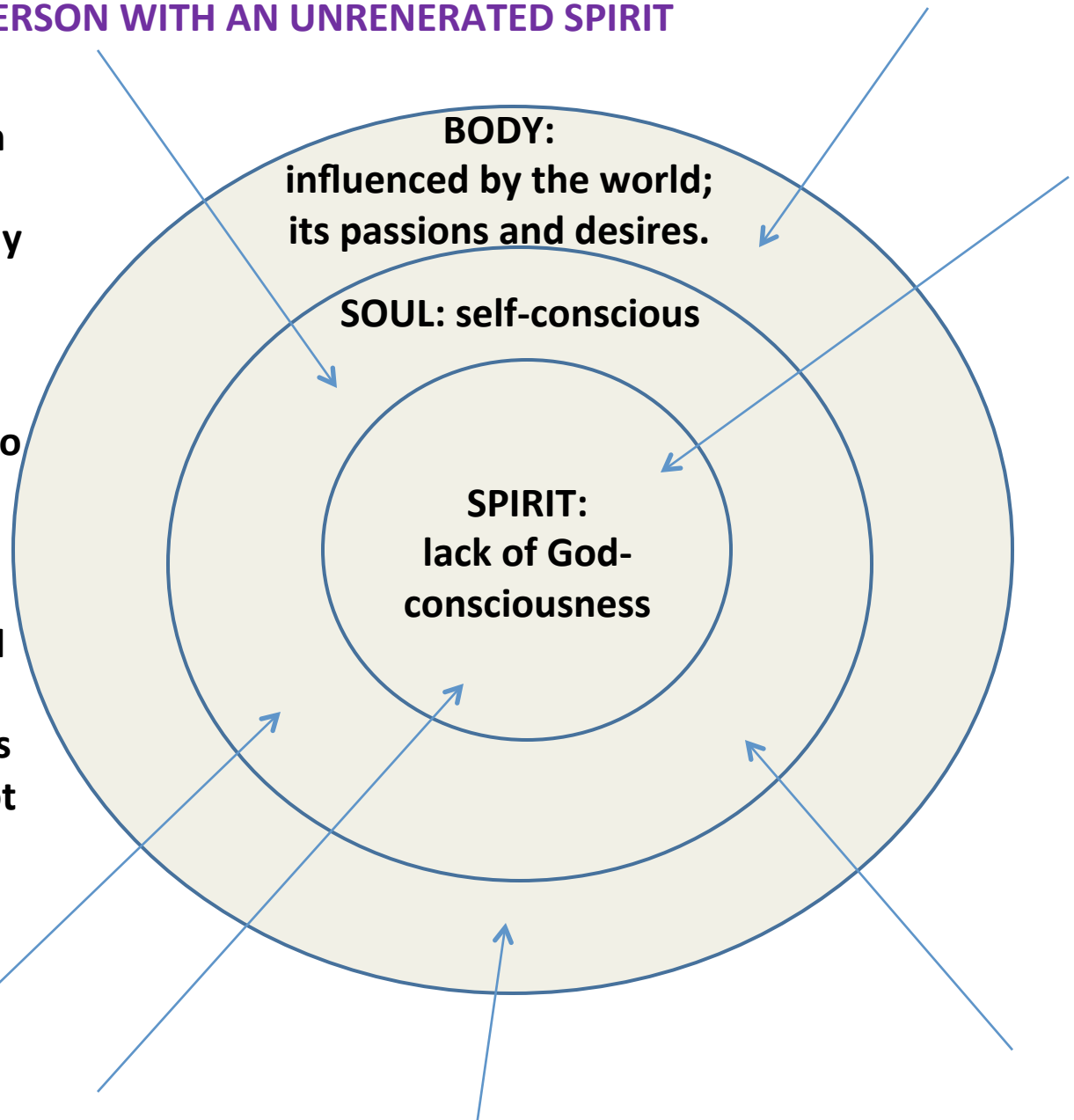


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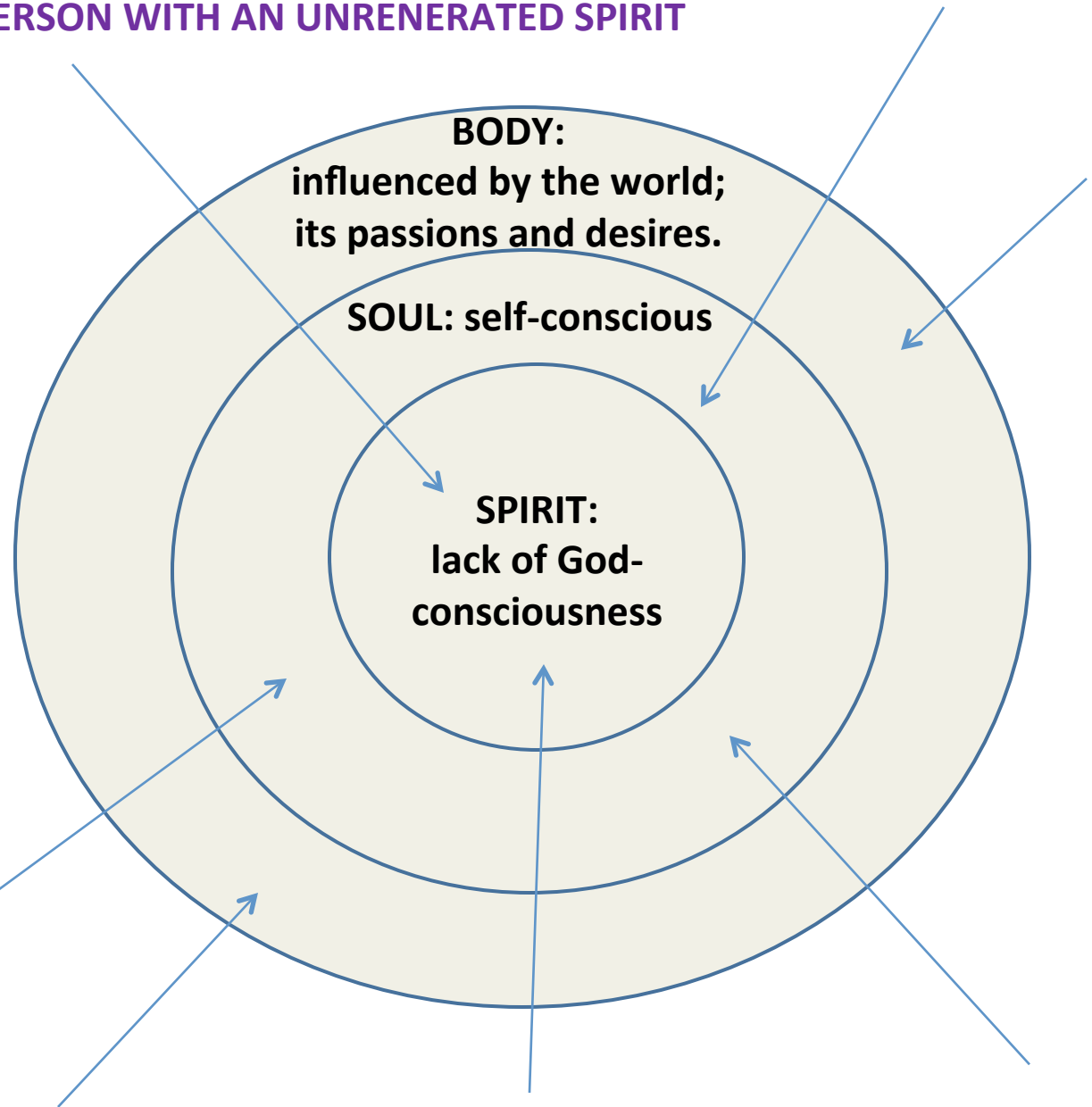
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for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
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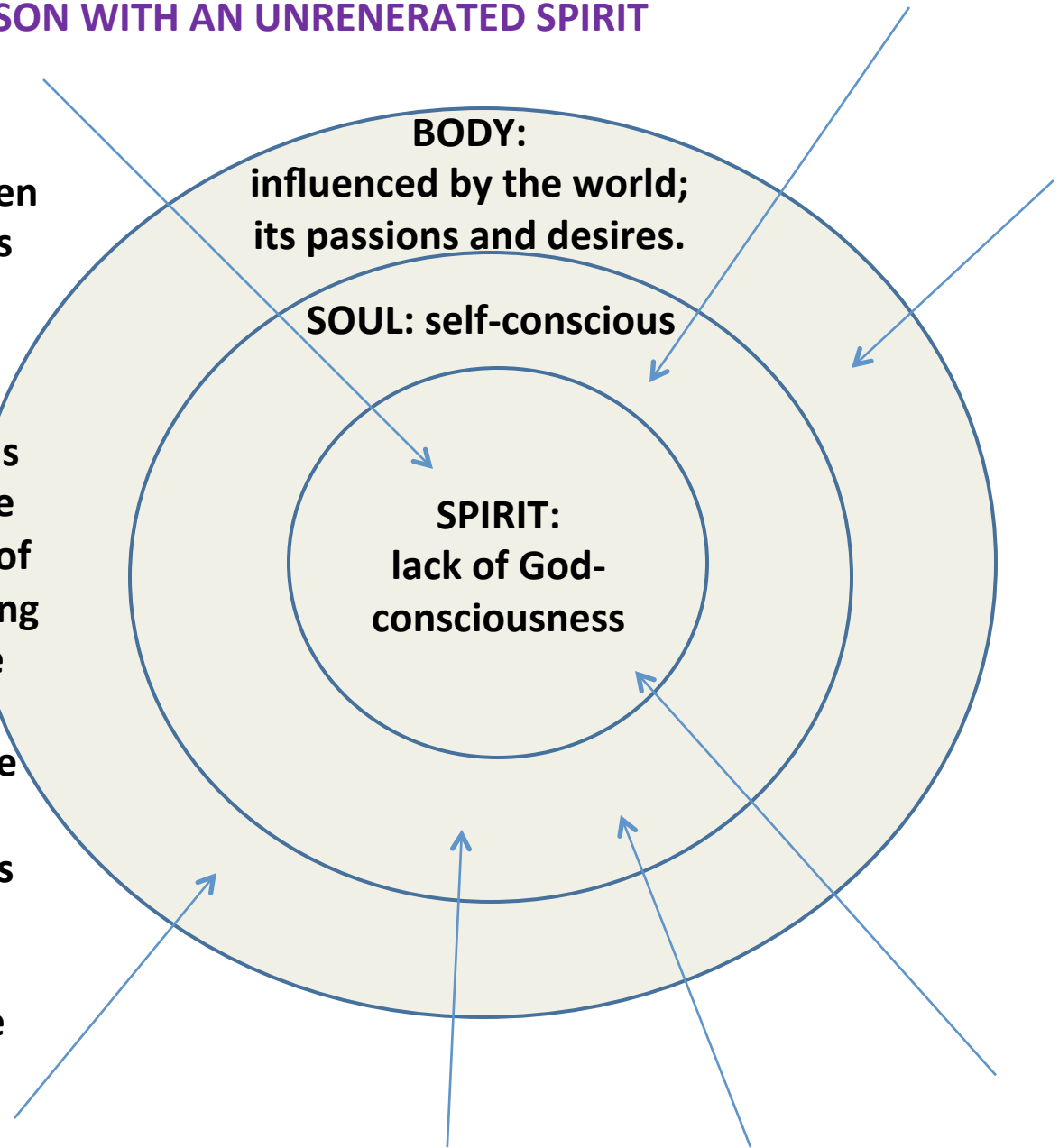
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But what does it say?
"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,"
that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. (Romans 10:8-10)



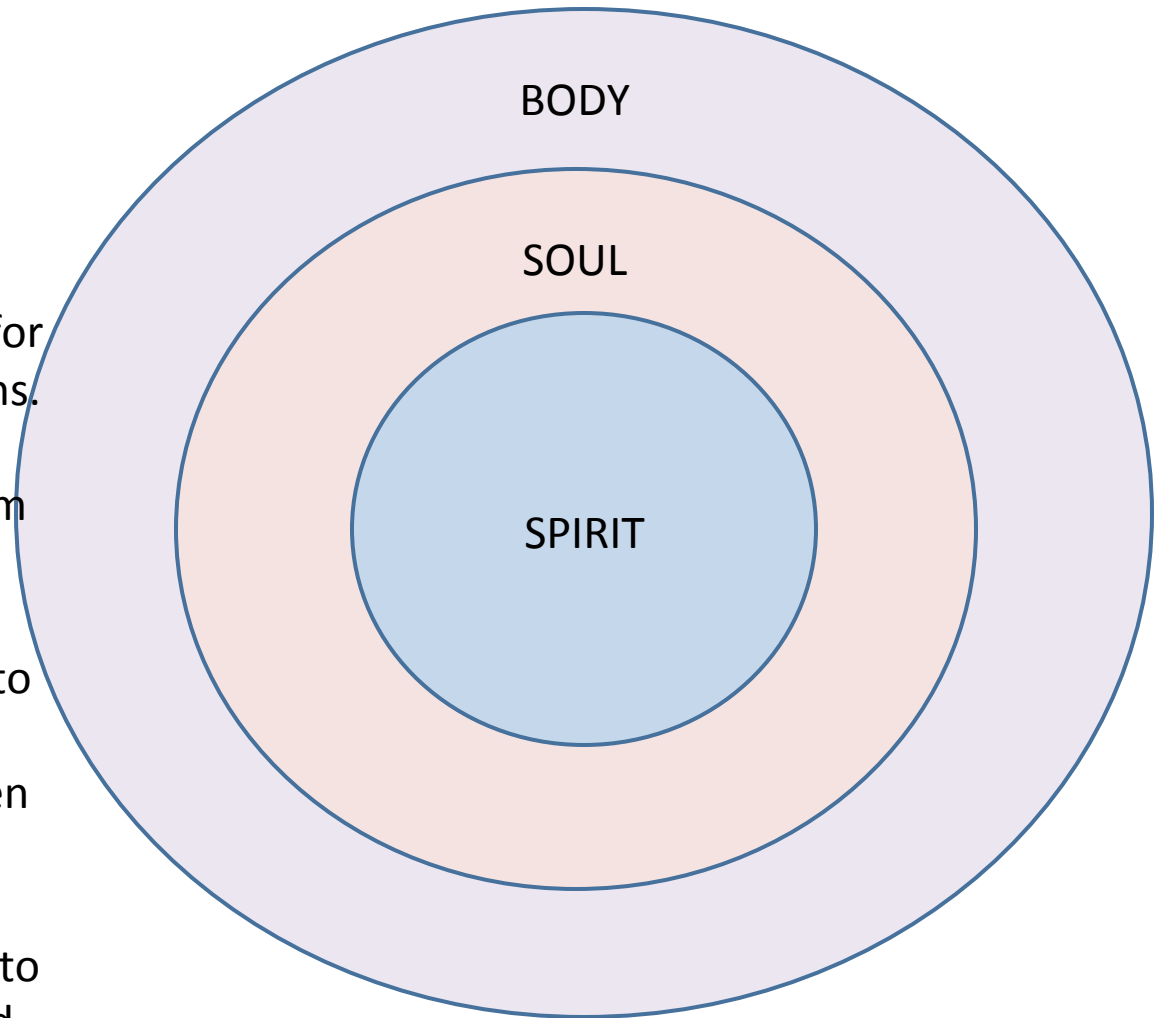
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As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:1-5)



A BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN WITH A RENERATED SPIRIT

THEN, God draws the person to Jesus. They understand their need for God and God's love for them and hear of God sending His Son, Jesus Christ to die on the cross for the forgiveness of their sins. They hear how Jesus rose from the dead to give them eternal life in Him. They pray a prayer from the heart by faith asking God to forgive their sins and believing Jesus has forgiven them because of what He did for them on the cross. Then they receive Jesus into their heart to be their Lord and Savior.

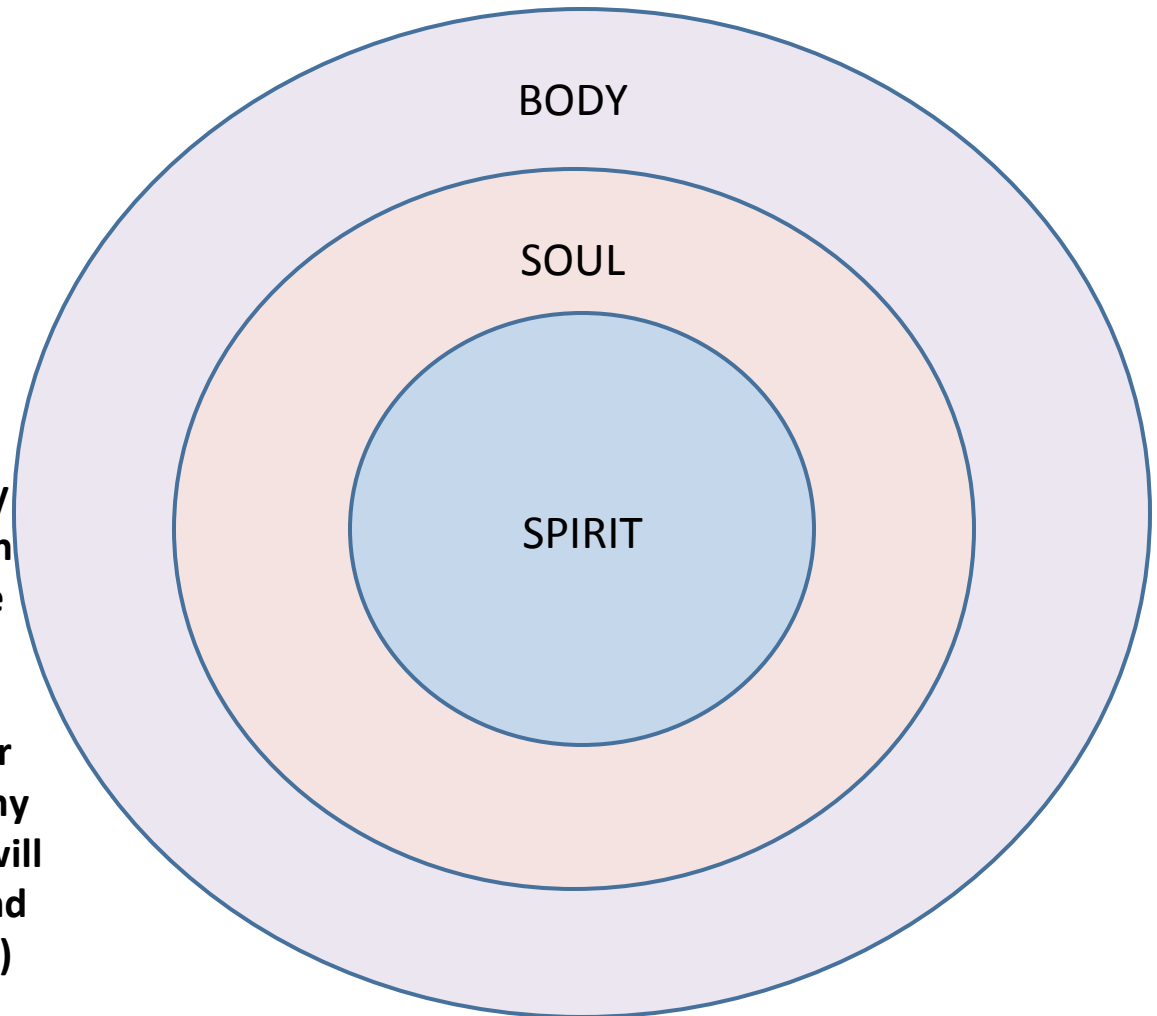


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For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, (1 Cor.15:3-4)

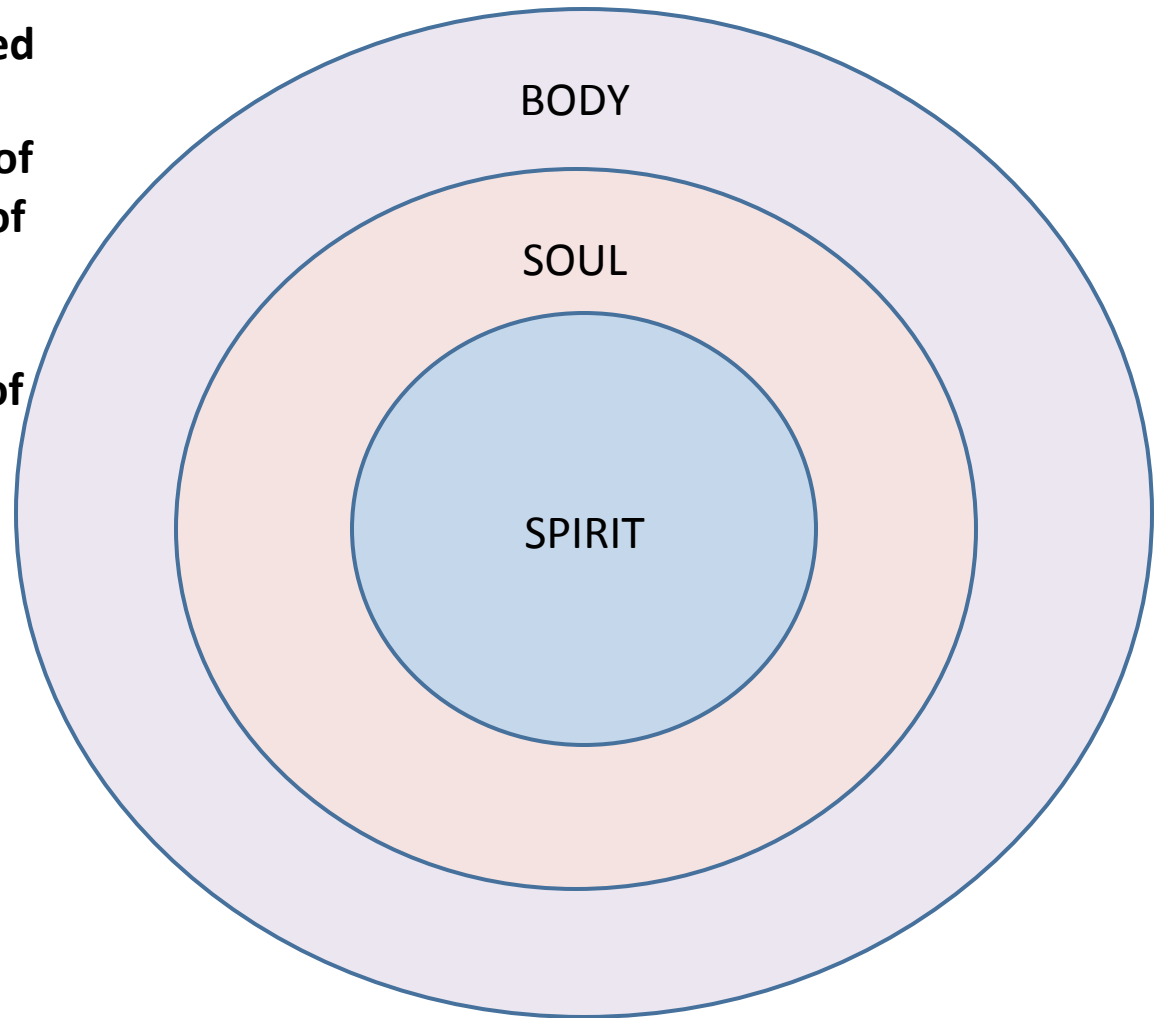
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me. (Revelation 3:20)



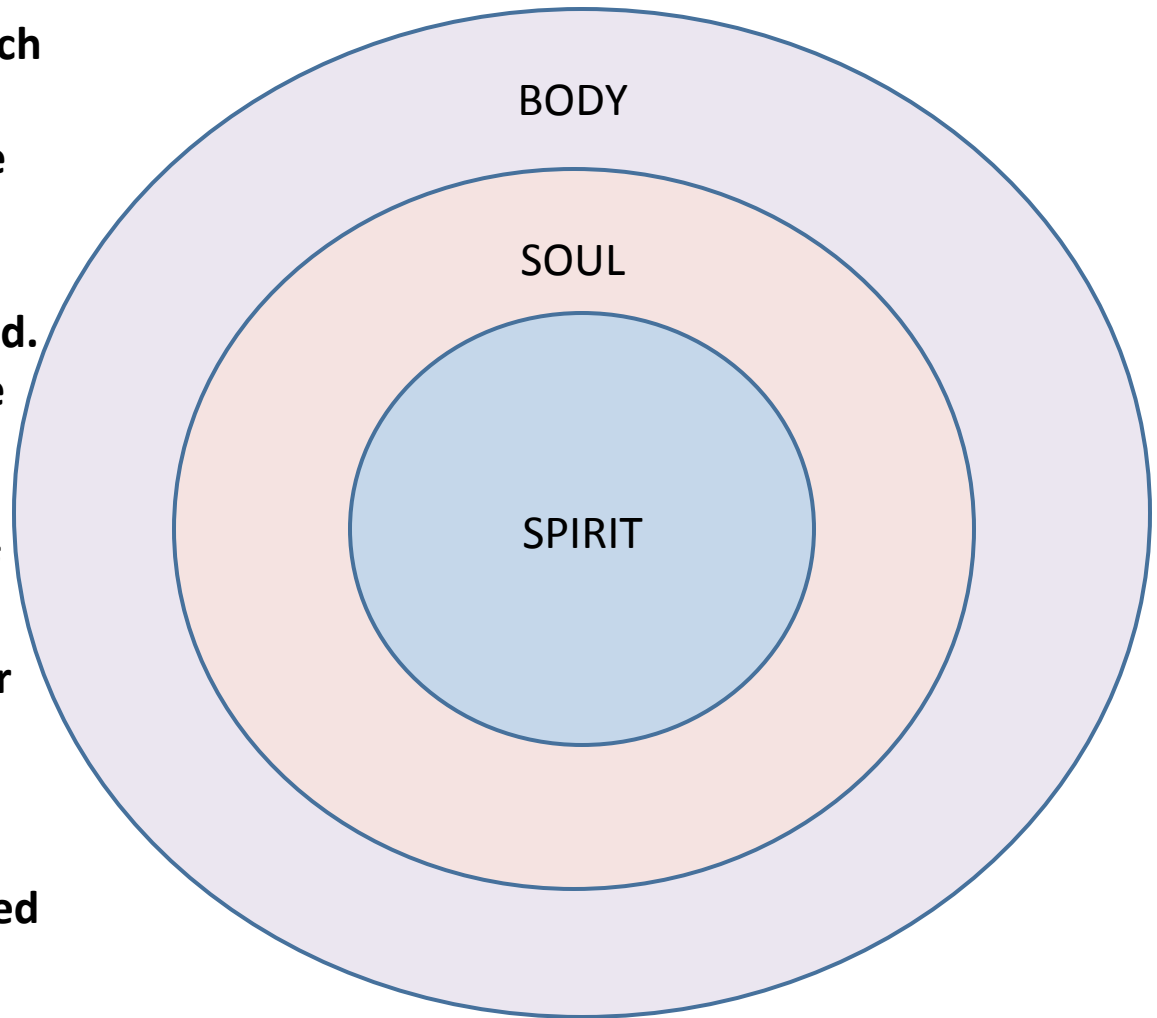
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Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1:12-13)



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But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions —it is by grace you have been saved. For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith —and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. (Ephesians 2:4-5, 8-10)



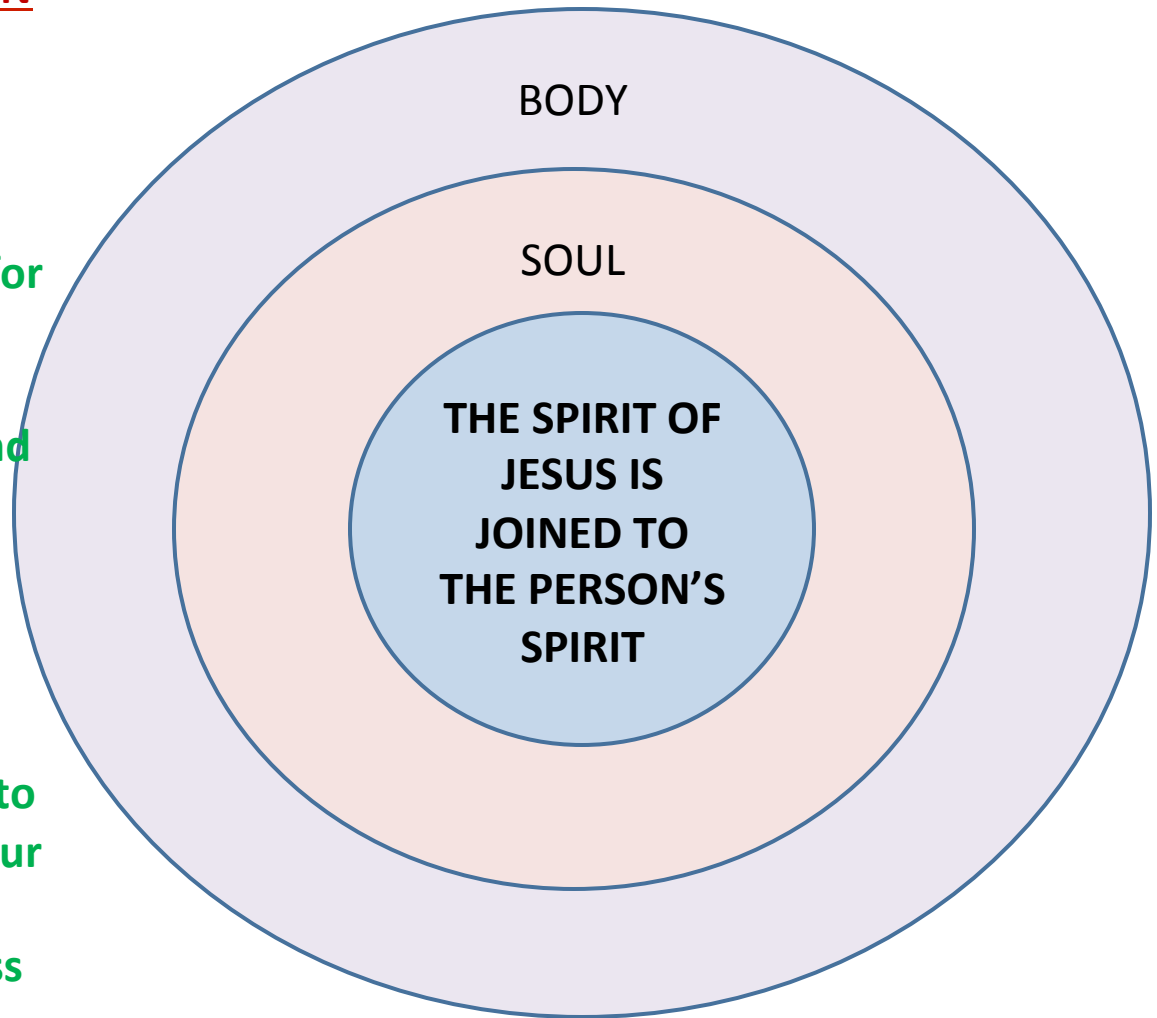
A PRAYER FOR SALVATION TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

A PRAYER FOR SALVATION

(FROM THE HEART)

Lord God, thank You for Your love. Thank You for sending Jesus Christ to earth to die on the cross for my sins. I am a sinner. I have lived a life of selfishness, emptiness, and have not acknowledged You. And yet Jesus, You died on the cross for me. Father God, forgive me. I'm so sorry.

Father, right now, I want to thank You so much for Your forgiveness. For the shed blood of Jesus on the cross that gives me forgiveness. Thank You God.

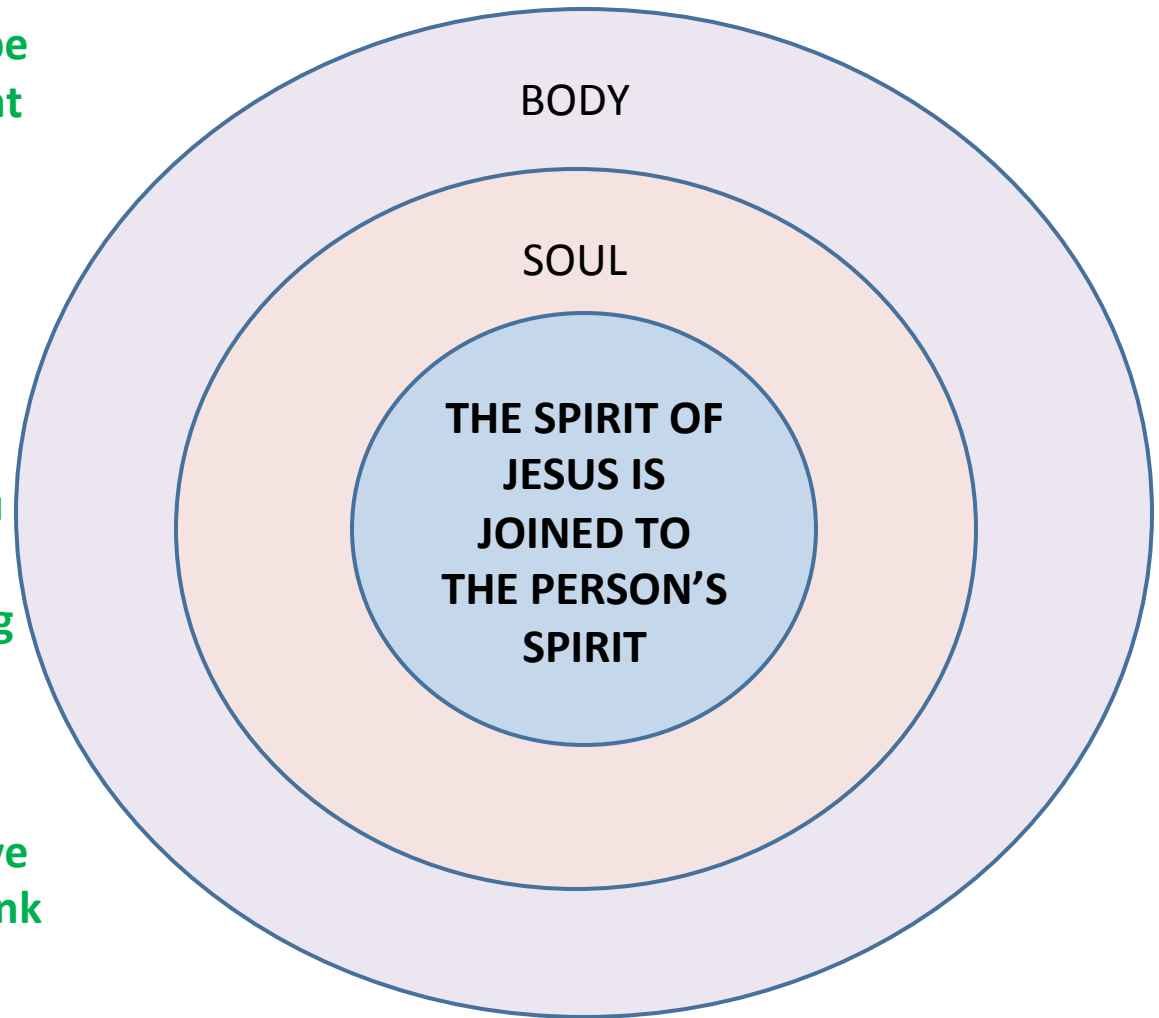


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Lord Jesus, will You now come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. I want to be a child of God, to have Your Spirit in my spirit, and to call You “friend”.

Thank You Jesus that You are coming into my heart “right now”. I believe You have forgiven me and I believe that You are filling me with Your Spirit right now in my heart.

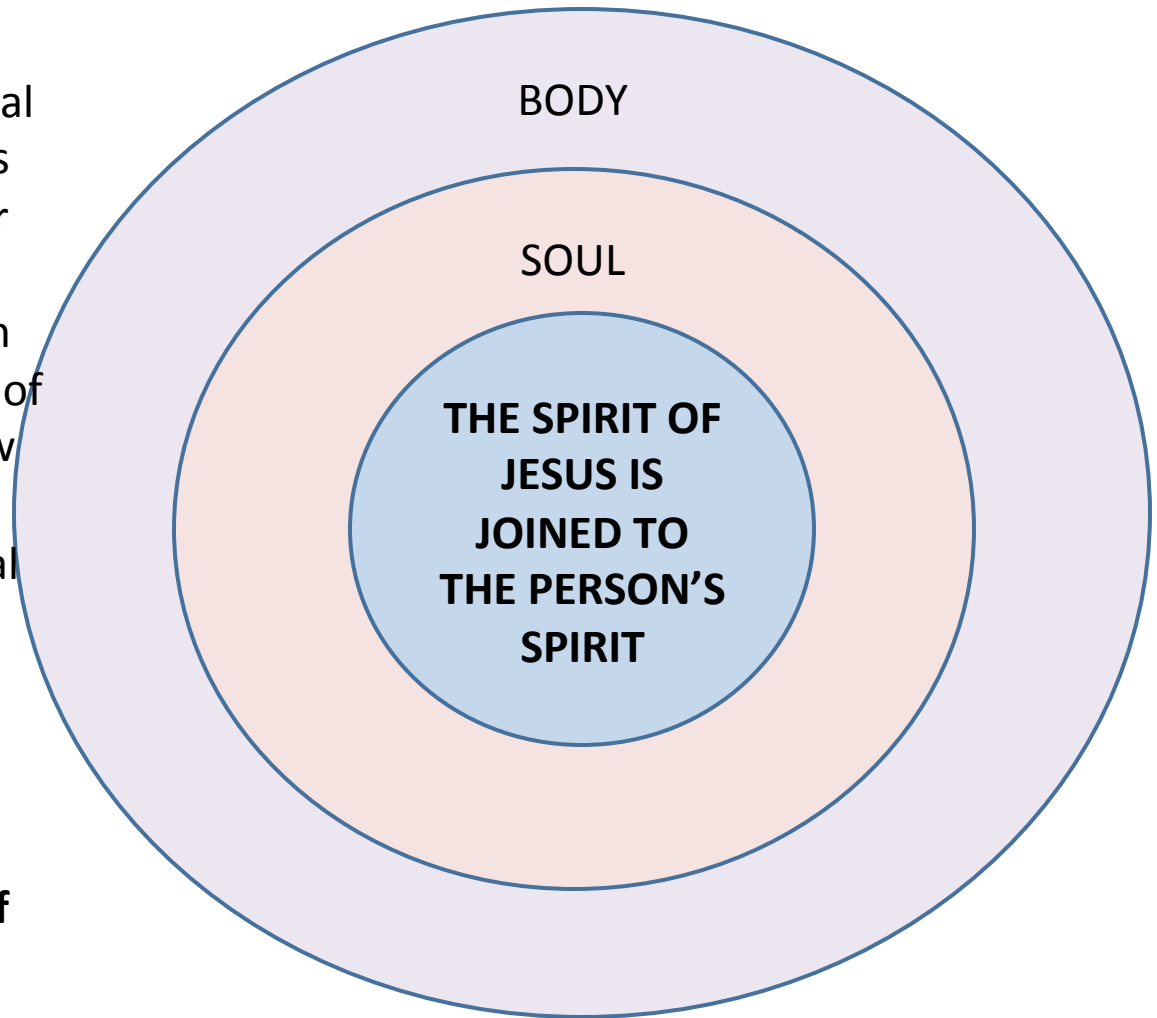
Thank You for rising from the dead so that I can have eternal life with You. Thank You for Your death and resurrection. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.



SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY IN A BORN-AGAIN, REGENERATED CHRISTIAN

What happens after a person receives Jesus into their heart as their personal Savior. When Jesus comes into a person's heart, their "spirit" becomes joined to Christ. They become "born again" – born of the Spirit of Christ. They become a new creation. They are God's child and they have eternal life in Christ!! They are forgiven of their sins and can come boldly into the presence of God by faith (plus so much more)

But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit. (1 Cor.6:17)



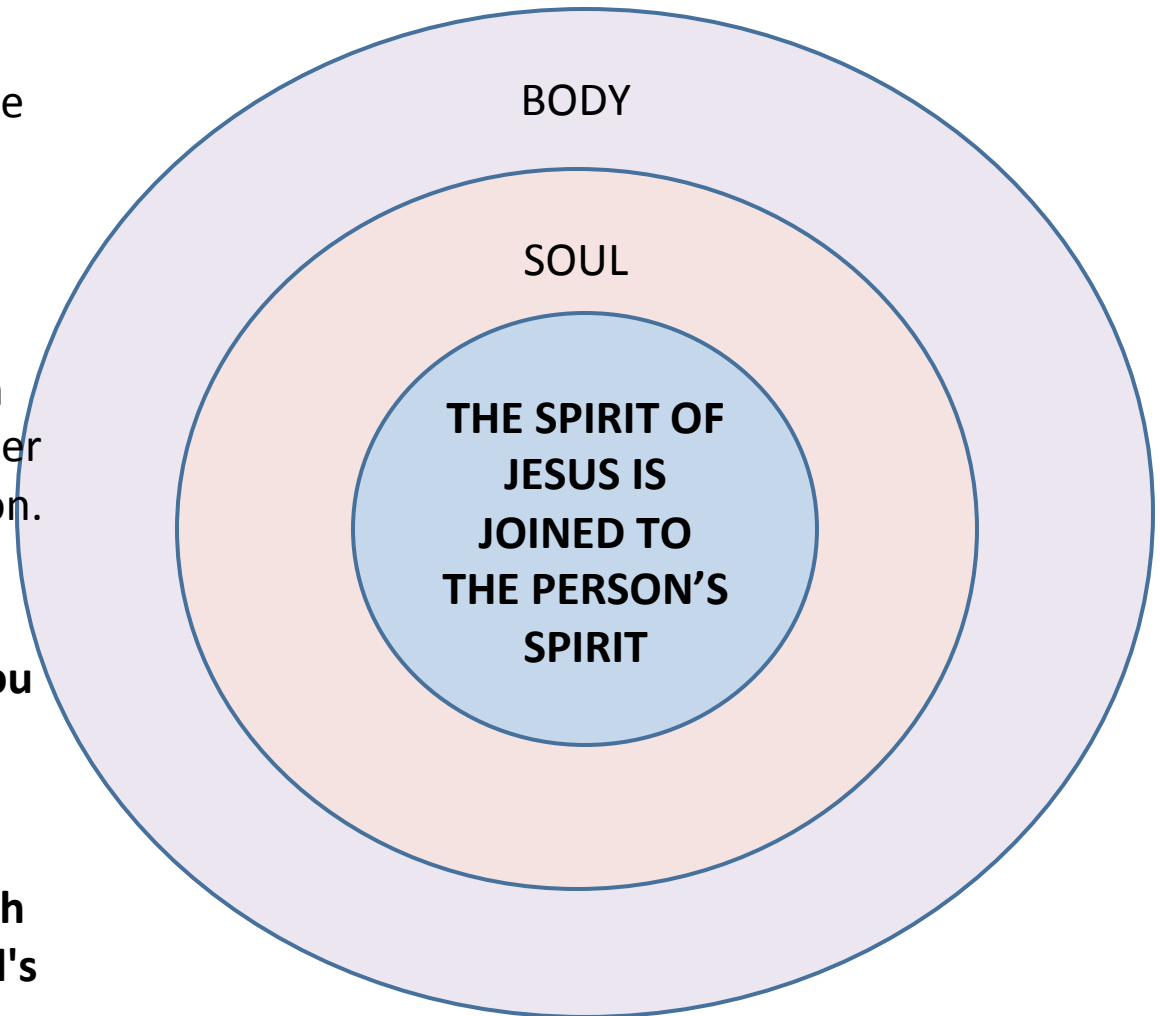
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THE BELIEVER'S SPIRIT

Christ comes into the person's spirit and they are "born-again", or "regenerated". They are sealed by the Holy Spirit. Jesus promises to never leave them and to be with them always. Christ's power now rests upon that person.

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

(Romans 8:14-16)



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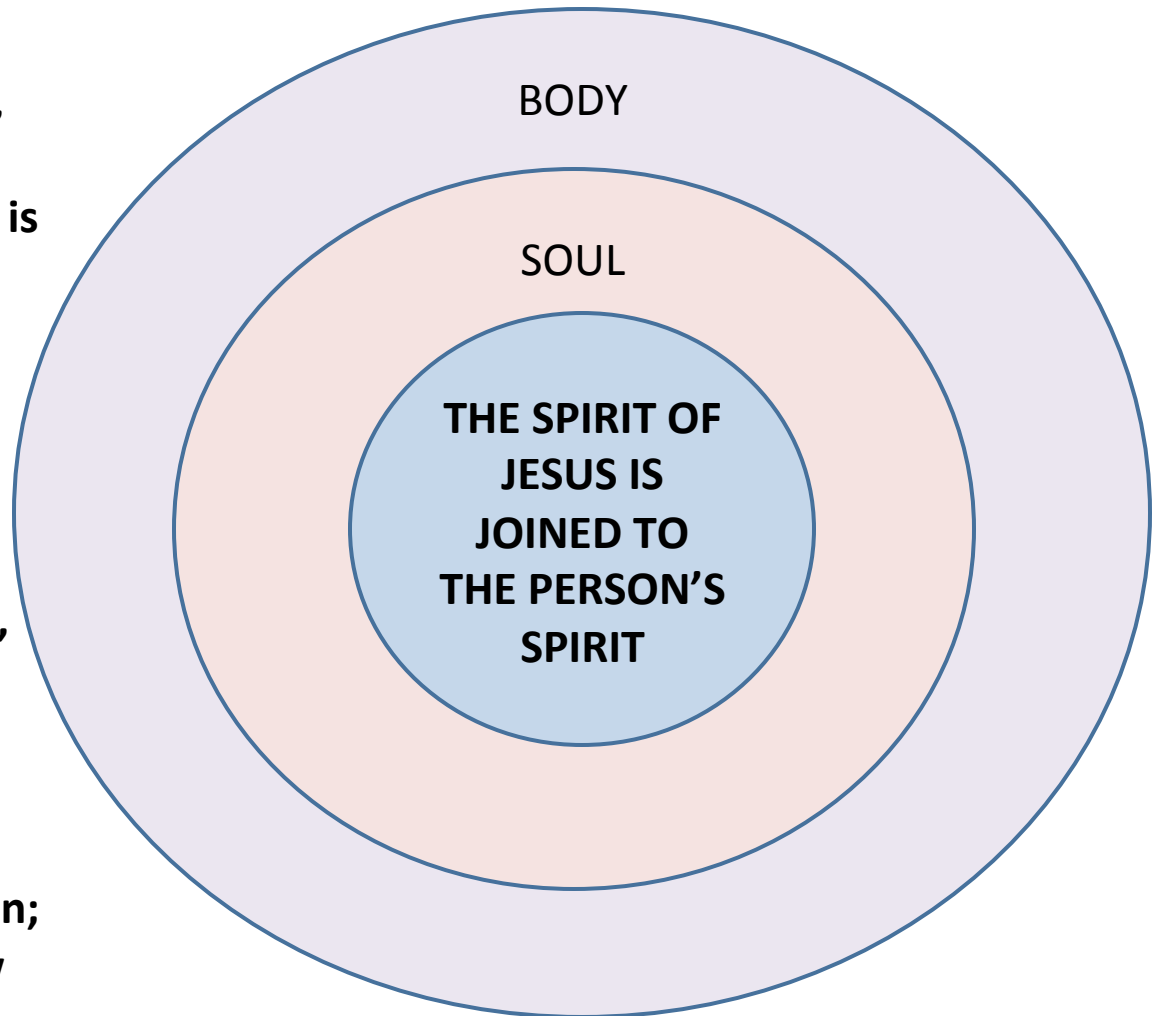
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How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. (1 John 3:1)

For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

(1 Peter 1:23)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor.5:17)



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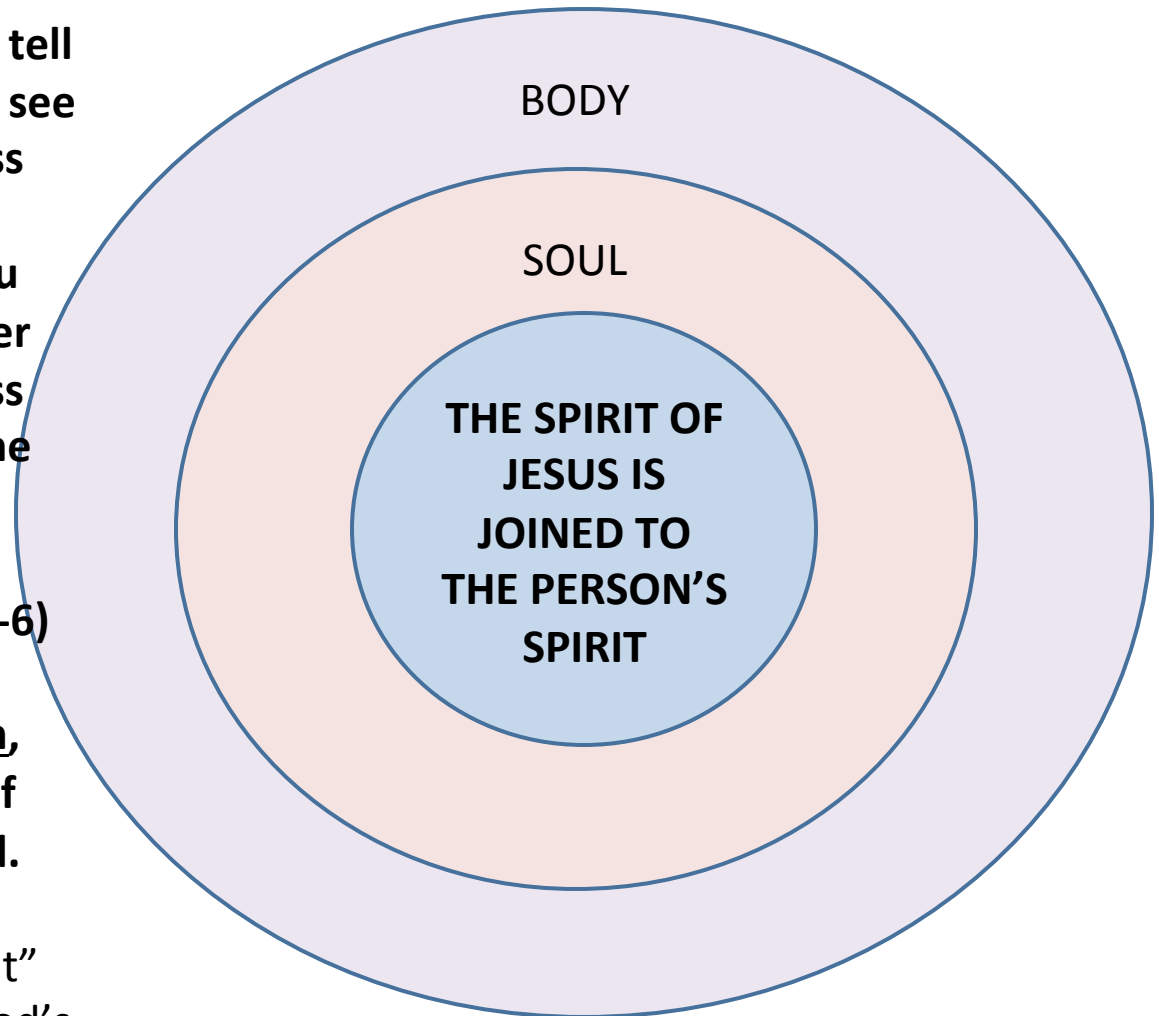
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In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. (John 3:3,5-6)

He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created. (James 1:18)

Note: "water and the Spirit" here is God's Word and God's Spirit; not water baptism. (see 1 Peter 1:23)

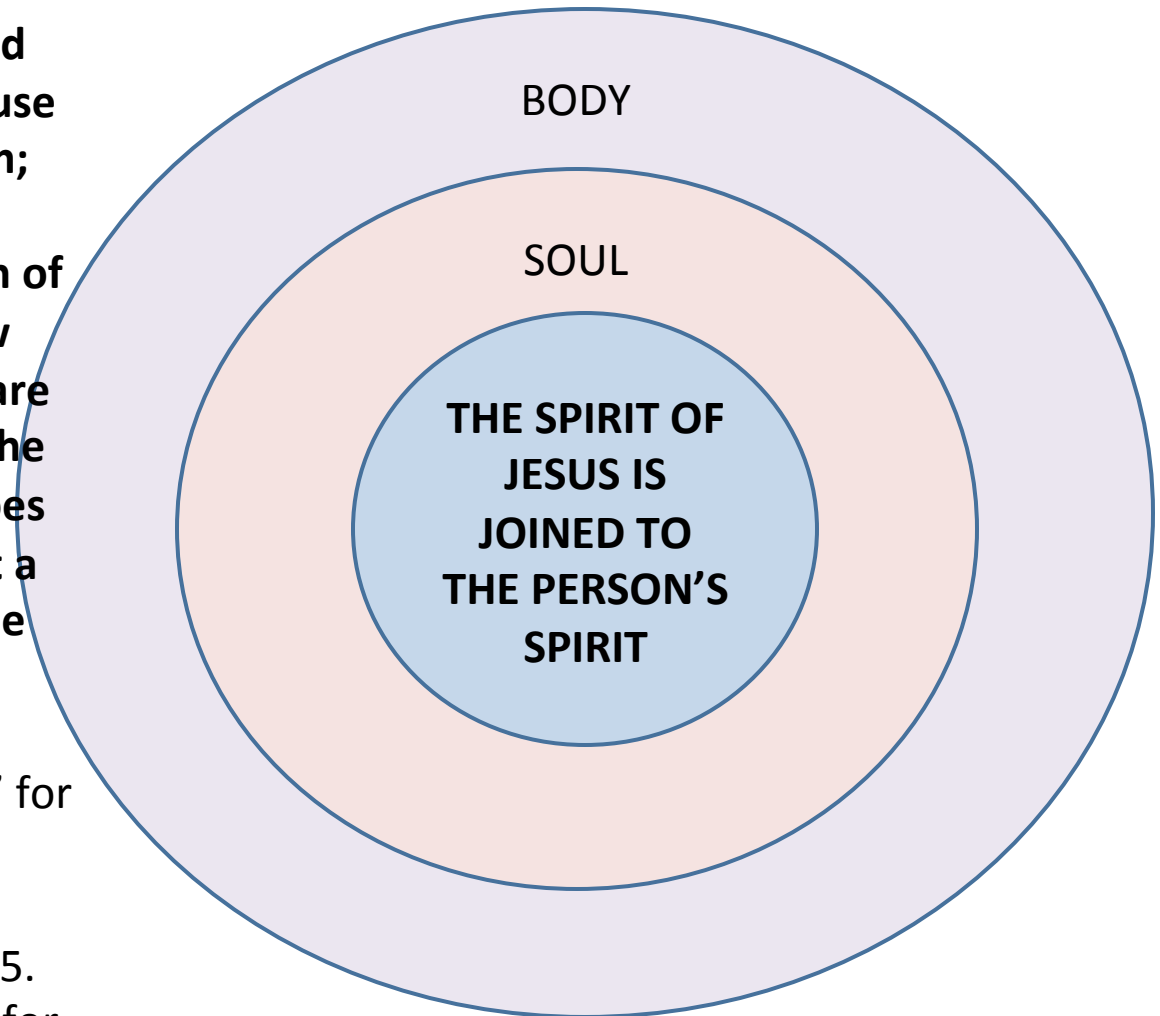


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No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother. (1 John 3:9-10).

Note: Notice "God's seed" for this is Christ. He is the promised "seed of the woman" from Genesis 3:15. We have been born again for "THE SEED" has come and given our dead spirit "LIFE".



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Now the Child of God's spirit functions in the following three ways:

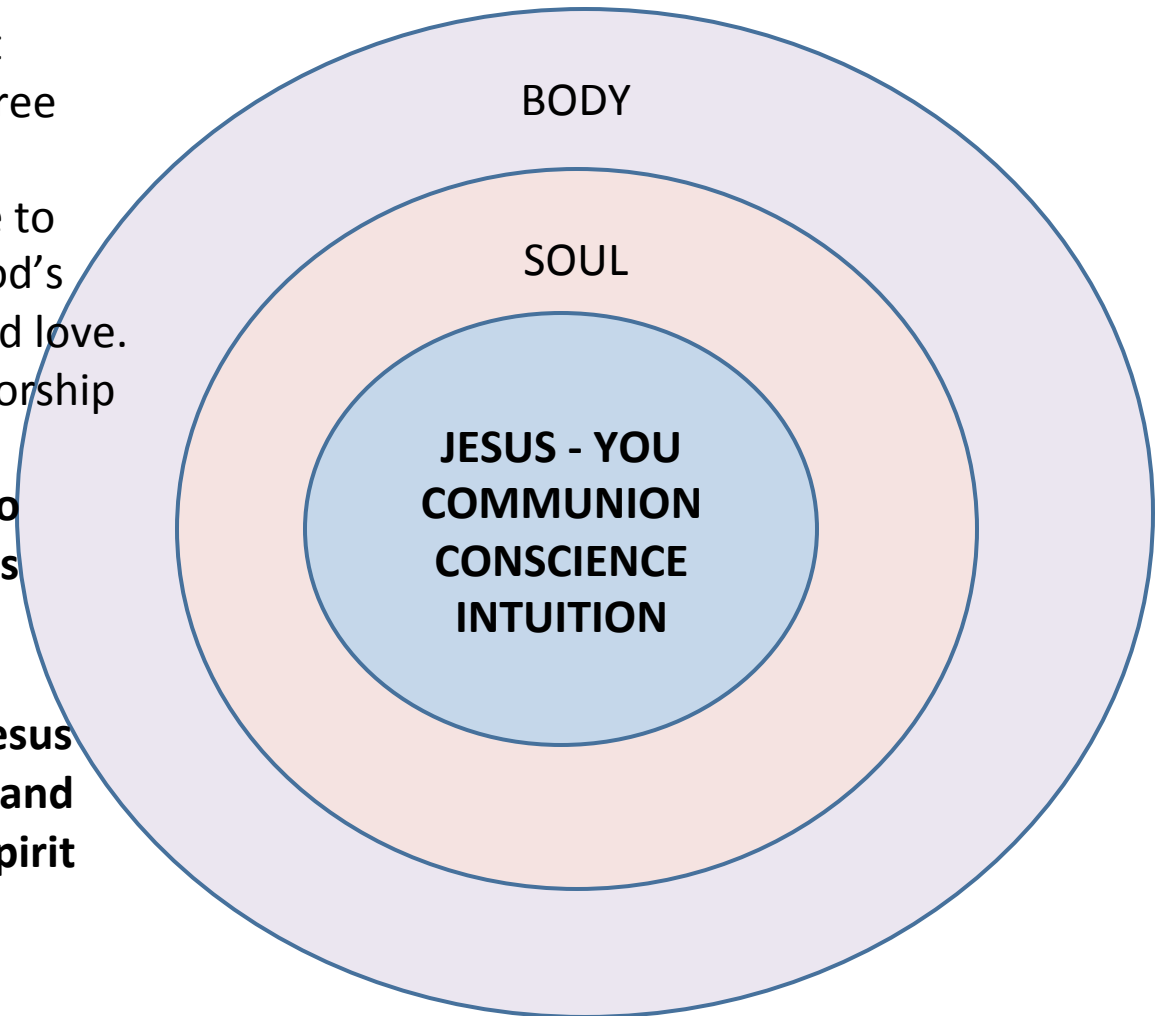
1) Communion: you are able to commune with God, hear God's voice, sense His presence and love. You have a deep desire to worship God and love God!!

God, who has called you into fellowship with his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful.

(1 Corinthians 1:19)

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

(2 Corinthians 13:14)



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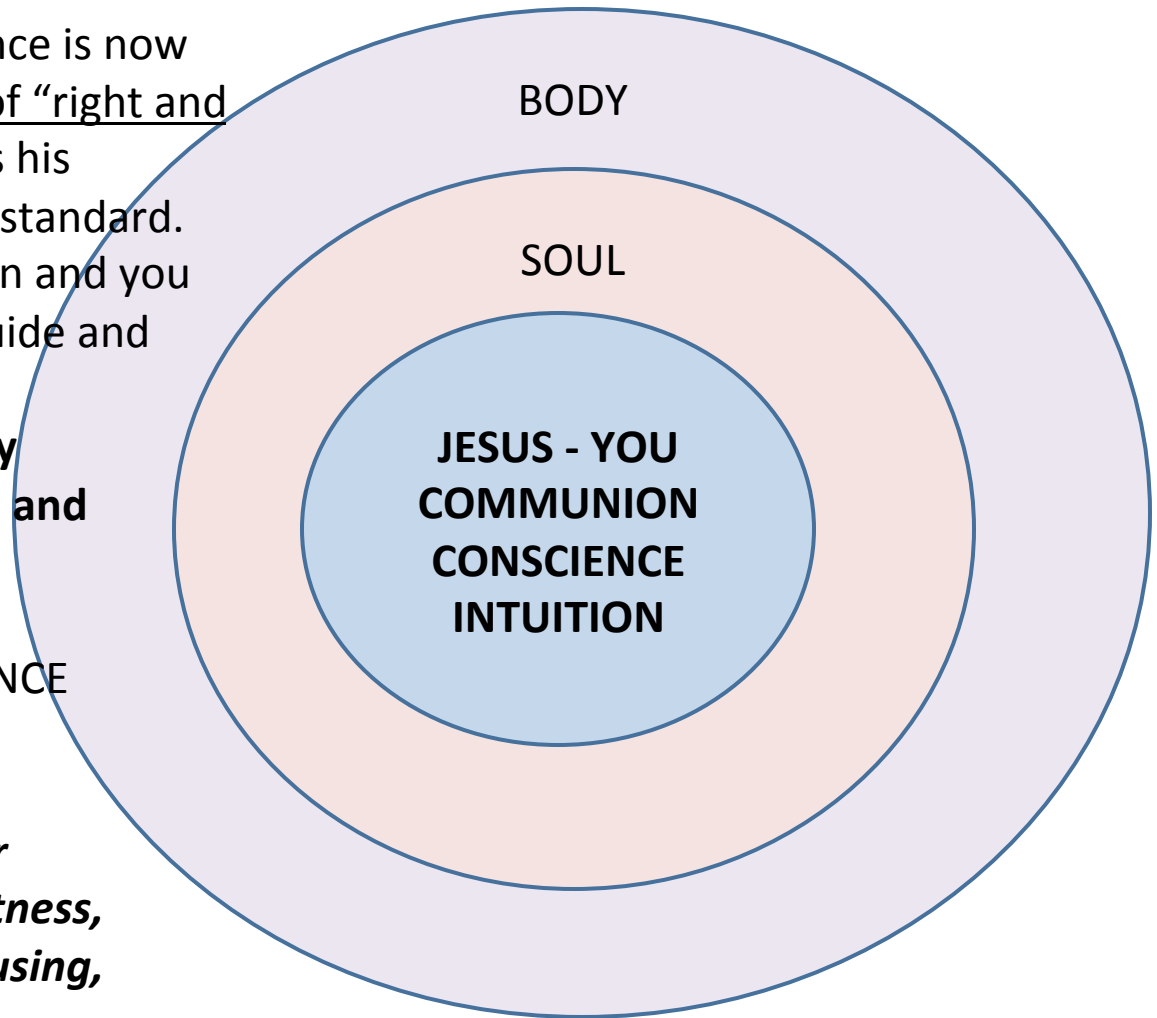
2) Conscience: your conscience is now sensitive to God's standard of "right and wrong". Man's conscience is his standard but now it is God's standard. You feel grieved when you sin and you desire to let Jesus be your guide and shepherd.

So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man. (Acts 24:16)

THE UNBELIEVER'S CONSCIENCE

since they show that the requirements of the law are written on their hearts, their consciences also bearing witness, and their thoughts now accusing, now even defending them.

(Romans 2:15)



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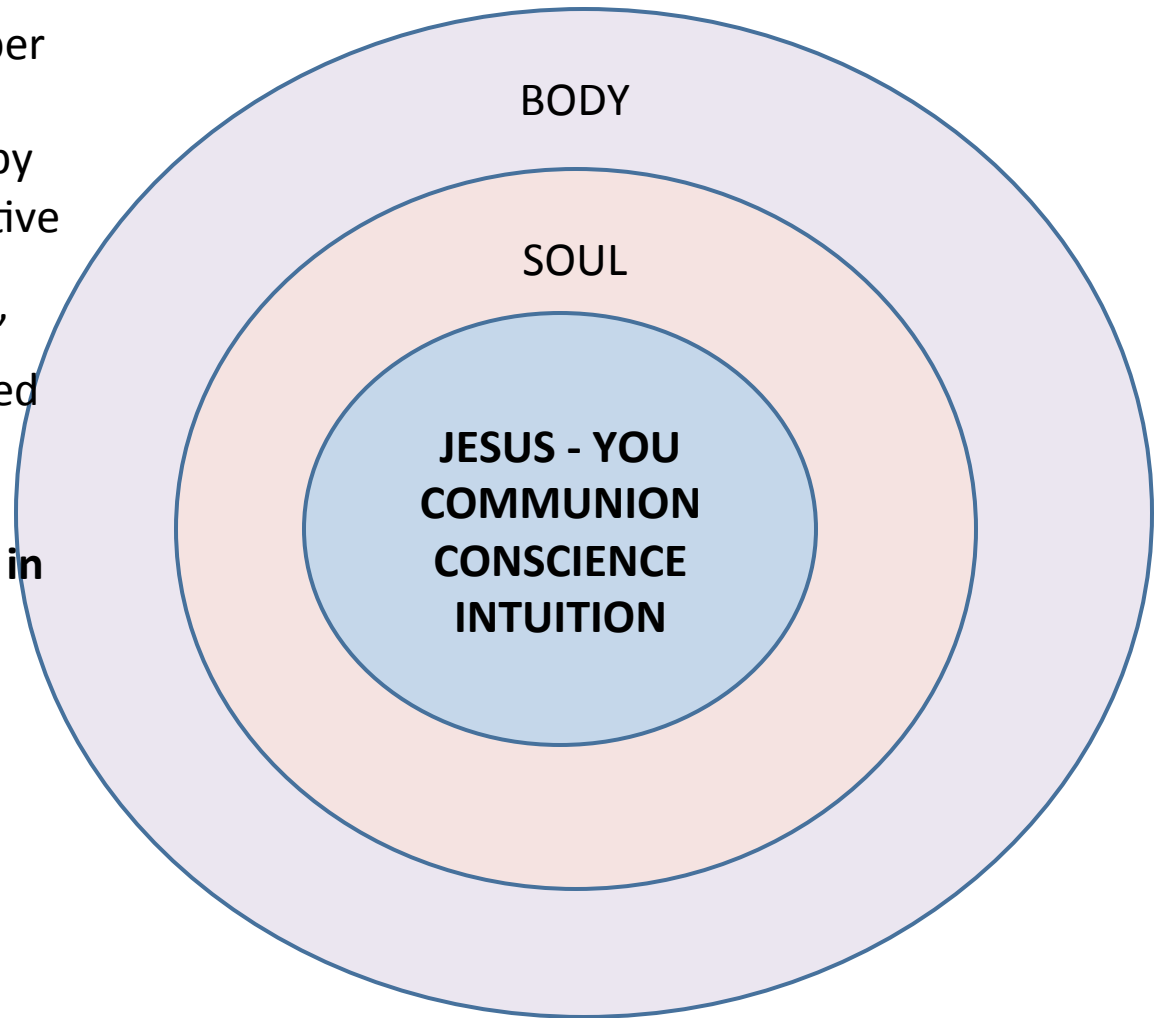
3) Intuition: you have a deeper knowledge and belief in God not obtained by reason nor by perception but by an instinctive knowledge or belief that is within you. You are “in tune” with God being led and guided by Him!!

Accept instruction from his mouth and lay up his words in your heart.

(Job 22:22)

Hold on to instruction, do not let it go; guard it well, for it is your life.

(Proverbs 4:13)



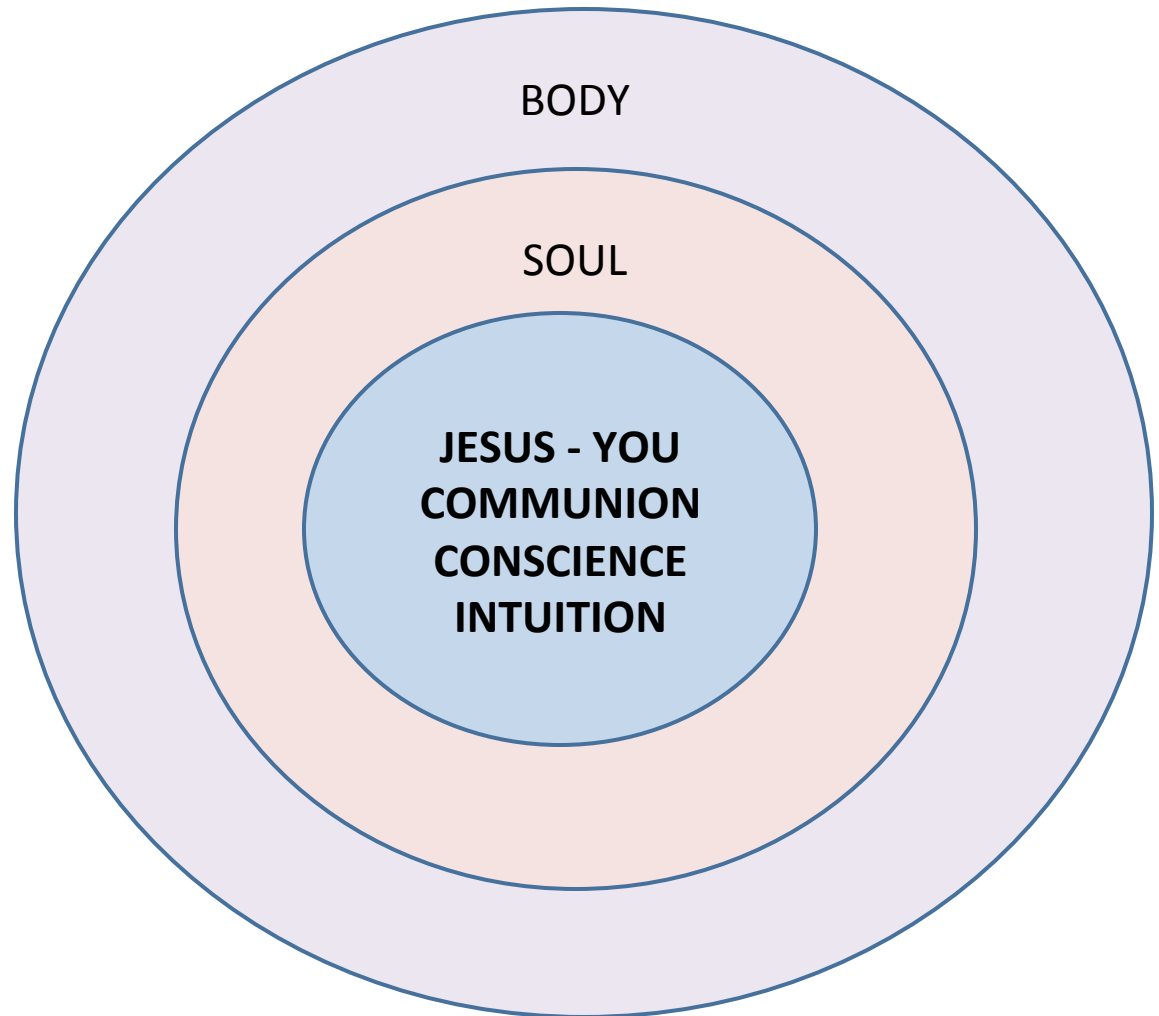
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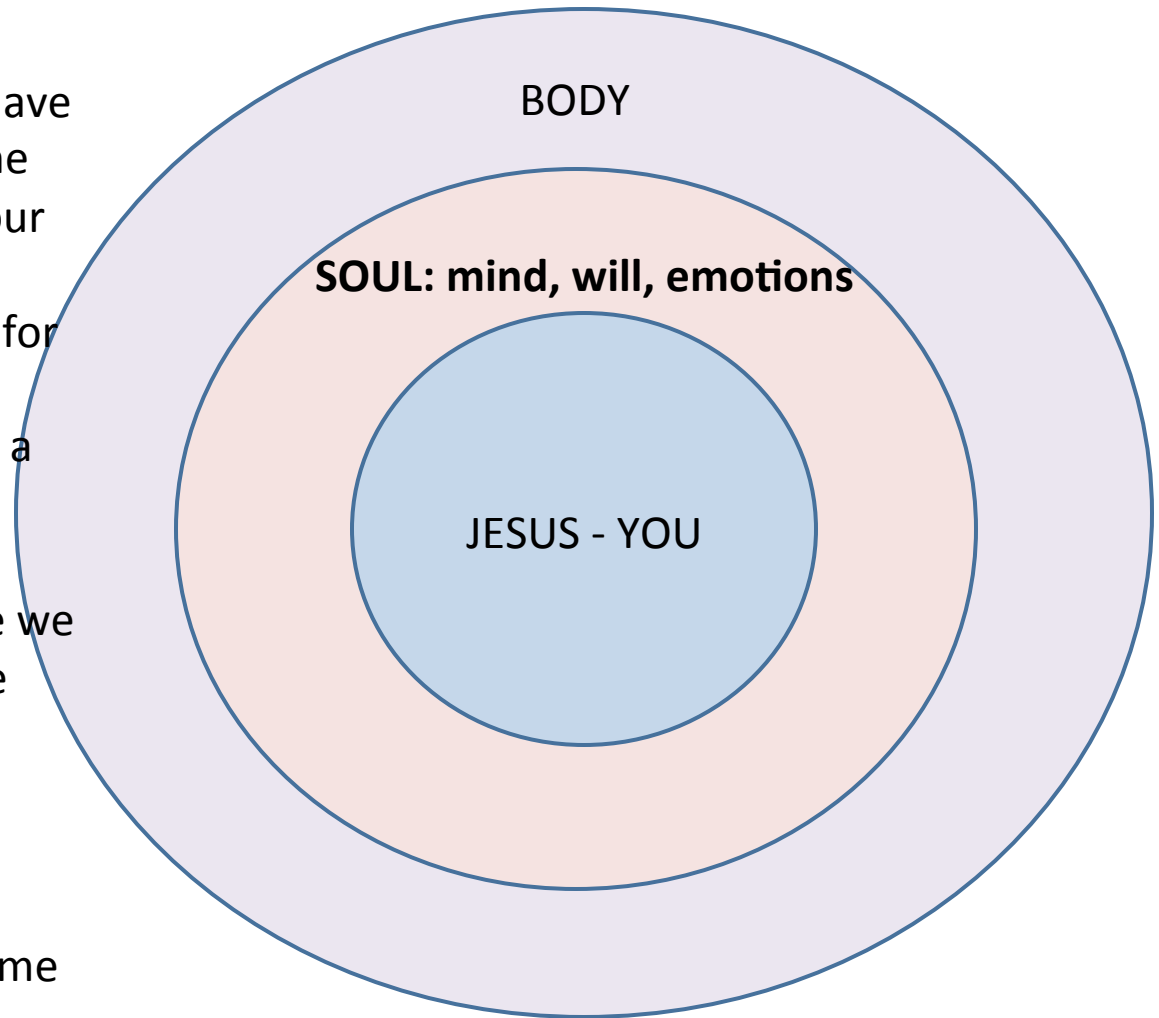
MOST people see themselves as a “body with a spirit”. Spiritual knowledge is seeing ourselves as God does.

God sees us as a “spirit with a body”. We are “spiritual beings” walking in His Spirit by faith and not walking after the cravings of the world. God is Spirit wants to commune deeply with us, empower us to His standard of righteousness, and be instructed by Him.



SPIRIT, SOUL, BODY IN A BORN-AGAIN, REGENERATED CHRISTIAN THE BELIEVER'S SOUL

What happens to the new believer's soul? Here we have our MIND (our thinker), the WILL (our chooser), and our EMOTIONS (our feelings). This is the "battleground" for the enemy tries to trick us into "thinking" we are not a child of God or think inappropriate. The enemy tries to make us "feel" like we are not a child of God. The enemy tries to make us "choose" sinful ways. But now we need to learn how to walk in the Spirit. Trusting Jesus' Spirit to come into our: "thoughts" by renewing our mind, "feelings" as we obey Him, and our "choices" as we serve Him.

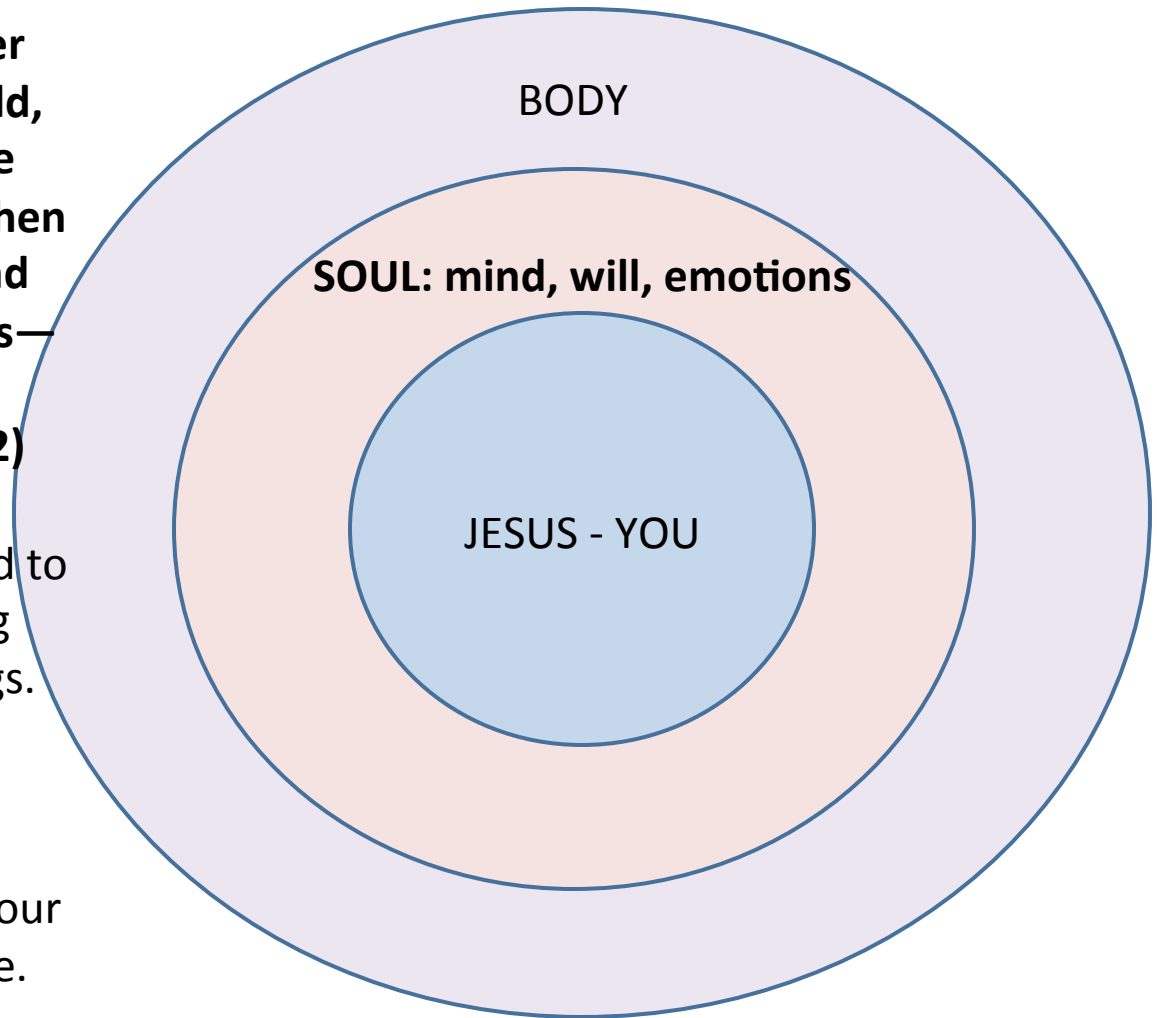


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THE BELIEVER'S SOUL

Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (Romans 12:2)

This verse shows us to constantly renew our mind to line up with God's thinking and His way of doing things. His thoughts and ways are higher and we will be changed by changing our thinking and not allowing our old thoughts to run our life.



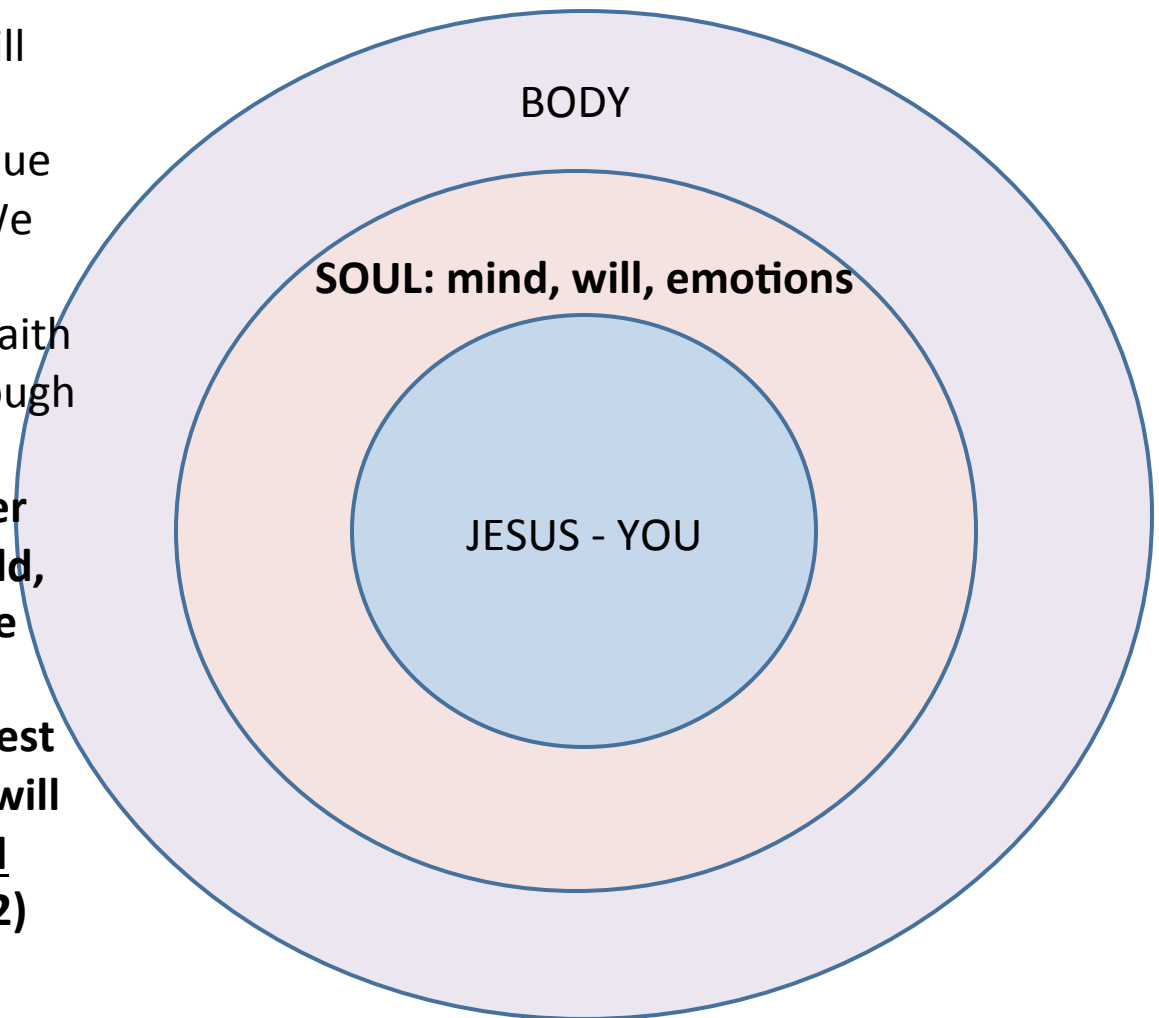
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Our obedient “choices” will now affect how we “feel”. Our “thoughts” will continue to affect how we “feel”. We no longer walk by “sight” (our body senses) but by faith in Christ’s Spirit living through us and into the world.

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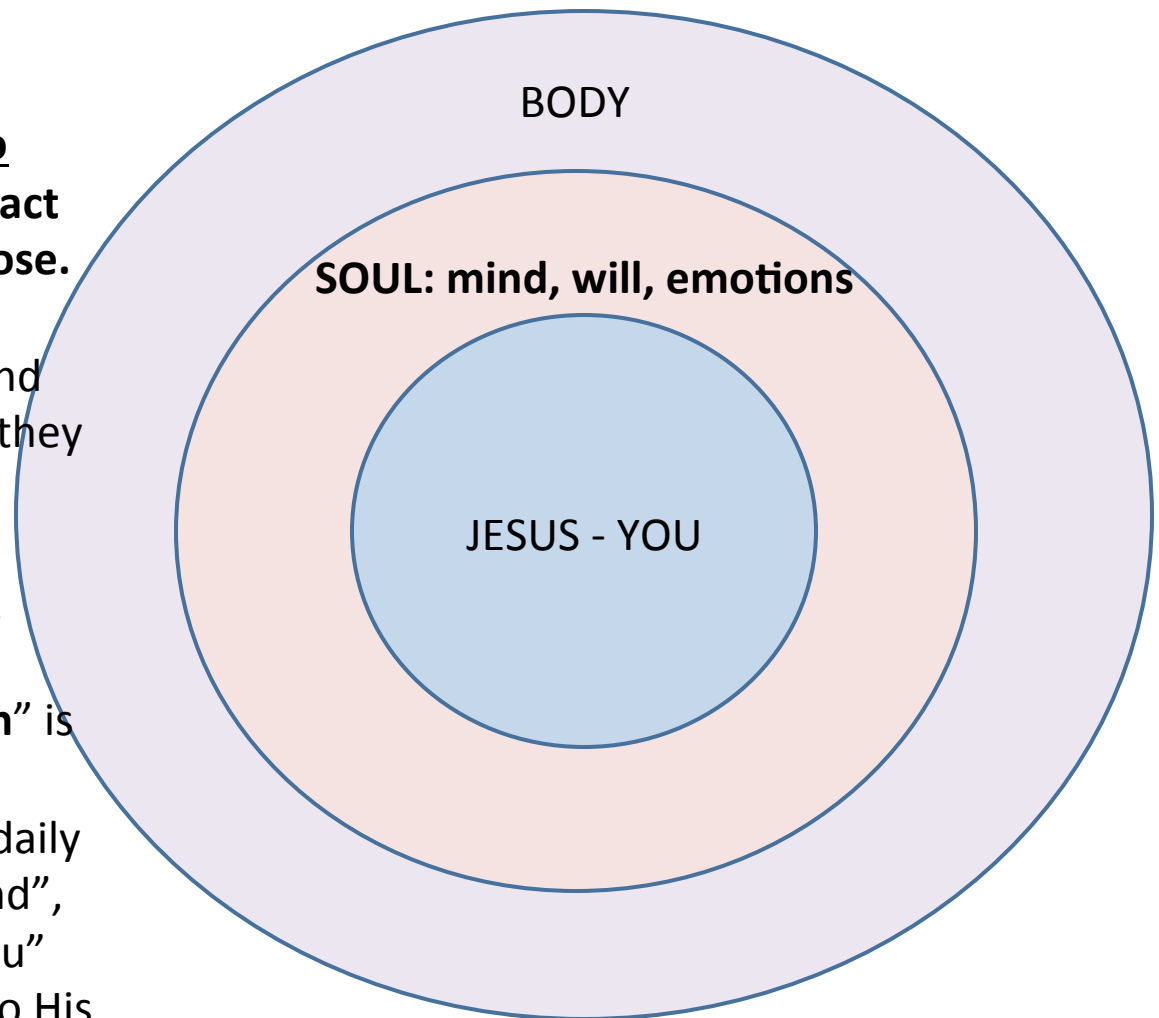
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continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (Philippians 2:12b-13)

This verse is used by cults and others to make people feel they have to “work” to be saved.

**Our “spirit” IS SAVED,
our “soul” IS BEING SAVED,
our “body” will be saved.**

To “**work out your salvation**” is the process of conforming yourselves to Jesus in your daily walk by “renewing your mind”, allowing God to “work in you” to make right choices and do His will in your life by the power of His Holy Spirit.



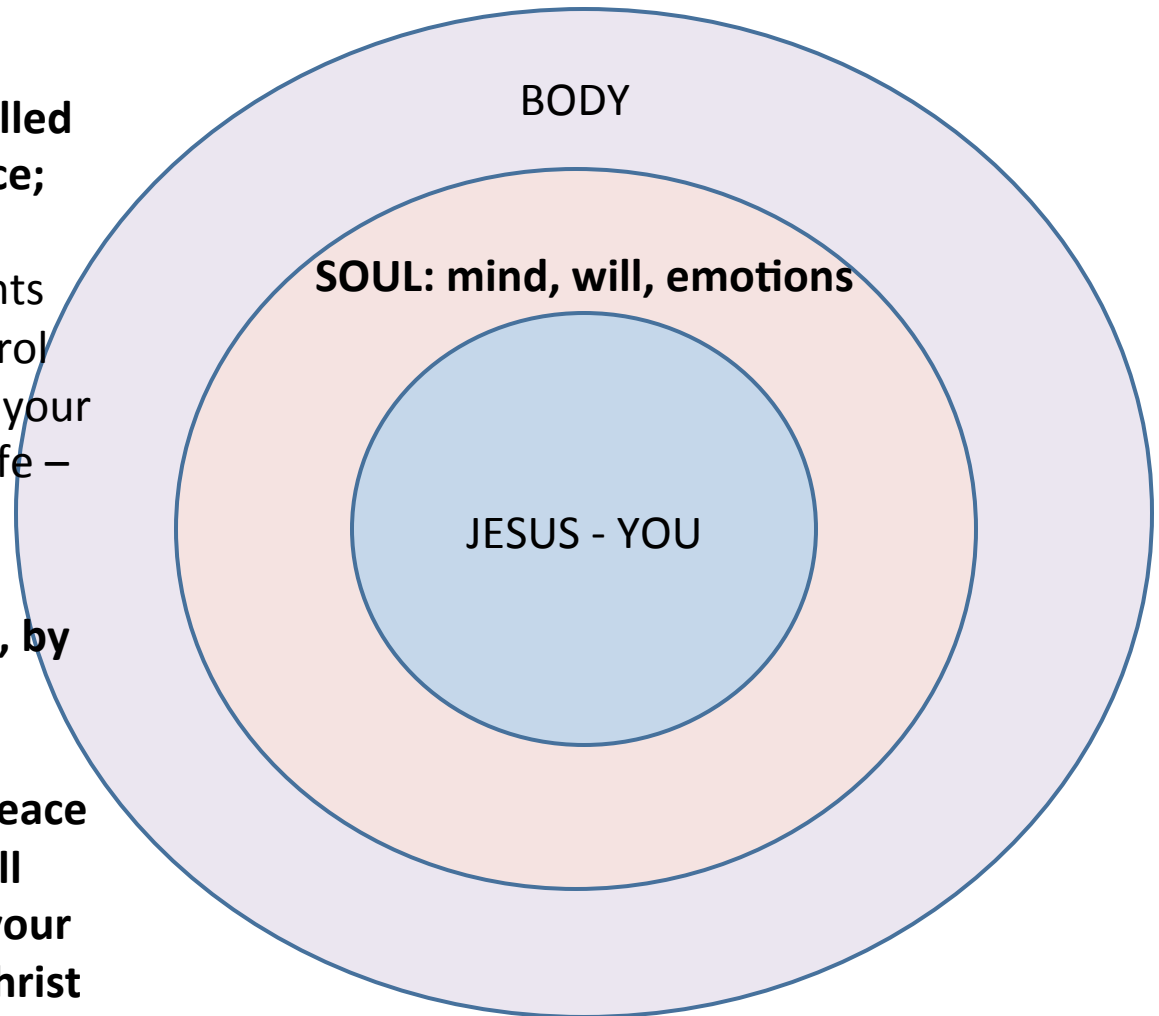
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The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; (Romans 8:9)

As you allow Christ's thoughts to encompass you and control you, Christ's peace will rule your life and you will have true life – the LIFE OF GOD reigning.

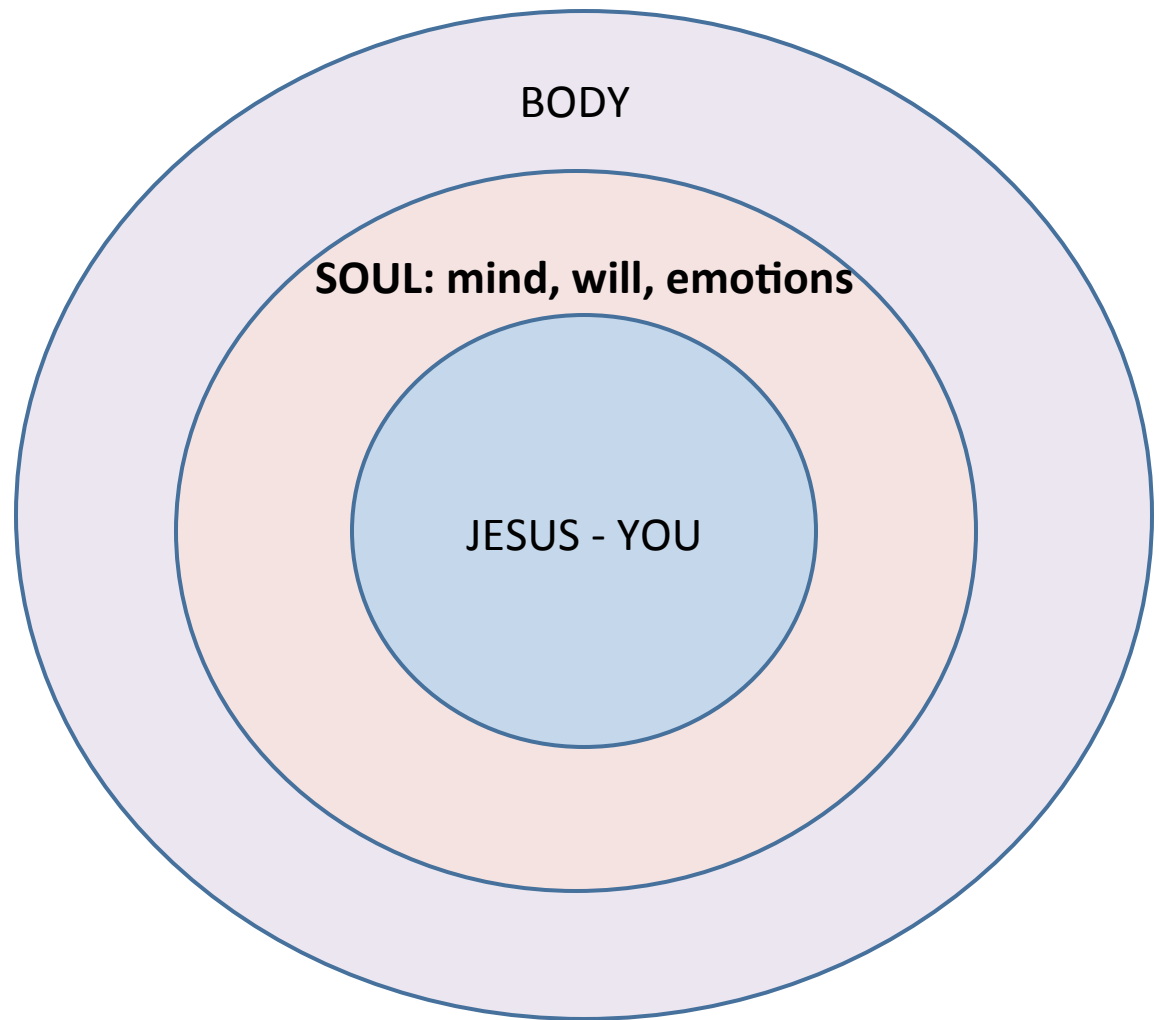
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.



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THE BELIEVER'S SOUL

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable— if anything is excellent or praiseworthy— think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you. (Philippians 4:6-9)

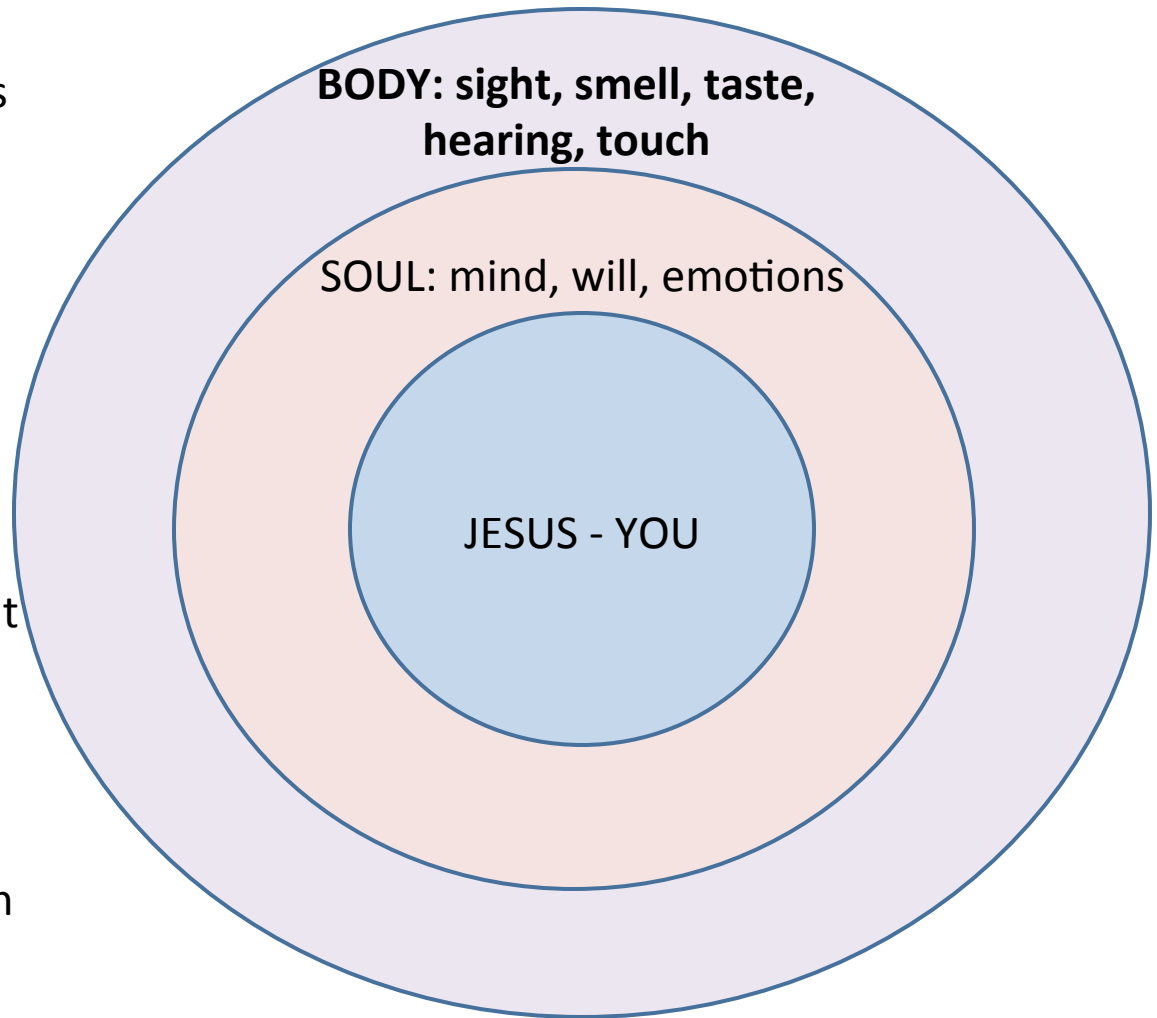


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THE BELIEVER'S BODY

God has given us five senses (sight, smell, taste, hearing, touch). This is in regards to our bodily functions to the outside world. It is our "world consciousness".

Before, we used our bodily cravings to satisfy ourselves but now we are "spiritual" and allow Christ to come out through our body giving us deeper "inner satisfaction" by serving, loving, and knowing Him. We still enjoy the beauty of God's creation but we are not attracted to the world like before. Our delight is in Christ!!



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THE BELIEVER'S BODY

SIGHT

We walk by faith, not by sight.
(2 Cor.5:7)

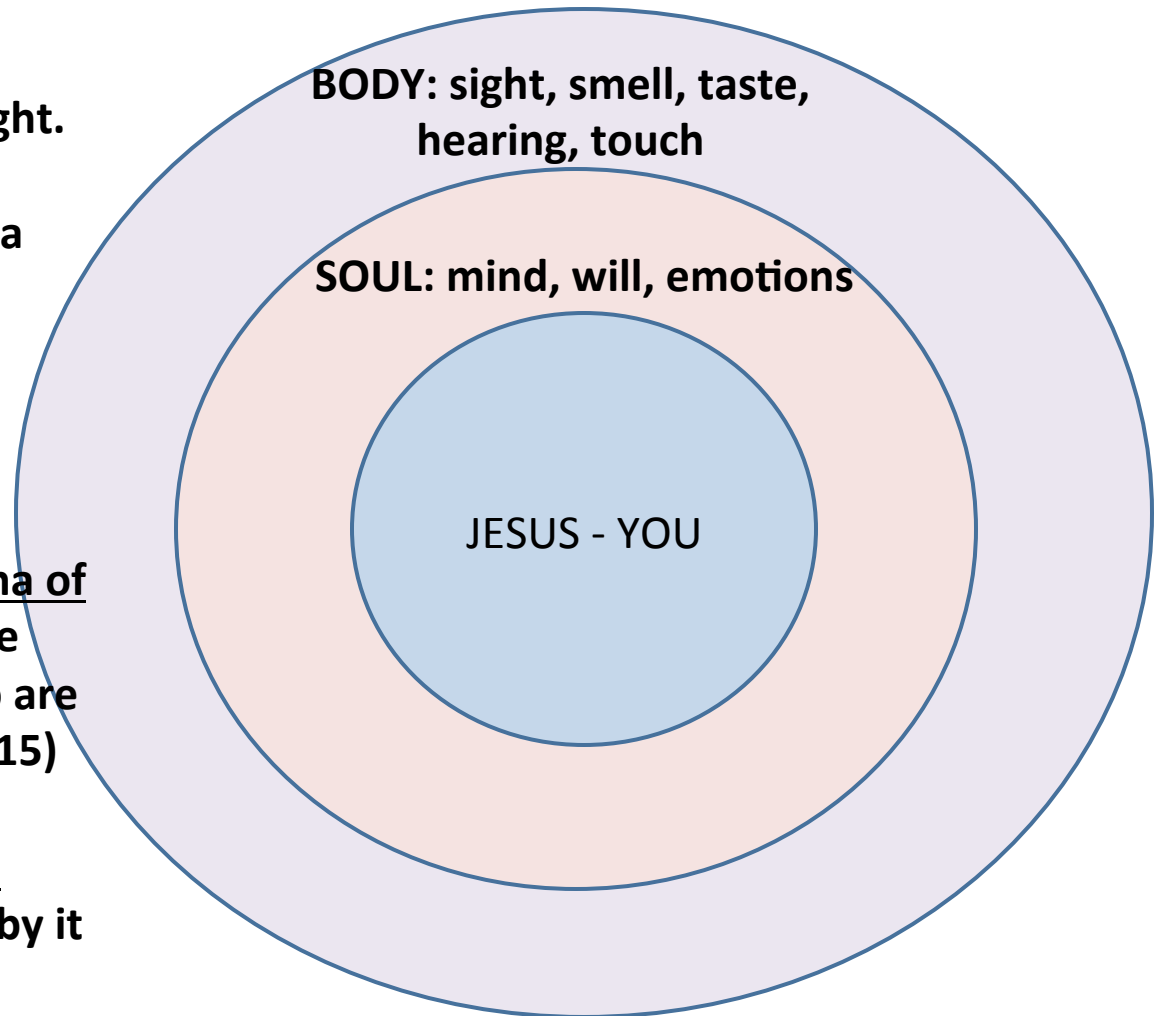
He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!" (John 9:25)

SMELL

For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. (2 Corinthians 2:15)

TASTE

Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.
(1 Peter 2:2-3)



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THE BELIEVER'S BODY

HEARING

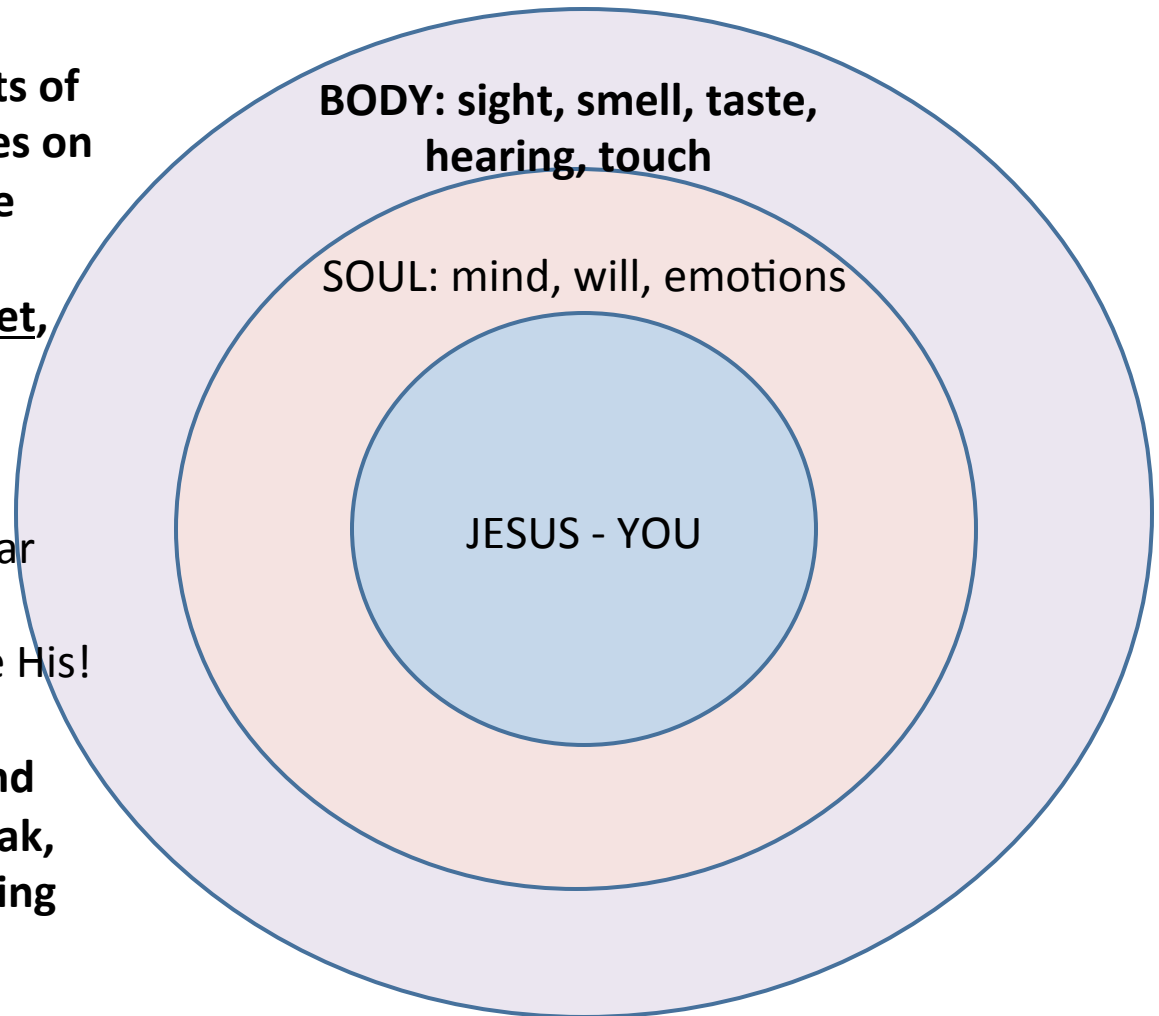
[Lover] My dove in the clefts of the rock, in the hiding places on the mountainside, show me your face, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your face is lovely. (Song of Solomon 2:14)

This is how our Lover, Jesus Christ desires to see and hear our voice. How much more should we want to hear/see His!

TOUCH

She came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak, and immediately her bleeding stopped. (Luke 8:44)

To touch our Savior brings healing and joy. And our heart yearns to be touched by Him!!

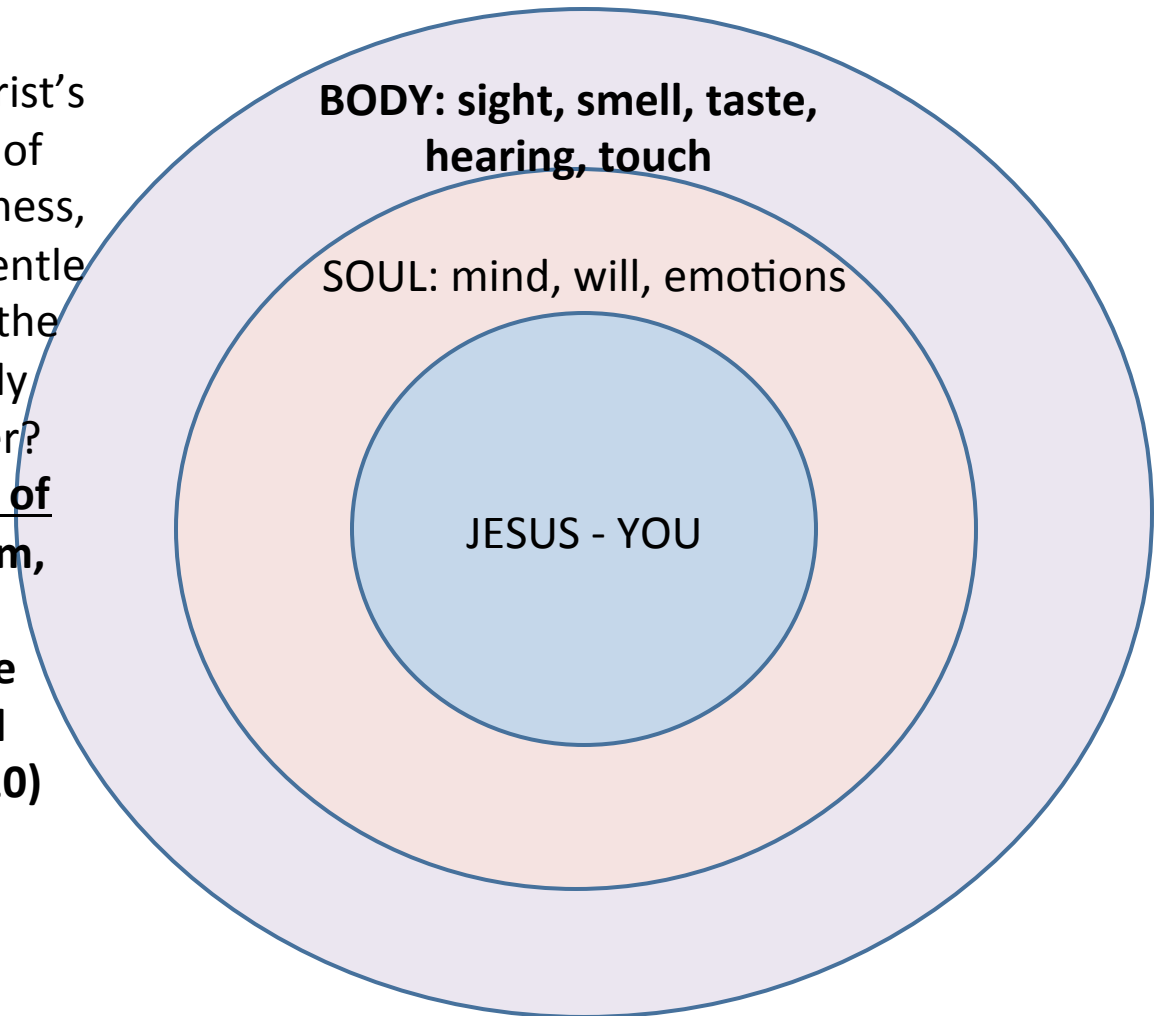


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THE BELIEVER'S BODY

Oh, to see the beauty of Christ's face, to smell the fragrance of His Glory, to taste His goodness, to hear His sweet – soft – gentle dove-like voice, and to feel the presence of God. What really does this world have to offer?

For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. (Colossians 2:9-10)



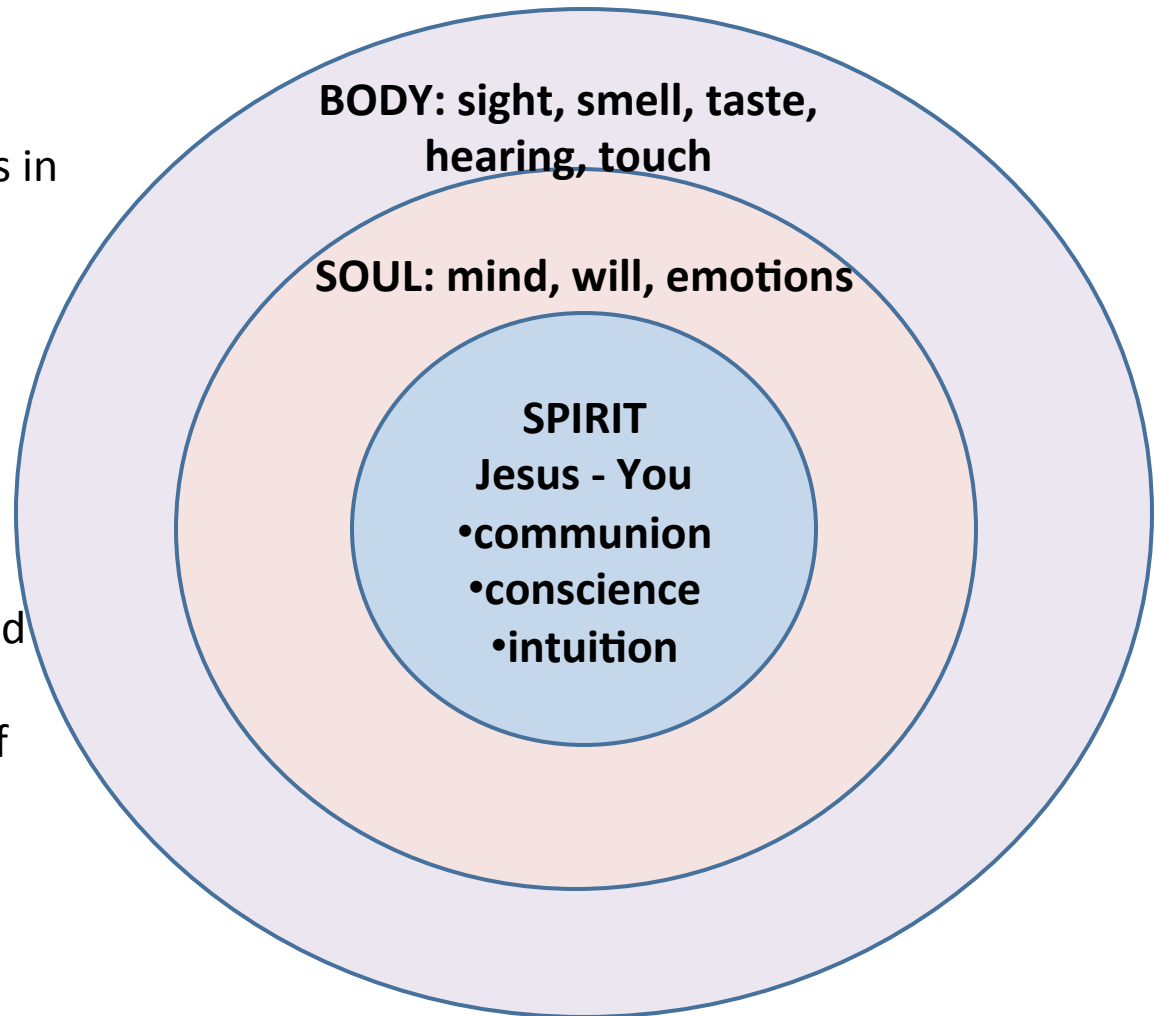
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LET'S SUMMARIZE:

SPIRIT: the “Holy of Holies” where Christ rules and reigns in our heart. We are joined to Christ’s Spirit. It is “who we truly are”. Christ in you the hope of glory!

SOUL: the battleground that we walk in by renewing our mind, being empowered by God’s Spirit to do His will, and by being obedient, experiencing the presence of God more fully.

BODY: our “outer tent” that contains our spirit/soul. It is dying but someday soon we will get a new body just like Christ’s resurrection body!!



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LET'S SUMMARIZE:

SPIRIT: GOD CONSCIOUSNESS

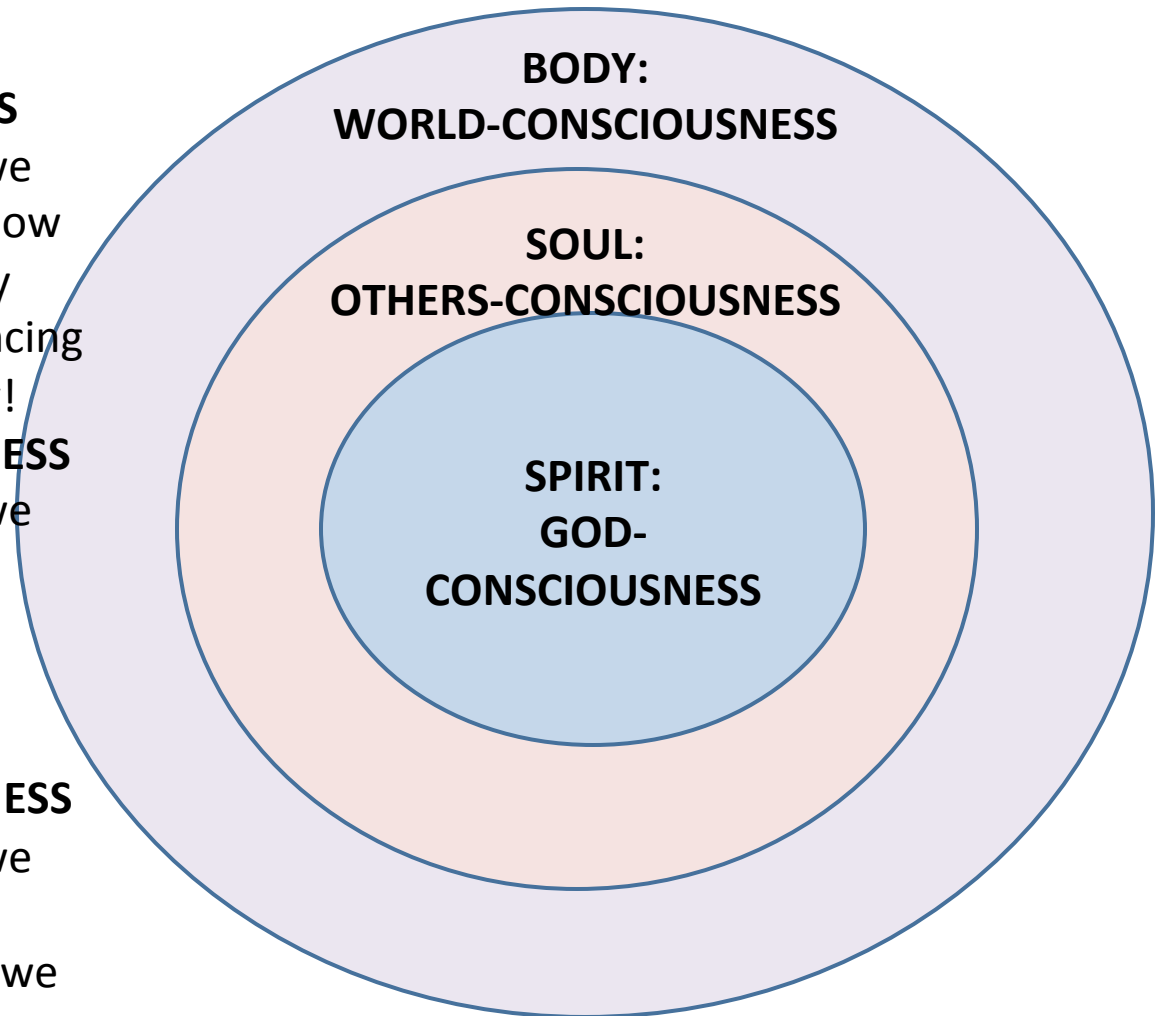
Before becoming Christians we were not conscious of God. Now we walk with Him moment by moment feeling and experiencing His glory, presence, and glory!

SOUL: OTHERS-CONSCIOUSNESS

Before becoming Christians we were "self-conscious" caring about ourselves. Now, we become more and more conscious of others.

BODY: WORLD-CONSCIOUSNESS

Before becoming Christians we live to satisfy our lustful pleasures and passions. Now we take our "tents" as the vehicle to a hurting, lost world.



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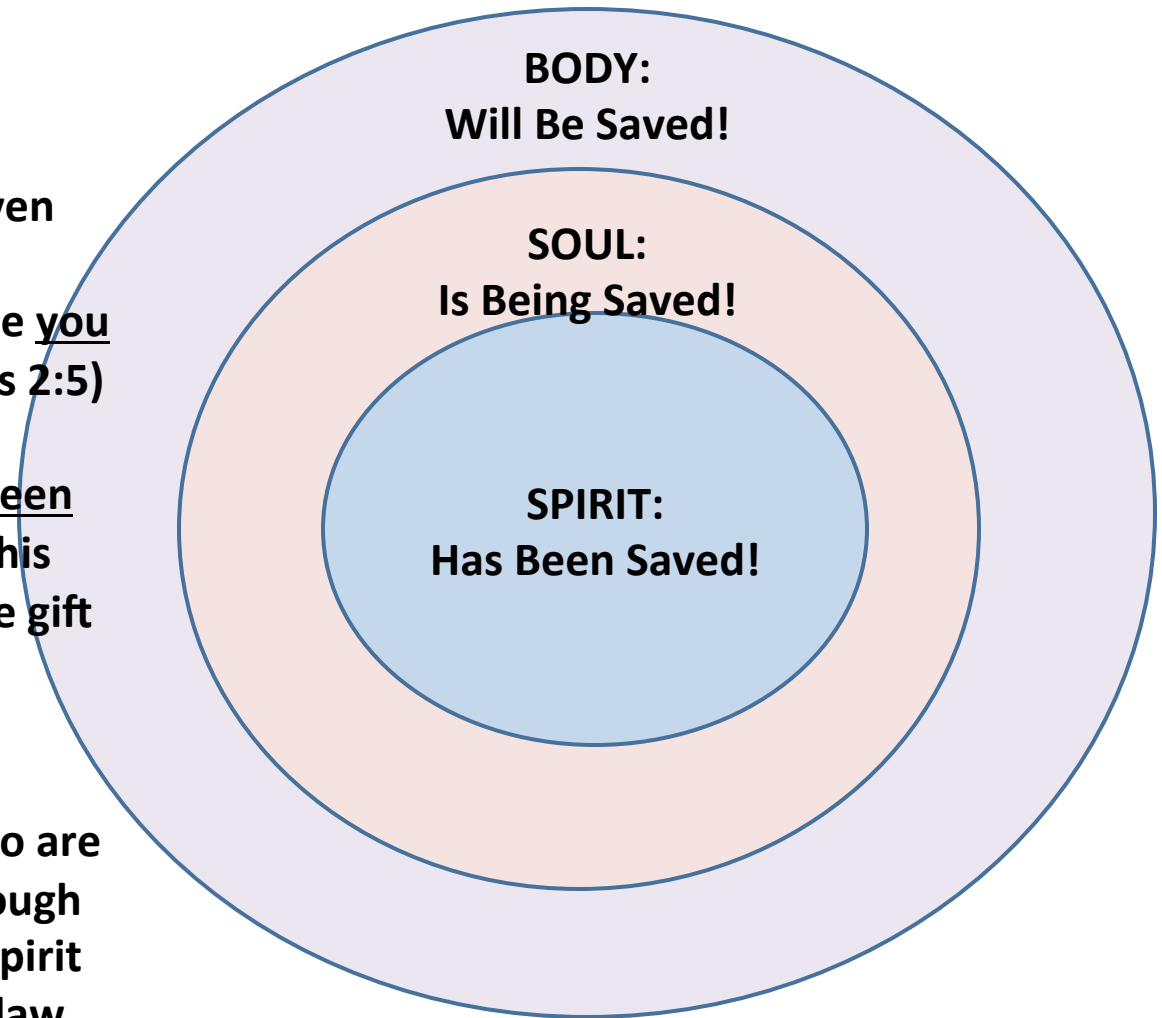
YOUR SPIRIT:

HAS BEEN SAVED!!

made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. (Ephesians 2:5)

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— (Ephesians 2:8)

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death. (Romans 8:1-2)



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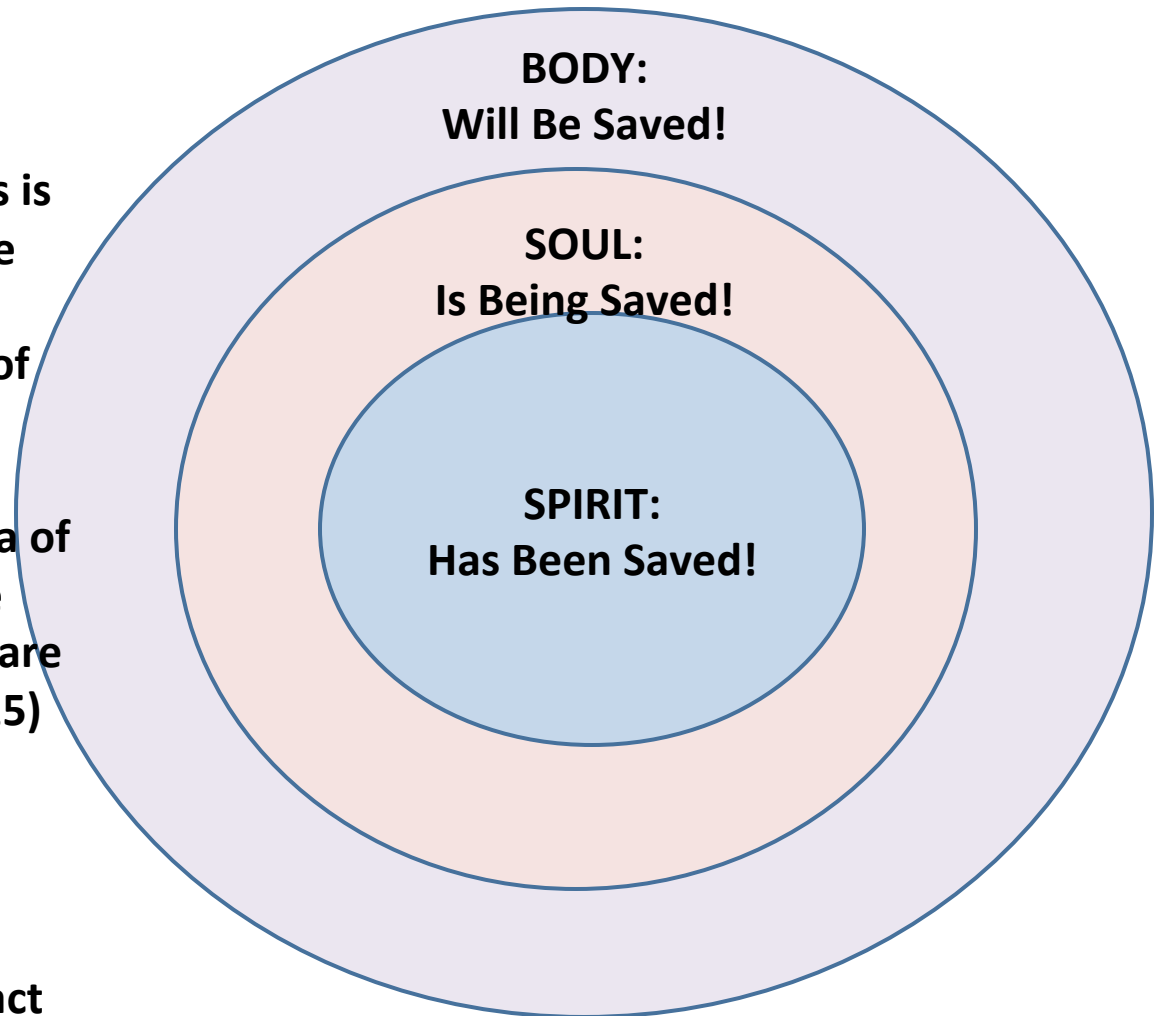
SALVATION

YOUR SOUL:
IS BEING SAVED!!

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. (1 Corinthians 1:18)

For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. (2 Corinthians 2:15)

continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose. (Philippians 2:12b-13)



SALVATION : “HAVE BEEN”, “ARE BEING”, “WILL BE” SAVED

SALVATION

YOUR BODY:

WILL BE SAVED!!

All men will hate you because of me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved.

(Mark 13:13)

But our citizenship is in heaven.

And we eagerly await a Savior

from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,

who, by the power that enables

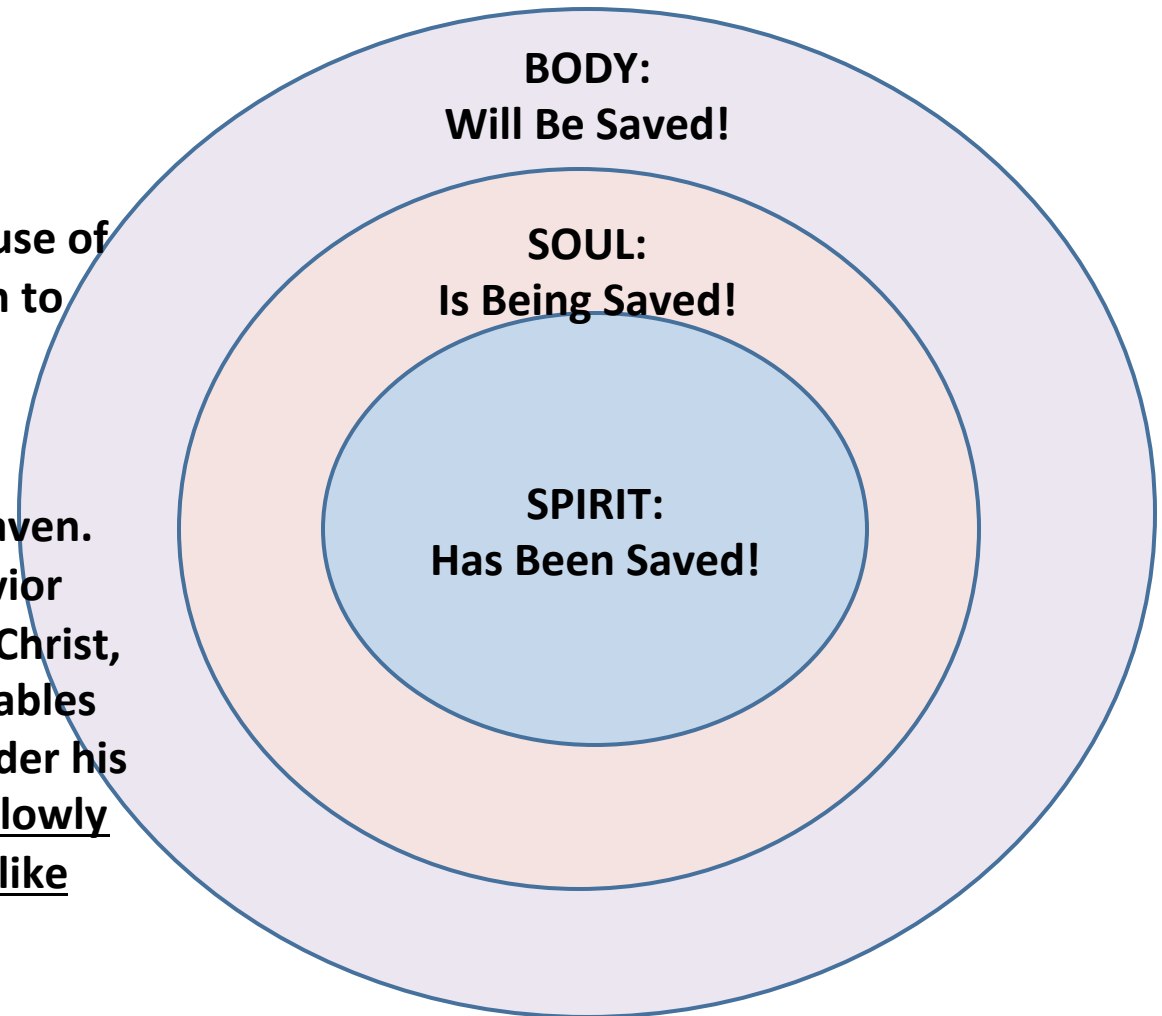
him to bring everything under his

control, will transform our lowly

bodies so that they will be like

his glorious body.

(Philippians 3:20-21)



SALVATION: JUSTIFICATION, SANCTIFICATION, GLORIFICATION

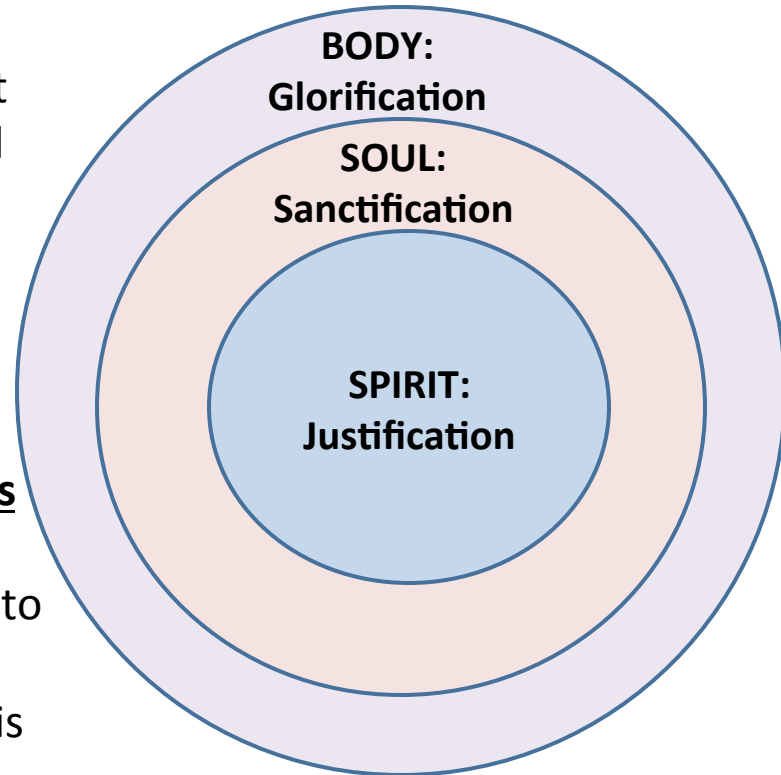
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For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men.

Christ came in the PAST and we have received His gift of life in our hearts. That is "**JUSTIFICATION**". Our spirits are saved and "justified" or made right in God's sight. (see Romans 3:24; 5:1)

It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age,

Since we have Christ we are encouraged to cleanse our lives, be holy, and walk with God "NOW" IN THIS PRESENT AGE. This is "**SANCTIFICATION**". We "have been sanctified" and yet God calls us to continue to sanctify ourselves through His Word and Spirit. (1 Cor.1:2; 2 Cor. 6:17)



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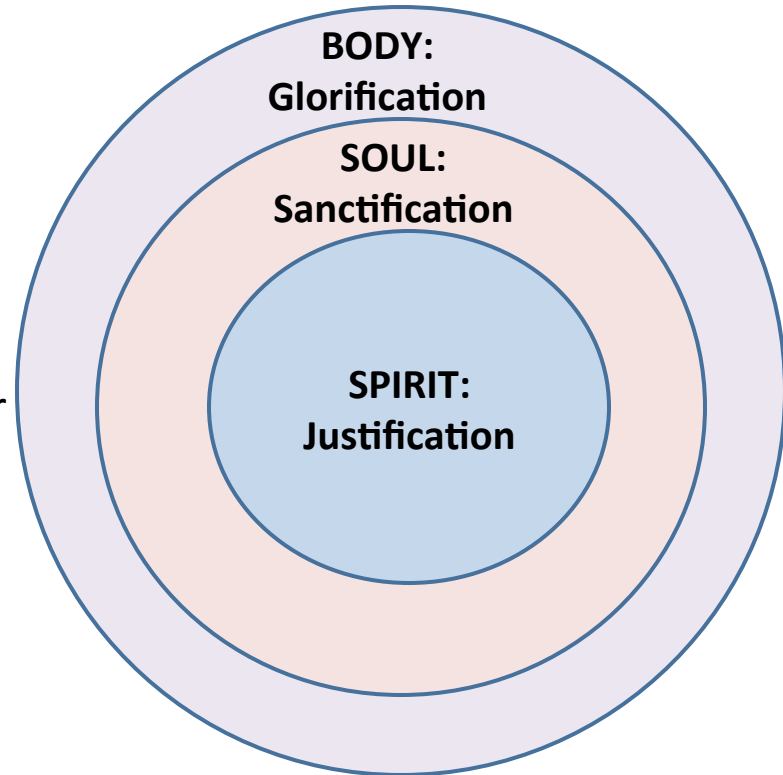
SALVATION

while we wait for the blessed hope—
the glorious appearing of our great God
and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave
himself for us to redeem us from all
wickedness and to purify for himself a
people that are his very own, eager to
do what is good. (Titus 2:11-14)

We are awaiting Christ's FUTURE return.
Christ is "THE BLESSED HOPE". No matter
what we go through HE is our future
hope and he will transform our lowly
bodies so that they will be like his
glorious body.

This is "GLORIFICATION" as we will get a
glorious body just like His.

Even so, COME LORD JESUS!!



OUR WALK: PAST – PRESENT - FUTURE

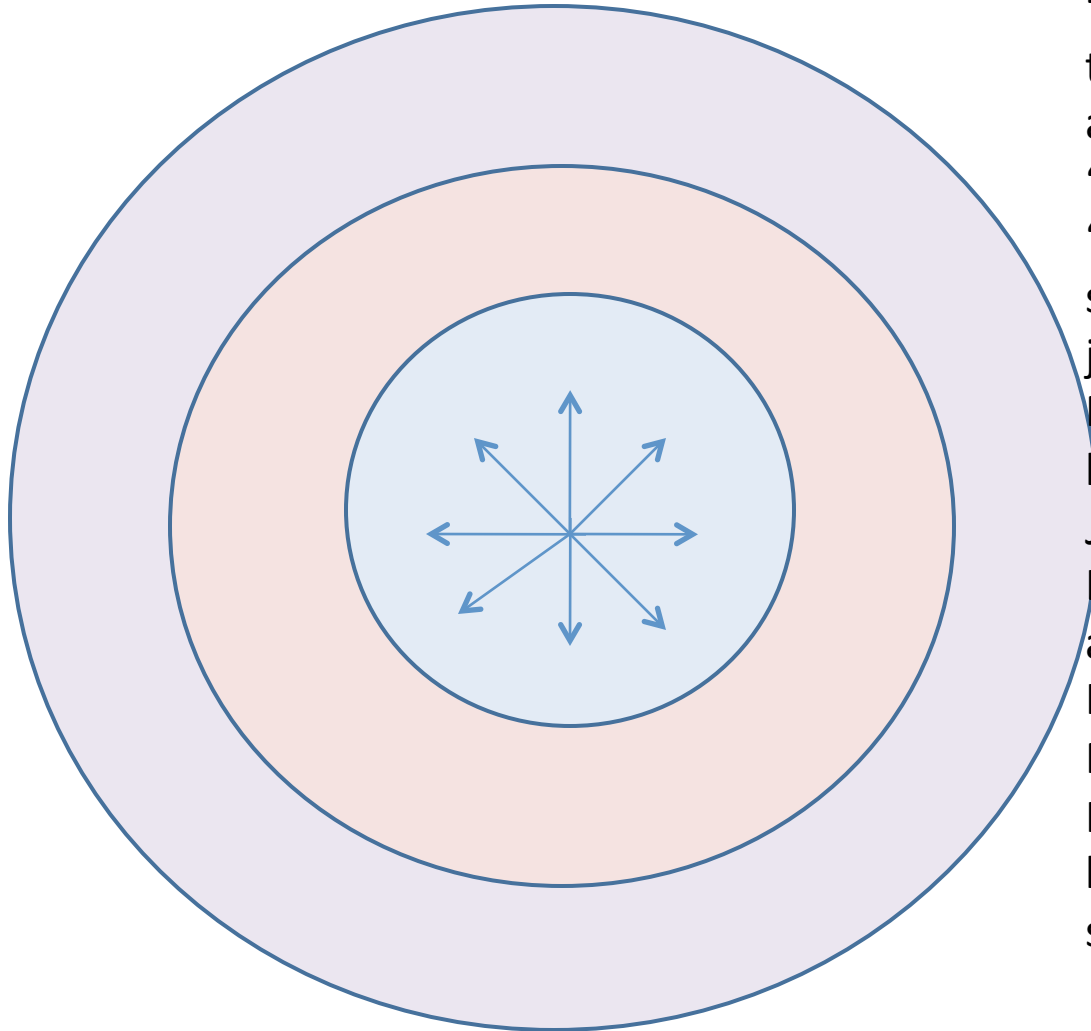
I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind (OUR PAST) and straining toward what is ahead (OUR PRESENT), I press on (OUR PRESENT) toward the goal (OUR FUTURE) to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 3:10-14)

In our walk God will show us areas we need to take to Christ that He can heal us with and we can receive forgiveness for. This is the process of “Forgetting what is behind” in our past.

Presently, we are learning to walk with Christ and we are working out our salvation and allowing God to change us. Here we are “straining toward what is ahead” - “press on”. The present process of still being in this world as aliens, pilgrims, and strangers. In the future, we will receive the prize God has promised us: our glorified bodies in the uninterrupted presence of God. Here we see “toward the goal” to build God’s Kingdom

WALKING WITH JESUS!!

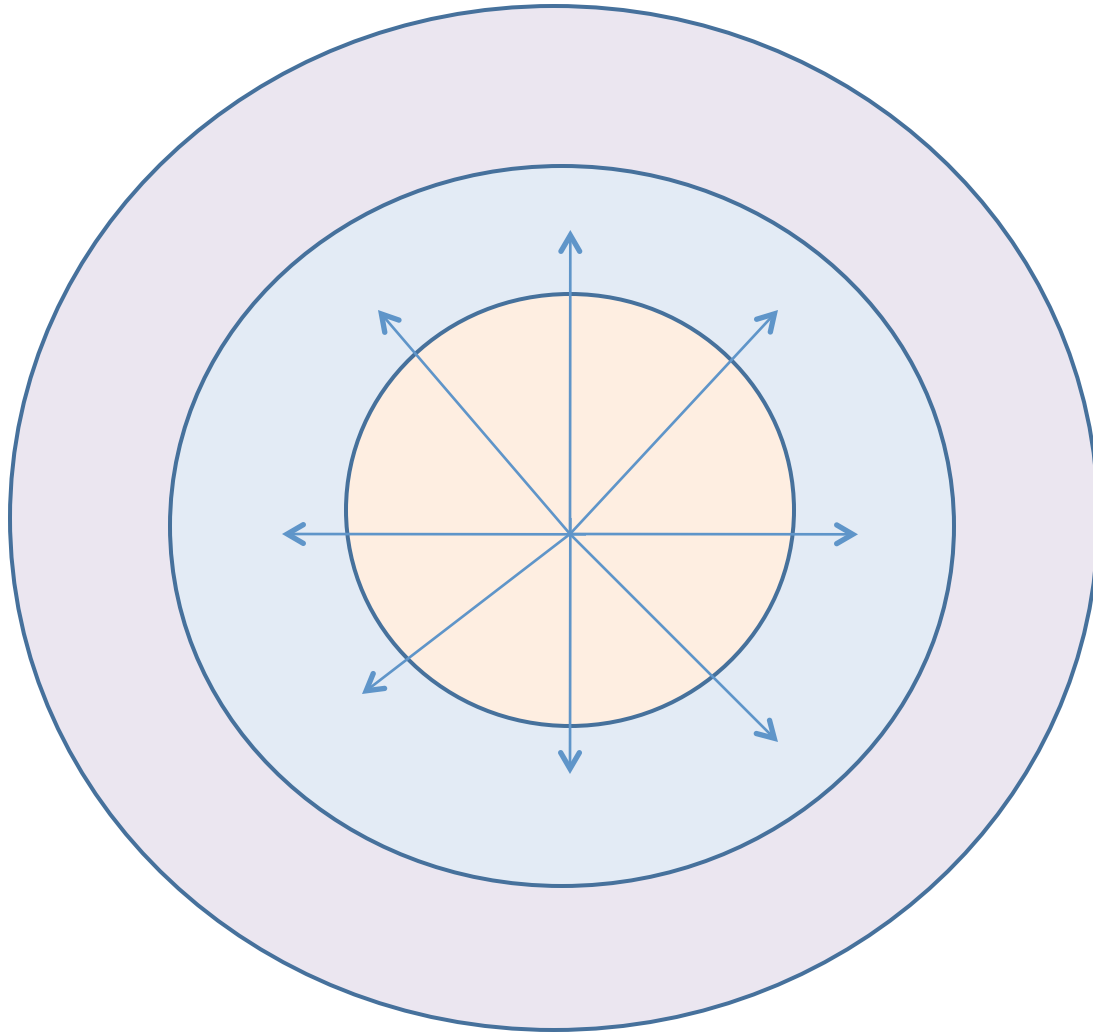
Christ has now come into our hearts by faith. We have believed His Word, received His love message, repented of our sins, received His forgiveness through His shed blood on the cross, and ask Him to come into our hearts to be our Lord and Savior.



We are not “born again” by the Spirit of God and His child. He “indwells” and “lives” in our spirit. We are joined to Him. Now we are learning to allow Jesus to live “HIS LIFE” through us as we yield to His Holy Spirit. First, we trust Him to live His life through our spirit.

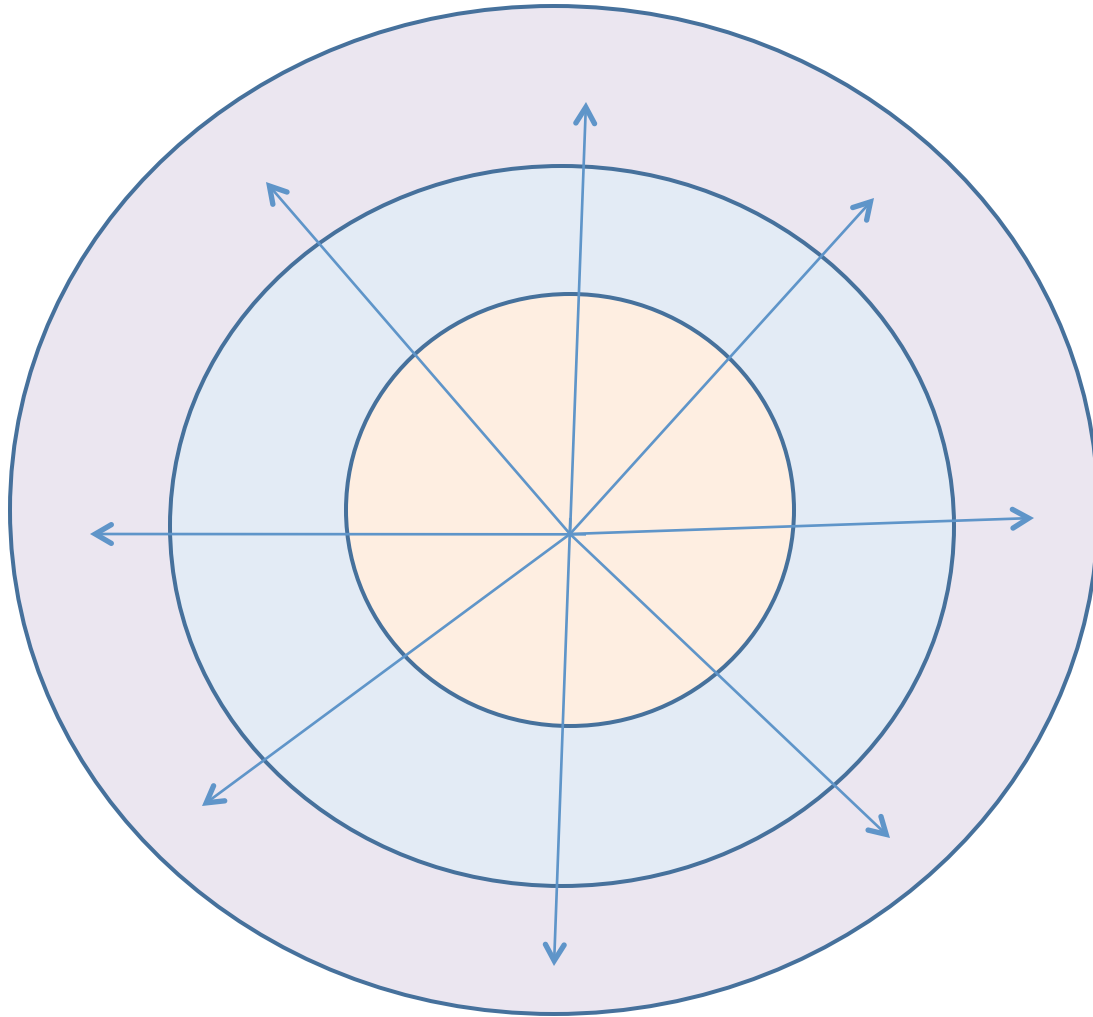
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Then we allow Jesus to live His life through our soul by faith. We allow Him into our thoughts, our will, and our emotions (mind, will, emotions). We renew our mind and choose to obey Him trusting in His power. Then our emotions will come under subjection to Him and healing follow.



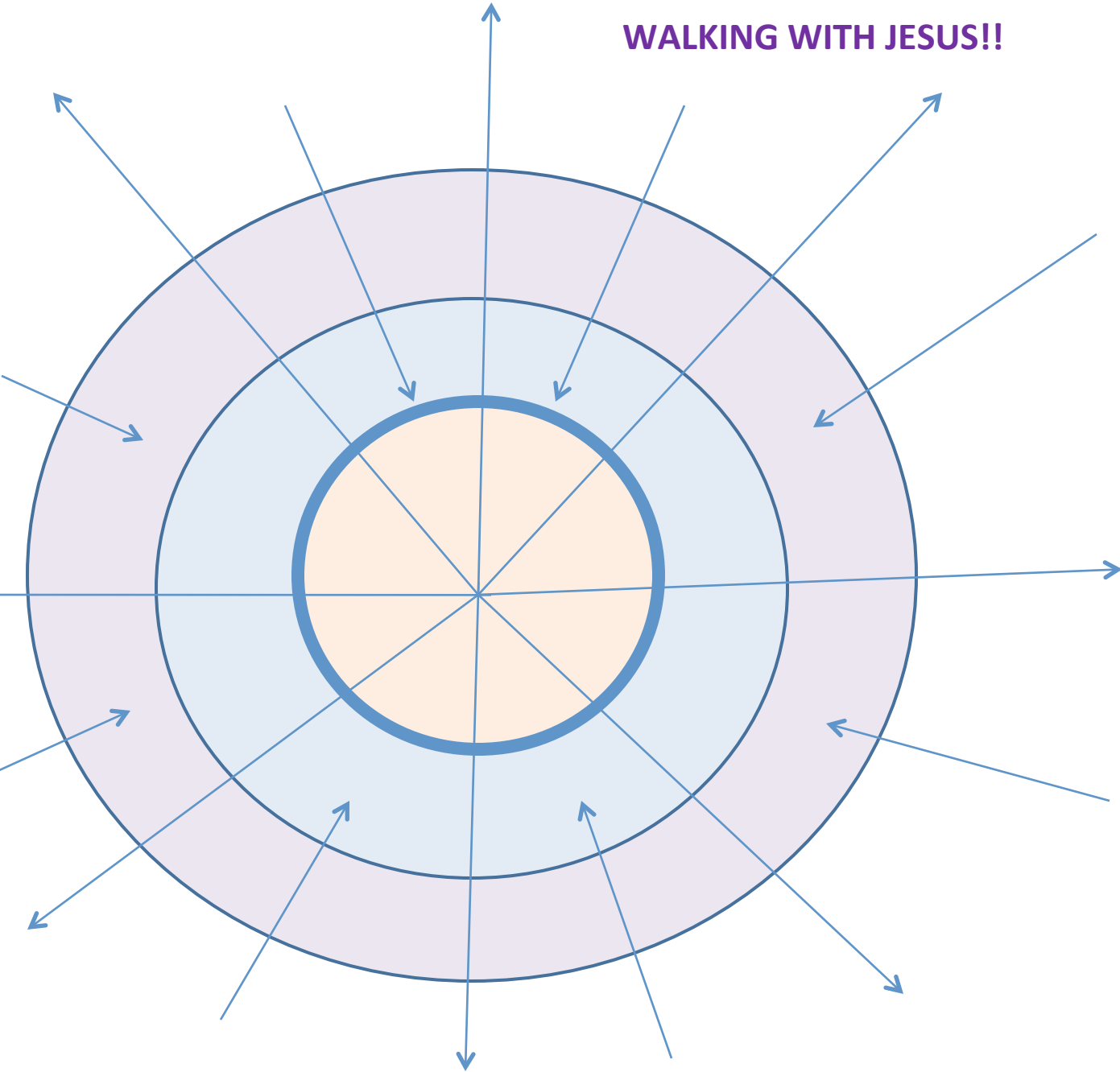
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Next, we walk by faith allowing Christ into our body to live His life through us. We allow Him to use our bodies for His glory.



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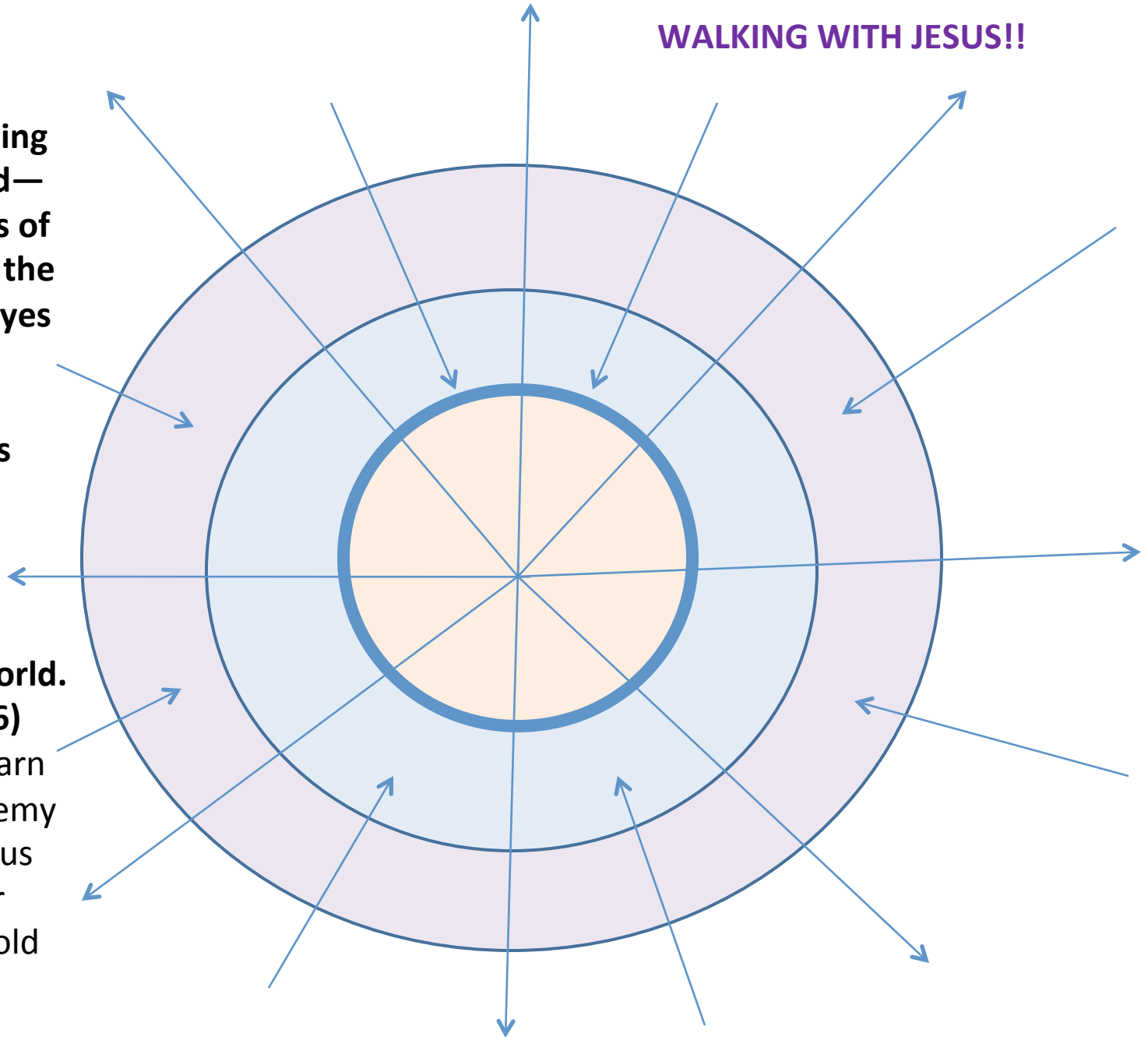
Satan will attack us but cannot get “inside” our spirit as Christ dwells there. But he can “oppress” our spirit if we don’t continually cleanse ourselves and be filled with Christ’s Spirit. Satan will attack us through our soul and body.



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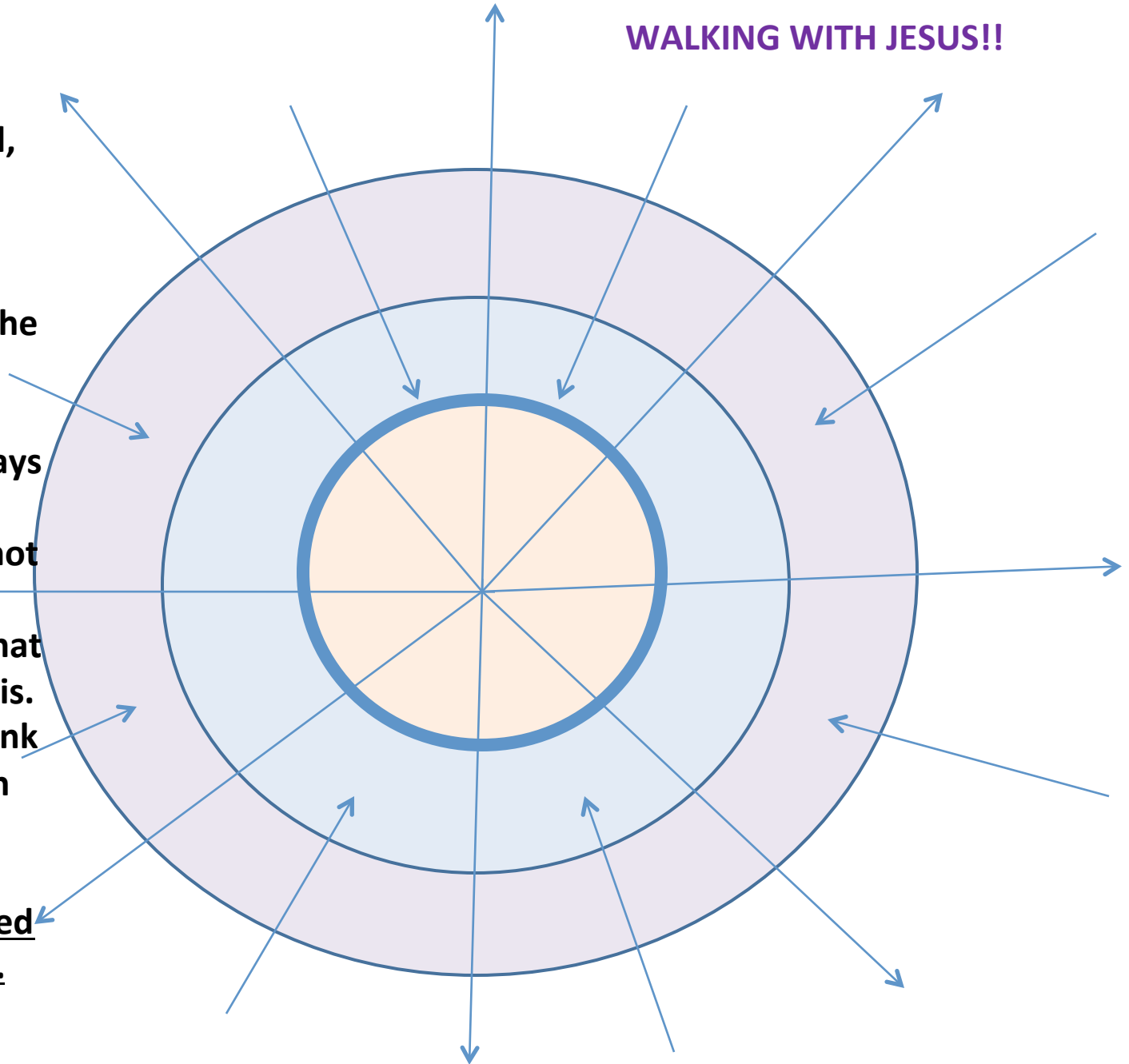
For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world.

(1 John 2:16)
We must learn that the enemy still attacks us through our “flesh” or “old nature”.



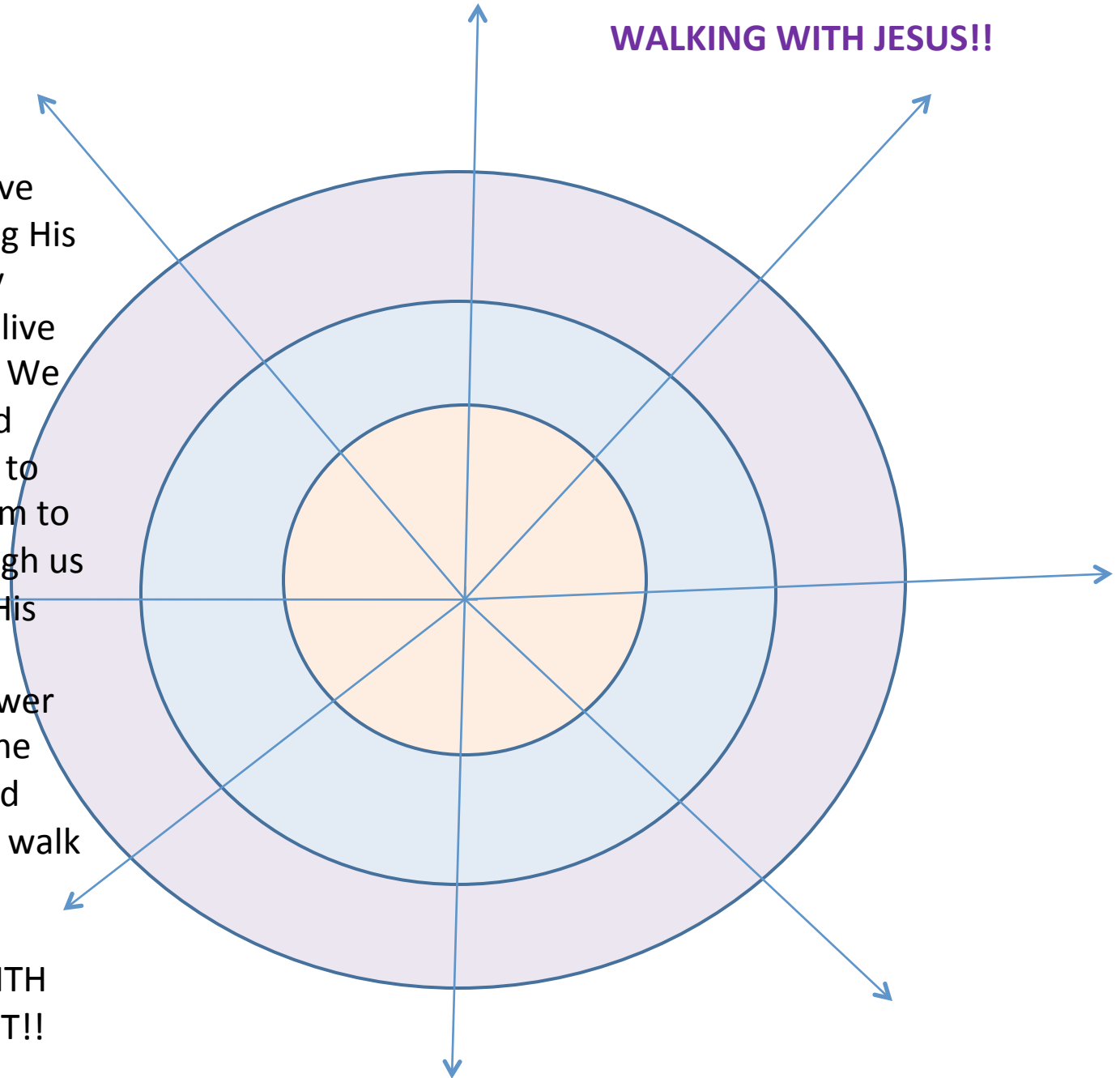
WALKING WITH JESUS!!

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. (Eph.5:15-18)



WALKING WITH JESUS!!

To WALK IN THE SPIRIT, is to believe that Christ is living His life through us by faith. We cannot live the Christian life. We can only yield and submit ourselves to Him and allow Him to live His live through us by the Power of His Holy Spirit. Jesus' Spirit gives us power over Satan, sin, the world, and our old nature so we can walk in the new divine nature of Jesus.
JESUS FILL ME WITH YOUR HOLY SPIRIT!!



CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

We have been talking about the beginning of mankind, how Adam and Eve fell in the garden, how SIN entered the world, how to be saved, and how to walk with Jesus.

Now we are going to look at another aspect of salvation and our future hope.

CHRIST IS ETERNAL LIFE

To begin, we must know that Jesus Christ is “eternal life”.
Eternal life is NOT a place or an existence BUT A LIFE
– THE ETERNAL LIFE OF GOD – eternal “past and future”.

Before the mountains were born or you brought forth
the earth and the world, from everlasting to
everlasting you are God. (Psalm 90:2)



CHRIST IS ETERNAL LIFE for Christ's
life is eternal.

Notice the line has an arrow on both
sides extending and continuing into
the past and future.

CHRIST IS ETERNAL LIFE

The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. (1 John 1:2)

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (1 John 5:11)



CHRIST IS ETERNAL LIFE

CHRIST IS ETERNAL LIFE

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1 John 5:13)

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (1 John 5:20)



CHRIST IS ETERNAL LIFE

CHRIST IS ETERNAL LIFE

How could God foretell future events?

It is because His life is not determined by time.

He is “ABOVE TIME”.

What is time? Is not time determined by the sun?

Does the earth not travel around the sun in a year?

And was not the sun created? Then, was not “time” created?

Therefore, our Creator created time.



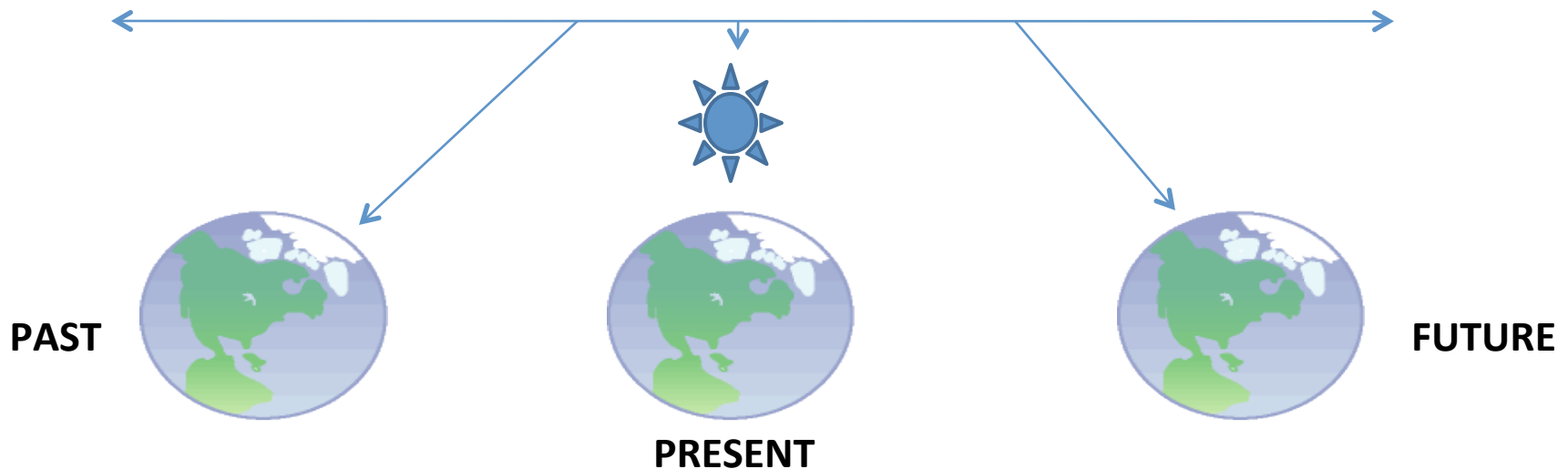
ETERNAL LIFE of CHRIST

CHRIST IS ETERNAL LIFE

The Creator is above time. The Creator is always greater than creation. He is “eternal”. He is the “Alpha & Omega”.

That is why He could look down upon our world and see past, present, and future. Because He is above time and supersedes time. His is ETERNAL. THE Eternal One.

He sees the past, present, and future and yet walks, feels, and exists with us in the present “now”.



CHRIST IS ETERNAL LIFE

Now do Christ's words start to make more sense:

but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

"I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. (John 5:24)

You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, (John 5:39)

Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. (John 6:68)

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. (John 10:28)

CHRIST IS ETERNAL LIFE

The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. (1 John 1:2)

And this is what he promised us—even eternal life. (1 John 2:25)

And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. (1 John 5:11)

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life. (1Jn 5:13)

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (1 John 5:20)

(see: John 6:27,40; 12:25,50; 17:2-3; Acts 13:46,48; Romans 2:7; 5:21; 6:22-23; Galatians 6:8; 1 Timothy 1:16; 6:12; Titus 1:2; 3:7; Jude 1:21)

CHRIST IS ETERNAL LIFE

Let's ponder a question.

If you are in a body that is eventually going to die, then do you have life?

You see, "life begets life." All life comes from life.. HIS LIFE!!

We are "mortal" but Jesus is "IMMORTAL".

We are "dying" but Jesus is "LIFE".

We are "finite" but Jesus is "INFINITE".

We are "perishing & corruptible" but He is "PERFECT".

SIN leads to DEATH but Jesus is ETERNAL LIFE.

"EVERYONE" needs LIFE!!!

CHRIST IS ETERNAL LIFE

So we've seen that man's problem is "spiritual/physical" death.

We've also seen that SIN causes death for if we are separated from God (LIFE) then we are experiencing DEATH.

Now we will see that we have two problems,

1. Our sins: the things we do.
2. SIN: the principle of sin that brings death.

HE DIED FOR OUR “SINS” AND TO DESTROY “SIN”

Why did Jesus have to die on the cross?

He died for two things:

First, our sins.

The things we do. His shed blood is for our sins.

Second, He died for sin – the principle of sin.

He had to eradicate the very essence of the problem. For SIN had permeated everything and multiplied itself every time a seed came into an egg.

Let’s look at these two aspects:

1. OUR “SINS”

FIRST, OUR SINS.

The things we do. His shed blood is for our sins.

The “blood” is the problem with mankind. For the blood permeates every cell of the human body. If a person is sick, the doctor will check their blood. We can have “high/low blood pressure”, viruses, bacteria, etc. This is a physical reality. And we have a terminal problem.

The Bible says,

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

(Leviticus 17:11)

1. OUR “SINS”

Throughout the Bible, we see the “blood”.

We see Abel’s blood spilled and crying “revenge”

but Christ’s blood spilled cried “FORGIVENESS.”

We see the “blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean”

(see Hebrews 9:10-15).

We see in Hebrews 9:22 it is declared,

“without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”

For a study on the blood see “The Scarlet Thread” at:

www.altogetherlovely.org (FREE TEACHINGS)

1. OUR "SINS"

The Jewish people would understand the sacrifice of the "lambs" and this greatly impacted them when John said:

"The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29)

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" (John 1:35)

So Christ, became the LAMB OF GOD, took the sins of the world upon Himself, shed His previously untainted and pure blood on the way to the cross and on the cross.

1. OUR "SINS"

Jesus after He arose from the dead had His body changed into a spiritual body. Paul declares,

I declare to you, brothers,

**that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,
nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.**

(1 Cor.15:50)

1. OUR “SINS”

Nothing tainted or impure can go to heaven. So Christ took the sins of the world upon Himself so that when the Father in Heaven “sees the blood” He will pass over us.

"On that same night I will pass through Egypt and strike down every firstborn—both men and animals—and I will bring judgment on all the gods of Egypt. I am the LORD. The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt.

(Exodus

12:12-13)

Can you imagine how moved the Father is now when He sees the blood of His dearly beloved Son and passes over us who believe that Christ’s shed blood is enough for the forgiveness of our sins?

1. OUR "SINS"

What beautiful words to hear,

This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. (1 John 1:5-10) see next slide.....

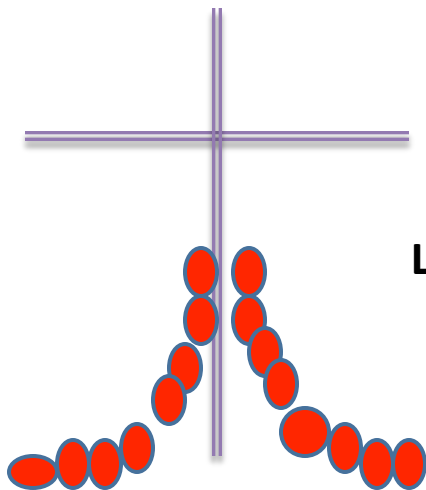
1. OUR “SINS”

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin.

But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.

He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (2 John 2:1-2)

We can come to God, ask and receive forgiveness of our sins by faith in what Christ has done for us on the cross.



**Look, the Lamb of God,
who takes away
the sin of the world!**

2. SIN: THE PRINCIPLE OF “SIN”

SECOND, CHRIST DIED FOR SIN

– THE PRINCIPLE OF SIN.

Christ had to eradicate the very essence of the problem. For SIN had permeated everything and multiplied itself every time a seed came into an egg. For every time a new person is conceived and born, he/she is born into “death” (spiritual and physical).

We are literally, a race of people that is physically dying and spiritually dead to God.

SIN CAUSES DEATH.

SIN AND DEATH NEEDED TO BE CONQUERED.

JESUS CAME TO CONQUER DEATH AND SIN

That is why Jesus came to earth. God became man.

God not only SPOKE to us but He BECAME “MAN”.

Jesus as the SEED came into Mary through the Power of the Holy Spirit and God took on earthly flesh.

So He could be the NEW SEED of a dying race.

You see everyone in this

Adamic race “dies” everyone!!

Do you know anyone

who hasn't died

or isn't going to die?



JESUS CAME TO CONQUER DEATH AND SIN

You see:

Jesus did not come to show us how to live

– although He did that.

Jesus did not come to temporarily heal us

– although He did that.

Jesus did not come to show us how not to sin

– although He did that.

He came to die and rise from the dead to give us new life in Him.

ISAIAH 9:6

For to us a child is born, **(virgin birth)**
to us a son is given, **(adoption)**
and the government will be on his shoulders.
And he will be called
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)

THE SON OF GOD – THE SON OF MAN

SONSHIP

The “Son of God” means all-inclusive God. The “Son of Man” means all-inclusive Man. They are “titles”. To the Jew, sonship meant the “same” or “equality”.

The Jewish people had no difficulty understanding who Christ claimed to be for every time He said He was the Son of God, they picked up stones to kill Him for this was blasphemy that He would claim to be God. If Christ had been claiming to be the “son of God” – a created being, then people would have just laughed at Him as a nutcase. For the Jews knew they were all created but that the Savior would be “God with us”.

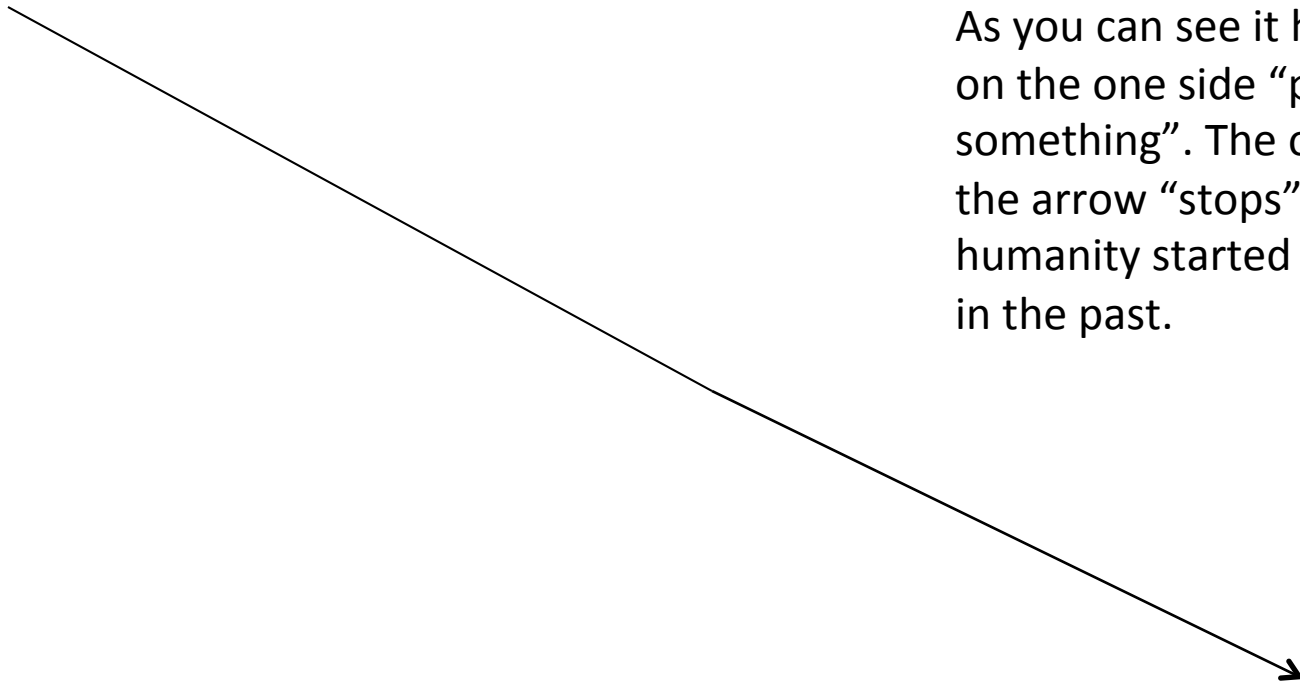
We don’t understand that we are “not created” but “pro-created” and that we come from our father’s seed so we are “one in the same” in essence.

For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children.

(Romans 8:14-16)

CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

This is a drawing of mankind. As you can see it has an arrow on the one side "pointing to something". The other side of the arrow "stops" showing that humanity started somewhere in the past.



CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

Now, the Bible says,

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 3:23)

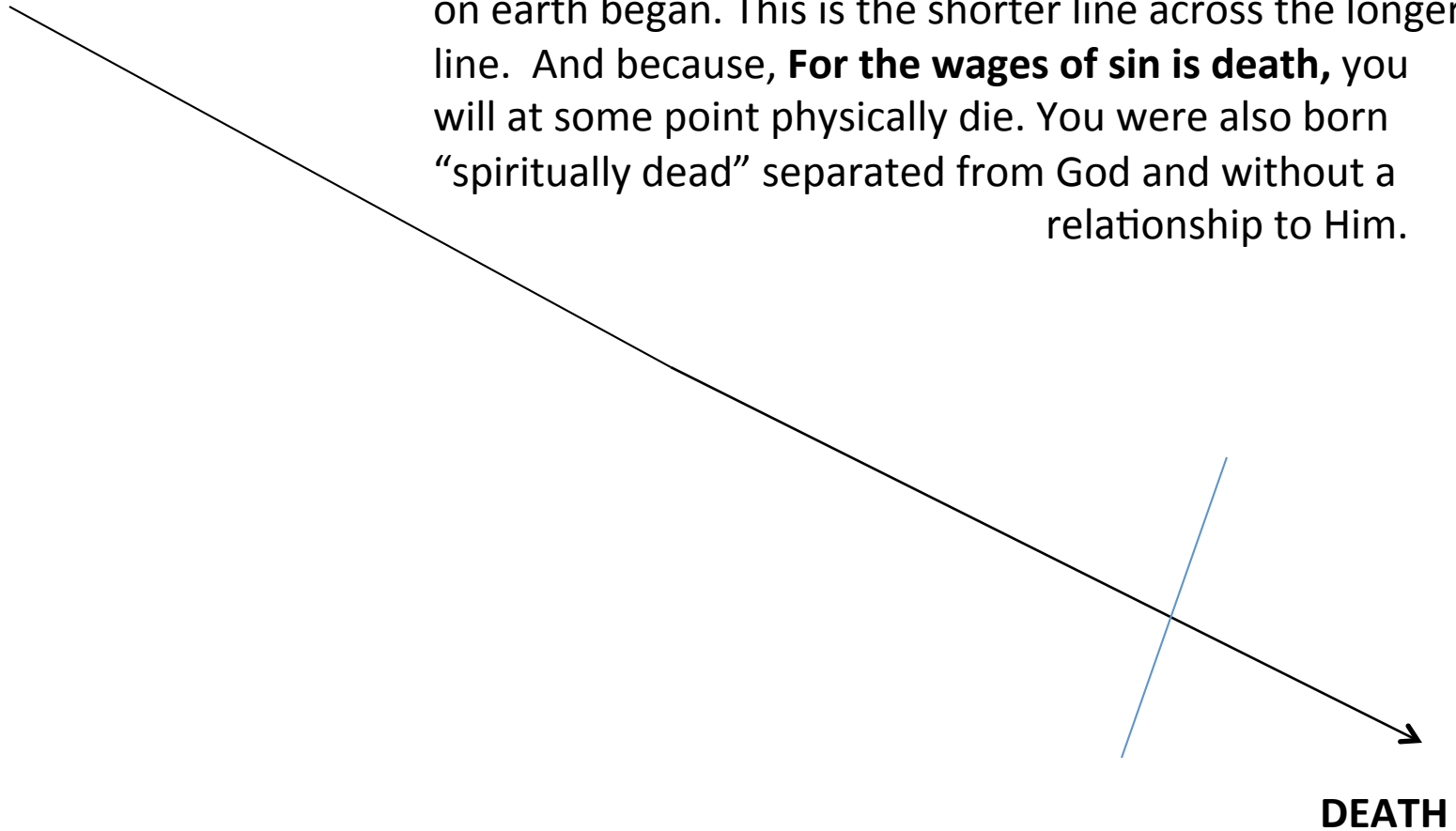
Let's put the word "death" at the end of the line. We see that all mankind experiences death; spiritual and physical just like Adam did. Everyone in the human race will die!!



DEATH

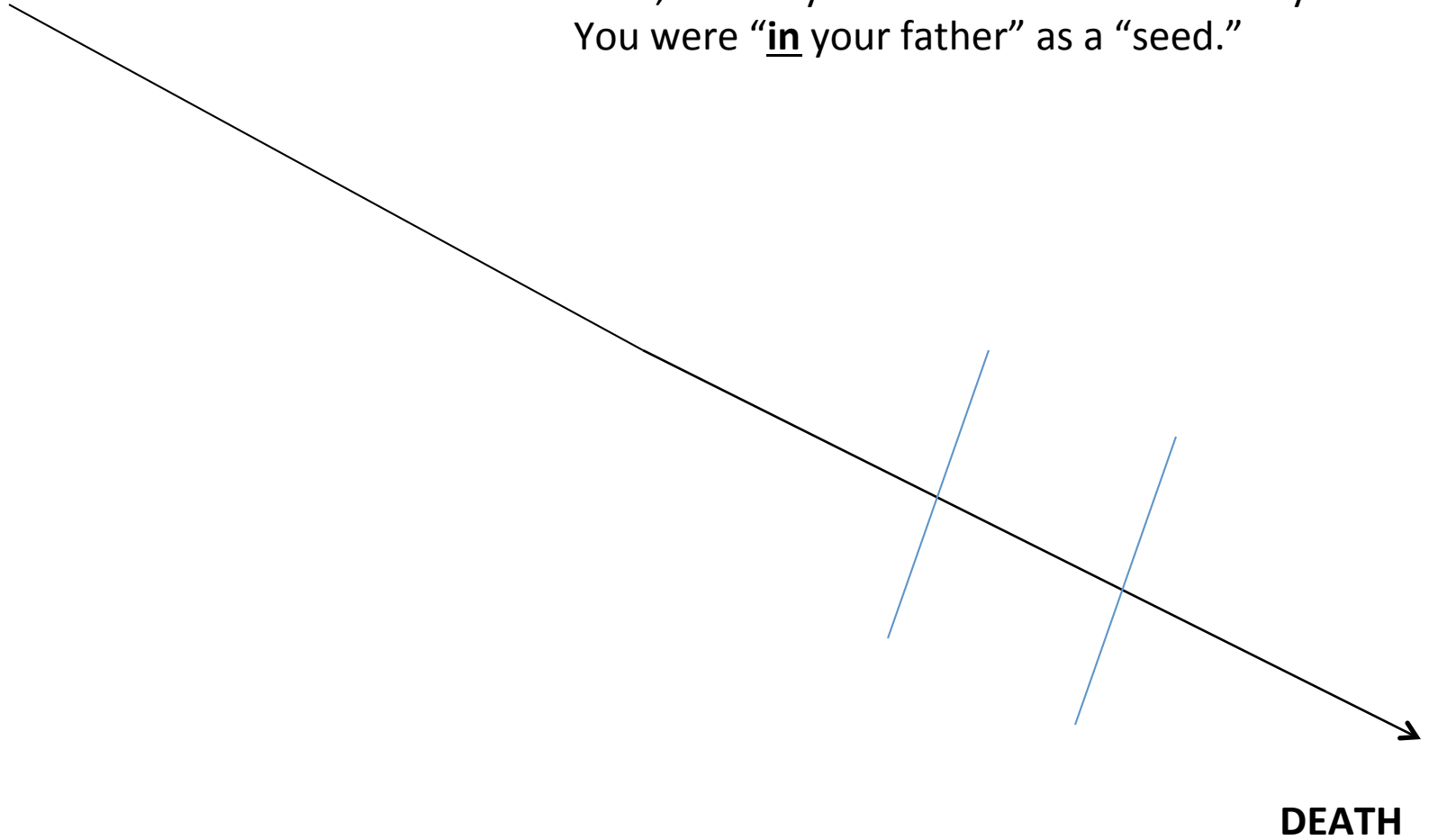
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Now, at some point, you were born and your time here on earth began. This is the shorter line across the longer line. And because, **For the wages of sin is death**, you will at some point physically die. You were also born “spiritually dead” separated from God and without a relationship to Him.



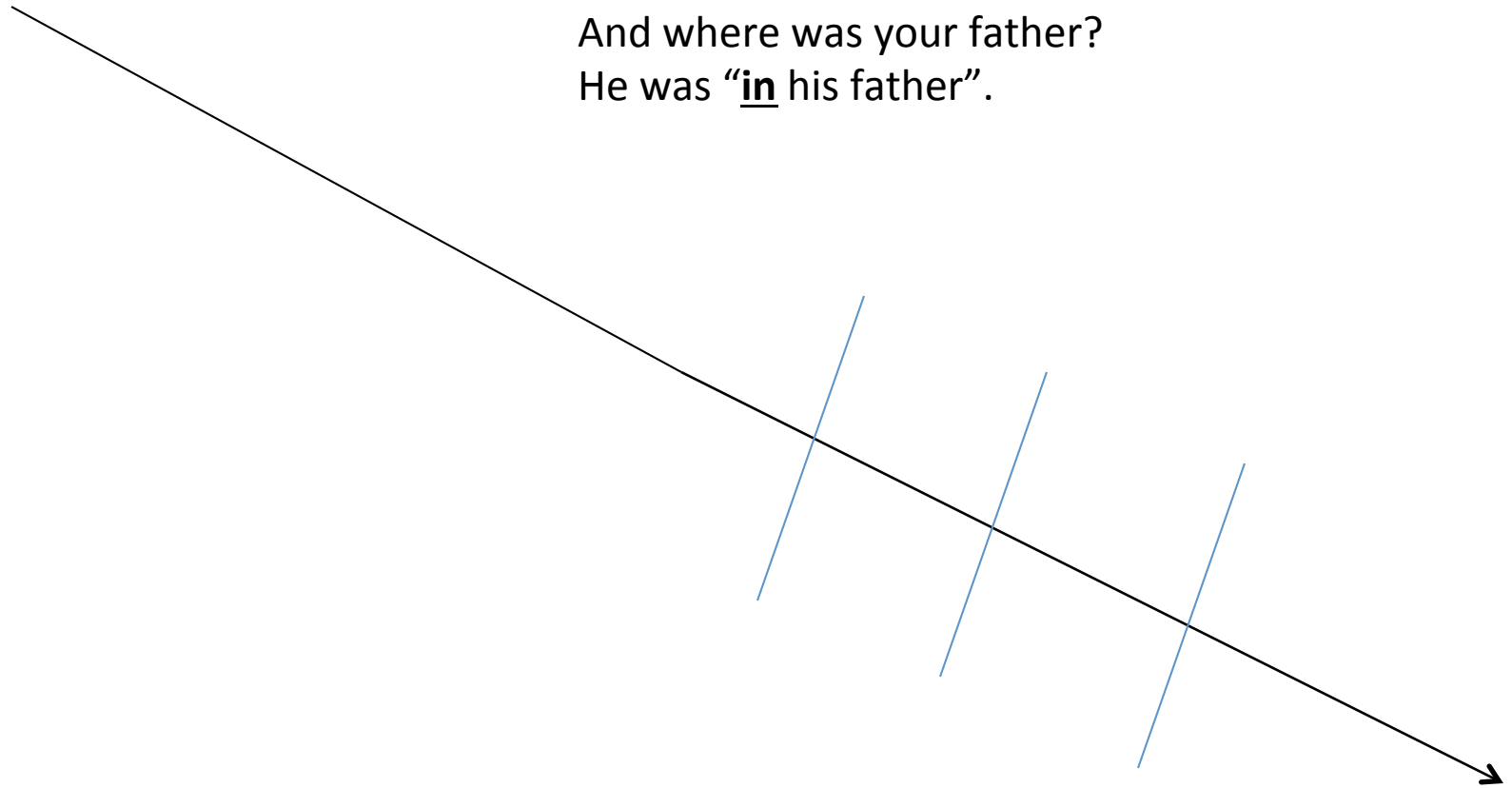
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Now, before you were born where were you?
You were “in your father” as a “seed.”



CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

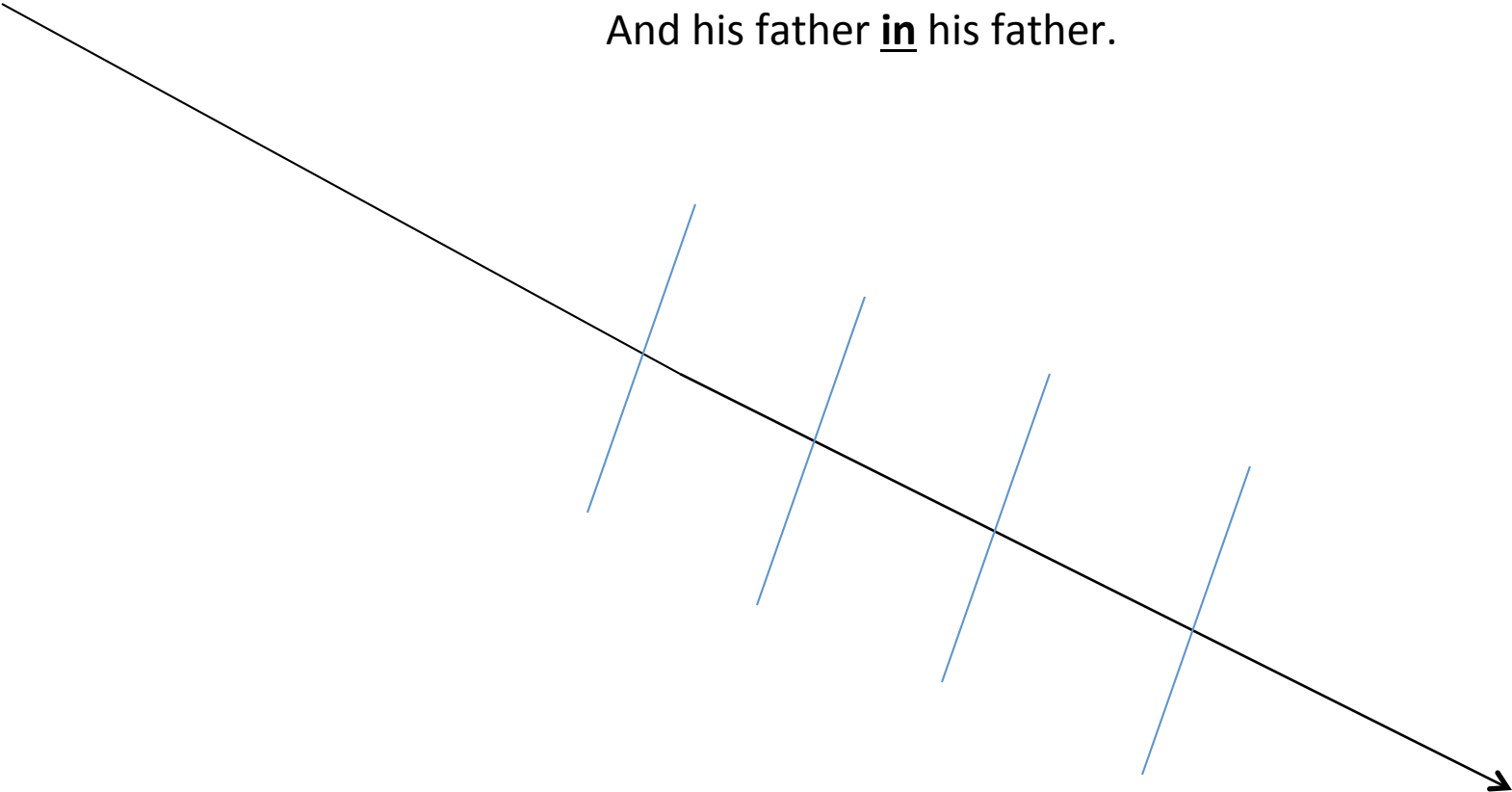
And where was your father?
He was "in his father".



DEATH

CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

And his father in his father.



DEATH

CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

ADAM

And his father in his father.
And his father in his father
all the way back to **ADAM**.
Our ancestors were all “in Adam”.

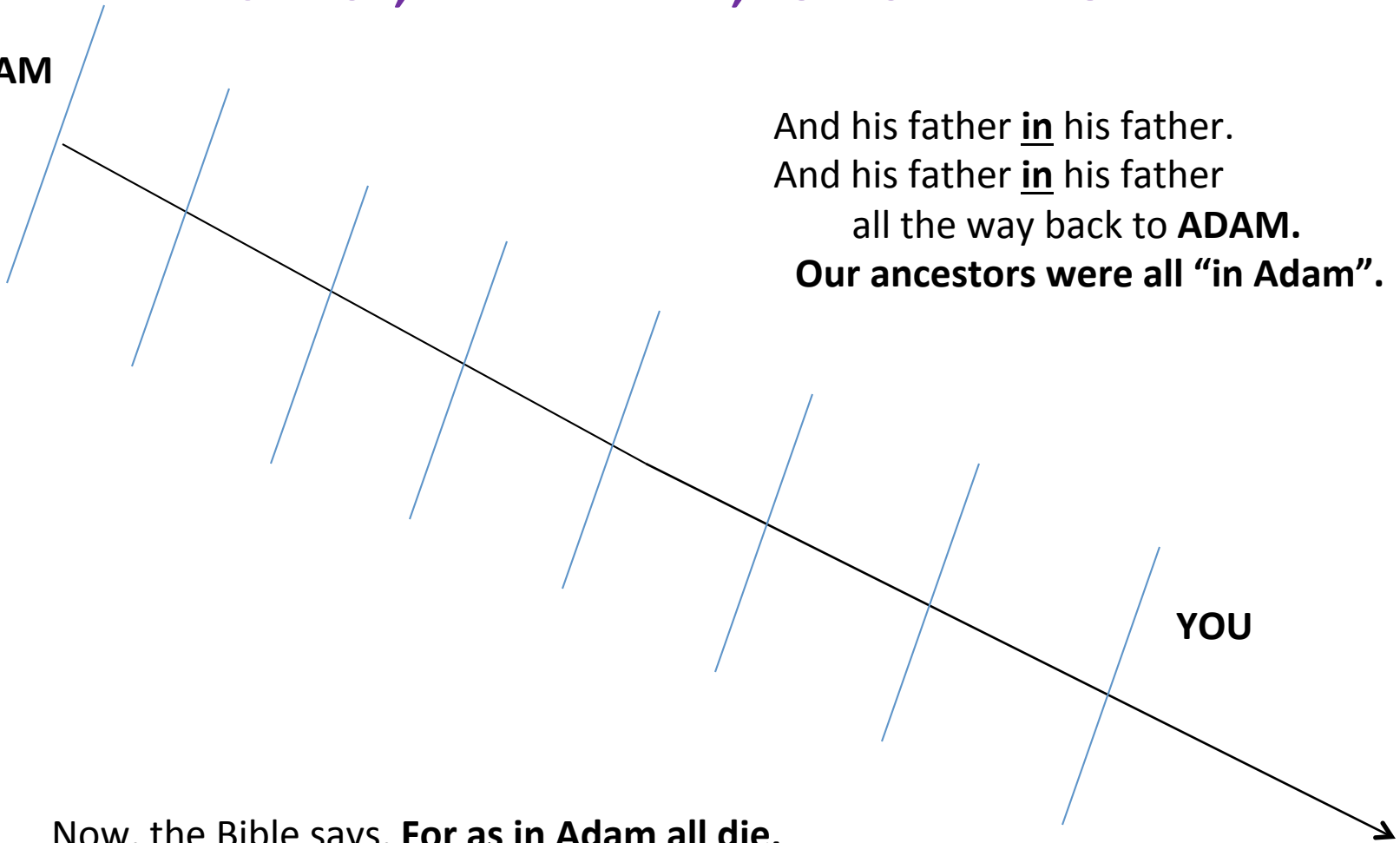
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Now, the Bible says, **For as in Adam all die,
so in Christ all will be made alive. (1 Cor.15:22)**

Everyone “in Adam” died.

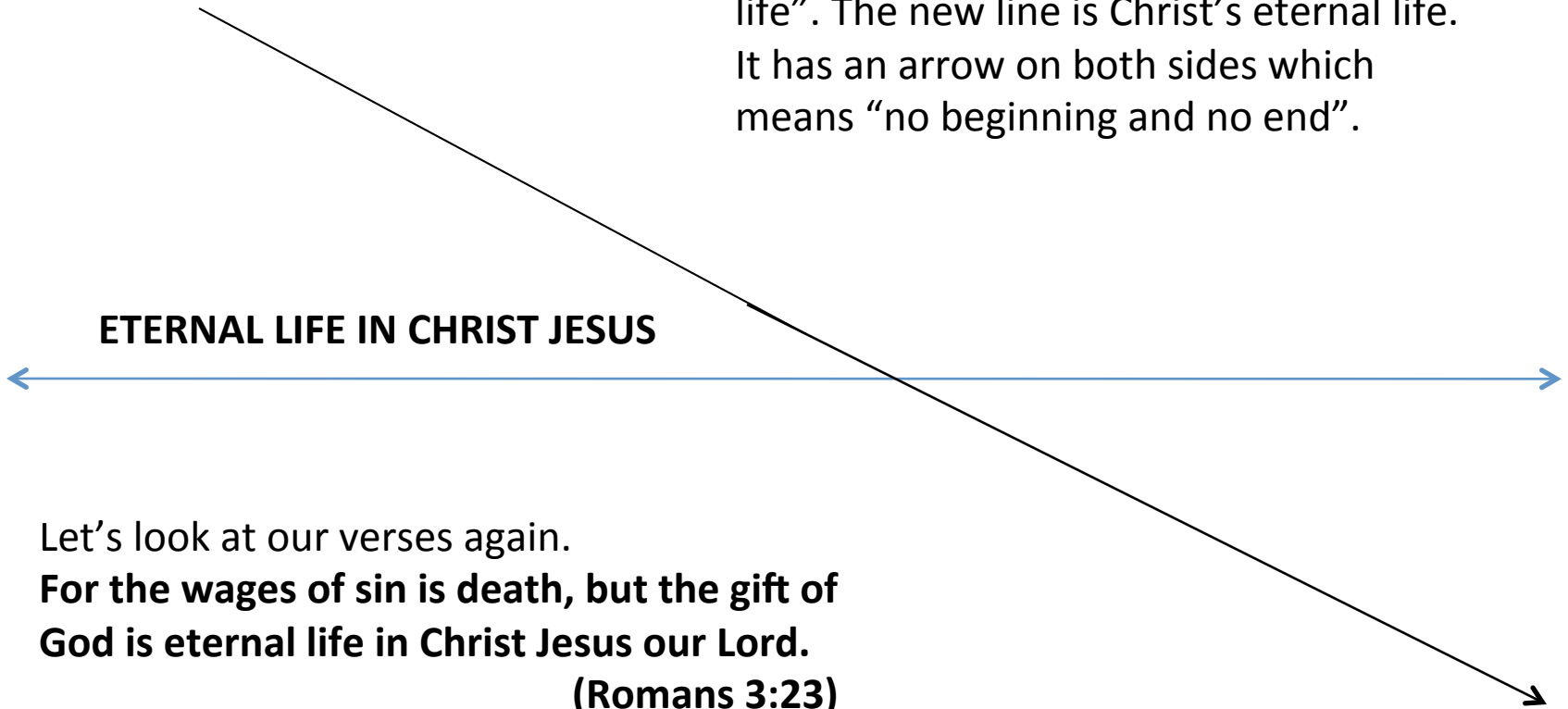
So everyone on this line died or will die.

DEATH



CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

We talked about Christ being “eternal life”. The new line is Christ’s eternal life. It has an arrow on both sides which means “no beginning and no end”.



Let's look at our verses again.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Romans 3:23)

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CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

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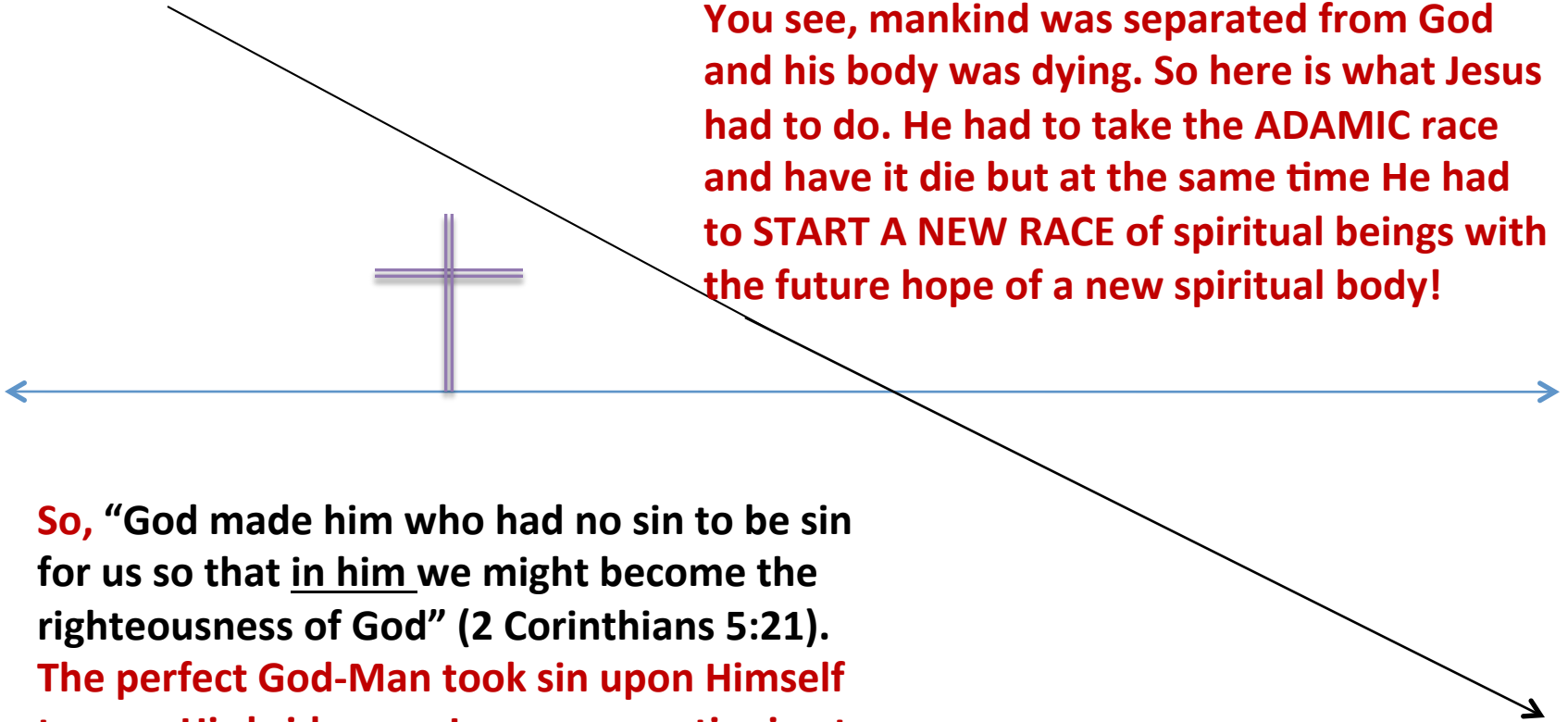
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WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH.
IN ADAM ALL DIE.

CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

So which line are you on? Are you “in Adam” or are you “in Christ”?

You see, mankind was separated from God and his body was dying. So here is what Jesus had to do. He had to take the ADAMIC race and have it die but at the same time He had to START A NEW RACE of spiritual beings with the future hope of a new spiritual body!



So, “God made him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). The perfect God-Man took sin upon Himself to save His bride – us. Love was continuing to permeate love. Whereas Adam could not save Eve, Christ could save His bride, the Church.

DEATH

THE GOSPEL

What did Jesus destroy by His resurrection? Death's Power.

Who did He save from eternal death? US!!

How did He do this? By taking SIN upon Himself.

“God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God”

(2 Corinthians 5:21).

How did He save mankind?

He took all mankind, the whole Adamic race, into Himself on the cross.

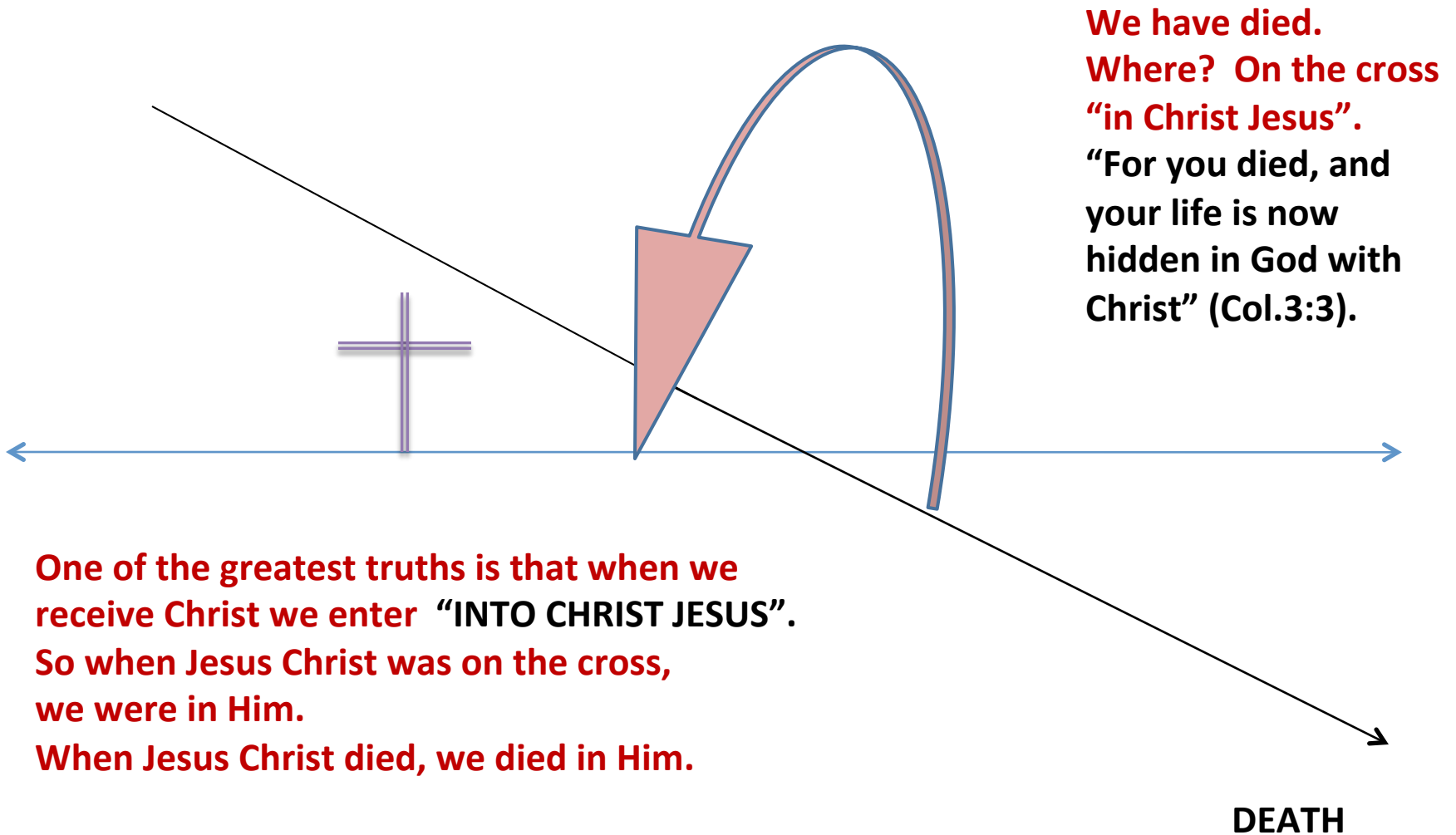
He created a whole new race “in Christ”.

THE GOSPEL

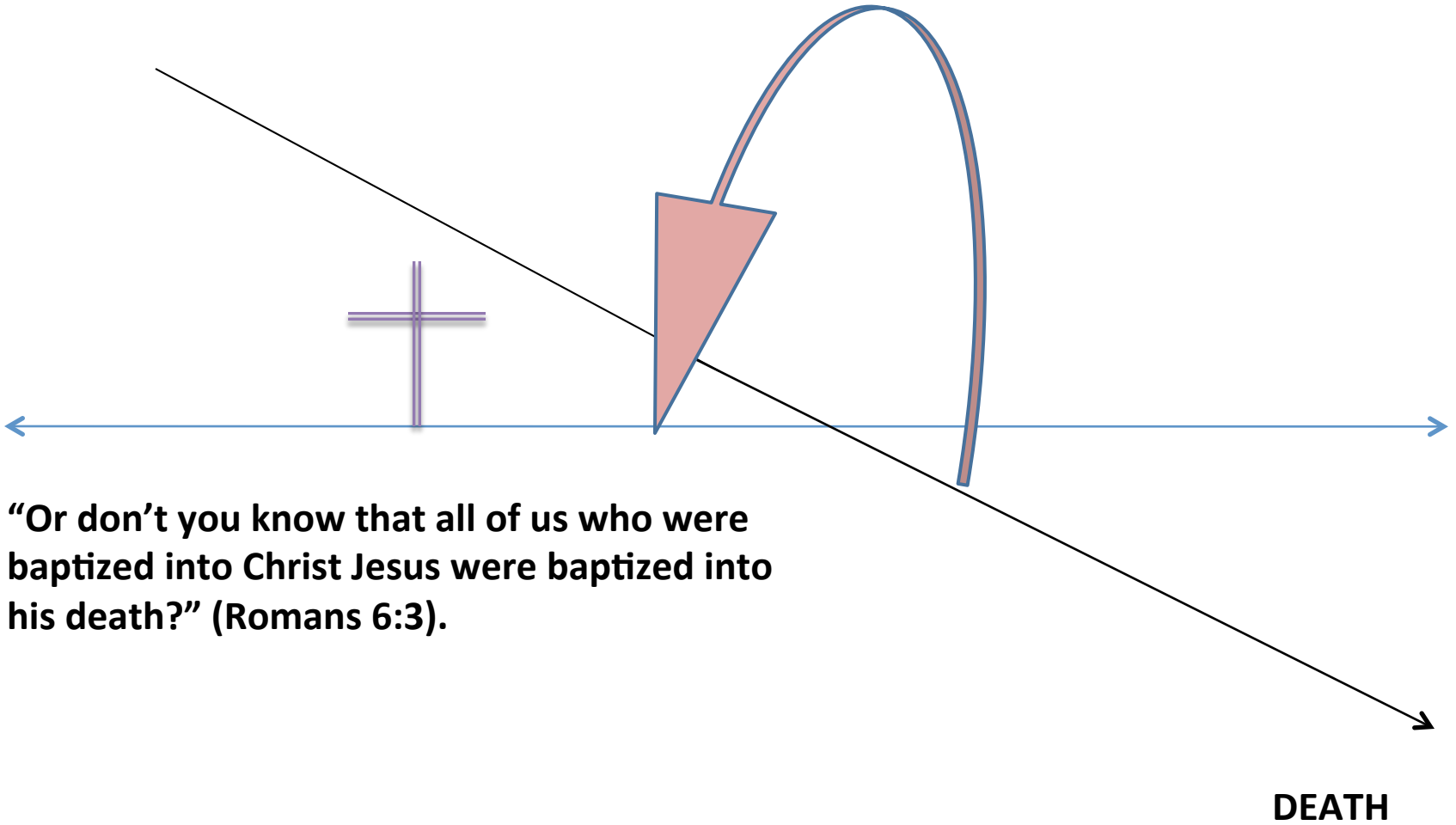
**“I have been crucified WITH Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me”
(Galatians 2:20).**

“For we know that our old self WAS crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin – because anyone who HAS died has been freed from sin” (Romans 6:6-7).

CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION



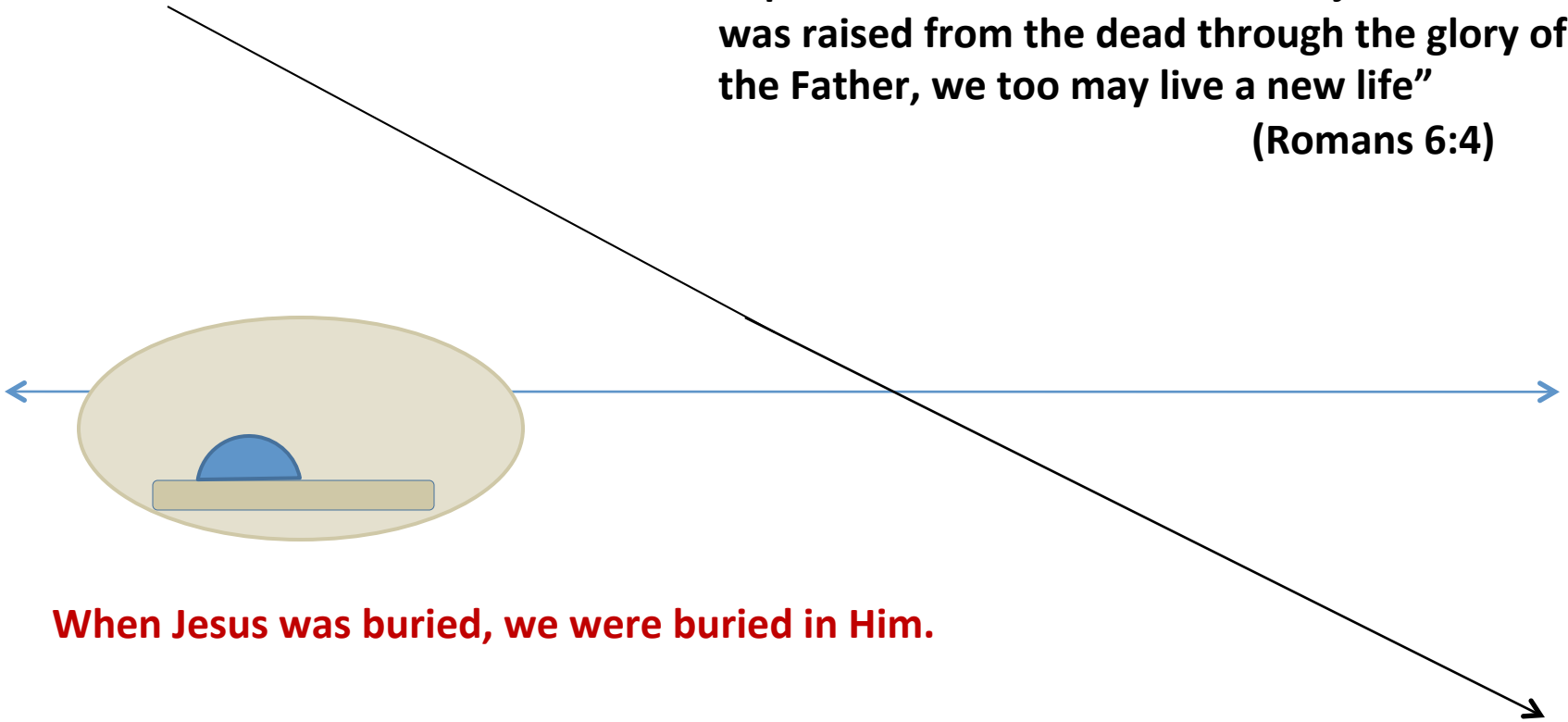
CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION



CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life”

(Romans 6:4)

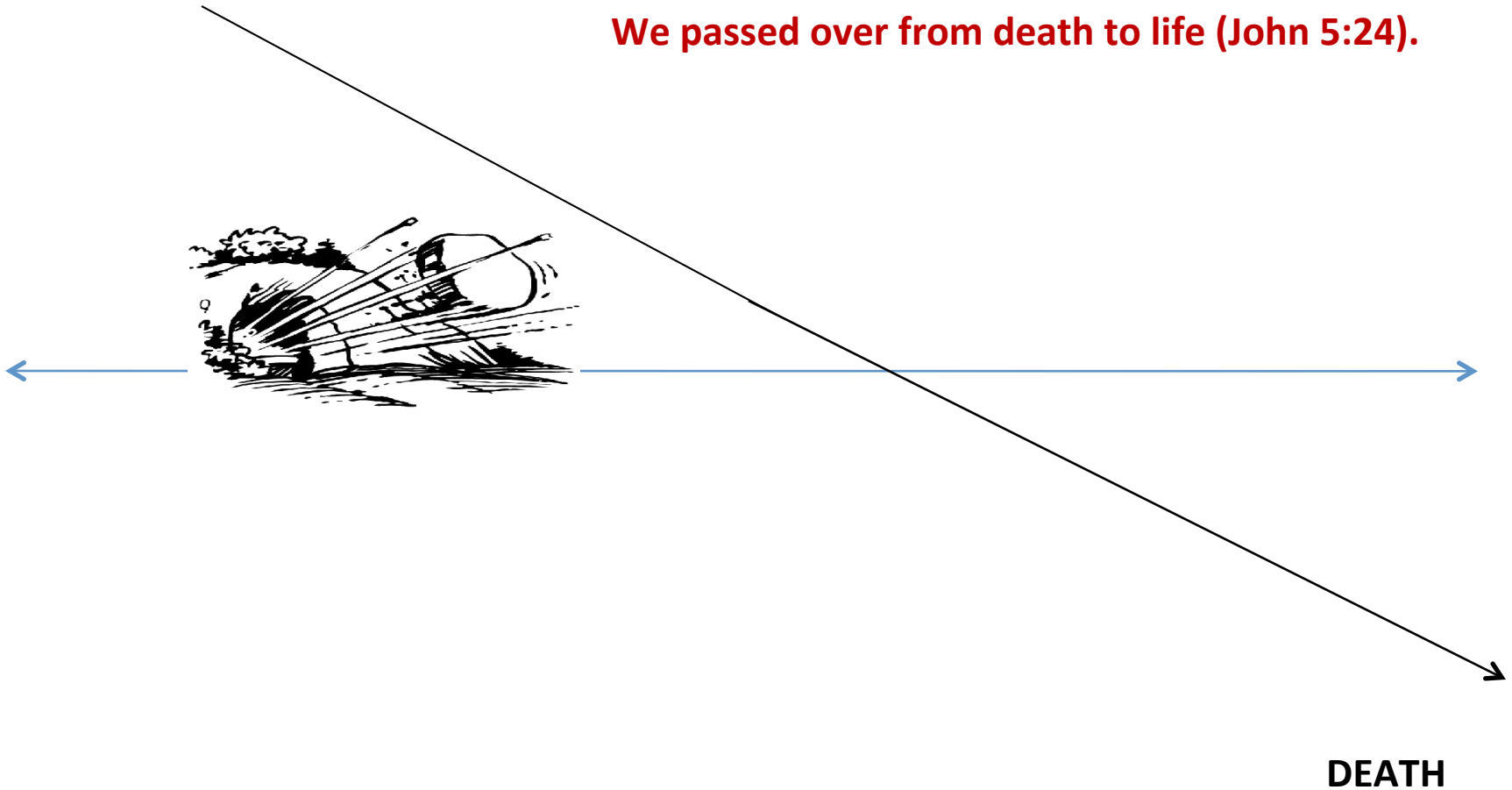


When Jesus was buried, we were buried in Him.

DEATH

CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

And when Christ rose from the dead,
we were “in Him”.
We passed over from death to life (John 5:24).

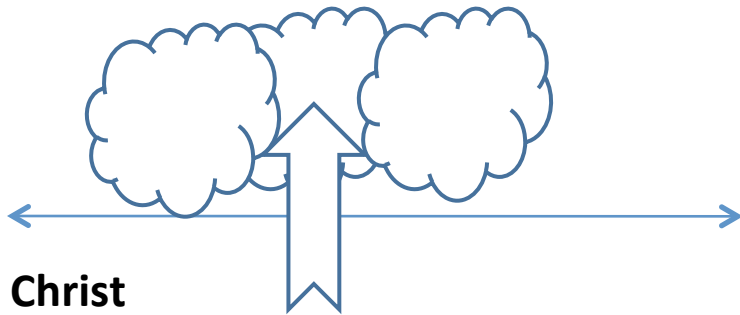


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“Eternal life” in Christ Jesus



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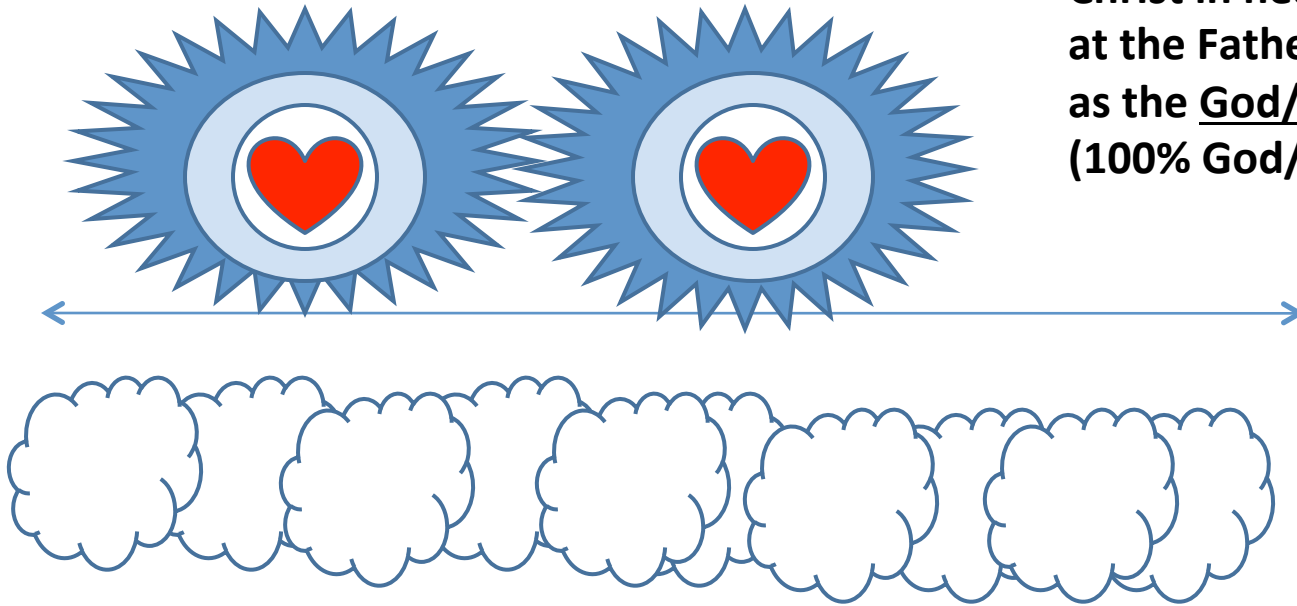
**Christ
Ascending
by His Power**

And by the Power of God, Christ ascended to heaven.

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven." (Acts 1:9-11)

CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION



Christ in heaven seated
at the Father's right hand
as the God/Man
(100% God/100% Man).

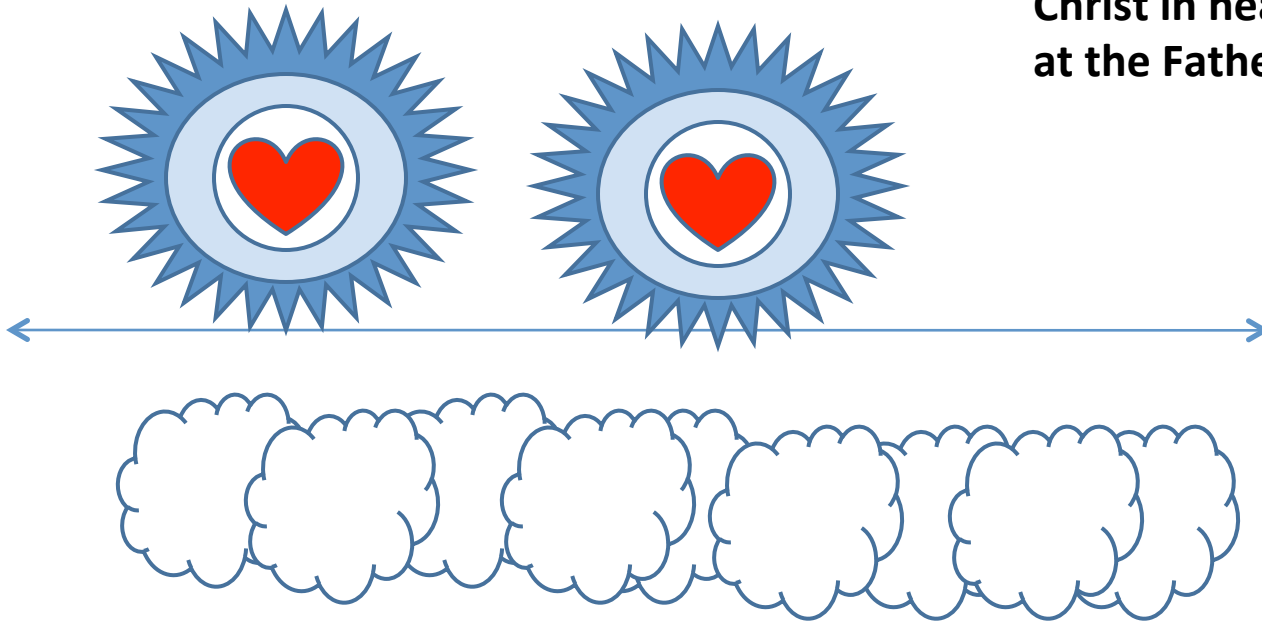
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And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with
him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus

(Ephesians 2:6)

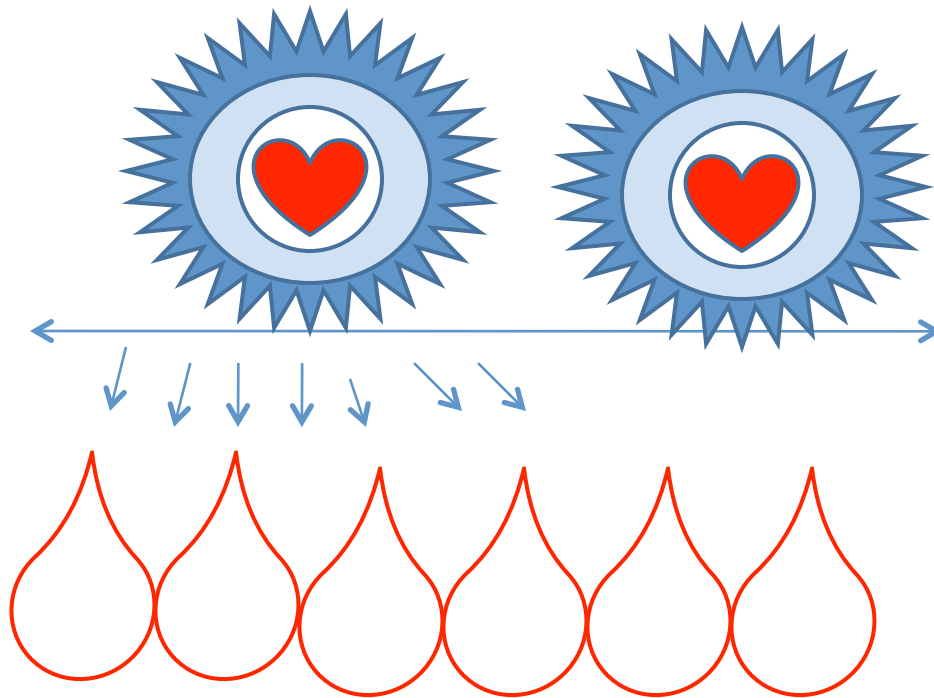
CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

Christ in heaven seated
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Now Christ is in heaven at the Right Hand of the Father and we are there in Christ.
God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. (Acts 5:31)
But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God." (Acts 7:55-56)

CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION



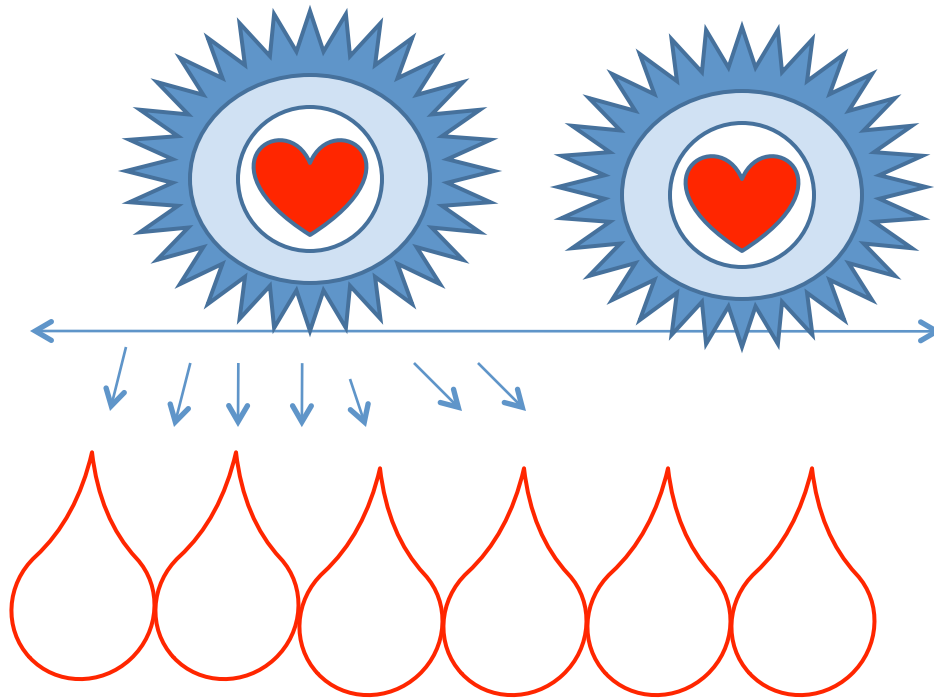
**Christ in heaven seated
at the Father's right hand
pouring out the promised
Holy Spirit.**

Christ sending the promised Holy Spirit.

But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. (John 16:7)

Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2:2-4)
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THE GOSPEL

We continue to be “in Christ”. Praise the Lord!!! We died. We were buried. We rose from the dead with Christ. We ascending in Christ. And we are seated in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus. But we are still here waiting for our spiritual body (like Christ got His spiritual body after His resurrection) and we have a job to do.

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Ephesians 2:10).

THE GOSPEL

God sent His Son, born of a woman, to die for us. God became man. Many people are trying to become gods. But a lower form cannot attain a higher form.

Yet, cannot a higher form (Jesus) take on a lower form (man). People can believe they can become gods but they can't believe God became man.

And so Jesus is 100% God and 100% man. He is the God-man. He is the man Christ Jesus.

“There is one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus”. (1 Timothy 2:5) (see: Heb. 8:6; 9:15; 12:24)

THE GOSPEL

So our creator became like us so that we could understand Him and know Him.

He came and became man so we could understand the love, beauty, compassion, peace, joy, suffering, and hope that is God. Praise the Lord!!! What a wonderful God.

And this God wants to live in us by the power of His Holy Spirit. We need to accept the gift of Jesus Christ's forgiveness on the cross and say, "Thank You Lord for dying for my sins and for Sin. I am a sinner. I ask You to come into my heart right now and be my Lord and Savior.

I thank You that You will never leave me and never forsake me. I am now Your child. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

It was in God's heart from all eternity to die for us. We can't imagine how many times throughout eternity past, Christ meditated on going to the cross. He had made a decision and came to earth to die for us. Yet, Christ lived in the "now" as we can see by Christ weeping over Jerusalem, Christ resolutely setting off for Jerusalem knowing what was going to happen, Christ on the way to the cross telling the women not to weep for Him but for their children, Christ ministering to others on the cross. After His resurrection, Christ asked Mary Magdalene, "Why are you crying? He had conquered death. He was Risen!!.

Do you believe in "absolute truth"?

Are you tired of "trying" to live as a good person?

Are you tired to "striving" to get to God?

Are you tired of an atheistic or agnostic belief leaving you with no hope after death?

Are you tired of always being "afraid" or "angry"?

Are you tired of "feeling empty inside" and possibly trying to fill up the emptiness with food, work, alcohol, drugs, sex, etc.?

Are you tired of "religion" and empty deep inside?

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

The Bible says that, "**God is love,**" (1 John 4:16).

God loves everyone and everybody in the whole world. Because God is love, He loves fully and completely. The Bible says, "**For God so loved the world. . .**" (John 3:16). God loves this world because He created this world. It was His love that stirred Him to create.



THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

God loves us very much, but our world is not perfect like heaven. Our world is not perfect because of sin. Sin is a powerful force that has power over mankind and causes death. Sin has pushed us further away from God. The Bible says, **“The wages of sin is death,” (Romans 6:23).** That means what we deserve is to be forever separated from God because of our sin.



THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

The Bible says, "**For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**" (Romans 3:23). We all sin. We don't like it but we can't help it. Heaven is a perfect place and God cannot let us go into a perfect heaven with sin in our lives. If God did, what would happen to heaven? God loves us and wants us to be with Him, but sin keeps pushing us away. But does God still love us? YES! God loved us so much that He provided a way for our sins to be forgiven. And that way is Jesus.



THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

God loves us and sent His Son to earth to live and then die for the sins of the world. God said that our sins were so bad that we should die, but because of His love for us, He sent His Son to die in our place. The Bible says, "**But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us,**" (Romans 5:8).



THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

Jesus left heaven, came to earth, died on the cross for our sins, and came back to life so that you could live with Him forever in heaven. This cross reminds me of Jesus dying for the sins of the world. Jesus is God's gift to us! The Bible says, ". . . **the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord,**" (Romans 6:23).



Jesus died for our sins and has provided a way for us to go to heaven. But, just because Jesus died for the sins of the world, does that mean that everyone is automatically going to heaven? NO! Knowing about God's gift of Jesus is not enough.



Believe

Repent

Receive

Matthew chapter 4 shows us that the devil knows about Jesus, but is the devil going to heaven? NO! We must accept God's gift so that our sins can be forgiven. Think of it like a present. A present does you no good unless you take it and open it. It is like this with God's gift to us. We must accept it. How do you accept God's gift of eternal life?



Believe

Repent

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You must

1. **Believe** in Jesus: You must believe that Jesus died for you and is alive today. You must also believe that Jesus is the only way for you to get to heaven. **“Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved” (Acts 16:31).**



Believe

2. **Repent** of your sins: Understand that you sin (disobey God) and that you must turn from your sin. To repent, tell God you have sinned, ask Him to forgive you and help you obey Him the rest of your life. **“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out” (Acts 3:19).**



Repent

3. Receive Jesus into your life: You must invite Jesus to come into your life to be your Lord and Savior. By inviting Him, you are promising to obey Him in all areas of your life. **“Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God”** (John 1:12).

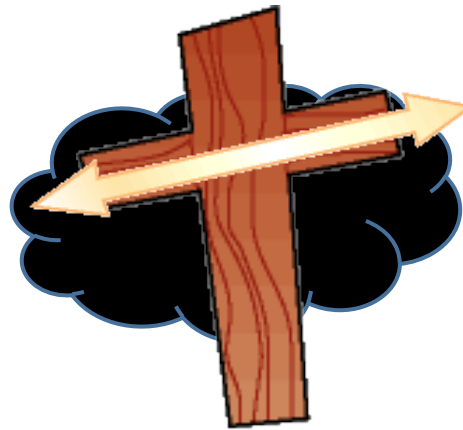


Receive

You can accept God's gift by praying a simple prayer. Prayer is just talking to God. You can do these three things by talking to God. When you do this, God forgives and removes the sin that has separated you from Him. Then Jesus comes to live in you as Savior and Lord. You become a part of God's family.



Believe



Repent

Receive

The Bible says, **“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” (Romans 10:13)**. The arrow shows us that the only way to get to God in heaven is through Jesus. Jesus is the way God provided for us to be with Him. If you would like to accept Jesus now as your Lord and Savior, then . . .



Believe



Repent

Receive

... .kneel down right now and/or bow your head humbly and pray this prayer from your heart.



Believe



Repent



Receive

A PRAYER FOR SALVATION TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

A PRAYER FOR SALVATION (FROM THE HEART)

Lord God, thank You for Your love. Thank You for sending Jesus Christ to earth to die on the cross for my sins. I am a sinner. I have lived a life of selfishness, emptiness, and have not acknowledged You. And yet Jesus, You died on the cross for me. God, forgive me. I'm so sorry.

Father, I want to thank You so much for Your forgiveness. For the shed blood of Jesus on the cross that gives me forgiveness. Thank You God.

Lord Jesus, will You now come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. I want to be a child of God, to have Your Spirit in my spirit, and call You "friend".

Thank You Jesus that You are coming into my heart "right now". I believe You have forgiven me and I believe that You are filling me with Your Spirit right now in my spirit, soul, and body.

Thank You for rising from the dead so that I can have eternal life with You. Thank You for Your death and resurrection. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

God loves you very much and has a special plan for your life. God says in the Bible, "**For I know the plans I have for you. . . plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future,**" (Jeremiah 29:11). God's plan for you includes asking His Son, Jesus into your life to be your Lord and Savior so that you can live forever with Him in heaven.



**Thank You Jesus for dying on the cross
for our sins and rising from the dead!!!**

We encourage you to find a Christian church that preaches from the Bible about Jesus. To spend time reading God's Word, praying to God, and studying His Word. God loves you!!



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for our sins and rising from the dead!!!**

Let's pray: **Father God, thank You for this dear person who has believed Your Word, repented of their sin, and received Jesus into their heart. Lord I pray right now You will fill them with Your Holy Spirit powerfully. Lord be with them forever as You have promised and take them home to heaven someday. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.**



WE LOVE YOU JESUS!!!

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. (John 14:1-3)

'I will rescue you from your own people and from the Gentiles. I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.' (Acts 26:17-18)

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