

Treasures of Truth

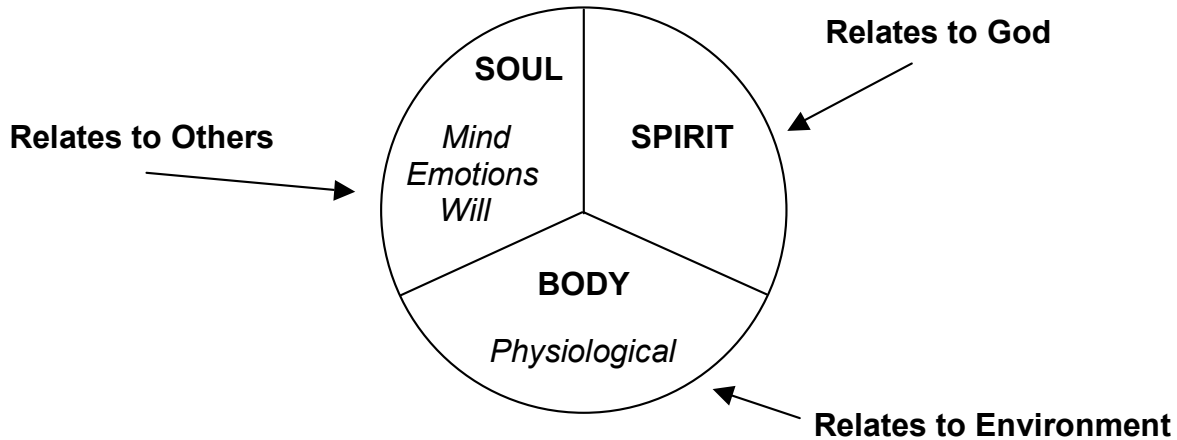
By Altha Burts

Study Guide

Well of Life Ministries
P.O. Box 61268
Sunnyvale, CA 94088
www.well-of-life.org

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>

We see in various passages in scripture that man is a tri-unity made up of spirit, soul, and body, each possessing different faculties and functions. Yet, at the same time there is a delicate interaction that transpires between them.

Write out I Thessalonians 5:23.

List the main function of each tri-part.

- A. Spirit _____
- B. Soul _____
- C. Body _____

The spirit of man is that aspect of man through which God most immediately encounters him. Explain the action and/or function involved with the human spirit with each verse.

- A. Zechariah 12:1 _____
 - B. I Corinthians 2:11 _____
 - C. Hebrews 4:12 _____
-

The human spirit can be defined as that area of human awareness that is sensitive to the spiritual realm. Look up each scripture passage and write down those phrases that pertain to the human spirit.

- A. John 11:33 _____
- B. John 13:21 _____
- C. Acts 17:16 _____

The Greek term for soul in the New Testament is the word *psuche*. It is generally used to define the seat of reason, emotion, and will within the human being. Look up the following verses in scripture and write out the function of the soul:

- A. Psalm 84:2 _____
- B. Matthew 26:38 _____
- C. Luke 1:46 _____

As regenerate people, our souls are in the process of being saved or sanctified (Romans 5:10). The most important commodity we have is our soul. We invest in it by making correct choices. Look up the following passages and write down your insights and observations.

- A. Psalm 19:7 _____

B. I Peter 1:22 _____

The body was formed by God and created by Him. David says in Psalm 139:13-14:

For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made...

The body is the vehicle (earthen vessel, mortal body). It has life that is comprised of muscle, bones, blood, glands, organs and five senses (sight, hearing, taste, smell, touch) all operating from the body's control center – the brain. The body contains and confines the human soul within. Look up the following scripture references and write down what our Lord says about the body.

- A. Genesis 2:7 _____

B. Romans 12:1 _____

C. I Corinthians 6:19 _____
D. II Corinthians 4:7 _____

Look at the diagram again. Again, what part of man specifically relates to God?

Pray and ask God to show you how to relate to Him more and more through your spirit. Write down what He communicates to you. Then thank Him for showing you.

Personal Notes

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 . . .

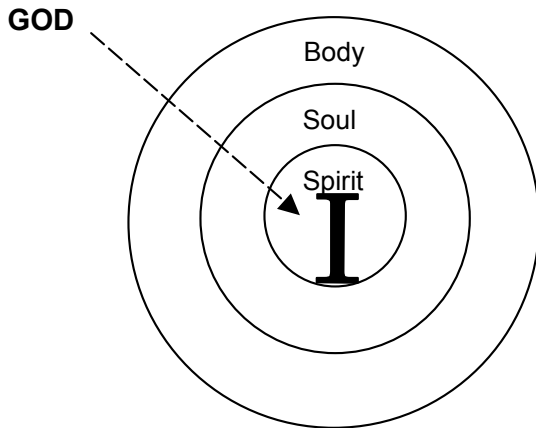
OUR SPIRITUAL HISTORY . . .

Most of us are aware of our natural history,

but let's take a glance at our spiritual history . . .

Man's Spiritual History

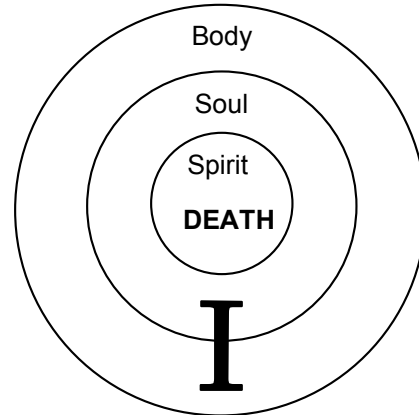
1. ADAM BEFORE THE FALL



Adam was made in the image of God (Genesis 1:26-28). 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.

2. ADAM AFTER THE FALL



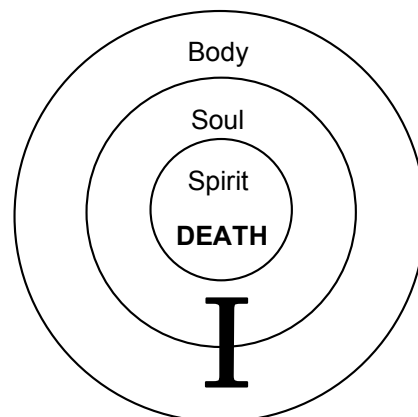
After the fall, Adam's spirit died - he was separated from God; thus his soul became the center of operation, independent of God. *The essence of Adam became soulical.*



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*

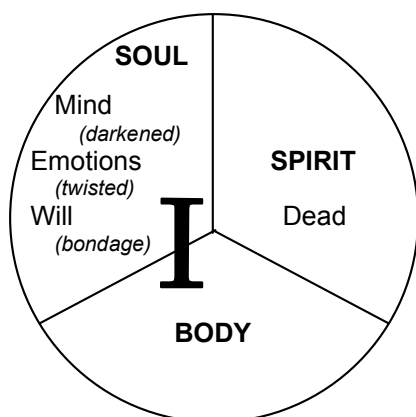
I

I represents our Identity and Meaning

The position of the **I** in the diagrams shows from what source we are drawing identity, purpose, life, and meaning - whether it be from God or our own resources.

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.

I represents our Identity and meaning; the position of the **I** in the diagram shows from what source we are drawing identity, purpose, life, and meaning - whether it be from God or our own resources.

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 13:13	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

Look up and write out the definition of image.

Read Genesis 1:26-27, what do you see about God's desire in creating man?

Look at the diagram, "Adam before the Fall", Adam's spirit was the highest center of operation. He was essentially a spiritual being. What are some of the special privileges and benefits enjoyed by Adam as he lived in this state?

In Christ, you too, have the spiritual life that joined Adam to God before the Fall. Ask God to show you, by His Spirit, all His riches implied in the word 'life.' What did He give you when He gave you His life (John 3:16; 10:10)?

Adam chose to sin - to find momentary satisfaction and fulfillment in following his own way rather than God's.

A. What does C.S. Lewis call the process of the fall of Adam?

B. How does he say this loss of status and new species came about?

C. As a consequence, what did he lose?

- D. How would he now find purpose and meaning in his finite or mortal life?
(Using the diagram, look where his identity moved to after the fall.)

Prior to knowing Christ and finding your life in Him . . .

- A. Where was your identity found?

- B. What gave purpose and meaning to your days?

Do you know Christ and the new life (purpose and meaning) that we have in Him? If not, Romans 10:9-10 says:

If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Pray the prayer to the Lord and begin your new life (and eternal life) in Him!

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

Read II Corinthians 5:17 and write out a prayer of thanks to God for the tremendous blessing He has given us in our new life.

Personal Notes

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

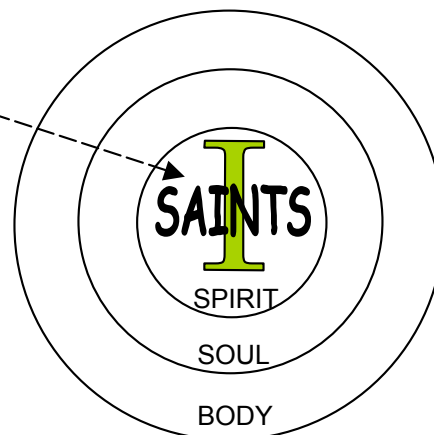
Born of God

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

I represents our Identity and meaning; the position of the I in the diagrams shows from what source we are drawing identity, purpose, life, and meaning - whether it be from God or our own resources.

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:

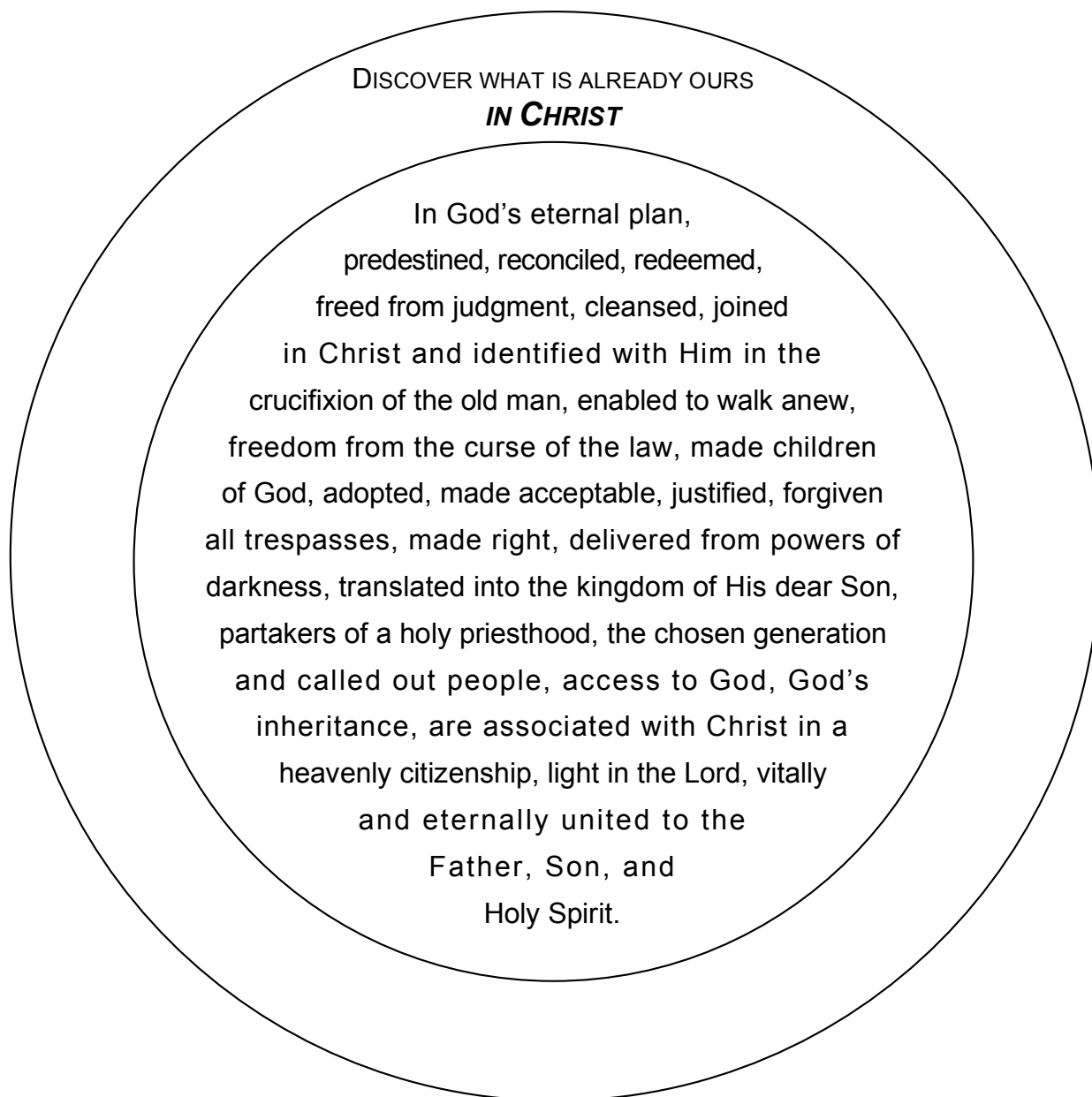
OUR TRUE IDENTITY	A NEW CREATION	OUR TRUE PURPOSE	
We are a child of God	John 1:12	To know God and bring glory to His name:	
We've had a spiritual birth	I Peter 1:23		
We have Christ's very life	John 10:10	In our character In our service	Galatians 5:22
We are righteous	II Corinthians 5:21		Romans 1:13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

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



"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

Write out John 1:12.

Now look at the diagram, where is your identity now that you have been 'born of God'?

Write out the definition of regeneration, in your own words. _____

At regeneration, what are some of the things that we became (our identity)?

A. John 1:12 _____

B. II Corinthians 5:17 _____

C. II Peter 1:4 _____

Turn to Romans 5:14-21 and read carefully. Now look at God's perfect plan for reconciliation of His beloved people. So then, what is God's free gift to you? What is now your true identity?

To affirm who you are “in Christ” it would be helpful to study, memorize and meditate on scriptures that are listed under “Our True Identity.” Pick one of the truths and write out the verse. Why is this truth meaningful to you?

Take some time to delight in each of your possessions shown in the diagram. Which one(s) means the most to you today?

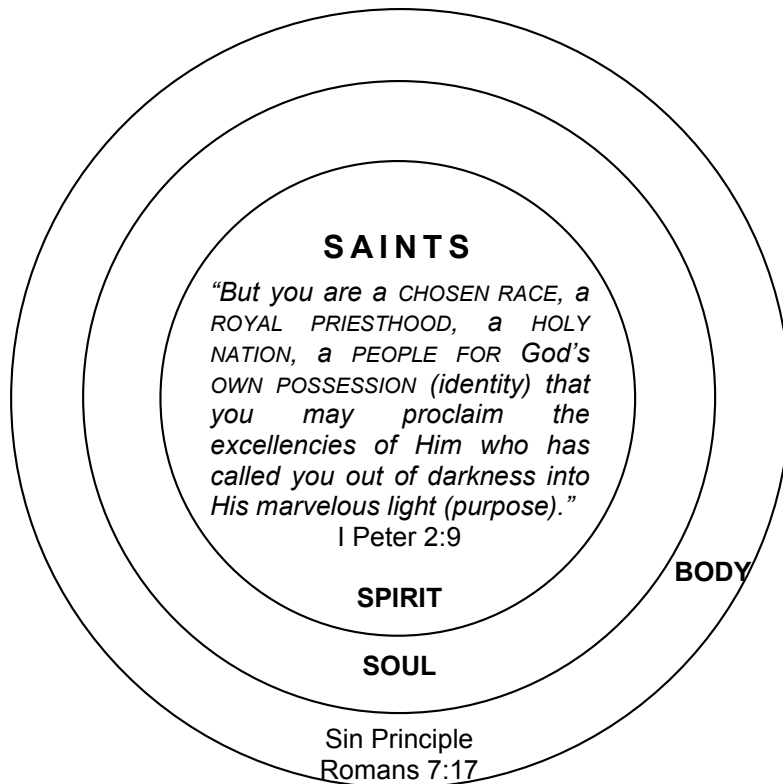
Write out Ephesians 1:18. Thank Him for the tremendous inheritance you have in your new birth in Christ.

Personal Notes

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 Paul writes in addressing the believers: "...to the saints that are at Ephesus...", "...to the saints... in Philippi..." What is the purpose of the Church?

A. Matthew 28:18-20 _____

B. Ephesians 4:11-16 _____

What is its relationship to Christ?

A. Matthew 16:18 _____

B. Ephesians 5:25-29 _____

In I Corinthians 1:2, Paul writes that we are saints by calling. What is our calling as described in the following verses as:

A. Romans 11:29 _____

B. Philippians 3:14 _____

C. II Timothy 1:9 _____

Read Philippians 1:1 and Ephesians 1:1.

A. Paul calls his fellow-members of the body of Christ "saints." Write out the definition of this word.

B. How can you know that you also are a saint?

C. Why might it be difficult to apply that word to yourself?

D. What difference would it make in your life, and in the life of others, if you would see and think of yourself, and other members of the body of Christ, as saints?

Take time to read and meditate on I Peter 2:9. List the four aspects of your new identity and explain what each means to you.

- A. _____

- B. _____

- C. _____

- D. _____

What does God ask you to do in order to fulfill this purpose?

By means of regeneration we are presently suited, by nature, for the eternal kingdom. However, we are continually exhorted in scripture (Philippians 3:14) to “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus”. Read Philippians 3:7-15.

A. What is Paul’s goal? What is his attitude toward his goal?

B. What is your goal? What is your attitude toward your goal?

D. What action is Paul taking in order to reach his goal (verses 12-14)?

God is faithful; when He calls you, “He also will do it” (I Thessalonians 5:24). And as you “press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God” (Philippians 3:14) you will know “the immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe” (Ephesians 1:19).

Personal Notes

SOJOURNERS

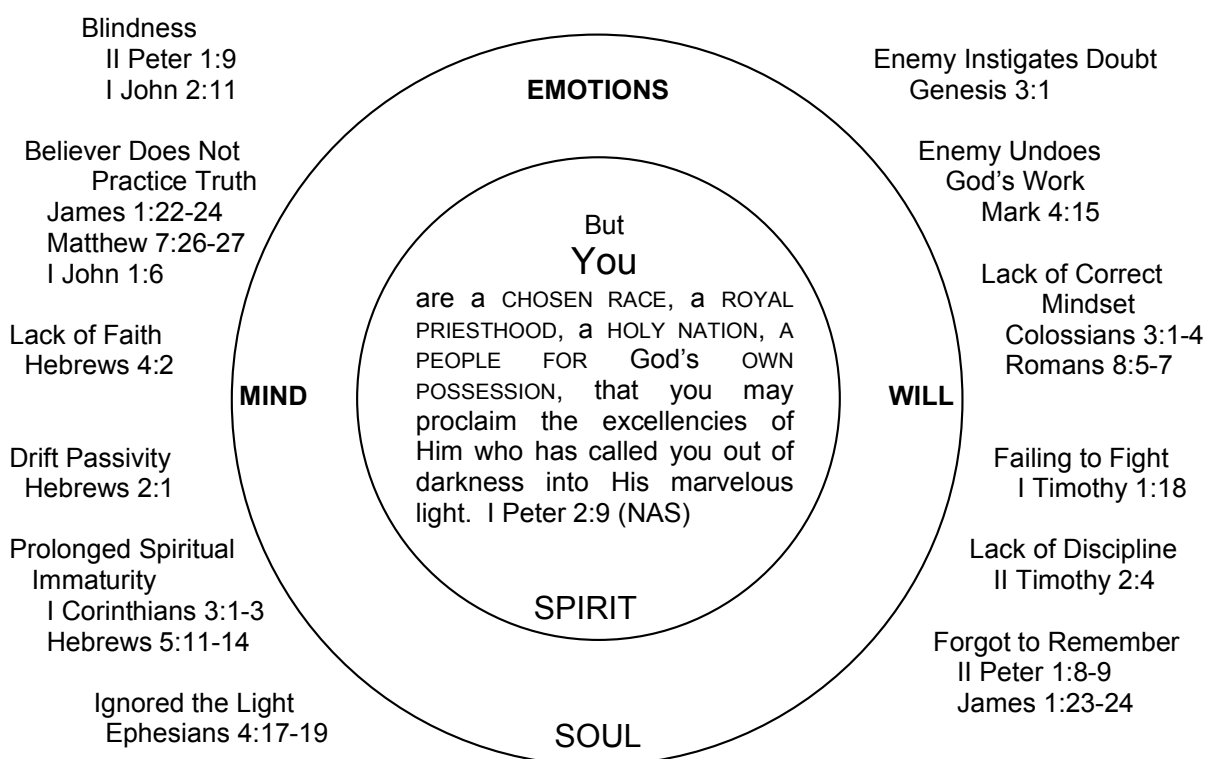
Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:1-2

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

Look in the center of the diagram at who God says you are. Remember this as you look at being a sojourner.

Write out I Peter 2:9. Memorize I Peter 2:9.

Consider what it means to be a sojourner and apply this word to your own living and walking with the Lord Jesus in this world (see John 17:14-18; I Chronicles 29:15; II Corinthians 5:1; I Peter 2:11). What is God showing you?

Read Romans 12:1-2.

A. Give an example from your own life of being...

Conformed

Transformed

B. What is God saying to you in verse 2? Is there a particular area of your life that He is speaking to?

In the diagram, look at what hinders us from believing who we really are in this world. Which of these truths are true of you?

Read the following verses and explain what might hinder you from living out the reality of your new life and identity. In each case, consider what you can do to avoid or remove this hindrance.

- A. Genesis 3:1 _____
Avoid/Remove hindrance _____
- B. Romans 10:3 _____
Avoid/Remove hindrance _____
- C. I Timothy 1:18-19 _____
Avoid/Remove hindrance _____

In renewing your mind (Romans 12:1 and Ephesians 4:22-24) you exchange your old ways of thinking and responding. Allow God to replace your old ways of thinking and responding with His truths and character. With which truth(s) from His Word are you renewing your mind today? How is this truth bringing you into a deeper knowledge of your God? How does it affirm you are in Him?

Write out the quote from Ray Stedman at the bottom of the page.

Again, write out the quote from Ray Stedman at the bottom of the page.

Personal Notes

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 . . .

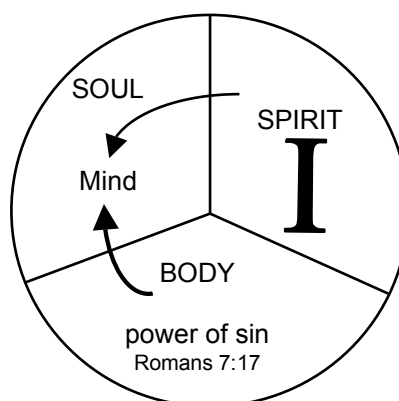
For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. Romans 7:22

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



I represents our Identity and meaning; the position of the I in the diagrams shows from what source we are drawing identity, purpose, life, and meaning - whether it be from God or our own resources.

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” (Rom 5:12) 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 that 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 (GALATIANS 5:17-19)	
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.

Scripture teaches that even though you are a new creation in Christ, you have a _____ within your _____ waging _____.

Look up and write out the definition of law.

Look up and write out the definition of members (in this context).

What is the waging war? What is fighting against what?

What are some of the deeds of the flesh?

How do you personally experience the waging war?

The word “flesh” (*sarkos*) has several usages in New Testament, yet here it is used to mean the expression of the power of sin through our personality. This is the context in which we use the word “flesh.” Read the definition of the word “flesh” together with Romans 7:14-23. According to verses 17-18, what “dwells in me, that is in my flesh”?

Write out Romans 7:22.

How does Romans 7:22 affirm the fact in Galatians 2:20 that “I have been crucified with Christ and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me...”?

Write out Galatians 5:17.

How does Galatians 5:17 help you to understand the above warfare?

As a person born of God and living in union with Him, how do you handle the flesh using the following verses as guidelines? (Be practical in your answer; know how to keep the flesh in subjection day by day.)

A. Romans 6:13 _____

C. Romans 8:1, 4 _____

F. I John 2:15-17 _____

Look up and read Romans 6:6. Now, read it again. What hope does this give you in the waging war?

Personal Notes

Let's look at one man's search

His comments . . .

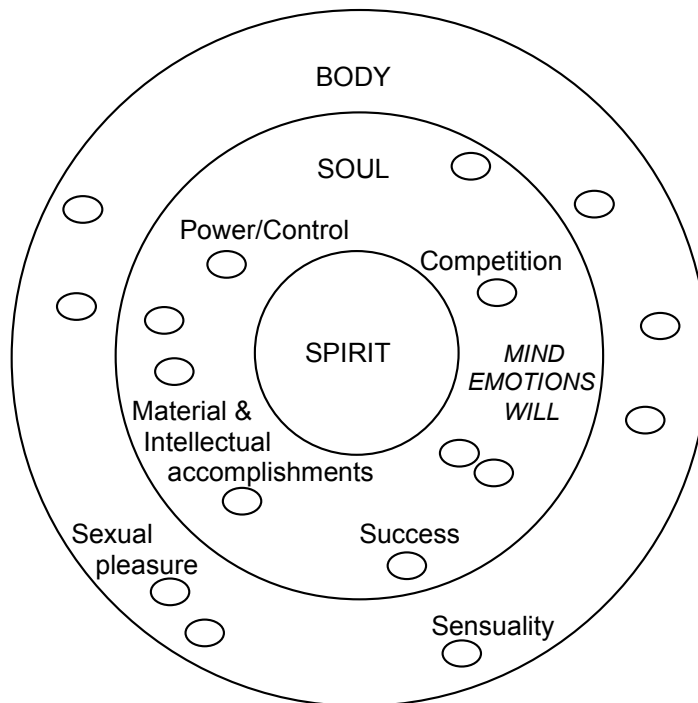
His conclusions . . .

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

While the soul is being sanctified, there are “vacuums of meaning and purpose” in the soul and body areas. As you study the illustration in this section, consider how each “vacuum” would conflict with your true identity.

Explain why you cannot realize the fullness of His peace and resurrection life while these conflicts exist (see Matthew 13:22; I Samuel 12:21).

Ask God to search your heart and reveal to you any area of your life where meaning and purpose is sought and found apart from Him (Psalm 139:23-24).

Samuel said to the people, “Do not fear. You have committed all this evil, yet do not turn aside from following the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart. And you must not turn aside, for then you would go after futile things which cannot profit or deliver, because they are futile.” I Samuel 12:20-21

Paraphrase and personalize Galatians 5:24. Explain what the cross has accomplished in your life. Give Him thanks!!

Define futility.

In reading Ecclesiastes 2:1-11, did you find yourself identifying with any part of Solomon's search for meaning? Explain. Relate the word “futility” to your own experience.

What is an illusion? How can it deceive you?

Read Ephesians 4:17-32.

A. What is God's warning to you in regards to futility in verses 17-19?

B. What is God's exhortation to you in verses 22-25?

C. Explain what we are to do with the "old self" and the "new self". How does this help you to understand the exchanged life?

D. How can you avoid becoming futile in your thinking and lifestyle?

46. Remember where you saw the "vacuums" in your own life? How can these be exchanged for the fullness of Christ's very life? How can you allow Him to meet these needs instead of giving into the flesh?

Personal Notes

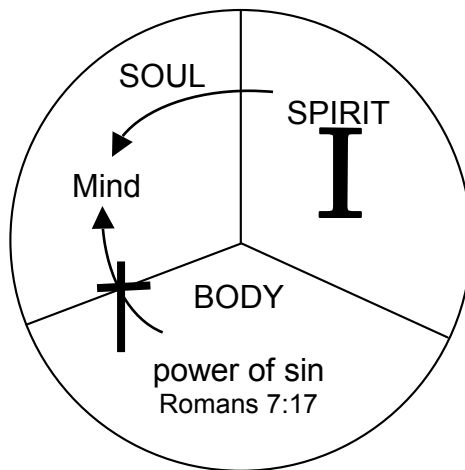
God's way to resolve the conflict of the waging war within...

*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*

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.

I represents our Identity and meaning; the position of the I in the diagrams shows from what source we are drawing identity, purpose, life, and meaning - whether it be from God or our own resources.

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

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 *krime* (Greek) is a verdict, a sentence
I Corinthians 11:31-32 *

*Scripture reference has been changed

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 1:12*; 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

* Scripture reference changed

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 2:14*)

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

* Scripture reference has been changed

Reprinted with permission from Valley Church, Cupertino
36 Things that Happened at Salvation

Fill in the words from the diagram: We _____ the _____ sin has on us by _____ upon a _____ of ourselves that is true because we are in Christ Jesus.

Read the following verses to remind yourself of your true identity and then write down what you see.

A. II Corinthians 5:17 _____

B. II Corinthians 5:21 _____

C. Ephesians 2:10 _____

Read Romans 6:1-11. What happened to our relationship to sin? (see verses 2, 6, 7, 11)

What does the "I" in the diagram represent?

Please fill in and complete the following:

- A. We have died to _____. Romans 6:2, 6, 11
B. We have died with _____. Romans 6:3, 4, 5, 8
C. We have _____. Romans 6:4b, 5b, 8b, 11b

Read Romans 7:17-21

- A. What does Paul discover about the influence of sin?

- B. In verses 22-24, what does the influence of sin wage war against?

According to the diagram, how must feelings be answered? _____

What about our temptations? Do you believe this? What does Ray Stedman say about “being different”?

According to the quotes by Ray Stedman, what do we need to reckon on in order to have victory in this battle?

Why is it so important to remember and affirm the fact that your identity remains constant in Christ? How do you affirm this fact?

The believer’s victory is essentially based on our union Christ in His:

- A. _____
- B. _____
- C. _____

In the section “Cleansed by His Blood”, what do we learn about His blood?

Write out I Peter 2:24, Romans 4:25, and I John 1:7

Let’s give thanks to God, through Jesus Christ our Lord “who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption” (I Corinthians 1:30).

There is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!

Personal Notes

The Jordan - Identification

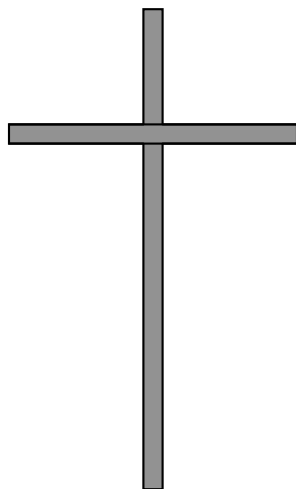
The Jordan River in the Old Testament typifies a deeper union of **our heart** with Christ in **His death**.

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

Read Galatians 2:20. Write out Galatians 2:20 and describe your new life as seen in this verse. Memorize this verse if you haven't already made it your own. Delight in this glorious truth!

Read Romans 6:6-7. Meditate on these verses and pray that “the eyes of your heart may be enlightened so that you may know...”; not only intellectually with your mind, but also with your heart and spirit, all that has been accomplished on your behalf (see I Corinthians 2:9-10).

A. What happened to you at the cross?

B. Describe the kind of life that is now yours.

C. Please define what the term “identification” refers to in the Christian experience ... What does it mean to you?

D. Why can there be no relationship between you (in Christ) and the power of sin?

In the gospels, Jesus gives a call and conditions to those who desire to follow Him. Look up each of the following passages and write out the call and conditions you find.

A. Mark 8:34-37

B. John 12:24-25

In order for you to truly delight in the cross with Paul, we must share the longing of his heart and know that only the cross can bring us to our goal. Read Philippians 3:7-11 and describe Paul's goal. To what extent do you long for the same?

Remember, your persistent and diligent seeking of Him and His resurrection life, by faith, will partly determine how He will manifest Himself in and through you.

*"He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me. And he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and **manifest** Myself to him. If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him." John 14:21, 23*

Take time to express to Him the longing of your heart. Do you truly want and seek a deeper union of your heart with Christ in His death? If so, tell Him.

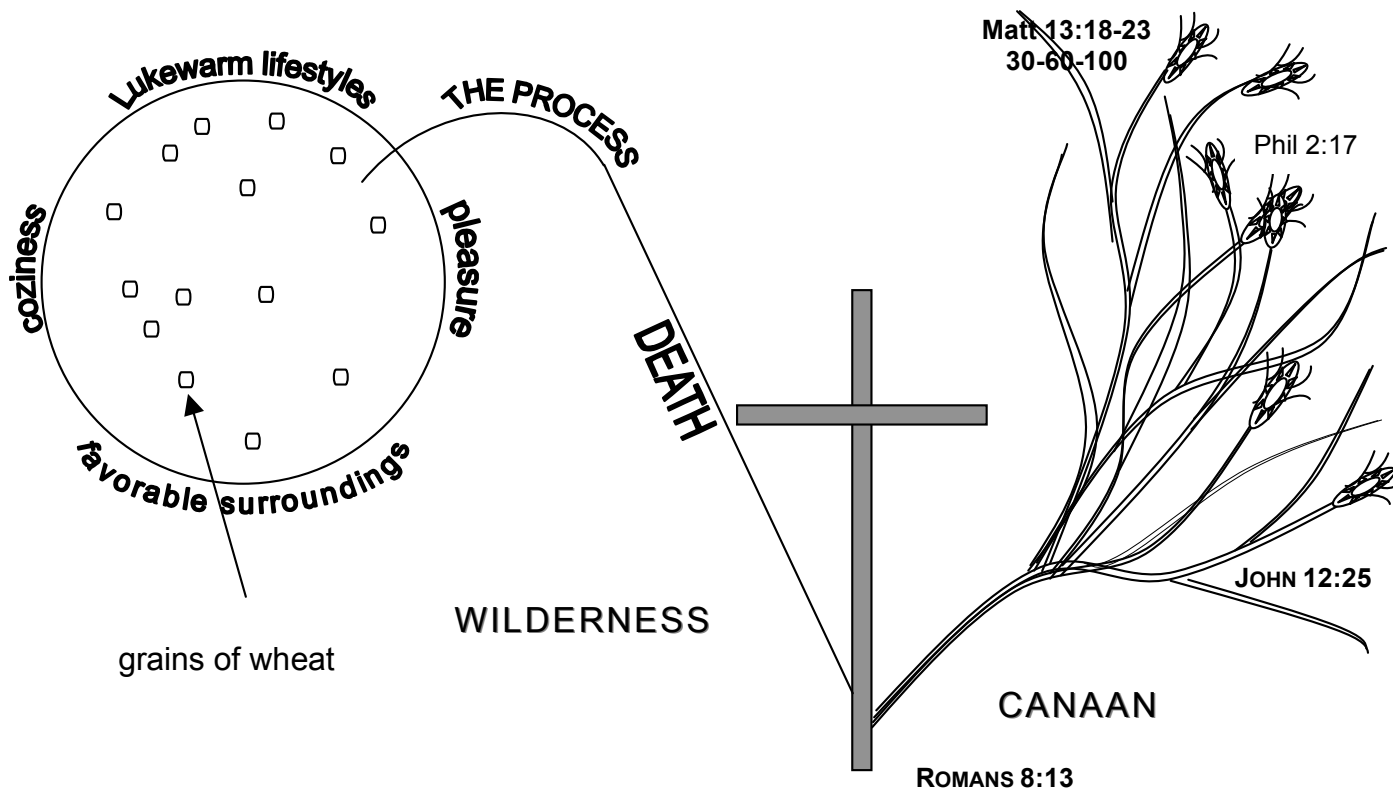
Personal Notes

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 20 horizontal dashed lines.

*"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



Come out of your Lukewarmness

"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

Write out John 12:24.

Ask God to show you how this truth relates to your own life growth in Him. Visualize the ripe grain of wheat on the stalk - mature, outwardly whole and beautiful. Then compare this picture to the left side of the illustration. How do they relate to each other? (The circles depict grains of wheat.)

Do you know and understand the life of a seed? When the seed is sown into the ground, the protective covering is broken down by the soil which allows water to penetrate and release the life inside to become what the seed was designed to be. How does this truth relate to our life in Christ?

Now look at your own life in relation to the Holy Spirit. Does any part of your life relate to the above illustrations? Explain.

What did God accomplish in and through you by this suffering?

As you consider God's sovereignty and His purpose for your life, how is your understanding and appreciation for Romans 8:28 deepened?

Are you willing to come and die with Him? If so, tell Him!

A. What will it cost you?

B. What did it cost Him?

Pray and ask the Lord to give you an understanding of this truth. Ask Him to move you into this truth experientially. Realize you are committing your very life to Him as you take these steps. As we die more and more to our flesh, there is more and more room for Him and we go from glory to glory (II Corinthians 3:18). Thank Him for the tremendous Life He has given us! Ephesians 1:3-14 is just a glimpse of this new life.

Personal Notes

Life in the Heavenlies

CANAAN – Entering the Land

“As newly created believers, we are in the Lord Jesus in the heavenlies, 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; Philippians 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 2:6; 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

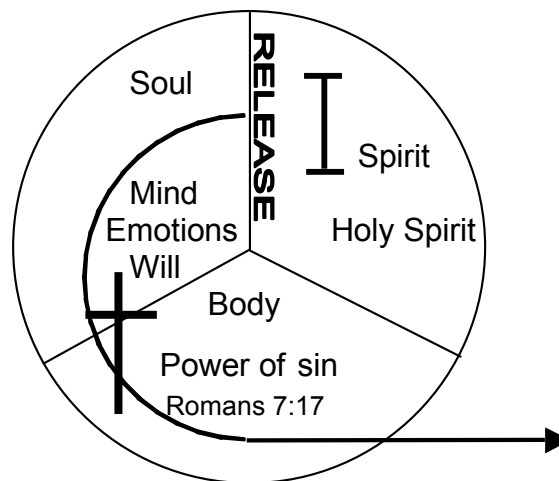
Consecrate the New Man

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. Uncrucified self refuses to be consecrated. This is why so many people with all sincerity walk down the aisles again and again, consecrating uncrucified selves to God.” H. Duncan

Paraphrase (write in your own words) and personalize (fill in your own name, making it your own) John 14:20.

Because of your union with Christ (identification) you are one with Him in His death and resurrection life. Therefore you are His, and all that He is and has is yours (Ephesians 1:3, 18-23). How do you like that exchange?! Do you realize what a treasure He has given you?

Look at the following three immeasurable gifts you have received through this union. State the significance of each to you, and give Him thanks.

A. The Life of Jesus (Colossians 3:4):

B. The Mind of Jesus (I Corinthians 2:16):

C. The Will of Jesus (Luke 22:42):

Take time to appreciate and delight in what this relationship with Jesus has won for you. Study the items under "Union with Him in" and write out two that are particularly meaningful to you.

Look up and write out the definition of the word “consecration.”

What are we called to consecrate and how is that to be manifested in our lives (Romans 7:4; 12:1-2)?

Read Leviticus 22:18-22. What must be the condition of any animal presented to God for an offering? How would this truth pertain to our lives?

Our God is holy and He longs for us to know and respect His holiness and righteousness. What resources do we have in Christ that will enable Him to accept our worship and service?

Have you presented (consecrated) yourself to God according to Romans 12:1?

What are you to consecrate? What will be the result of this consecration?

How do you maintain a walk of consecration in your daily walk with the Lord?

Personal Notes

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...

- Satan...

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 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 5:16-21

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...

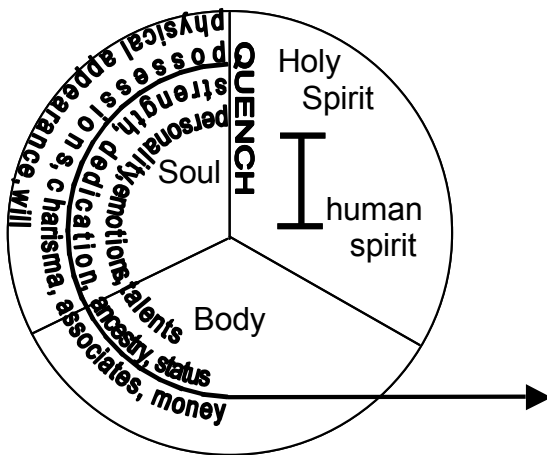
DEATH

Fleshly Expressions

Quench Not, Grieve Not

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

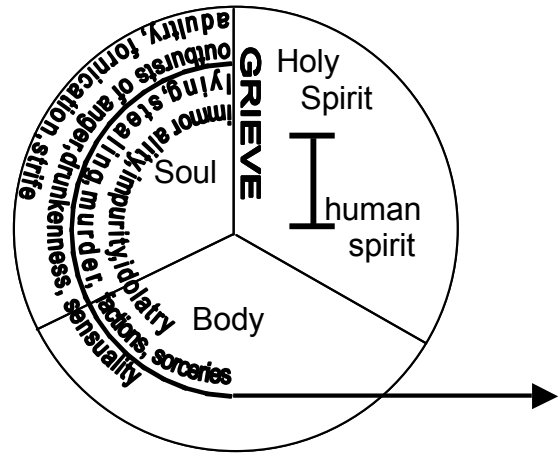
Self Reliance



*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

Principles of Spiritual Warfare

THE FLESH

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 – SEE TREASURE #13

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 15:18-19).	

THE DEVIL – SEE TREASURE #14

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 (John 8:44*)▪ 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 – SEE TREASURE #14

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).	

*Scripture references changed

What is self-reliance?

Why does it “quench the Spirit”? Define what quench means in your response.

In which areas of your life might you either forget to depend on God or choose to trust yourself? In which areas of your life do you know that you depend fully on God and His resources? Why?

Hear God speak to you in II Corinthians 12:9-10. What is His message? Do you agree with Paul’s words in verse 10? Explain.

God knows that only a life of faith, lived in full dependence on Him, will truly glorify Him. Therefore, He allows circumstances that force you to depend on Him.

Read II Corinthians 1:8-10. Paul is experiencing the “dying” which will produce deeper and fuller resurrection life. Remember he has already died with Jesus and has risen with Him; now God is working it out in his life (Philippians 2:12-13). In what ways was Paul enriched by the suffering he endured?

What has God been doing in your life to bring you to “trust not in yourself, but God”?

Write out Ephesians 5:20. Give Him thanks using this scripture.

What is moral laxity? (Suggestion: use your dictionary and look up the words moral and laxity.)

Ask God to show you if there is an area of moral laxity in your life. You might pray the words of Psalm 139:23-24. What is God showing you?

How do you deal with moral laxity? (Remember God has dealt with sin. Read Hebrews 3:12-19 and Colossians 3:5-7).

Personal Notes

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...

- Satan...

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
John 1:10

Mark 16:15

2. The second usage is twofold:

- a) for the inhabitant of the world:

John 1:10
John 12:19

John 17:9

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

John 14:17
John 14:27

John 15:18
Hebrews 11:38

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:

Matthew 16:26
I Corinthians 2:12
I Corinthians 7:31
Titus 2:12

James 1:27
II Peter 1:4
I John 2:15-17

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' (Ephesians 2:2) – the mind that is behind this world system.

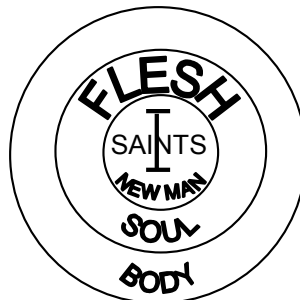
The word *kosmos* is used to refer to the world system. Wicked and alienated from God, yet cultured, educated, powerful, outwardly moral at times; the system of which Satan is the head, the fallen angels and the demons are his servants, and all mankind, other than the saved, are his subjects.

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*

Principles of Spiritual Warfare

THE FLESH – SEE TREASURE #12

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

Definition:	<p>There are three Greek words translated world:</p> <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 15:18-19*). 	

THE DEVIL – SEE TREASURE #14

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 (John 8:44*) ▪ 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 – SEE TREASURE #14

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). 	

*Scripture references changed

Define “the world.”

What is the “world system”?

Describe the atmosphere of the world (using the diagram).

What does the world have to offer you...

A. From a human perspective?

B. From God’s perspective?

What part of you is drawn to the world and its pleasures?

God’s people cannot pursue both the world system and the kingdom of God.

WE HAVE TO MAKE A CHOICE!

Does this mean that you must separate yourself from the world and have nothing to do with it? Read the verses below and explain the principle expressed in each, showing how we are to relate to the world. Indicate if the verse gives a warning of the dangers of the world system. Also indicate if the verse shows your freedom to enjoy all that He gives you.

A. Matthew 13:22

Warning

Freedom

B. I Corinthians 6:12-13	Warning	Freedom
--------------------------	---------	---------

C. Philippians 4:11-13	Warning	Freedom
------------------------	---------	---------

D. Colossians 3:17	Warning	Freedom
--------------------	---------	---------

Look for your purpose, function, and identity in the following verses and describe what you see. To what extent does each one agree with how you see yourself and your function in this world?

A. Romans 8:16-25

B. Philippians 1:22

C. I Thessalonians 5:16-18

D. Hebrews 11:13b-16

E. I Peter 2:9

Summarize the above verses with a statement showing your identity and purpose in the world.

Personal Notes

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...
- Satan...

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 (Son of the morning)	Isaiah 14:12
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 (Appolyn and Abaddon mean destroyer)	Revelation 9:11

2. HIS DESIGNS

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

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

4. HIS METHODS

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

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

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	Psalms 91:3; I Timothy 3:7
Injects wicked purposes into men's hearts	John 13:2

7. HIS GOAL

Our destruction	I Peter 5:8
-----------------	-------------

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

Pneumatikos 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.”

Merrill F. Unger
What Demons Can Do To Saints

Principles of Spiritual Warfare

THE FLESH SEE TREASURE #12

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) ▪ Deceitful (Jeremiah 17:9; Eph 4:22) ▪ Rebellious (Ephesians 2:2) ▪ Alienated (Eph 4:18; Col 1:21) ▪ Opposed to the Spirit (Gal 5:17) ▪ Callous (Hebrews 3:13; Mark 3:5) ▪ Proud (James 4:6; Luke 1:51) ▪ 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 SEE TREASURE #13

Definition:	<p>There are three Greek words translated world:</p> <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 15:18-19*). 	

THE DEVIL

Original State: Ezekiel 28:12-15		Fall: Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:16-19	
Titles and Names:	▪ “Adversary” (Zech 3:1; I Peter 5:8)	▪ Deceiver (Revelation 20:10)	
	▪ The accuser (Revelation 12:10)	▪ Ruler of this world (John 12:31)	
Strategy of Work:	▪ Lucifer: light bearer (Isaiah 14:12)	▪ The Dragon (Revelation 12:7)	
	▪ Murderer and liar (John 8:44*)	▪ Prince of the power of the air (Eph 2:2)	
	▪ The evil one (Matthew 13:38*)	▪ Destroyer (Revelation 9:11)	
	▪ The god of this age (II Cor 4:4)	▪ Tempter (Matthew 4:3)	
	<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

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). 		

*Scripture references changed

Are you aware that you have an enemy? Are you aware that he is very real and has a strategy to undermine your walk with the Lord? Do you really know this enemy?

Study the scriptures on the page entitled "Satan". Become thoroughly acquainted with the strategies and the cunning of your opponent. Remember that you are a soldier of Christ, engaged in spiritual warfare. You are responsible for knowing the wiles of your enemy. Do not be deceived! Is there anything on this list that is new to you?

Write out I Peter 5:8. Remember the goal of the enemy. You are his target.

In addition to knowing the tricks of your enemy, how are you to deal with Satan, according to these scriptures?

- A. Ephesians 4:27

- B. Ephesians 6:11-13

- C. James 4:7

- D. I Peter 5:8-9

Summarize the above exhortations into one sentence that you can remember and carry out by faith.

Know these verses: I John 4:4 and 5:4. How do they encourage you?

Merrill F. Unger writes, "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 him in his superior position and strength in Christ."

Why do you suppose that he so strongly states that we should KNOW OUR FOE!?

Who is the prince of the demons and head of a well-organized rank of fallen angels (Matthew 12:24; Ephesians 6:11-12)?

Write down the four levels of authority of these powers of darkness and the different role and function of each.

- A.

- B.

- C.

- D.

Personal Notes

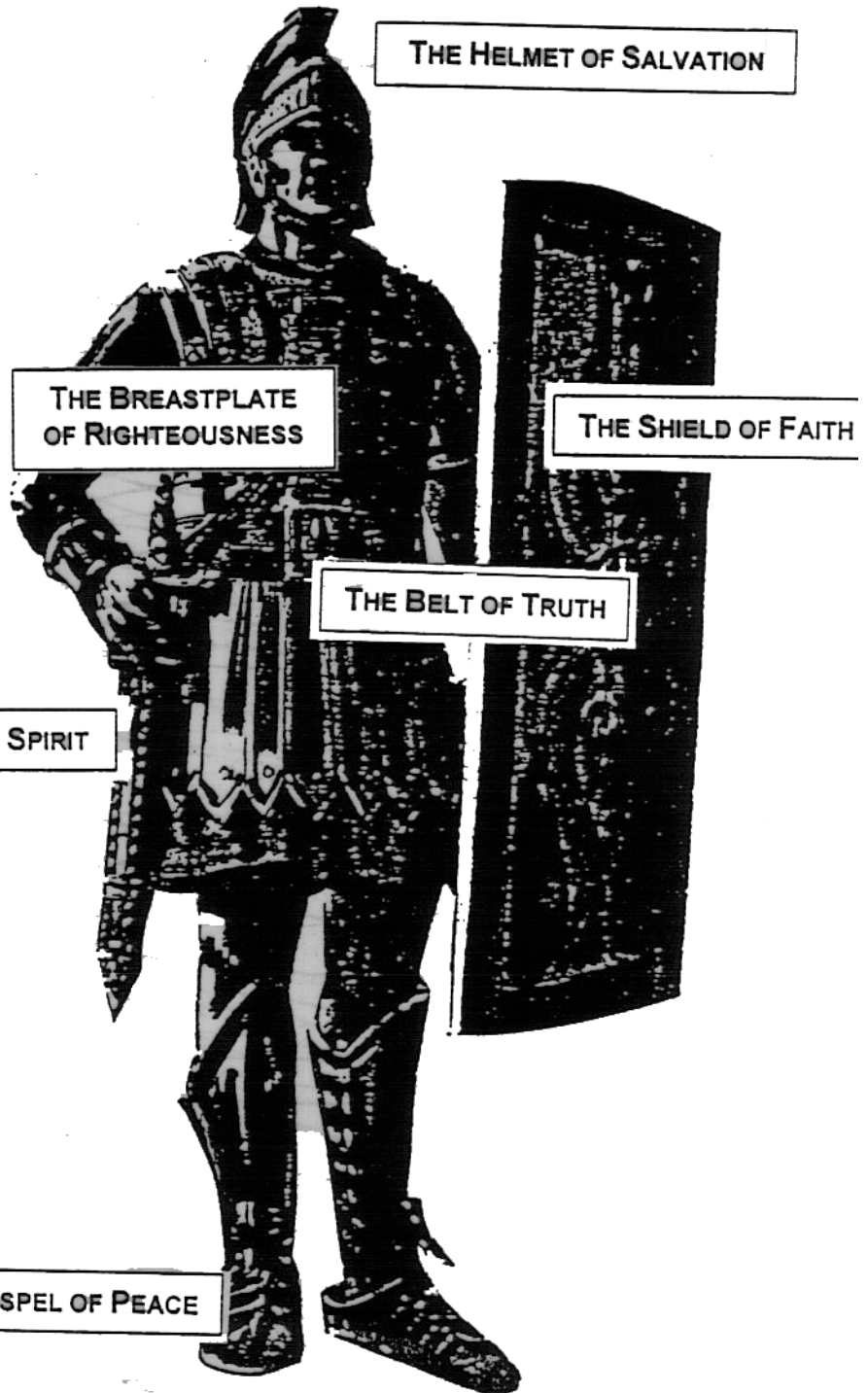
GOD'S PROVISION.....ARM YOURSELF!

The Full Armor of God

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



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...

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).

Look at the picture of the soldier. Wuest tells us that putting on the armor is a once-for-all act, but he says we “must not relax the discipline necessary for the constant use of such protection”. Do you realize that the time you spend in the morning preparing for your day is part of this discipline? Do you realize that as a Christian your preparation needs to be for battle because it is a spiritual war that you are part of? What keeps you from preparing each morning?

Read Ephesians 6:10-18. Reread Ephesians 6:10-18. Remember, you are preparing for battle! God is our refuge and strength and the battle is His. But what does He ask you to do in order to win the battle? List the exhortations in this passage, taking special note of the repetitions.

When you put on the “full armor of God”, you actually “put on” your Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 13:14 and Galatians 3:27). Take time to look carefully at each part of the armor in the diagram and then the written description. How do you “clothe yourself with Christ”? Keep in mind that this is done by faith – by affirming the truths that relate to each part.

A. The Belt of Truth (John 14:6)

B. The Breastplate of Righteousness (I Corinthians 1:30; 6:9-11; II Corinthians 5:21; Romans 8:1; Philippians 3:8-9; Revelation 12:10-11)

C. The Sandals of Peace (Ephesians 2:14-22; John 14:27; Philippians 4:4-7)

- D. The Shield of Faith (Galatians 2:20; I Corinthians 16:13; Hebrews 12:2) Know the object of your faith, and trust in Him!

- E. The Helmet of salvation (I Thessalonians 5:8 – notice the words, “hope of salvation” implying a future hope; we already have salvation for today, according to Romans 6:4a. Count on that! See also II Timothy 4:7-8; Romans 8:17-25; II Corinthians 4:16-5:4)

- F. The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God (John 1:1-4; see how Jesus used the Sword in Luke 4:1-13)

Let's now practice for the battle (soldiers practice drills constantly). Look at the tactics of battle listed below, how can you **practically** carry these out during the circumstances of warfare?

- A. **Be strong** in the Lord

- B. **Stand firm** against the schemes of the devil

- C. **Put on** the full armor of God

The Spirit Filled Life Bible Kingdom Dynamics says, “Prayer is not so much a weapon as it is a means by which we engage in the battle itself and the purpose for which we are armed. To put on the armor of God is to prepare for the battle. Prayer is the battle itself, with God’s Word being our chief weapon employed against Satan during our struggle.”

Write out Ephesians 6:18.

What does this verse say about prayer? How often should we pray? How should we pray? How does prayer fit with the armor of God?

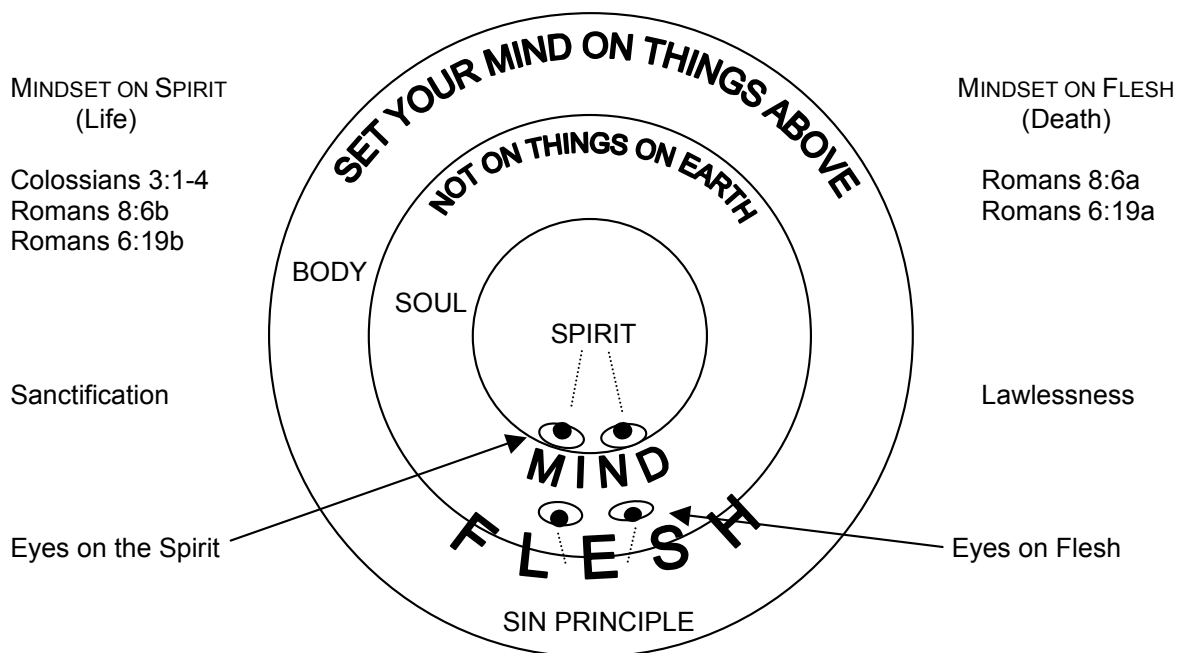
Take time to be quiet in the presence of God. Hear Him say to you, "Be still and know that I am God." Let Him show Himself to you, as you wait on Him. Write down what He communicates to you personally about yourself, about your heart, and what He wants you to do with these truths. Remember He has graciously given them for our provision and protection in spiritual warfare.

Personal Notes

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
1 Corinthians 3:12

For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption.
Galatians 6:8a

Wood, Hay, Stubble
1 Corinthians 3:12b

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

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

Paraphrase I Corinthians 3:12

Moment by moment we are building for _____.

Write out Colossians 3:1-4

Write out Romans 8:13

The deeds of the flesh are put to death by _____.

Look up and write out the definition of neglect.

What is the Holy Spirit putting to death in you personally?

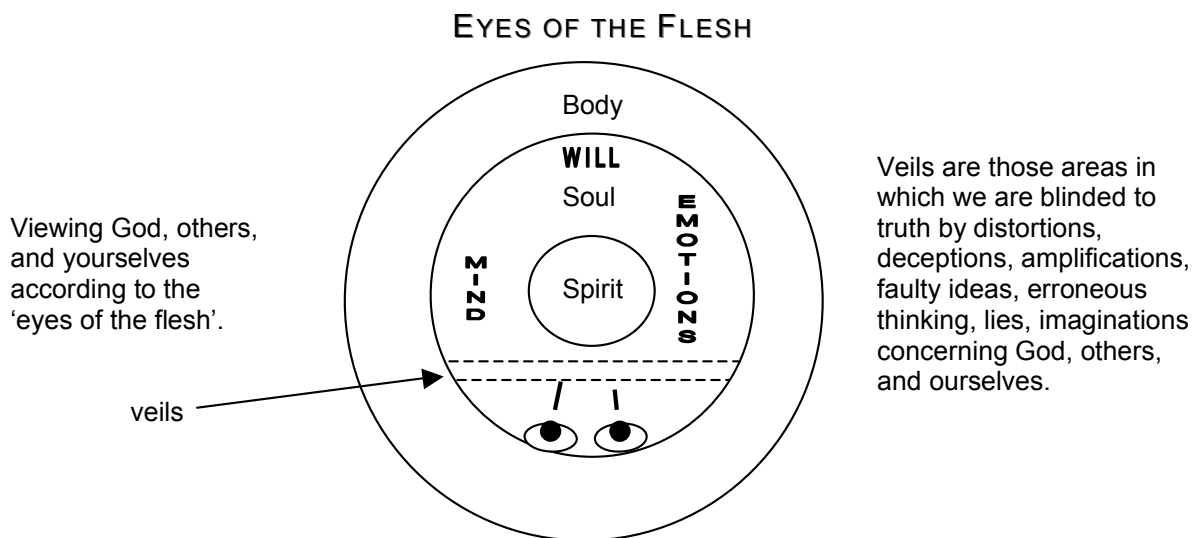
Write out and memorize Galatians 6:8.

Reflect on the person and ministry of the Holy Spirit as you've come to know Him in these passages.

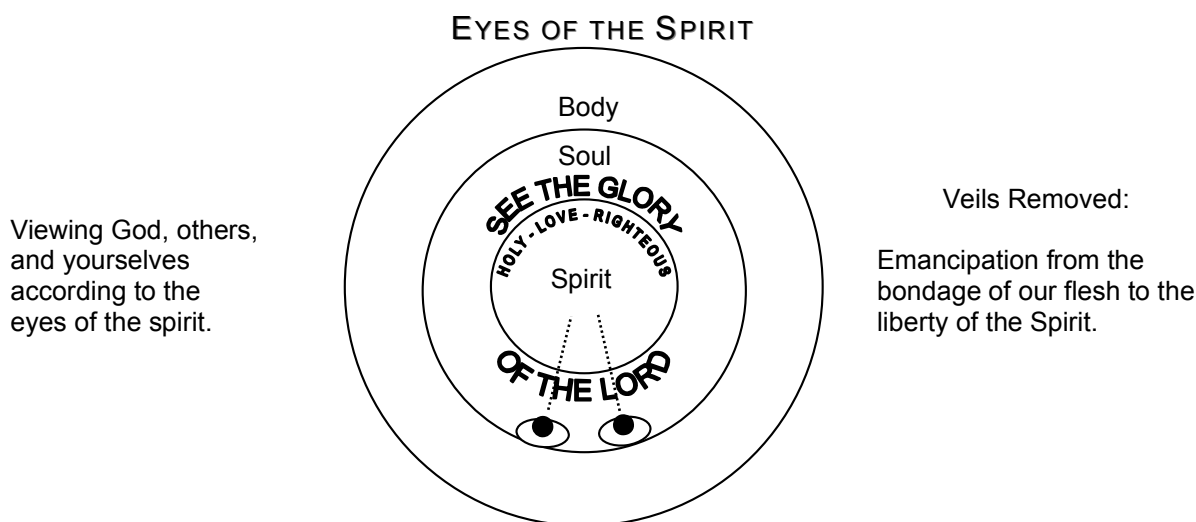
Personal Notes

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.

Look at the two diagrams. Do you see the veils and how they hinder our capacity to see the glory of the Lord clearly? What is a veil?

Give an example of a “veil” you have worn or might have put on.

How do you remove a veil?

Explain the meaning of the word “beholding.”

Using a dictionary, look up and then write out the definition of transform.

Considering what you saw in “beholding”, the definition of transform, and what you know of Jesus from scripture, paraphrase and personalize II Corinthians 3:18.

Describe an “unveiled face.”

Why must you have an “unveiled face” in order to see Him?

Look at the diagrams again. How do you behold your Lord and His glory? Do you have veils that are blinding you from seeing Him clearly? Ask the Lord to wash you and cleanse you with His Word. Ask Him to reveal thoughts or actions that you need to confess and repent of in order to have a veil removed. Write down what He is speaking to you and then thank Him for His tremendous care for you in helping you see more clearly.

“One thing have I asked from the Lord, and that shall I seek. That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to meditate in His temple.” Psalm 27:4

Personal Notes

Compromise

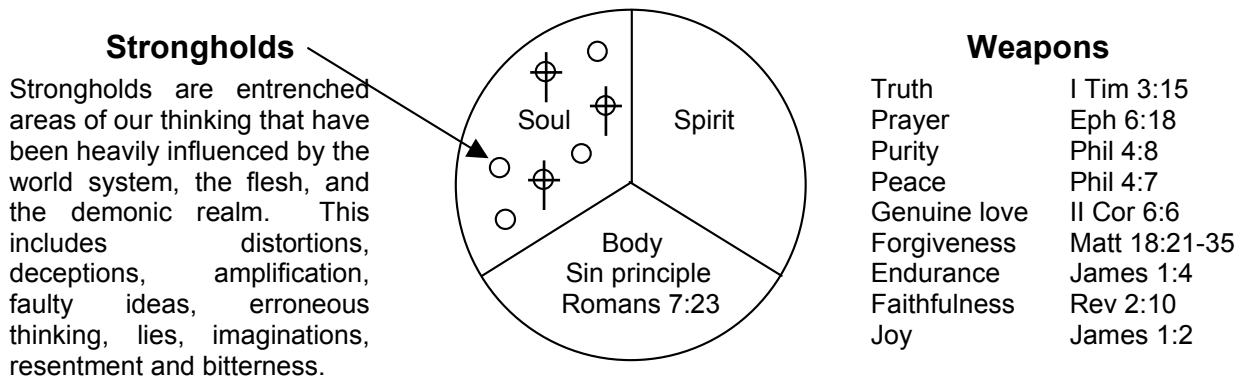
A Deception of the Believer

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

Look up the word “compromise” in the dictionary and write out the definition.

Now look up and write out the definition of purity.

We generally think of compromise as a way to breach differences between two parties, which implies each had to give up something important to them in order to reach an agreement. Think of a time when you compromised, how did it affect you? Do you easily compromise on issues that are important to you?

How does the meaning of compromise parallel with our Lord’s command in Deuteronomy 7:1-3?

Look up II Corinthians 10:3-5. What are the things that we are called to destroy? List them.

The terms “fortresses” and “strongholds” are two different words to describe the same thing. Go before the Lord and ask Him to identify strongholds or fortresses in your own thinking and write out one below.

God uses strong language concerning the destruction of the nations inhabiting Canaan and their religious practices. Why was He so concerned that they be utterly destroyed?

“For you are a holy (set-apart) people to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.” Deuteronomy 7:6

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9

These two verses give us an idea of God’s thoughts of us and His desire for us. In light of these tremendous blessings, how do you think He felt when His people compromised His instructions for them? How did their compromise thwart His purpose for them?

What has God asked you to do that you have compromised? Has His purpose in you been thwarted to this point? Ask for forgiveness and for a renewed spirit with His direction and leading in your life.

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ.” II Corinthians 10:3-5

Personal Notes

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.

TRIAL → TRUST → TRAVEL (Our Hope)

Necessary I Peter 1:6
God initiates
II Corinthians 4:7-11
God engineers
I Corinthians 10:13
Purpose Romans 8:29
Promise I Peter 5:10

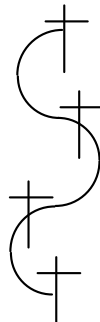
Eyes of Faith
Hebrews 11:1
Acknowledge Him
Proverbs 3:5-6
Conviction
Heb 4:15-16; 5:8-9
Cast your cares
Phil 4:6; I Peter 5:7

We are changed
II Corinthians 3:18
Put to death
Romans 8:13
Death by neglect
Romans 6:16-22
Same trial -
different person
II Corinthians 4:17-18

PRODUCES → OUR RESPONSE → WHY?

Holiness
Hebrews 12:10-11
Endurance James 1:3
Maturity Romans 5:3-5
Purity I Peter 1:22

Rejoice
Romans 5:3
James 1:2
I Thess 5:16-18



Because we know:
• Who engineered it
• What it produces
Eternal Values
Luke 21:19
John 12:25
Romans 6:19
Hebrews 10:39
I Peter 1:9

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

Look at the three words again: Trial... Trust... Travel. What do these words tell you about tribulation?

Using a dictionary or in your own words, define "tribulation."

What is a natural or fleshly response to tribulation?

List some of the forms of tribulation you are experiencing this week.

What does God's word say concerning tribulation or suffering in the following verses?

A. John 16:33 _____

B. I Corinthians 10:13 _____

C. I Peter 5:10 _____

According to Romans 8:29, what is the purpose of suffering?

Study the list of verses under the sections Trust and Travel.

- A. What must be your attitude toward God as you experience the pain and pressures of life?

- B. What action on your part would express such an attitude?

- C. What does the suffering produce in your life as you yield to Him and trust Him?

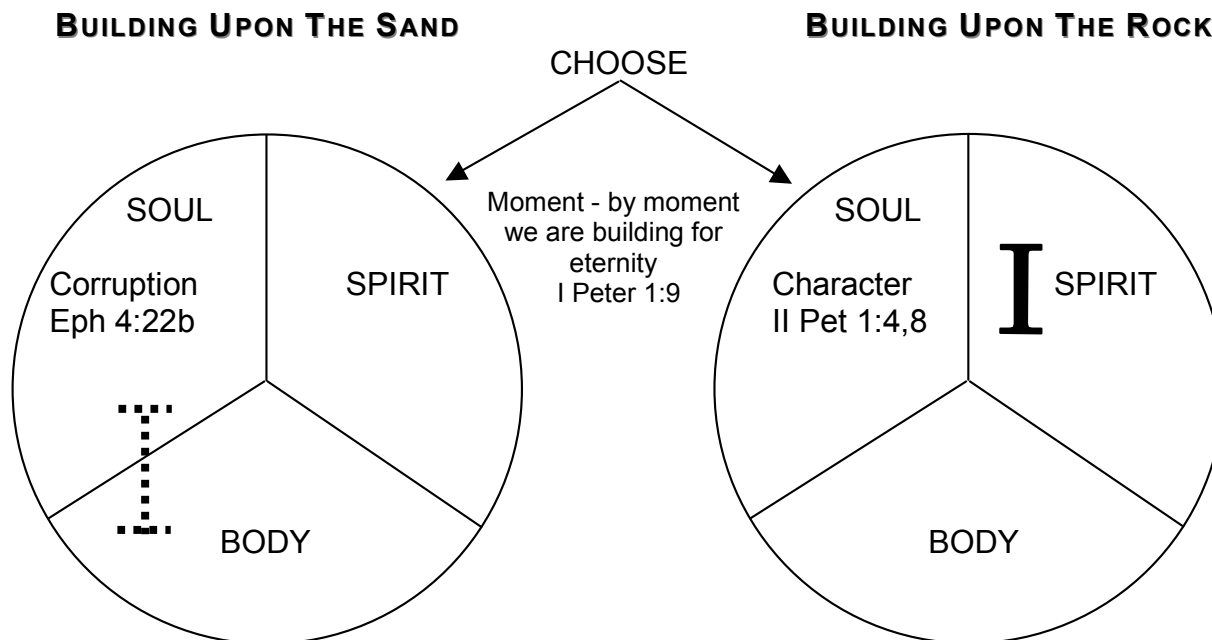
Look at the section labeled “Why”. This is “Why we can travel through tribulations?”. What do the verses say about why we can travel through tribulations?

Look at the three words again: Trial... Trust... Travel. Remember during times of tribulation when you Trust (in Him and on Him), you can Travel (with Him) through this tribulation.

Personal Notes

The Two Foundations

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



I represents our Identity and meaning; the position of the I in the diagrams shows from what source we are drawing identity, purpose, life, and meaning - whether it be from God or our own resources.

TEMPTATIONS

James 1:13

OBJECTIVE: Satan Desires Our Harm

CAUSE	RESULT
1. Passivity	Carried away
2. Enticed by lust	Appeals to emotions
3. Conceives strongholds	To Tear me down
4. Birth – sin	Happens suddenly
5. DEATH	Reap corruption
6. Eternal result	Wood, hay, straw

TRIALS & TESTS

James 1:2-3

OBJECTIVE: God Wants To Build Us Up

CAUSE	RESULT
1. Consider with joy	Take action
2. Know the truth	Appeals to the mind
3. Test of faith –character-	To build me up (I Peter 1:7)
4. Endurance	Works slowly
5. LIFE	Maturity
6. Eternal result	Gold, silver, precious stones

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

What are the two foundations?

Write out I Corinthians 3:10.

Moment by moment we are building for _____.

Write out I Peter 1:9.

Look up II Peter 1:4,8. According to these verses what has been given to us and what can we become partakers of?

In temptations, trials, and tests what is:

Satan's Objective _____

God's Objective _____

Write out James 1:13.

What does this verse tell us about God?

Write out James 1:2-3.

What do these verses tell us about trials?

Sow a thought reap an _____.

Sow an act reap a _____.

Sow a habit reap your _____.

Sow your character reap your _____.

DON'T BE DECEIVED.... THERE IS NO FENCE,

NOW COUNTS _____!

Personal Notes

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

- | | |
|------------|---|
| • 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

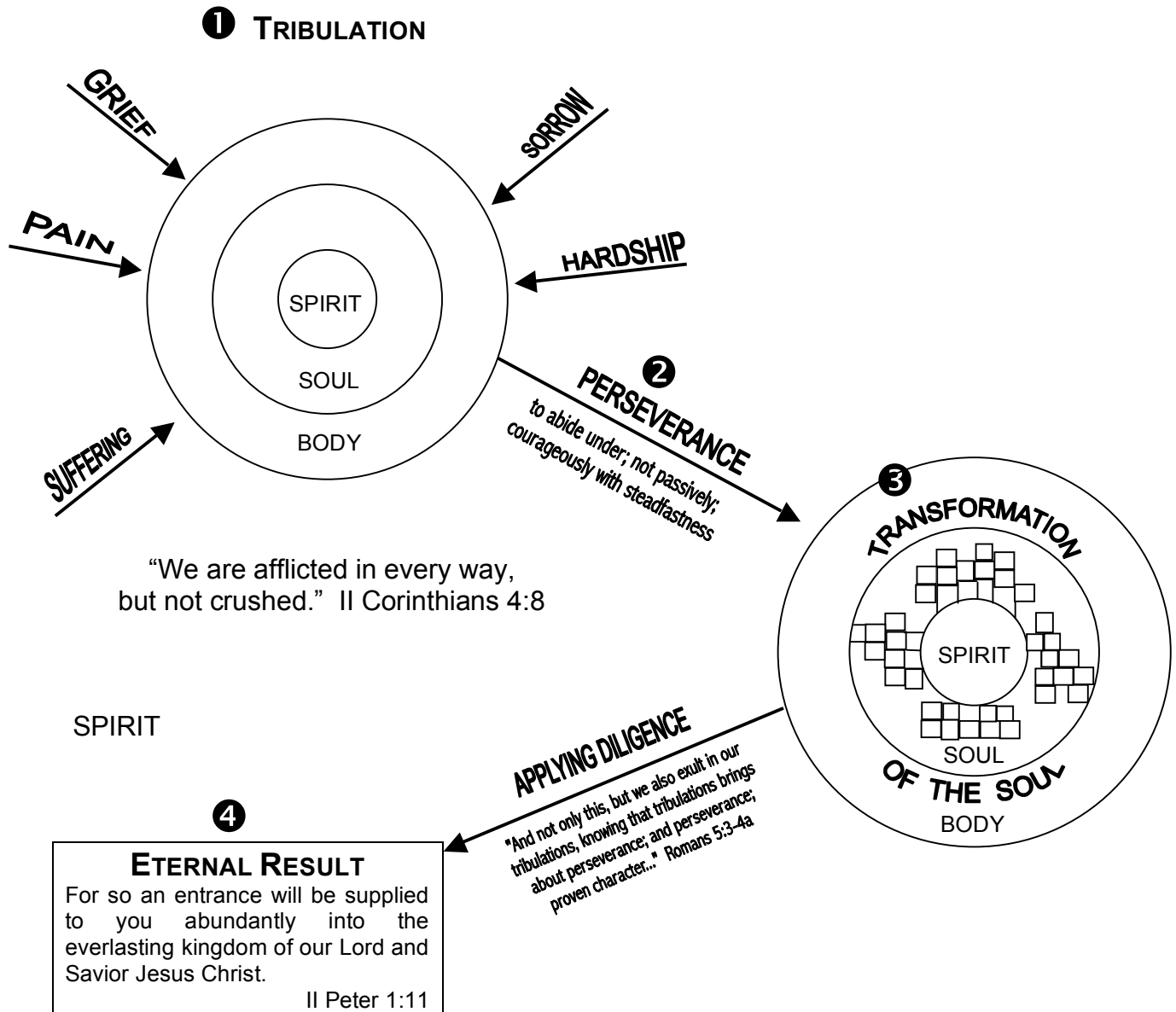
HARDSHIP, SUFFERING, AFFLICTION, TRIBULATION

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)

Paul said, "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us" (Romans 8:18). God has given us some beautiful glimpses of that glory. What has He shown you of your "glorious inheritance" that you may look forward to now? (See I Corinthians 15:50-58; I Peter 1:3-9; I John 3:1-3; Revelation 21-22)

Read the verses listed under "The Purpose of Suffering". Hide these words in your heart (Psalm 119:11) and make them your own. You will need these in order to stand firm when suffering comes.

- A. Write in your own words the reasons why you can "count it all joy" in whatever circumstances God might allow in your life.

- B. Which one of these reasons is the most important to you today? Why?

Read Hebrews 13:15. Study this verse carefully and prayerfully, and ask God to show you how He wants you to apply this exhortation to your own life with and in Him. What is He asking you to do in each part of this verse?

- A. Through Him _____

- B. Continually offer up _____

- C. The sacrifice of praise _____

- D. The fruit of lips that give thanks to His name _____

Define the word "holy."

Our God is a Holy God. He wants us to recognize and acknowledge His holiness in the way we worship Him and by the way we live each day in Him.

Look at God in the following passages and write down what you learn about Him. (Remember, it is in beholding Him – His character, His desires – that you become like Him, II Corinthians 3:18.)

A. Deuteronomy 4:11-13 _____

B. Isaiah 43:10-14a _____

C. I Peter 1:16 _____

D. Revelation 3:7 _____

God has chosen a bride for Himself who is given the wonderful privilege of dwelling with Him in close and holy communion. Read Leviticus 20:7-8, 26 and see what God requires of his beloved.

A. What is God asking of you in verse 7?

B. What is His promise in verse 8?

C. Compare I Peter 1:16 with Leviticus 20:26. How is this Old Testament command to the nation of Israel relevant to the New Testament believer?

See what God has called you to! Study each of the following verses to learn more about your identity and destiny.

A. Jeremiah 17:8 _____

B. Romans 8:19-25 _____

C. II Corinthians 6:14-18 _____

D. Ephesians 1:14 _____

As dross is removed from silver, what needs to be refined out of your life, so that you might more clearly reflect God's character (Hebrews 12:1-2)?

What needs to be worked into your life?

Hear God speak to you in these beautiful promises and state the encouragement you find in each.

A. II Corinthians 3:4-6 _____

B. Philippians 1:6 _____

C. I Thessalonians 5:23-24 _____

D. Jude 24-25 _____

Personal Notes

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...

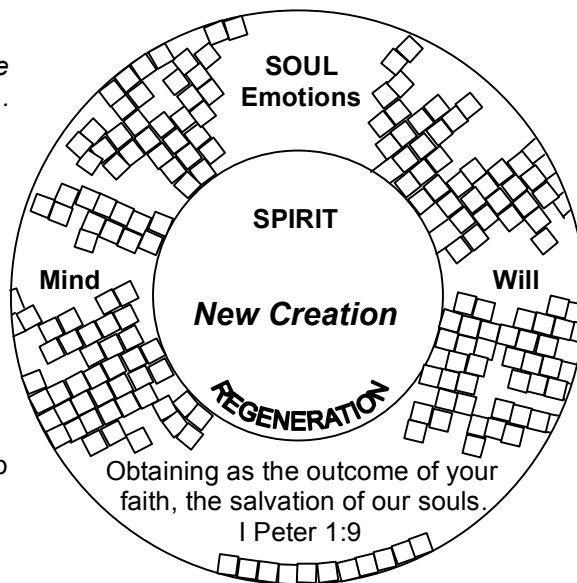
But let each one take heed how he builds on it. For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because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

I 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
• I Corinthians 3:12b
• I Corinthians 3:15



Gold, Silver,
Precious Stones
REMAIN
• I Corinthians 3:12a
• I 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.”

Understanding Man by Ray Stedman

He who takes refuge in Me shall inherit the land and shall possess My Holy Mountain. Isaiah 57:13b

Every place on which the sole of your foot treads, I have given it to you. Joshua 1:3

As a child of God, born of the Spirit, you have received a birthright and an abundance of spiritual treasures. Describe some of the riches you already have in Christ.

- A. Romans 5:1-2 _____
- B. Romans 6:23b _____
- C. Ephesians 1:3-5, 7, 11 _____
- C. Philippians 4:19 _____

What is the “land” which we are possessing?

As we possess the land, what happens (I Peter 1:9)?

What is our character being transformed into (Galatians 5:22-23; John 15:1-12; Romans 8:29)?

What are some of the hindrances to this process (Luke 8:14; Matthew 13:22)?

As residents of His Kingdom, we are promised certain spiritual riches that are not given at the time of spiritual rebirth as the above. Rather, you must claim these as your own and take possession of them by faith and obedience. According to the following verses, what is yours as you possess the land and, what is required of you in order to acquire this “territory”?

- A. Psalm 37:9 _____

B. Luke 8:15 _____

C. I Peter 5:8-10 _____

What do you resolve to do in order to possess these riches for yourself? Ask God to show you His will for you.

What does having an 'eternal perspective' mean?

How does it go hand-in-hand with possessing the land?

Finally, you have a glorious inheritance laid up in heaven for you. Eternal life and entrance into God's heavenly mansions are unconditional for His children. Yet there are degrees of glory; these eternal treasures are strangely and wonderfully related to and dependent on what you choose to possess now. Describe your inheritance as you look at the glimpses of eternity seen in the following verses.

A. John 12:25 _____

B. I Peter 1:6-9, 13 _____

C. I John 3:2 _____

What must you do here and now in order to 'lay up' (or secure for yourself) the full heavenly treasure God longs to give you?

A. Matthew 6:19-25 _____

B. I Corinthians 3:10b-17 _____

C. Revelation 2:7 _____

Personal Notes

Egypt: The World

Read and study Treasures of Truth 1-2

The soul is the _____ of operation. The essence of man is _____.

Write out Ephesians 2:1-2.

What does it mean to be dead in trespasses?

Write out II Corinthians 4:3-4.

Who blinds the minds of the unbeliever?

How is the mind of the Christian blinded?

Rea Sea: Salvation

Read and study Treasures of Truth 3-5

Now the spirit is the _____ of operation. The essence of man is spiritual.

Look up and write out the definition of regeneration.

Write out and memorize II Corinthians 5:17.

Wilderness: Futility

Read and study Treasures of Truth 6-7

Write out Romans 7:23.

Is there a waging war within you?

In your inner man do you delight to do the will of the Lord?

Write out Romans 7:22.

The Jordan: The Cross

Read and study Treasures of Truth 8-10

Write out and memorize Galatians 2:20.

Write out Romans 6:13.

How are we transformed?

Write out Romans 12:1-2.

The Conquest of Canaan: Believers Victory

Read and study Treasures of Truth 11-18.

Write out and memorize Romans 6:6.

Write out and memorize Romans 6:11.

Write out and memorize Romans 6:13

What does “know”, “reckon”, and “yield” mean to you after reading these verses.

Possessing the Land: Salvation of the Soul

Read and study Treasures of Truth 19-22

Write out I Peter 1:9.

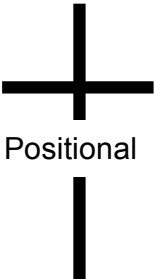
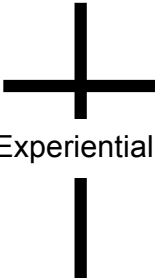
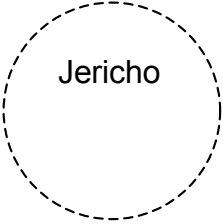
What do we receive as the outcome of our faith?

Reflect on your answers to these questions as a whole while glancing at the visual of "Journey at a Glance."

Look at the visual "He brought us Out in order to bring us In..." Where are you in your journey?

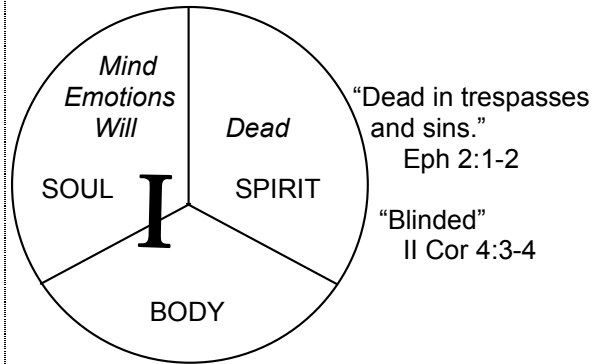
Personal Notes

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

EGYPT	SALVATION	THE WILDERNESS	IDENTIFICATION	CANAAN
<p>(unregenerate)</p> <p>"Dead in trespasses and sins." Ephesians 2:1-2</p> <p>"And you <i>He made alive</i>, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience."</p> <p>"Blinded" II Corinthians 4:3-4</p> <p>"But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them."</p> <p><i>(Identity is formed by mind, emotions and will [soul] and body.</i></p>	<p>(regeneration)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">R E D S E A</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Christ as Savior </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Positional</p> </div> <p>Born of God</p> <p style="text-align: center;">John 1:12-13</p> <p>"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will man, but of the will of God."</p>	<p>(<i>futility</i>)</p> <p>Craving evil things...</p> <p>Idolatry...</p> <p>Immorality...</p> <p>Trying the Lord...</p> <p>Grumbling....</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I Corinthians 10:6-10</p> <p>"Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted. And do not become idolaters as <i>were</i> some of them. As it is written, <i>"The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play."</i> Nor let us commit sexual immorality, as some of them did, and in one day twenty-three thousand fell; nor let us tempt Christ, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed by serpents; nor complain, as some of them also complained, and were destroyed by the destroyer."</p>	<p>"I have been crucified with Christ." Galatians 2:20</p> <p style="text-align: center;">J O R D A N</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Christ as Life </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Experiential</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">Romans 6:6</p> <p>"Knowing this, that our old man was crucified with <i>Him</i>, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin."</p>	<p>(Deeper work of circumcision of the flesh)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Ai</p> <p>Gilgal</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Jericho</p> </div> <p style="text-align: center;">DRIVE OUT the enemies</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Joshua 5:9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">POSSESS your possessions</p>

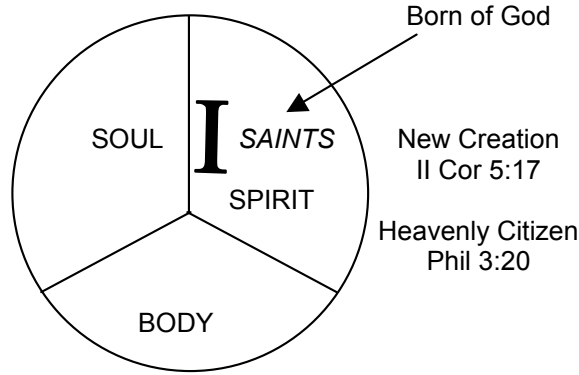
JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

EGYPT (Exodus 1-12) *The World*



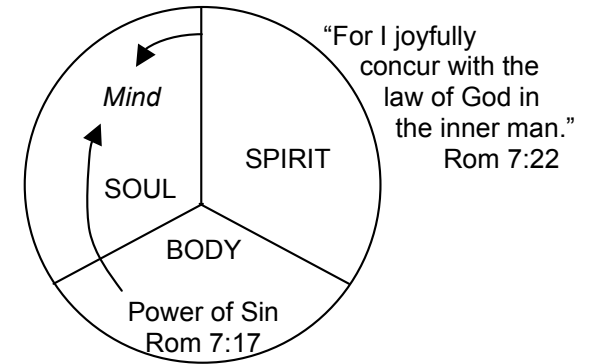
The soul is the center of operation. The essence of man is soulical.

RED SEA – SALVATION (Exodus 14-15) *Regeneration*



Now the spirit is the center of operation. The essence of Man is spiritual.

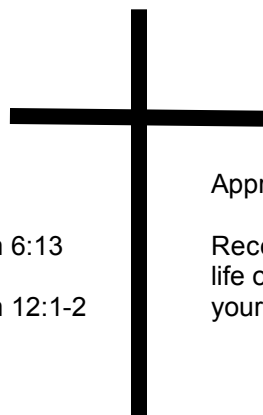
WILDERNESS (Exodus 16-17) *Futility*



"But I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind" (Rom 7:23).

THE JORDAN (Exodus 19, Joshua 1-4) *The Cross*

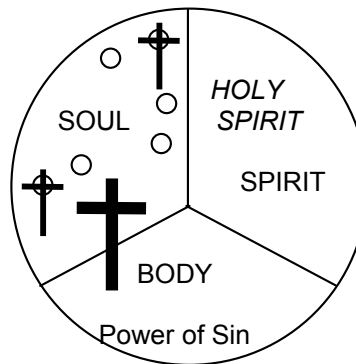
Galatians 2:20



Rom 6:13
Rom 12:1-2

Appropriation:
Receiving the life of Christ in your soul.

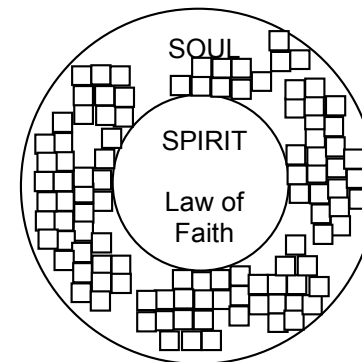
THE CONQUEST OF CANAAN (Ex. 23-29, Deut. 7, Joshua 5-11) *Believer's Victory*



(strongholds in the soul)

KNOW, RECKON, YIELD
Romans 6:6... know
Romans 6:11... reckon
Romans 6:13... yield

POSSESSING THE LAND (Deuteronomy 6, Joshua 23-24) *Salvation of the Soul*



"Obtaining as the outcome of your faith the salvation of your souls" (I Peter 1:9).

- The Jordan: Refer to Treasures of Truth 8-10
- Conquest of Canaan: Refer to Treasures of Truth 11-18
- Possessing the Land: Refer to Treasures of Truth 19-22