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Theology I

A study of the principles related to Christian Growth, and a technical study of the  
Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

INTRODUCTION:

Read Ephesians 3:16 and II Cor. 4:16-18 (Focus/Preoccupation)  
Inner man (character/attitude) vs. Outer man (physical/material)

Think Through Issues! (If you aren't a thinking Christian, you're a shrinking Christian)

Example: What are the essential doctrines of the Faith? Major doctrines?  
Minor doctrines? What are you willing to break fellowship over?

Take a few minutes and try to list the essential doctrines.

GOD'S COMMUNICATION PROCESS TO MAN:

(See Chart on following page)

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God's Communication Process to Man

Each step in this process is essential, in order for God's communication to man to be in its most complete form. Without "revelation" there is no "inspiration", without "inspiration" there's no "transmission" of the text, without "translation" there's no "interpretation", and without "application" there is not a completed form of communication from God to man. It is only as a person puts into practice what is heard and understood, that communication in any real sense has happened. I must do more than gain knowledge when I interact with the Word.

**"THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT FOR INFORMATION,  
IT'S FOR TRANSFORMATION!"**

GOD

REVELATION

INSPIRATION

TRANSMISSION

TRANSLATION

INTERPRETATION

APPLICATION

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A. Revelation literally means \_\_\_\_\_.

Revelation is the communication of truth by God, which has not been known previously.

(I Corinthians 2:1-13)

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

**CONCLUSION:** The Spirit of God takes the revelation of God, and unveils it to man, in words that man understands.  
As a result, I can know and understand God in a personal way, as well as in great depth!

B. Inspiration is the \_\_\_\_\_.

II Timothy 3:16  
+ II Peter 1:19-21  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Inspiration

This is not DICTATION!

(God – 100% involved and Man 100% involved)

NOTE: The text itself is inspired, not the writer. God used regular folks to give us the inspired Word of God.

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C. Transmission is \_\_\_\_\_.

The scribes were extremely meticulous about this process. However, because men are fallible, copying errors did occur.

D. Translation is \_\_\_\_\_.

There are literally hundreds of English translations. NONE of them are perfect!  
(Example - The Authorized Version = KJV)

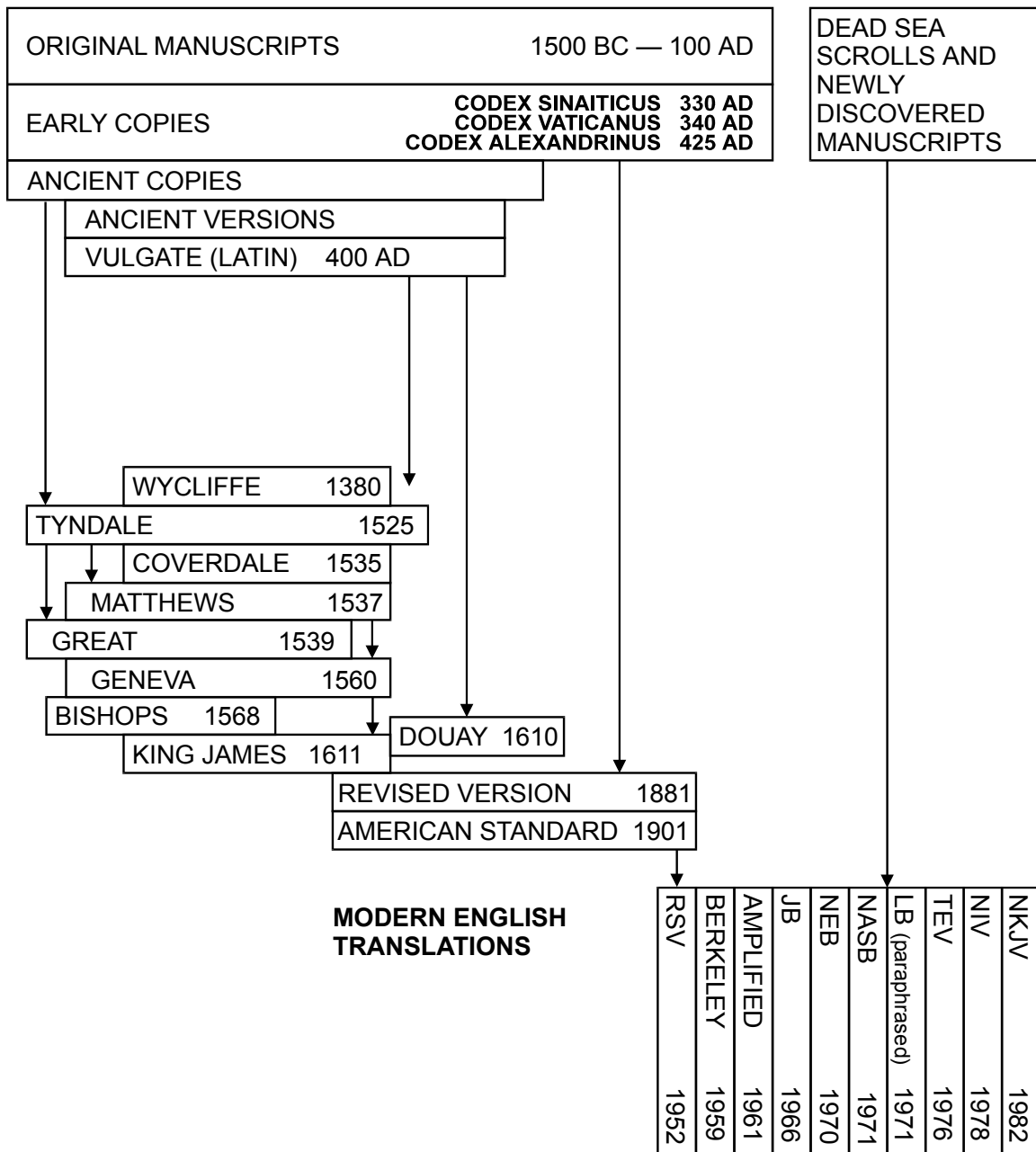
(SEE CHART ON PAGE 5)

E. Interpretation is \_\_\_\_\_.

F. Application is \_\_\_\_\_.

A method for personal Bible Study will be looked at in more detail on page 6.

## ***Bible Versions***



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Basic Principles of Personal Bible Study

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are important!

Determine the meanings of words (do word studies)  
(example John 14:6; John 20:15)

2. \_\_\_\_\_ setting and \_\_\_\_\_ factors matter!

Discover the political make-up, customs, agriculture, geography, architecture, style of dress, religious practices, etc.)

(Example Dan. 5:7,16 — why is Daniel offered 3<sup>rd</sup> position in the kingdom instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup>?)

3. \_\_\_\_\_ matters!!!

Don't make a passage mean something it was not intended to mean!  
(example Matt. 3:11 and Matt 24:13)

4. Styles of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ matter!

5. \_\_\_\_\_ matters!

God's Word does not contradict itself! Approach the Bible according to normal communication, and approach it logically.  
You don't need a secret decoder ring to understand the Bible! Always compare Scripture with Scripture! (example I John 3:9)

6. \_\_\_\_\_ matters!

Practice what you are learning. Make the application from the pages of Scripture to your own life.

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I. The Purpose of Theology:

A. What is “Theology”?

Titus 1:9; and 2:10 (purpose stated)

1. “Exhortation”

2. “Refutation”

3. “Enhancement”

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II. The Provision of Theology:

A. The Holy Spirit (I Cor. 2:12,13)

The Holy Spirit is the author of Truth as well as the teacher of Truth.

B. The Bible (II Timothy 3:16)

God's Word is not man's ideas! God has given us His Word (His ideas), so we can understand the Truth (John 17:17; 8:32).

III. The Divisions of Theology:

Theology –  
    Biblical Theology –  
        Systematic Theology –  
            Hermeneutic Theology –  
                Practical Theology –

Theology Proper –  
Pneumatology –  
Anthropology –  
Sotierology –  
Angelology –  
Christology –  
Ecclesiology –  
Bibliology –  
Harmartiology –  
Eschatology –

IV. Victorious Christian Living – What is it?

Common Misconceptions:

A. “Receiving the Blessing”

B. “Sinless Perfection”

C. “The Second Blessing”

The Victorious Christian Life can be compared to \_\_\_\_\_.

*“God, by His sovereign grace, through the filling of the Holy Spirit, performs an awakening in a person’s heart, giving people new and fresh power to live the Christian life.”*

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

combining, to allow individuals to live supernaturally! (ABUNDANT LIFE)

John 10:10 –

Look at the following Scripture:

- I Corinthians 6:19 (our possession) –
- Galatians 2:20 (our provision) –
- Romans 8:1 (our position) –
- I Corinthians 3:9 (our part) –
- Romans 6:1-7; 12:1-2 (our potential) –

V. SPIRITUAL MATURITY: (What's Involved?)

Cf. Rom. 8:6; with I Cor. 2:15

Three Factors Related to Spiritual Maturity:

1. Regeneration (John 3:3; Titus 3:5)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. The Holy Spirit (John 16:12-16; Gal. 5:17, 22, 23)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Time (Hebrews 5:12, cf. I Cor. 2:15)

A Biblical Definition of Spiritual Maturity:

“Spiritual Maturity is

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**Discussion:** Is there a difference between “spirituality” and “maturity”?

Principles related to spiritual maturity:

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
- E.

How do we know if we are maturing spiritually?

Characteristics of the maturing believer:

1. His \_\_\_\_\_
  - a.
  - b.
2. His \_\_\_\_\_
3. His \_\_\_\_\_
4. His \_\_\_\_\_
5. His \_\_\_\_\_
6. His \_\_\_\_\_

VI. The Christian's Two Natures

A. "Old" vs. "New"-

1. The Mind (the seat of intellect and volition)
2. The Heart (the seat of the emotions)
3. The Conscience (faculty which distinguishes between that which is morally right and wrong)
4. The Soul/Spirit (immaterial part of man)
5. The Will (that part of us which makes choices)

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**B. The Believer's Union with Christ. (\*\* see note)**

1. The Concept:

2. The Means:

3. The Results:

\*\*\*NOTE: There are 3 aspects of what it means to be "in Christ"

a.

b.

c.

**C. Aspects of the Victorious Christian Life:**

1. Sanctification - What is it, exactly?

Positional =

Progressive =

Perfect =

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2. Dedication - What is it that I'm supposed to dedicate?
  - a. (Romans 6:13)
  - b. (Romans 12:1)
  - c. (James 4:7)
3. Faithfulness - Endurance? Determination?
4. Overcoming Temptation - Am I giving in without a fight?
5. Confession and Forgiveness - Am I right with God and others?

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**Conclusion** - Victorious Christian living involves various areas of commitment for the Believer. It's a moment by moment, hour by hour, day by day, week by week, month by month, year by year, walk with the Savior, until we see Him face to face.

Each of us must be able to answer the following question:

“WHAT IS MY MAIN PURPOSE FOR BEING HERE?”

Once the question is answered sufficiently, and I'm convinced that the answer I have come up with is the best answer possible, and then I must put into practice anything and everything that will cause that answer to be lived out in my life, consistently!

D. Living life so I \_\_\_\_\_ consistently!

(10 CONCEPTS)

1. Get Thoroughly Dissatisfied With Yourself
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. Have a Determined Attitude Toward Transformation in Your Life
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Allow Yourself to Be Blessed By God

4. Do a Thorough Job of Repenting
5. Make Restitution Wherever Possible
6. Bring Your Life in Line With Scriptures That Instruct in the Way of Righteousness
7. Be a Serious Minded Christian

8. Deliberately Narrow Your Interests

9. Begin to Witness to Those Around You

10. Be a F. A. T. Christian

Perhaps one of the ways we DON'T live consistently, to the Glory of God, is in our devotional life. Our personal time in the Word, and our personal time on our knees, is crucial, to a life well lived for the Savior. An unwillingness by many Christians to "chase hard after God", I believe, is a major reason why the Church is not moving ahead in victory. We willingly become "sold out" to many things in this world, but then struggle to lay everything on the altar, in our relationship, with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. My life goal is to live out Ezra 7:10;

*"For Ezra had set in his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to practice it in his life, and to teach God's statutes and ordinances in the land."*

VII. The Devotional Life:

- A. Believe the Word: (Do I believe it, how do I know?)
  
  
  
  
  
- B. Study the Word: (Do I spend personal time in the Book?)
  
  
  
  
  
- C. Love the Word: (Am I committed to its truths?)
  
  
  
  
  
- D. Honor the Word: (Does the Word have great value in my eyes?)
  
  
  
  
  
- E. Obey the Word: (Do I do what the Book says?)
  
  
  
  
  
- F. Develop a Prayer Life: (Do I communicate regularly, with God?)
  
  
  
  
  
- G. Deal with Sin: (Do I hate sin? Am I keeping short accounts?)

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\*\*\*\*Four Specific Keys to Victorious Christian Living\*\*\*\*

Develop a Proper State of Mind –

Be Motivated By The Shock –

Understand The Transformation –

Determine A Time To Meditate -

VIII. Understanding the Gospel:

A. Eternal Salvation vs. Discipleship, or Lordship Salvation vs. Free Grace

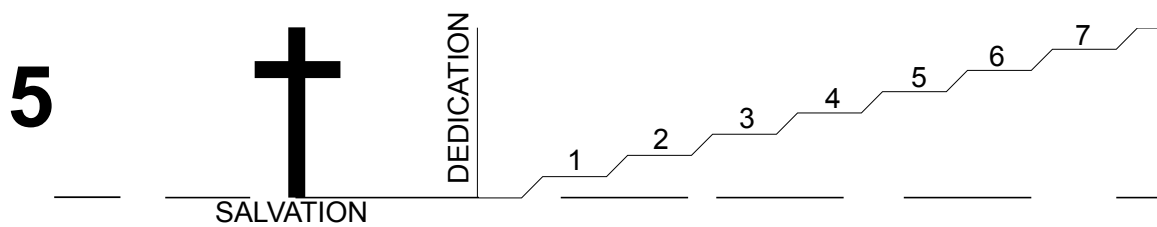
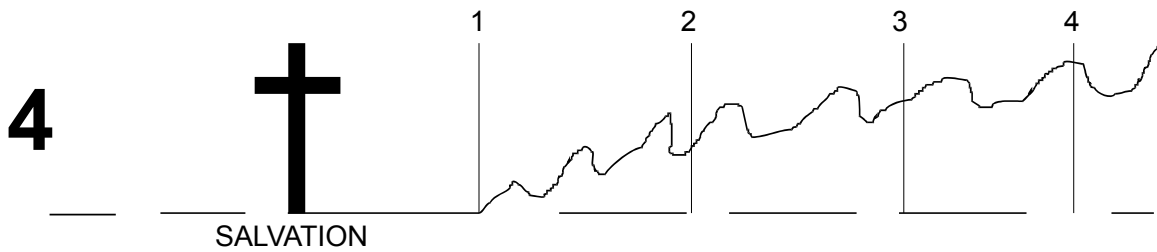
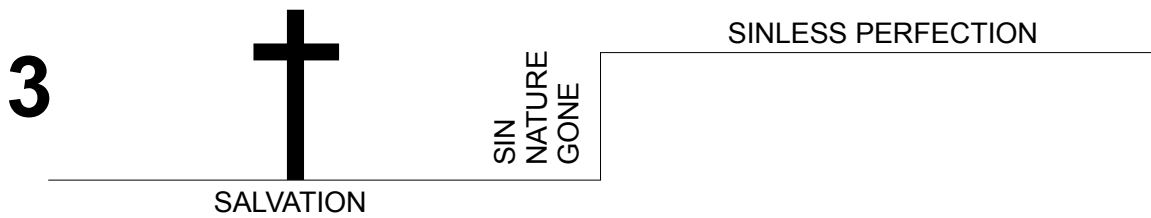
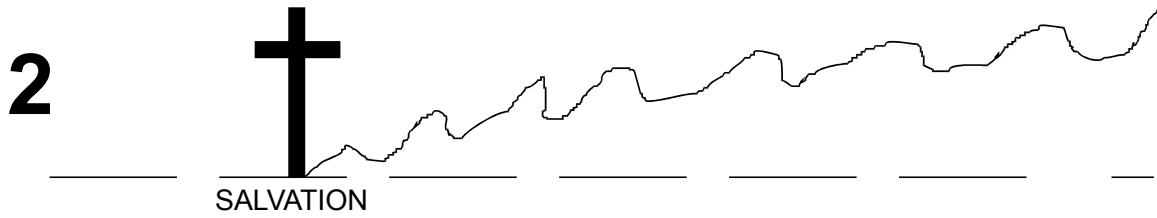
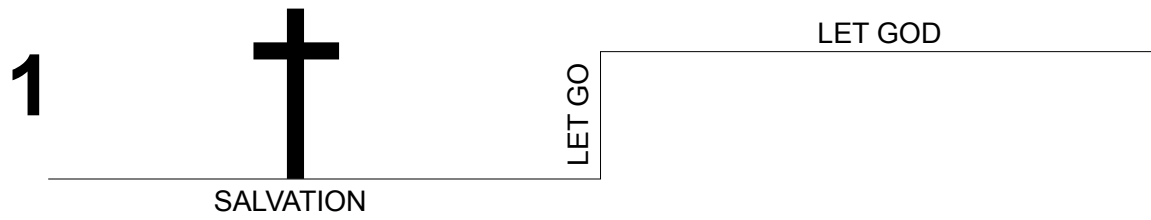
B. What is the Gospel (The Good News)?

C. Some things to Consider:

1. Romans 10:9,10 (the meaning of “Lord”)

2. Biblical Definition of Believe:

3. Examples of Uncommitted Believers:



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**PNEUMATOLOGY**

I. Introduction:

A. Problems:

B. Importance:

II. Reasons for Studying the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit:

A. He is \_\_\_\_\_ with the Father and Son.

B. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Believer.

C. He is the source of \_\_\_\_\_ for the Believer.

D. He is sometimes \_\_\_\_\_.

E. He is often \_\_\_\_\_.

III. The Personality of the Holy Spirit:

A. Life:

B. Intelligence:

C. Purpose:

D. Activity:

E. Freedom:

F. Self-Consciousness:

G. Emotions:

IV. Jesus Spoke of the Holy Spirit as a Person:

A. He is called the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Jesus used masculine gender pronouns in reference to the Holy Spirit.

V. The Holy Spirit's Association with the Father and the Son:

A. Matthew 28:19,20

B. II Corinthians 13:14

VI. The Deity of the Holy Spirit:

A. His Name (He's called "God"):

B. Divine Attributes:

1. Eternality:

2. Omnipresence:

3. Omniscience:

4. Omnipotence:

5. Absolute Truth:

6. Holiness:

7. Perfect Wisdom:

C. Divine Works:

1. Providence:

2. Regeneration:

3. Resurrection:

VII. Historical Errors Concerning the Holy Spirit:

A. Denial of Personality:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

B. Denial of Deity:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

VIII. The Work of the Holy Spirit:

Introduction:

A. The Holy Spirit's Relation to the Material Universe:

1.

2.

3.

B. The Holy Spirit's Relation to Scripture:

1. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture.

2. He is the \_\_\_\_\_ of Scripture.

C. The Holy Spirit's Relation to Jesus Christ:

1. Preliminary Considerations:

a.

b.

2. The Holy Spirit in relation to the Virgin Birth:

3. The Holy Spirit in the Growth and Development of Christ:

a.

b.

c.

d.

e.

NOTE:

- a. Christ was filled with the Holy Spirit from birth.
  - b. Christ grew, developed, learned and matured through the Holy Spirit.
  - c. Every phase of Christ's growth was under the control of the Holy Spirit.
4. The Holy Spirit in the Ministry of Christ:
- a. Anointed with the Holy Spirit at baptism
    - i.
    - ii.
    - iii.
      - (a)
      - (b)
      - (c)

b. Jesus was filled (controlled) by the Holy Spirit as it relates to His ministry (He relied on the Holy Spirit – Luke 4:1).

c. Jesus was led by the Holy Spirit (Luke 4:1; Mt. 4:1; Mk. 1:12)

5. The Holy Spirit in the Death of Christ (Hebrews 9:13,14)

6. **CONCLUSION:** (Practical Values To Us)

a.

b.

c.

d.

D. The Holy Spirit in Relation to Old Testament Men.

1. He strove with men against sin (Gen. 6:3; Neh. 9:30) (cf. Acts 7:51)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. He dealt with certain men at certain times to fit them for service.
  - a. Governing:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Military Leadership:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. Special Feats of Physical Strength:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - d. Artistic Workmanship:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - e. Musical Expression:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - f. Moral and Spiritual Courage:

g. Prophetic Ministry/Writing Scripture:

3. Conclusion:

a.

b.

c.

1.) All believers have gifts.

2.) Possession and exercise of gifts is not necessarily related to godly character.

3.) The possession of gifts is permanent.

E. The Holy Spirit's Relation to the Church:

1. The Holy Spirit instituted (initiated) the church.

2. The Holy Spirit indwells the church.

3. The Holy Spirit presides over the church.
  - a. presides over church government:
    - (1) Appoints elders
    - (2) Gives gifts
    - (3) Admonishes to obey
  - b. Presides over the preaching of the church.
  - c. Presides over the prayer of the church.
  - d. Presides over the worship of the church.

4. The Holy Spirit unifies the church:
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
5. The Holy Spirit extends/completes the church.
  - a. He chooses workers –
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. He sends workers out –
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - c. He chooses fields of service –
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - d. He sustains in difficult times –
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - e. He guides in solutions to problems –

F. The Spirit's Work in the Believer:

1. Regeneration:

There are several ideas synonymous with regeneration –

- a. “born again”
- b. “made sons”
- c. “adopted by God”
- d. “renewed by the Spirit”
- e. “given His guarantee”

2. Seals the Believer:

3. Indwells:

4. Baptizes:

5. Fills:

6. Imparts Gifts:

7. Teaches:

8. Sanctifies:

9. Bears Witness:

10. Intercedes:

11. Produces Fruit:

12. Raises and Changes the Body:

13. Convicts of Sin:

G. The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit:

1. The Holy Spirit indwells each believer individually.

2. The Holy Spirit indwells the church collectively.

3. The Holy Spirit indwells all believers.

a.

b.

c.

4. The Holy Spirit is the divine “seal” in every believer.
- a. \_\_\_\_\_ is the sealer.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ is the seal.
  - c. The Holy Spirit is our \_\_\_\_\_.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit is not an experience to be sought after.
  - e. Knowledge of the sealing of the Holy Spirit should produce a desire to please the Holy Spirit within.
  - f. Knowledge of the sealing of the Holy Spirit should produce an attitude of worship in the heart of the believer.
  - g. Knowledge of the sealing of the Holy Spirit is not a \_\_\_\_\_.

5. During the public ministry of Christ, why didn't the disciples receive the indwelling Holy Spirit, when they first believed?
  - a. Indwelling was yet future.
  - b. Jesus was not yet glorified.
  - c. The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost.
  - d. The Book of Acts is a transitional book.
6. What must people do to have the "indwelling"?

7. Some Problematic Passages:

a. Acts 2:38 (Peter's first sermon)

b. Acts 5:32

8. Practical Considerations for the “indwelling” :

a. It's \_\_\_\_\_.

b. It's \_\_\_\_\_.

c. It's \_\_\_\_\_.

H. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit:

1. Reasons why there is confusion:

a. Ritual Confusion –

b. Charismatic Confusion –

c. Terminology Confusion –

2. Biblical Material:

- a. Passages using both words – “baptize” and “spirit”

Matthew 3:11 –

Luke 3:16 –

Mark 1:8 –

John 1:33 –

Acts 1:5 –

I Cor. 12:13 –

Acts 11:16 -

b. Passages using only the word “baptize”:

Rom. 6:1-4 –

Gal. 3:27 –

Eph. 4:5 –

Col. 2:11-12 –

I Peter 3:21 –

- c. Passages using only the word “spirit”:

Acts 11:15 –

Acts 2:1-4 –

3. Aspects of Water Baptism:

- a. The Pastor (elder, bishop), is the baptizer.
- b. The element is water.
- c. The baptized person is a professing Christian.
- d. The condition is faith in Christ.
- e. The mode is immersion.
- f. The result is connection within the local church.

4. Aspects of Spirit Baptism:

- a. The baptizer is Jesus Christ.
- b. The element is the Holy Spirit.

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c. The Spirit baptized person is the believer in Jesus.

d. The condition for Spirit baptism is faith in Christ.

e. The mode of Spirit baptism is immersion.

f. The Results of Spirit Baptism:

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

5. Observations and Conclusions:

a.

b.

c.

6. Questions to think about:

a. Is Holy Spirit baptism ever repeated?

(1)

(2)

(3)

b. Is it wrong to pray for Holy Spirit baptism?

(1)

(2)

(3)

c. Does Holy Spirit baptism result in us being invested with power as in Acts 1:5-8?

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

d. What about the problem passages?

(1) Acts 8:14-17

(2) Acts 19:1-6

I. The Filling of the Holy Spirit:

1. The Importance of this Subject –

a.

b.

c.

2. What is the “filling” work of the Holy Spirit?

a. Not synonymous with indwelling:

(1)

(2)

(3)

b. Not synonymous w/ baptism of Holy Spirit:

c. The “filling of the Holy Spirit” defined:

3. The Command to “be filled” (Ephesians 5:18)

a. Two Imperatives:

“Stop getting drunk” and “start being filled”

b. The Contrast:

c. The Comparison:

d. The Conclusion:

4. The Consequences of “Being Filled”:

a. Immediate Context:

(1)

(2)

(3)

(4)

b. Jesus was filled with the Spirit during the days of His Incarnation.

c. Some in the infant church were filled with the Spirit

(1) Acts 2:1-4

(2) Acts 4:5-12

(3) Acts 4:31

(4) Acts 7:54-58

(5) Acts 9:17

(6) Acts 11:22-24

(7) Acts 13:49-52

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d. Nine Character Traits of the Spirit filled life:

Love

Joy

Peace

Patience

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness

Gentleness

Self Control

e. Christ will be glorified in and through the Spirit filled believer:

(1) John 16:14

(2) The Holy Spirit will make Christ evident to others.

5. Conditions for being filled with the Holy Spirit:

a. Aspiration (desire)

b. Acknowledgment –

(1) Of need

(2) Of the possibility

(3) Of the availability

c. Abandonment (of known sin)

d. Application (of the Word)

e. Appropriation (by faith)

**SUMMARY** – “Continual Obedient Faith” – By faith I take God at His Word  
and I act as if I believe it’s absolutely true!

6. Questions concerning the filling of the Holy Spirit:

a. Do Christians start out being filled with the Holy Spirit?

b. Can the “fullness” of the Spirit be lost?

c. Can I know that I’m Spirit filled?

d. What is the relation of Spirit fullness to Christian maturity?

(1)

(2)

(3)

e. Should we pray for the filling of the Spirit?

f. What about the remarkable experiences that many great men of God have had?

(1)

(2)

(3)

**CONCLUSION:** What may I expect when I'm filled with the Spirit?

1.

2.

3.

4.

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**The Charismatic Controversy**

I. A Brief Historical Sketch

A. Montanus

B. Pentecostal Holiness Church

C. Cumberland Presbyterian Church

D. Assemblies of God

II. Positive Lessons From the Charismatic Controversy

A. Dead Orthodoxy

B. Scripture plays a vital part

C. Leadership which leads

D. Love which abounds

E. Enthusiastic worship

F. Human effort vs. the work of the Spirit

G. Aggressive evangelism

H. Participation in using gifts

I. Sold-out mentality

III. What Is the Possible Fatal Flaw?

IV. The Issues at Stake

A. The issue of revelation

B. The issue of interpretation

C. The issue of authority

D. The issue of apostolic uniqueness

E. The issue of historical transition

F. The issue of Spiritual Gifts

G. The issue of Spirit Baptism

H. The issue of healing

I. The issue of Tongues

J. The issue of spirituality

V. General Information Concerning the Charismatic Movement

A. It's ecumenical in concept.

B. It tends to disregard doctrine.

C. It is experience oriented.

D. It claims extra-Biblical revelation.

E. It claims super-spirituality.

F. It appeals to the flesh.

G. It leads to divisiveness

VI. Distinction Between Acts and Corinthians (in relation to “tongues”):

A. At Pentecost all spoke in “tongues”—not true of the Corinthians.

B. At Pentecost the “tongues” were understood by all; at Corinth they were understood by none.

C. At Pentecost they spoke to man; at Corinth they spoke to God.

D. At Pentecost no interpreter was necessary; at Corinth “tongues” were forbidden without an interpreter.

E. At Pentecost strangers were filled with awe and marveled; at Corinth Paul warned that strangers would say they were “nuts”.

F. At Pentecost there was perfect harmony; in Corinth there was massive confusion.

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**BIBLICAL LANGUAGES**  
**("TONGUES")**

| <b>ACTS</b>                                    | <b>CORINTHIANS</b>                                                               |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Always on groups                               | On individuals                                                                   |
| Once given communication                       | Non-communication<br>with respect to individuals<br>unintelligible to the church |
| For validation                                 | No validation for anything in particular                                         |
| No evidence that the practice was<br>developed | A repeated practice                                                              |
| Had an historical function, as to salvation    | Had a function of personal edification                                           |
| Real languages, understood by real men         | Not a language                                                                   |
| Never used for individual edification          | Were used for individual edification                                             |
| Come in unexpected moments (Spirit<br>induced) | Sought after and could be controlled by<br>individual                            |

VII. Biblical “Tongues” Were Real Languages

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VIII. Speaking in Tongues (I Corinthians 14)

A. Rules for the Speaker:

1. Desire to preach (prophecy) – vv 1, 39
2. Should not edify self – v 4
3. Must expound God's Word – v 6
4. Must be clearly understood (not babbling) – vv 7, 8, 9, 19
5. Must not be more than 3 who speak in a service – v 27
6. Must be an interpreter present – vv 27, 28
7. Must be in consecutive order – vv 27, 40
8. Must be self-controlled and orderly – vv 32, 33
9. Must not be a woman – vv 34, 35
10. Public use of tongues must be exercised in the local church – v 39

**B. Rules for the Church:**

1. Must edify the believers who are present (vv. 6,12,26)
2. Must be intelligible (6-9; 19)
3. Must be unsaved Jews present (vv. 21, 22)
4. Must evidence some value in the service (v.23)  
(i.e., outsiders need to be taken into consideration)
5. Must be an interpreter (vv. 27, 28)
6. Must not be confusion (v.33)
7. Must maintain control in the service (order/decency), (v.39)

**C. Things to Consider:**

1. There are only \_\_\_\_\_ references to the use of tongues in the entire N.T.  
(Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6; I Cor. 12,14; Mk. 16:19,20)
2. Acts 2 (Pentecost) is the only historical evidence where the tongues are defined, and clearly, “known languages” are meant (dialects - διαλεκτος).
3. The word “unknown” is not in the Greek text (it was translated into the KJV).
4. Paul, in I Corinthians, was rebuking the carnal counterfeits of the spiritual gift of tongues.

5. To claim to experience tongues today, [you] very well might be interpreting the Bible by your experience.
6. Jesus, John the Baptist, and many others never spoke in Tongues, though they were filled with the Holy Spirit.
7. Some of the greatest evangelists and theologians have never had this experience.
8. Tongues only come from 3 sources:
  - a. They are from God, and only when conditions are met.
  - b. They may be a psychological delusion of some kind.
  - c. It might be demon possession or oppression.
9. If the 17 previous conditions are not met, then the experience is not the biblical gift of Tongues.
10. He who looks to Jesus will not lack blessings, but he who looks to blessings will soon lose sight of Jesus.

**A Brief Sketch of Spiritual Gifts**

“Serve / minister to” – to meet the needs of another

IT’S CRITICAL THAT WE LEARN TO SERVE EACH OTHER!

See Chart: “Diversity Producing Unity”

“Spiritual Gift” – a God-ordained enablement (capacity) given to every believer, through which the Holy Spirit supernaturally ministers to the Body of Christ.

6 serving gifts

Mercy  
Giving  
Faith  
Leadership  
Discernment  
Helps (serving)

5 speaking gifts

Teaching  
Knowledge  
Prophecy  
Exhortation  
Wisdom

Romans 12 and I Corinthians 12 (4 sign gifts not included above)

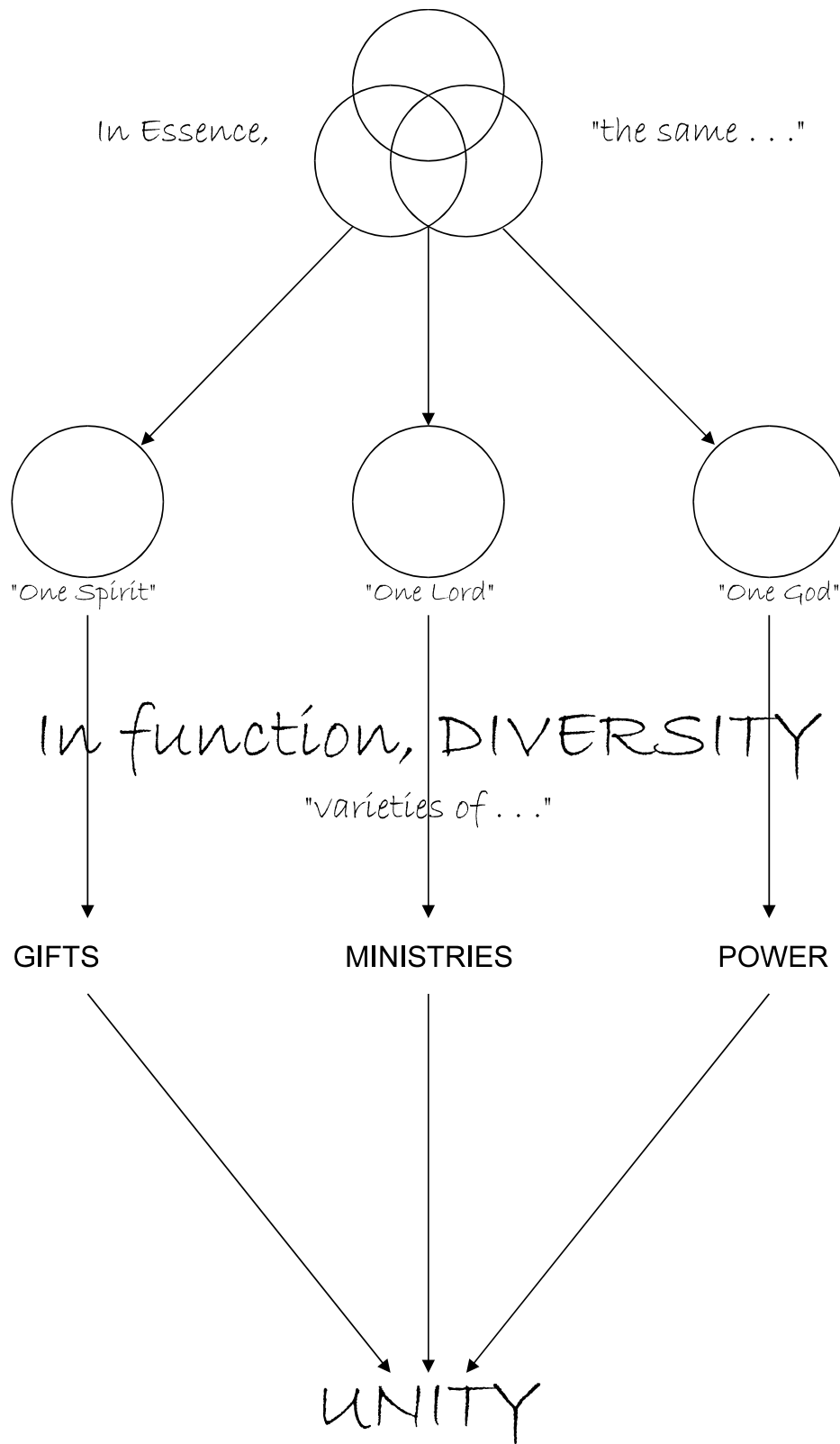
**Principles Related to Spiritual Gifts:**

1. Gifts are essential to effectiveness in the Church.
2. Gifts are given to be used “for the common good” (to serve others).
3. The Holy Spirit is the source of all spiritual gifts.
4. Gifts will always unite the Body of Christ when used correctly.
5. Gifts are not a sign of spirituality (all believers have them).
6. Gifts were not designed for my personal benefit (incorrect use).
7. A believer can have a gift and not be using it.
8. Talents and natural abilities are not spiritual gifts (cooking, athletics).
9. The “fruit of the Spirit” and the “gifts of the Spirit” are not the same.

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(vv. 4-7)

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**THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT**  
(What does the Bible say?)

**Introduction:**

Spiritual gifts, what are they? Who has them? How many are there? The subject of “spiritual gifts” in the church is a crucial one. The misunderstanding of this subject has caused Christ’s body to be divided and to become less effective in our world. Therefore, **the proper understanding of spiritual gifts and how they are to be used is essential to effectiveness in the Body of Christ (the Church).**

1. Where are the passages on the gifts of the Spirit?
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***WHAT IS THE CHURCH?*** \_\_\_\_\_

ἐκκλησία -

The Church (Body of Christ) is eternal. That is, the “Church” can’t die!

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Though the Church can’t die, it can become unhealthy spiritually. Because of this, God has given us an abundance of spiritual gifts for the building up (making healthy) of the Body of Christ. (That is the prescription for spiritual health.)

Illustration:    Out of shape physically? You exercise.  
                      Out of shape spiritually? You exercise spiritual gifts.

You will not be an effective Christian, nor a healthy Christian, if you do not properly use the gift or gifts that God has given you!

Because these gifts are essential, Satan will . . .

1. Try to counterfeit the gifts,  
  
or
2. Try to convince you to do as little as possible with the gifts you have.

**QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERED**

1. What are spiritual gifts?
2. How many are there?
3. How many do I have?
4. How do I get spiritual gifts?
5. Are all the gifts still operational today?
6. What is the Baptism of the Holy Spirit?
7. How do I understand the gift of Tongues?
8. What's the most important gift?
9. Are gifts the same as natural abilities and talents?
10. How do I use my gift(s)?
11. Do all Christians have gifts?

**HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

The Corinthian Church was established by Paul on his 2<sup>nd</sup> missionary journey. (See Acts 18.) Paul was there about 18 months, so his ministry to the Corinthian believers was foundational. That is, he got the ball rolling, and then moved on, leaving others in charge to lead the newly established congregation.

His ministry was three-fold:

1. He built them up (encouraging them, being an example).
2. He taught them (so they would be strong in the Word).
3. He fought heresies (defended the Faith from erroneous doctrine).

After Paul left, the problems began to arise, and someone decided to inform Paul. As a result, Paul wrote letters to the Church at Corinth, in the hope that they would listen and obey.

What were some of the problems in the Corinthian Church?

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|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

NOTE: This church was not lacking in anything (including spiritual gifts, see 1:7). They had everything they needed to function as a healthy church. THEN WHY DIDN'T THEY?

ANSWER: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Mystery Religions** (What were they?)

Revelation 17:5 “and upon her forehead a name was written, a mystery, **Babylon the Great, the Mother of Harlots, and of the Abominations of the Earth.**”

All False Religions will come together in the end.

All False Religious Systems were given birth by “Mother Babylon” (Babel).

This false religious system which was born at Babel spread throughout the world. Nimrod’s wife (Sameramis) began this, and when it was carried to different areas her name was changed.

Egypt -  
Greece -

Phoenicia –  
Rome -

The story goes on to say that she gave birth to a son who was conceived by a sun-beam (counterfeit of the Virgin Birth). The son’s name was Tammuz. His name changed just as his mother’s name had.

Egypt -  
Greece -

Phoenicia –  
Rome -

**Practices of the Mystery Religions:**

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

The goal of the Mystery Religions was always to indulge in ecstasy. This has been defined as “cultivating a magical, sensuous communion with deity”.

Angus: “Ecstasy could be induced by vigil and fasting, tense religious expectancy, whirling dances, physical stimuli, the effect of stirring music, in haling fumes, mob frenzy, hallucination, suggestion, and any other means by which the mystery might be experienced.

Angus goes on to talk about “being unconscious of pain, mantic prayers, and soothsaying”.

All this is a background of what was happening in the Corinthian Church under the name of Christianity. In this context, some of the Corinthians recognized that a problem existed and asked Paul for help. And beginning in chapter 12 of I Corinthians, Paul responds to the problem.

**Principles Related to “The Gifts”**

1. Gifts are essential to the effectiveness of the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:12), and are given for the building up of the Body.
  - a. Proper \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Proper \_\_\_\_\_
2. Gifts are sometimes counterfeited.
  - a. Through the “flesh”.
  - b. Through Satan.
3. The Holy Spirit is the source of “the gifts” (supernatural enablements).
4. Gifts will always unite the Body (when used correctly).
5. Gifts are NOT a sign of spirituality.
6. Gifts are NOT for the benefit of the possessor (not for self-edification).
7. Gifts have the promise of divine energy (empowerment).
8. Gifts are packaged in various ways. (Do some have more gifts than others? Do all of us use gifts the same way?)
9. You can have a gift and not be using it.
10. Some gifts were temporary in nature (sign gifts).
11. Gifts of the Spirit are not the same as the Fruit of the Spirit.

|                                     |              |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Fruit = Galatians 5:22, 23          | (attitudes)  |
| Gifts = Romans 12, I Corinthians 12 | (activities) |

The rest of our study will consist in 3 areas:

I. The Gifted Men (I Corinthians 12:28, Ephesians 4:11)

II. The Gifts that *Presently* Build Up the Body (permanent – 11)

III. The Gifts that *Previously* Built Up the Body (temporary – 4)

I. The Gifted Men (Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers)

Group A – Foundational (Ephesians 2:20, 3:5)

Group B – Functional (Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers in the Church today).

A. **APOSTLES:** Are there any today?

ἀπόστολοι = \_\_\_\_\_

1. Jesus was called an apostle (Hebrews 3:1).

2. The “12” (Matthew 10:2, Luke 6:13, Acts 1:25).

3. Paul is called an apostle (Romans 1:1, Galatians 1:1).

4. Others were called apostles (Rom. 16, Phil. 2:25, Acts 15).

**B. PROPHETS:** Are there any today?

προφῆται = \_\_\_\_\_

Apostles and Prophets were the “gifted leaders” who laid the foundation of the early church, just as Evangelists, Pastors, and Teachers are the “gifted leaders” today who build up the church.

1. Foundational:
2. Revelation:
3. Confirmation (Authentication):

Testing a Prophet

1. Deuteronomy 18:21, 22 –
2. Deuteronomy 13:1-3 –
3. Deuteronomy 18:10, 11 –
4. Revelation 19:10 –

**C. Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers** (Ephesians 4:11, 12)

1. Evangelists (used 3 times in the New Testament)

Definition: one who proclaims the good news

Ephesians 4:11, Acts 21:8, II Timothy 4:5

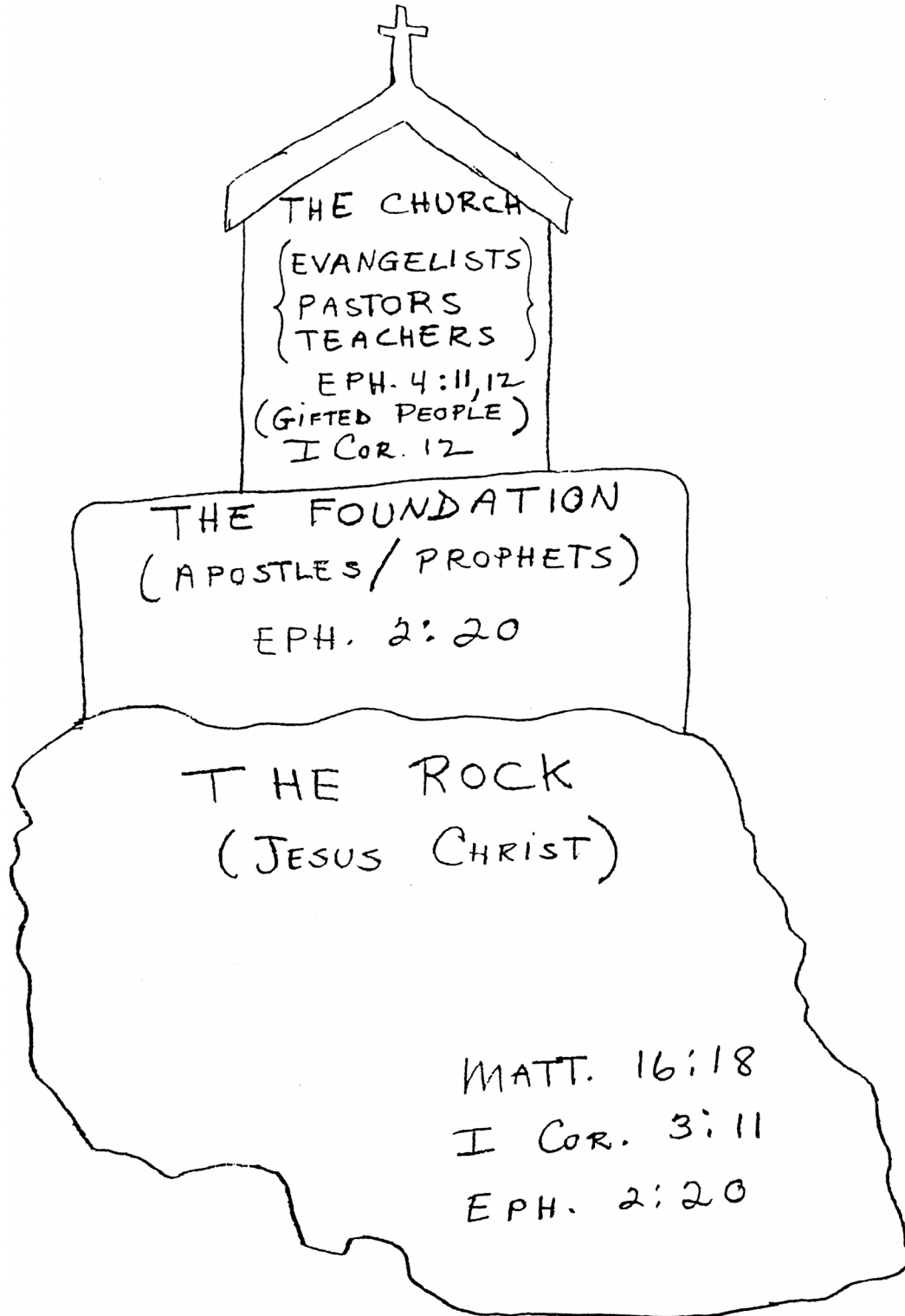
2. Pastor (used 29 times in the New Testament)

Definition: shepherd

Acts 20:17-32, I Peter 5:1-4

3. Teacher (used 58 times in the New Testament)

Definition: one who gives instruction



OBJECTIVES:

- I. Exterior – (Evangelism) quantitative growth
- II. Interior – (Edification) qualitative growth

D. How do I know if God has called me?

(Explain the call of God):

II Timothy 1:9; I Corinthians 1:2, 9; Galatians 5:13; Romans 8:30, 9:11, 9:24;  
I Corinthians 7:15, 20; Galatians 1:6; Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 3:15;  
I Thessalonians 2:12, 5:24; I Timothy 6:12

Better questions:      “Why am I going into full time ministry?” And,  
                                 “What is God’s will?”

II. The Gifts that *Presently* Build Up the Body

A. SERVING GIFTS

1. Leadership – (Romans 12:8) – the supernatural ability to see ahead, to chart a course, and to motivate others toward the stated objective.
2. Faith – (I Corinthians 12:9) – the supernatural ability to maintain unwavering trust, in the face of life’s most difficult circumstances.
3. Giving – (Romans 12:8) – the supernatural ability to release from ownership (time or possessions) without the thought of receiving something in return.
4. Mercy – (Romans 12:8) – the supernatural ability to hold back deserved punishment and respond with kindness, regardless of the crime.
5. Discernment – (I Corinthians 12:10) – the supernatural ability to “judge through” and understand a person or situation before any information has reached you.
6. Helps – (Romans 12:7) – the supernatural ability to find great joy in meeting the needs of others.

**The Christian Life, if it is to be effective and vital, must be a Spirit-dominated, Spirit-directed, Spirit-controlled existence! (Ephesians 5:18 ff)**

**B. SPEAKING GIFTS**

1. Prophecy – (Romans 12:6-8; I Corinthians 12:8-10) – the supernatural ability to proclaim God’s Truth to others.
2. Knowledge – (I Corinthians 12:8) – the supernatural ability to observe and collect Biblical facts, and to make accurate conclusions.
3. Wisdom – (I Corinthians 12:8) – the supernatural ability to draw principles from Scripture and make them practical to a present situation.
4. Teaching – (Romans 12:7) – the supernatural ability to pass on God’s Truth so that people receive it and implement it in their lives.
5. Exhortation – (Romans 12:8) – the supernatural ability to come alongside someone in need in order to comfort, strengthen, or give courage to.

Prophecy proclaims the truth, knowledge discovers the truth, wisdom applies the truth, teaching imparts the truth, and exhortation builds up with the truth.

The Gift of Miracles: (literally, “the workings of miracles”); I Cor. 12:10.

Does God still do miracles today?

The word “miracle” must be carefully defined: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

The “laws of nature” continue on their course until God decides to do something different (something unusual, not normal, out of the ordinary).

3 Basic Periods in History, where miracles were the norm:

- A. Giving of the Law, through Moses and Joshua
- B. Through the lives of Elijah and Elisha
- C. During Jesus’ and the Apostles’ lifetimes

Mark 16:15-20 –

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

“Healings” (the gift)

- A. very controversial
- B. human suffering is the #1 problem in the world
- C. God can heal people.

Q. Why did Jesus heal people?

A. To prove He was the Messiah!

People believe in the healing of supposed “faith healers” because –

1. There’s so much evidence (supposedly).

Functional

Psychogenic

Organic

2. It’s done biblically (NOT! – it’s never done biblically!).

3. “By His stripes we are healed.”

4. (This is the #1 reason) – DESPERATION!

How did Jesus heal?

1. With a word or touch (Matt. 8:5-13; Mark 5:25-34).
2. Instantaneously (Mark 7:31-37).
3. Totally (Luke 4:38).
4. Did not pick and choose (Luke 4:40, 9:11).
5. Organic diseases (all kinds)
6. Raised the dead (Luke 7, John 11).

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Three concepts to watch out for, in the area of gifts:

A. Gift imposing –

B. Gift counterfeiting –

C. Gift coveting –

Four perspectives to remember, so that the Body functions effectively:

A. Unity

B. Diversity

C. Sovereignty

D. Harmony

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**A COMPARISON OF THREE MINISTRIES OF THE SPIRIT**

|                  | <b>Indwelling</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Baptism</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | <b>Filling</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Who?</b>      | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Church Collectively: I Cor 3:16, 17; Eph 2:21-22.</li> <li>2. Individual Believer: Jn 14:16, 17.</li> <li>3. All True Believers: I Cor 1:1, 2; 6:19; Rom 10:13, 8:9.</li> </ol> | <p>All True Believers:<br/>I Cor 12:13; 1:1, 2.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                               | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Available to all Christians.</li> <li>2. Commanded of all Christians: Eph 5:18.</li> <li>3. In actuality it is not experienced by all Christians.</li> </ol>                                                        |
| <b>When?</b>     | <p>At the moment of salvation.<br/>* NOTE: The indwelling is non-experiential. It is not dependent upon our experience.</p>                                                                                               | <p>At the moment of salvation; i.e., everyone who has been saved has been baptized into the Spirit. It is non-experiential.</p>                                                                                                                   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. May take place at moment of salvation.</li> <li>2. Will take place whenever the conditions are met.</li> <li>3. It can be a repeated experience: Acts 2:4, 4:31.</li> </ol>                                         |
| <b>Condition</b> | <p>“Believe”: same as salvation: Jn 7:37-39; Acts 11:17.</p>                                                                                                                                                              | <p>“Believe”: same as indwelling; thus, it is never repeated.<br/>* NOTE: There is no command to pray for it or seek it and no instance where these are done.</p>                                                                                 | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Desire to be filled.</li> <li>2. Involves obedience.</li> <li>3. Present life to God: Rom 12:1, 2.</li> <li>4. Confession of sin: I Jn 1:9; Eph 4:30.</li> <li>5. Dependence upon the Spirit.</li> </ol>            |
| <b>Result</b>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brings presence of God into Believer’s life.</li> <li>2. Permanent.</li> <li>3. Establishes sacredness of the body.</li> <li>4. Guarantees a future resurrection.</li> </ol>    | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brings the Believer into the Body of Christ.</li> <li>2. Brings Believer into identification w/ Christ in death and resurrection establishing the basis for victory over sin: Rom 6:2-4, 11.</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Power for life and service.</li> <li>2. Worship and Praise: Eph 5:18-20.</li> <li>3. Submissiveness: Eph 5:21.</li> <li>4. Christlike character: Gal 5:22, 23.</li> <li>5. Overflowing life: Jn 7:37-39.</li> </ol> |

So what's my Spiritual Gift? That is not the Issue!

The issue is one of allowing God's Spirit to dominate your life, asking Him for opportunities to serve in the Body, and as you serve, discover what areas you are gifted in.

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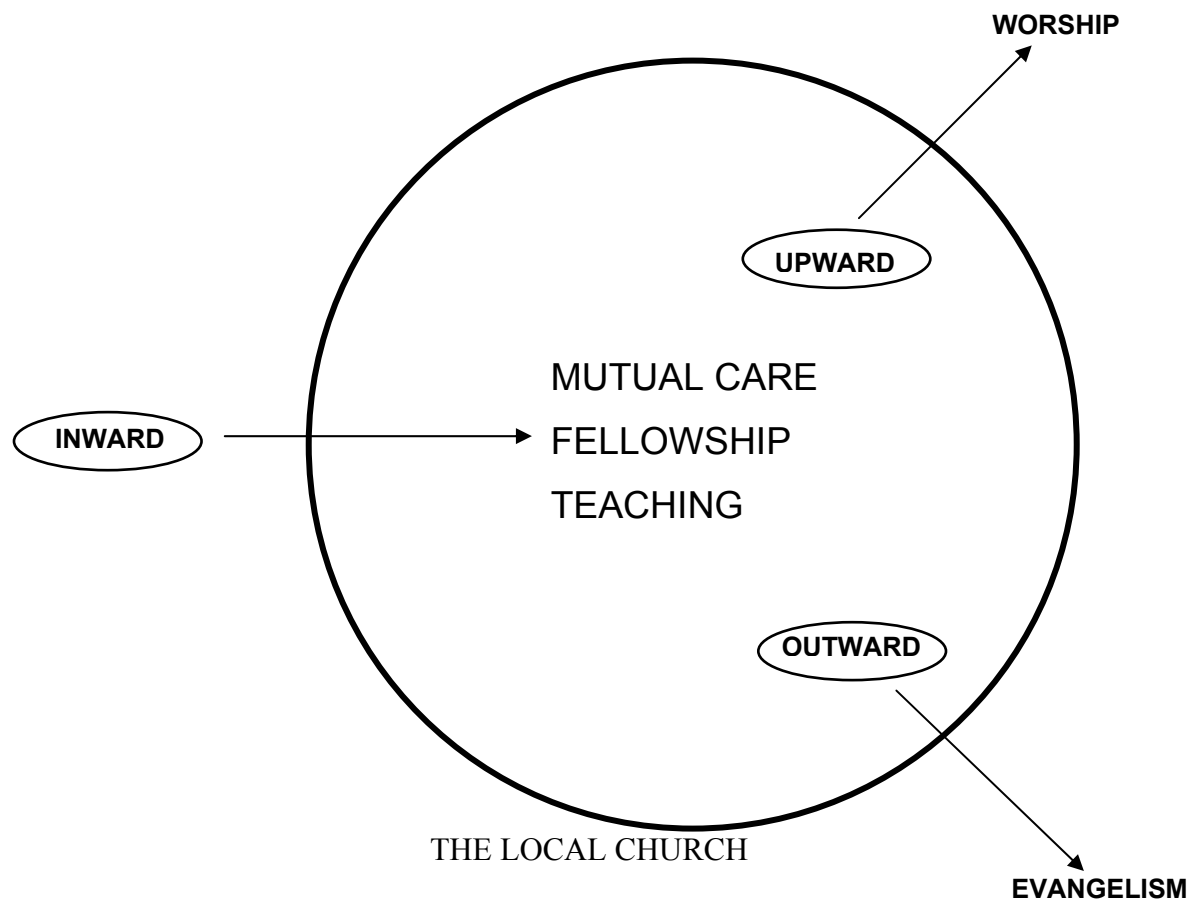
5 speaking / 6 serving gifts make up the "primary colors" of God's paint palette.

|                                     |     |                              |
|-------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|
| A Spirit-Controlled Life            | vs. | The flesh in control         |
| Consistent faithfulness to the Word | vs. | Disobedience (living in sin) |
| Yielding to God's Desires           | vs. | Yielding to my desires       |

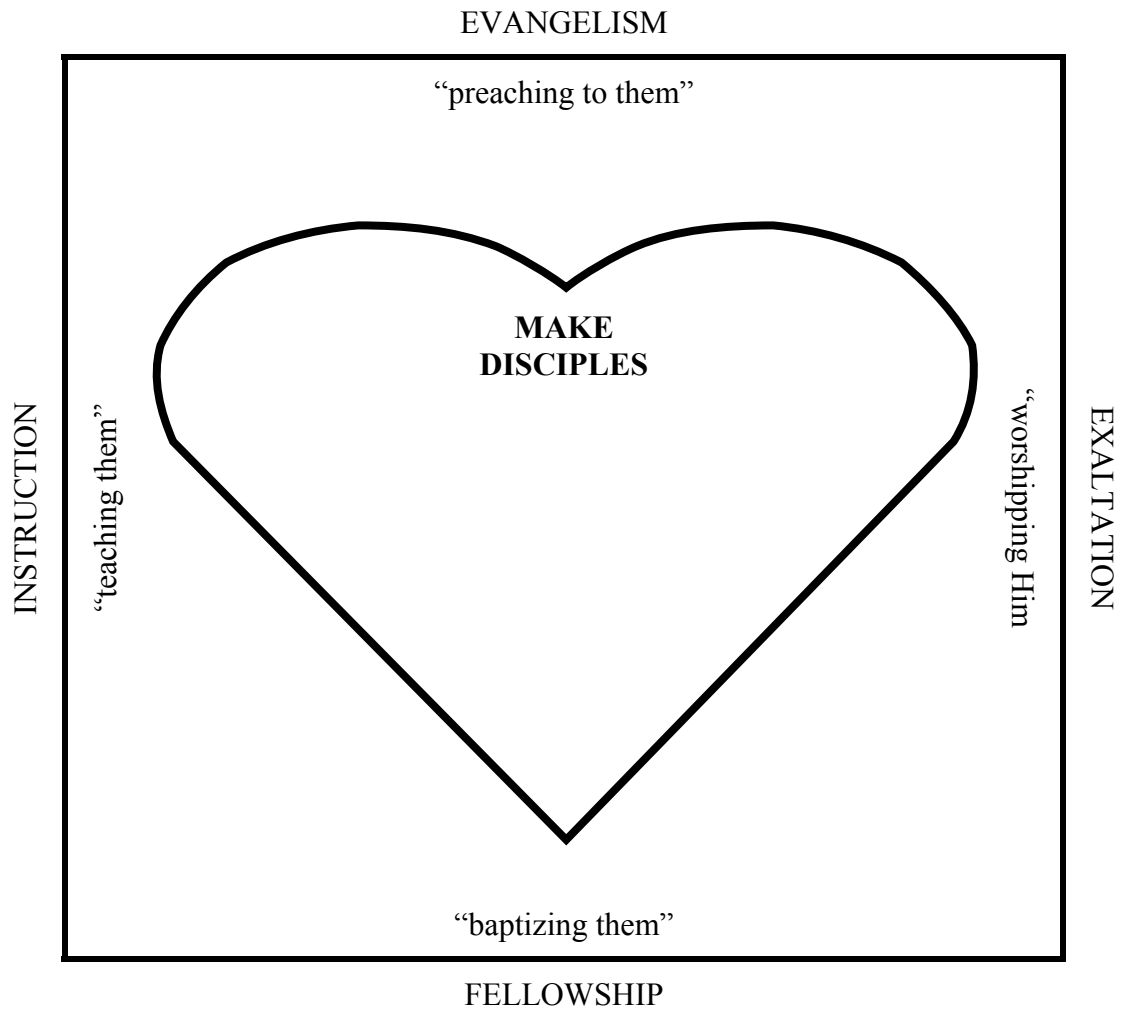
**WHY DOES THE CHURCH EXIST?**

1. To make disciples.
2. To preach and teach.
3. To edify believers.
4. To evangelize.

**THE OVERRIDING AND ALL-ENCOMPASSING OBJECTIVE OF THE CHURCH IS TOTAL CHRISTIAN MATURITY OF ALL ITS MEMBERS.**



A RESPONSIBLE CHURCH



(Matt 28:16-20; Matt 22:34-40)

## The Crucified Life



(Understanding ME and Why I Do What I Do)

Understanding Me!

We order our lives after what we've been taught (parents, peers, teachers, examples on TV, lifestyles of the famous, etc.).

If we're honest, most of us will admit that some of what we've been taught has been misleading, or it didn't work, or it has failed us in some way. Others of us have discovered that no matter what we do, there is no lasting satisfaction.

Here's the question –

“If we've been willing to follow the teaching of others (parents, teachers, peers, etc.), and have not found answers, would we be willing to listen to and follow the “Author of Life” (God), who does have the answers?” Why not at least take a look at a superior perspective?

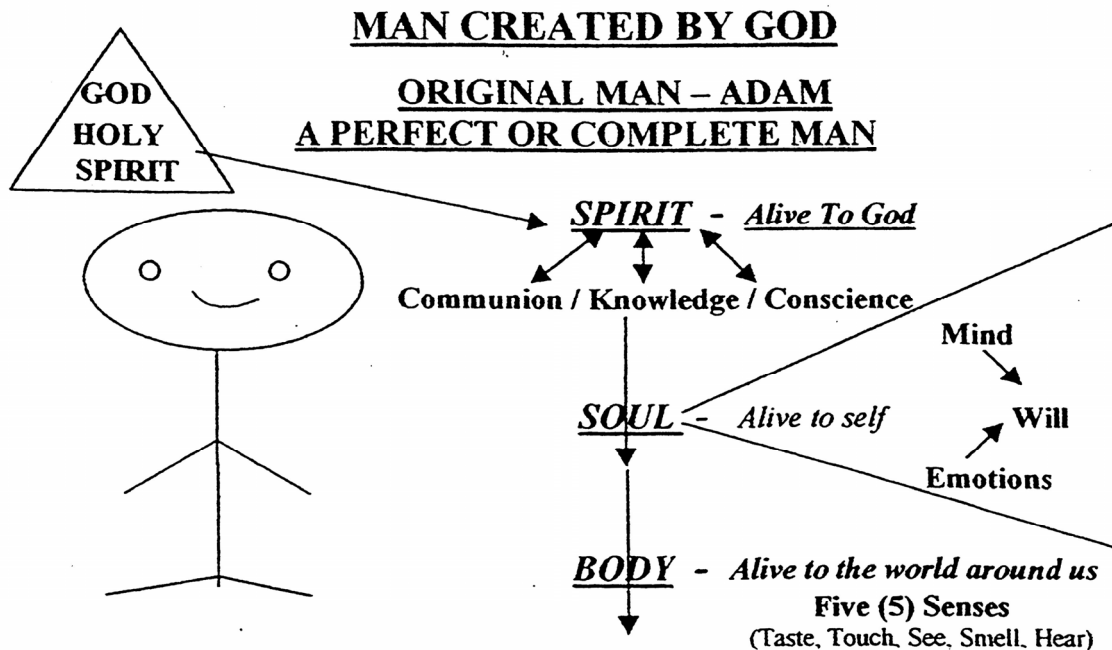
WHO AM I?

There are 3 elements that make up man:

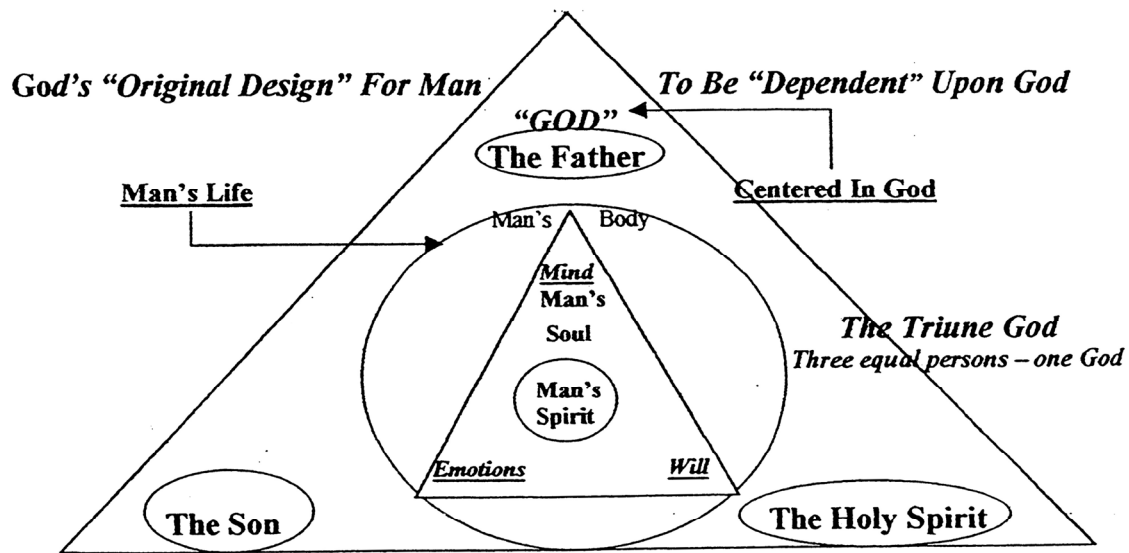
Spirit – this is the connecting link to God.

Soul – this is the connecting link to self-awareness.

Body – this is the connecting link to the world around us.



1. I'm created in the image of God.
2. Man was created sinless (Adam).
3. I'm designed to commune and fellowship with God.
4. Man's spirit was created alive to God.
5. Man was created to be dependent on God.



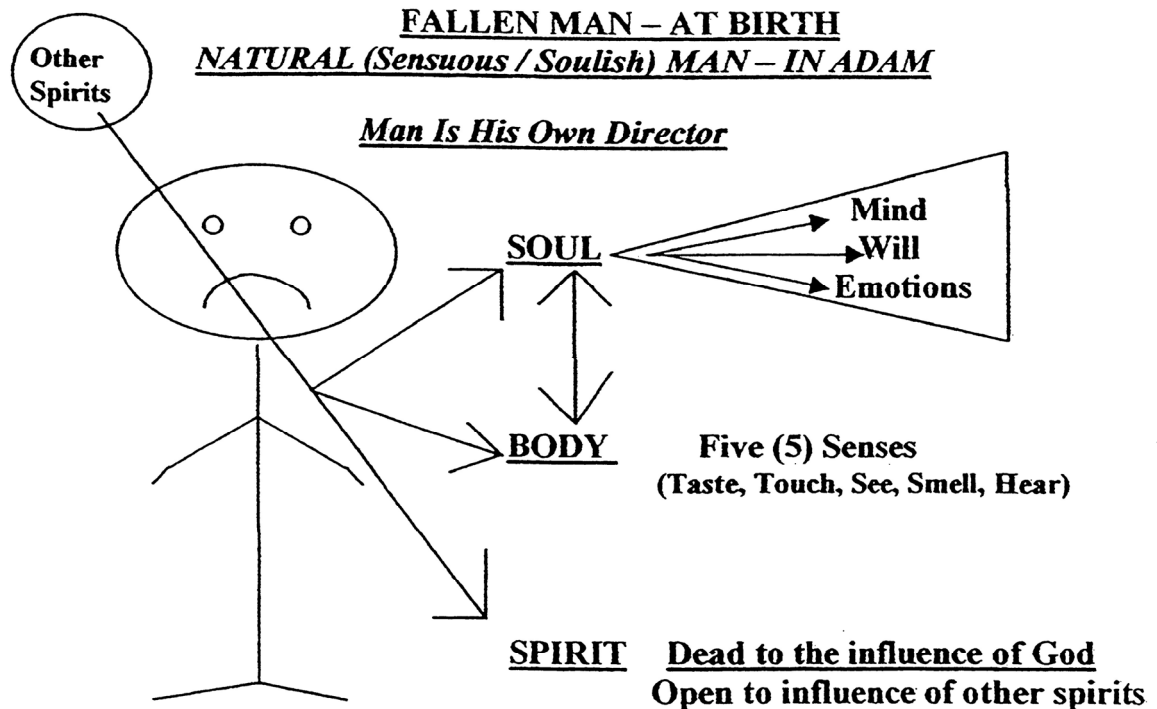
Body, Soul, and Spirit were all originally created to be  
under the control of God.

At the Fall, man is separated from God. (Gen. 3:23, 24)  
He is viewed as dead in sin. (Eph. 2:1)  
He exalts self – dethrones God. His spirit is dead to God.

Now man is filled with self-love; he follows his desires, not God's.  
He is under the influence of other spirits, which put him in bondage to sin,  
self, and Satan. God is out of the picture!

### ***"A FALL FROM GOD" - A CHANGE OF CONTROL***

#### **THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL FROM GOD**



**Understanding My Direction**  
“Why do I do what I DO?”

*“The heart contains the secrets of life.”*

When dealing with the issues of life, we need to focus on the SOUL, not the BODY. (i.e., mind, will, emotions vs. flesh). Our heart reveals the real us! (Matt. 15:18-20, Mark 7:18-23)

Within the heart (inner self) lies the potential for sin. Sin developed in the soul of man (heart). Sin also developed in the heart of Satan (i.e., the inner self – mind, will, emotions).

Ezekiel 28:17 – we discover that Satan was filled with pride (self-love). This self-centered being established a self-centered goal. In his mind he thought, “I’m going to replace God.”

In his will he made deliberate choices. (Cf. Isaiah 14:13, 14.) He sought to please himself. This was his focus.

His attempts to take over failed, and now in a fit of rage (emotions), he attempts to deceive man with this same self-centered focus.

Thus he approaches man in the realm of the soul and body, which in a corrupted state cries out for self-glory, self-satisfaction, and self-gain.

**This is man’s problem!**

So, Satan approaches Eve with the concept, “You shall be as God!” He put a thought in her head (her mind), and she made a decision (her will), which would satisfy her flesh (her emotions).

After the Fall of Man, Satan used (and still continues to use) this same tactic, because it works well. He uses the creation (a good thing) and twists it to appeal to body, soul, and spirit.

*Lust of the Flesh, Lust of the Eyes, Pride of Life*

In a fallen state, I will always love me and be consumed with my own self-satisfaction. Satan understands this and so he bypasses the spirit of man (the realm of man where communication with God takes place), and goes right to the level of the desires (soul/body). Because man has a mind to think (intellect), and he makes choices (will), and he feels things (emotions), and he also has a body (fleshly desires), these become the target of temptation. The self-life is lived out in these two areas (body and soul).

Self-Satisfaction – (lust of the flesh) reaches out to satisfy the desires (cravings of the body.  
 (“What I want is what matters.”)

*what feels good  
to me*

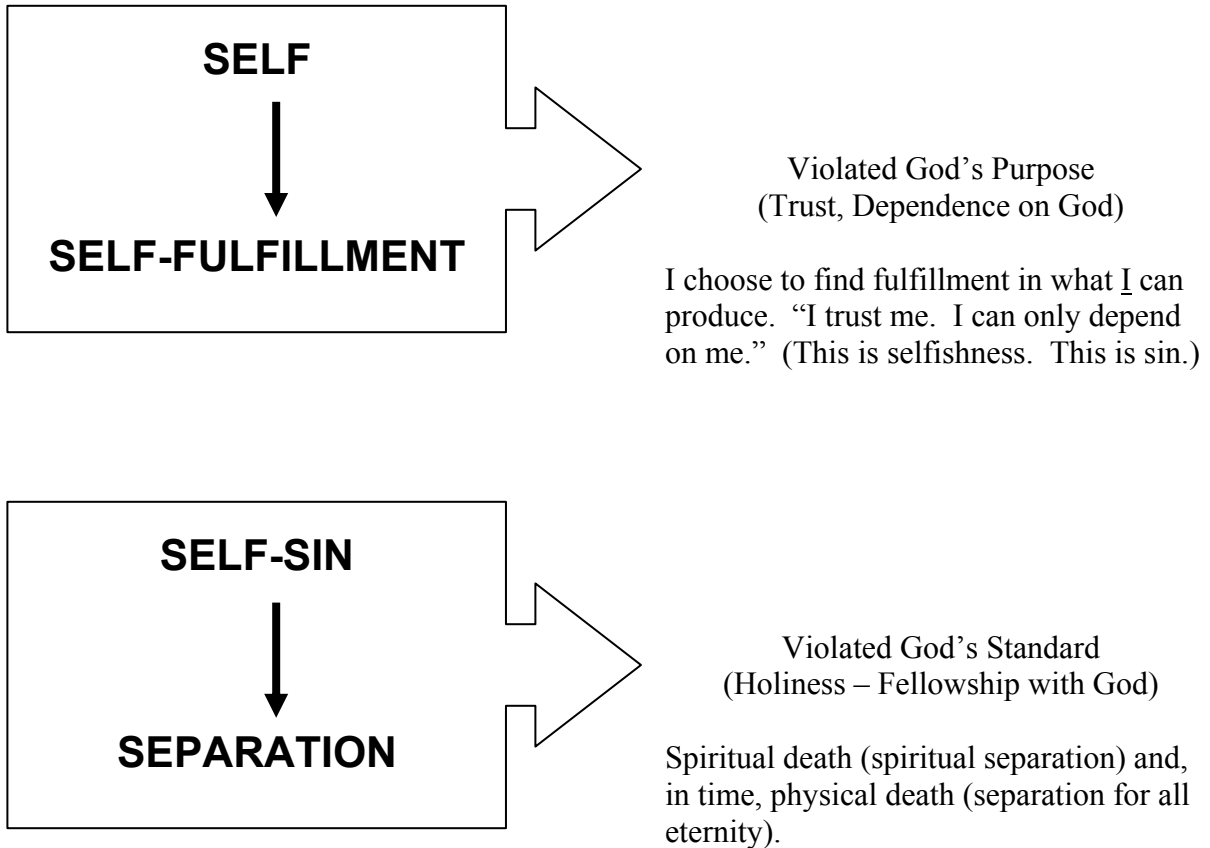
Self-Security – (lust of the eyes) reaches out to satisfy the deeper longings of the soul. The inner man wants to be strong and secure, so it needs to be in control.  
 (“I want! And I will do anything to get what I want.”)

*covetousness  
greed  
envy*

NOTE: The demands of the soul can be worse than the desires of the flesh!

Self-Exaltation – (pride of life) reaches out for position and power to satisfy the deepest part of man (the empty, uncontrolled spirit).  
 (“I’m the best. And I’ll make sure you know that!”)

*I must be in  
charge.*



Man Chose to Go His Own Way

Man stepped out of God's control and into self-control. Man chose disbelief and then followed with disobedience. The act of satisfying self brought a shift in allegiance as well as dependence.

Allegiance shifted from God to self.

Thus, man became dependent on self rather than God.

The result is that "Self reigns!" and is the driving force in all of life.

**Self-Love Reigns**

The development of self-love begins at the infant stage. (“King Baby” Rules the Roost) King Baby cries for attention and gets it. The initial cries come from legitimate needs, but in time King Baby establishes his own kingdom (i.e., he learns that, beyond the cries for legitimate concerns, he can cry to get what he wants and desires). The word “no” enters his vocabulary, and the word “mine”. In time it becomes King Baby’s will and way *versus* the parents’ will and way.

Competition for attention comes through siblings, classmates, and neighborhood friends. He will manipulate and deceive in order to get attention, and by the time he gets to be a teenager, he wants sole control and reign over his life.

#1 must now go forth and conquer the world so that the world meets his conditions (3-foot circle – “I rule my universe”). Conditions have changed by this time, but the desire for personal attention has not. He now learns to control using various means to get his way.

Example: Pitting one parent against another

Lying to get things

Self-pity as a means to control

Anger, slamming doors, yelling

Constant begging (annoying until he gets the desired response)

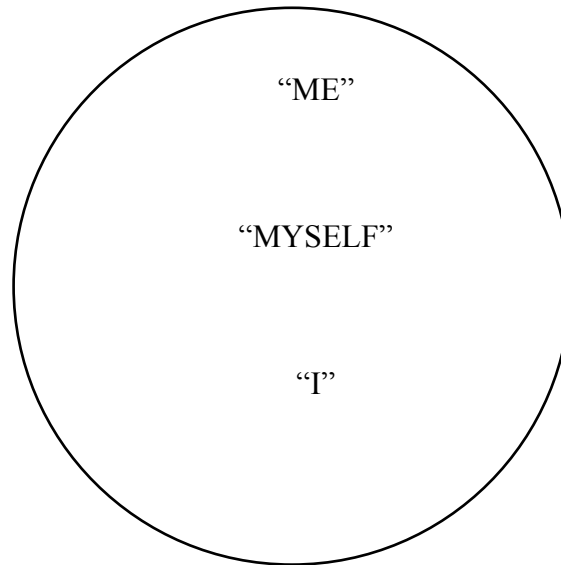
Romans 1:18-32 – Stages of the Self-Centered Life (note the degenerative progression of self-love).

1. Refusal to give God the glory due Him (v. 21).
2. Ingratitude toward God (v. 21).
3. Exaltation of human intellect (vv. 21, 22).
4. Development of a new, man-centered theology (v. 23).
5. Obsession with the creature, rather than the Creator (v. 25).

Results: self-destruction, God’s wrath (vv. 26-32).

When we move out from under God's authority, we begin to exercise an independent spirit, and we establish our own authority.

**WE ALL LIVE IN A 3-FOOT CIRCLE**



The "unholy trinity" (me, myself, and I) runs this little universe.

It's a confining and imprisoning universe! We live in bondage, not in freedom, in our little circle.

Bondage to Self – II Corinthians 5:15

Bondage to Sin – John 8:34, Romans 6:20

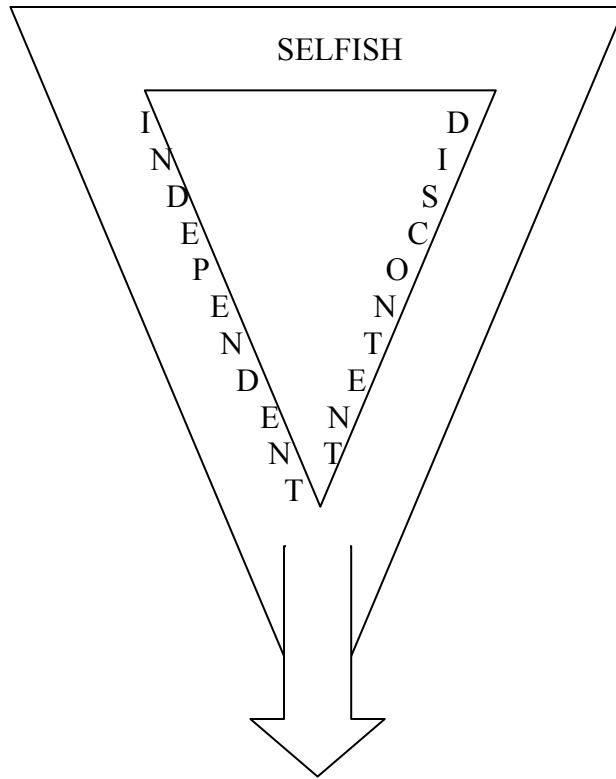
Bondage to Satan – II Timothy 2:26

SELFISH SPIRIT

+ INDEPENDENT SPIRIT

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DISCONTENTMENT (which equals selfish attitudes and actions)



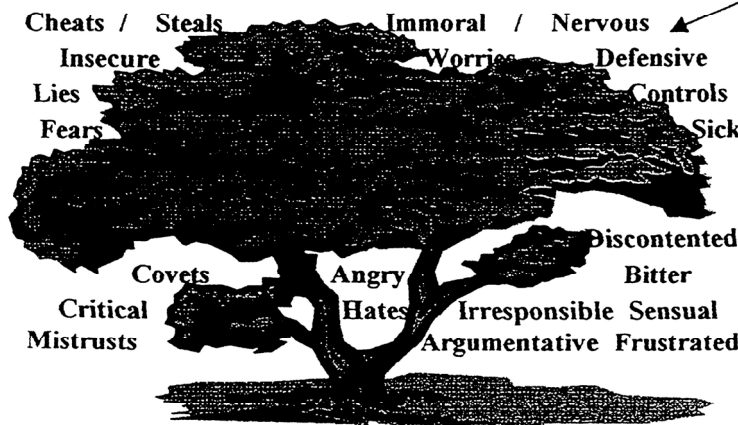
*"ROOTS AND FRUITS" OF A SELF-LIFE*

# Watch your roots!

**"THE ROOTS OF THE NATURAL MAN  
CENTER IN "SELF"**

**"THE ROOTS OF THE NATURAL MAN" PRODUCES FRUIT"  
THAT IS COMMON TO THE NATURAL REALM"**

**OUR CONDUCT**



*Every tree has its roots  
which has one source  
called a "tap root".*

*The main "tap root"  
of the natural man is  
"self". A self-centered life  
is man's "root problem"!*

*The tap root with its  
off shoots soon produce  
unwanted fruit!*

The "evil roots" are deep!

The "evil fruits" many!

**OUR CHARACTER**



"From whence comes wars and fightings  
among you? Come they not here, even  
of your lusts that war in your members?"

James 4:1

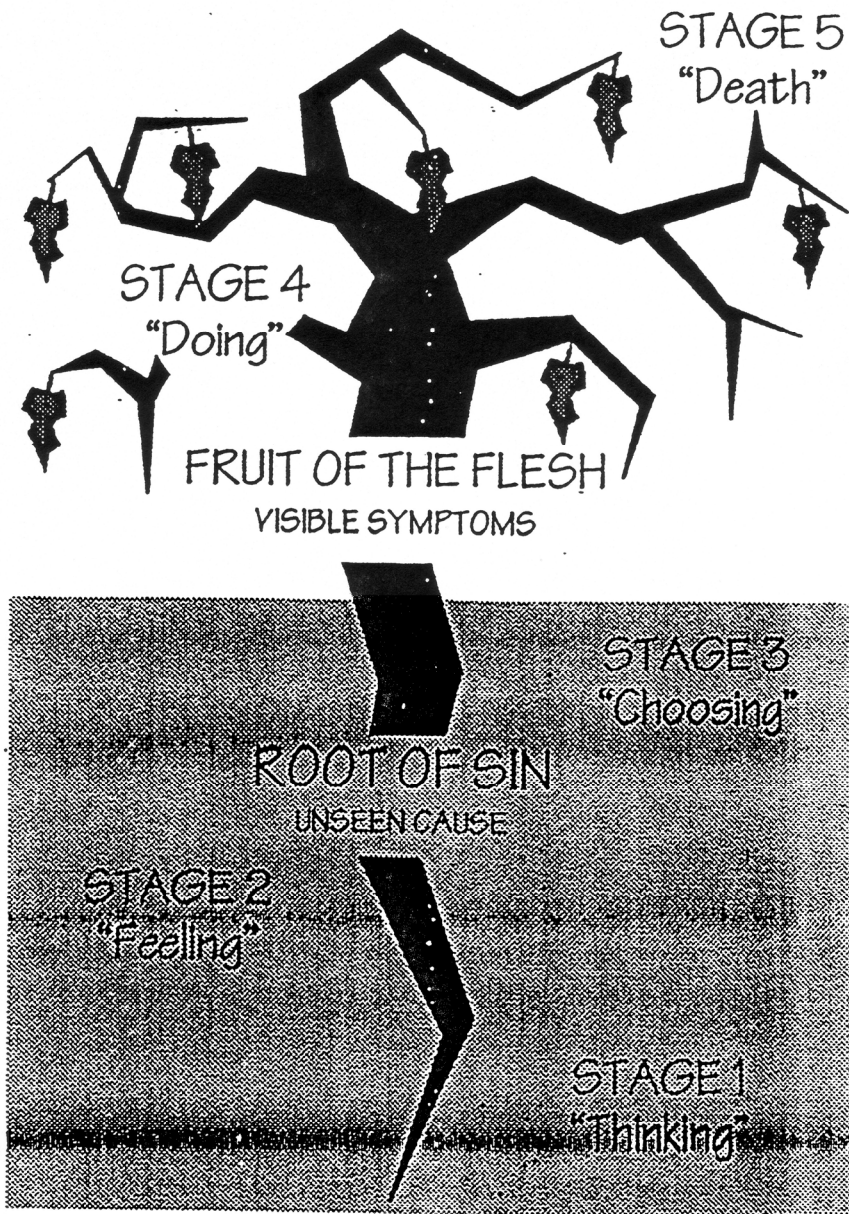
"There is nothing from without a man  
that, entering into him, can defile him;  
but the things which come out of him,  
those are they that defile the man."

**THE TAP ROOT INVESTED IN "SELF"**

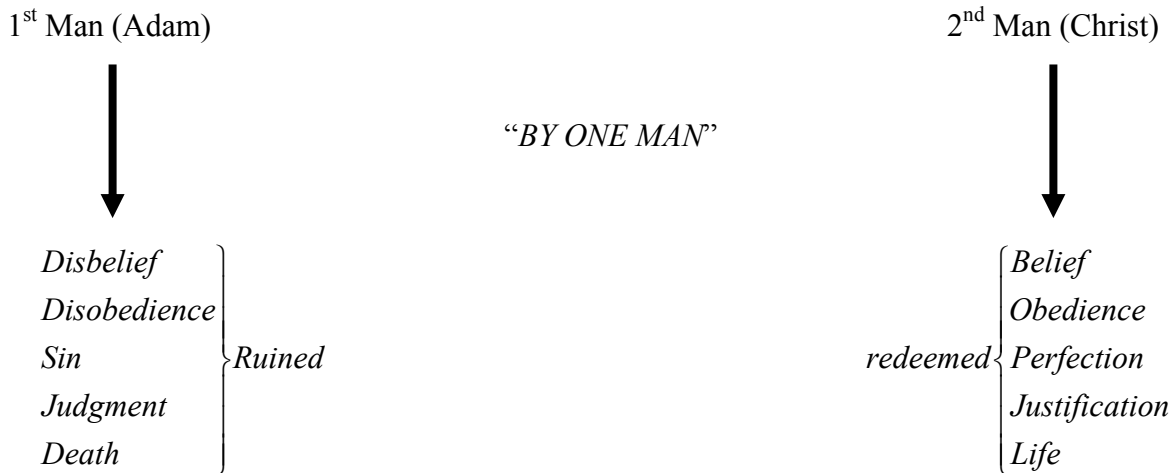
Mark 7:15



"But they that will be rich fall into  
temptation and a snare, and into  
many foolish and hurtful lusts,  
which drown men in destruction  
and perdition." I Timothy 6:9



*1 MAN (Jesus Christ) reversed the work of 1 MAN (Adam).*



When a person comes to Christ through faith and receives God’s Gift (Eternal Life), authoritative changes take place immediately.

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|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| My relationship to God              | – Sovereign, Indwelling           |
| My relationship to Myself           | – Brand New (not the same person) |
| My relationship to the Spirit World | – Satan’s power can’t hold me     |

**THIS IS GOD’S TRANSFORMING WORK!**

A new relationship with God and others is experienced, as well as a freedom within from shame and guilt. Thus, a new status before God exists and a new base of operation for life (John 5:24, 25).

**3 BASIC CHANGES IN THE CHRISTIAN'S LIFE**

**A Change in One's Personal Life:**

1. Personal relationship with God the Father (I John 2:13)
2. Know that sins are forgiven (I John 2:12)
3. New awareness / sensitivity of sin in one's life (I John 1:8, 9)
4. Hunger to know, read, study God's Word (I Peter 2:2)
5. Desire to communicate with God (Matt. 7:7, 8)
6. A new love for people (John 13:34, 35)
7. Desire to see lost friends / relatives come to Christ (Rom. 9:3)
8. A desire to be used by God (Heb. 12:28)
9. A desire to please the Father (II Cor. 5:9)

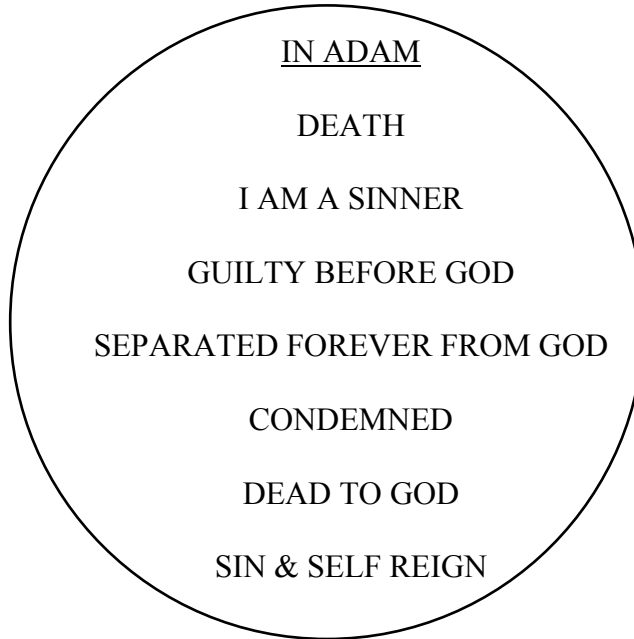
**A Change in One's Position Before God:**

(least understood by the new Christian and many older Christians; cf. Luke 15, older brother)

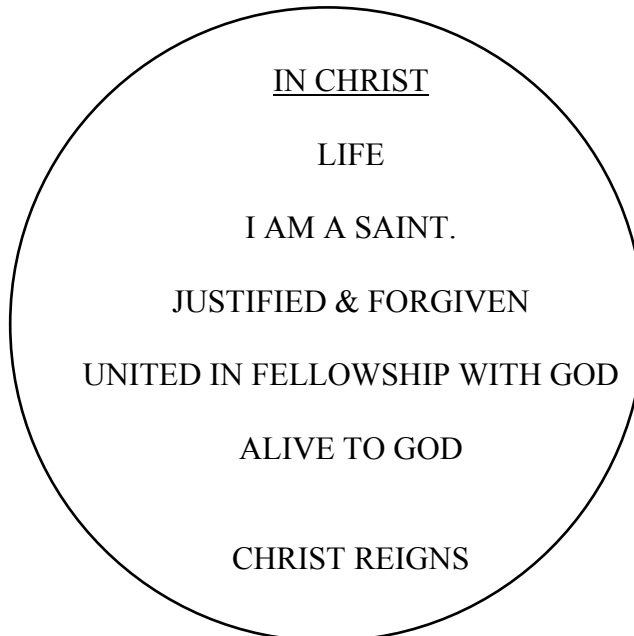
When we came to Christ, we who were condemned sinners became sons (children, part of the family). The position is new and the privileges are many (see chart on next page).

WHAT A DIFFERENCE A DAY MAKES!

BEFORE CHRIST



AFTER CHRIST



A NEW SPHERE  
OF OPERATION

***A NEW IDENTITY!***

We were once identified with Adam and death, but now we are identified with Christ and life. (II Cor. 5:17)

“In Christ” indicates a new sphere (a new identity) – cf. I Cor. 1:2, Eph. 1:1, Col. 1:2, I and II Thess. 1:1.

Remember, we were “in Adam”, associated with death (separation).  
But “in Christ” we are associated with life (connection).

This new identity is the result of being united with Christ. But how does one become united with Christ?

The answer goes beyond hearing and responding to the gospel; it also includes the “Baptism of the Holy Spirit” (you in Christ), i.e., “placing a person into the Body of Christ” (a new environment and a new relationship”.

One “enters” Adam through natural birth. That same person exists in Adam and “enters into” Christ by a supernatural birth through the Holy Spirit.

We die with Christ (co-crucifixion) and are connected to His resurrection so we can live our new life in the power of Christ’s resurrection.

This new position provides the foundation for a new performance.

### **A Change in One’s Eternal Picture:**

We are seen as having died, been buried, raised, ascended, and seated with Christ in heaven! (Rom. 6:4, 5; Eph. 2:5, 6)

This results in tremendous benefits of being “in Christ”. (See chart next page.)

MAN IS LINKED WITH GOD & ETERNITY

**LOST IN ADAM - RESTORED IN CHRIST!**

**MAN LINKED WITH GOD & ETERNITY**

