

THE GOSPEL & TEACHINGS OVERVIEW

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**GOD'S
PERSPECTIVE**

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

What time did the sun rise today?

This is a simple question - perhaps you know the answer.

Most people will give the "time" that the sun rose.

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

But, actually the question is wrong

because the sun doesn't "rise".

The sun doesn't rise but the earth moves around the sun and the moon around the earth.

The sun is the "center" of our universe.

Many times we ask the wrong questions.

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

The ancients believed that the moon was larger than sun because they saw things with their naked eye.

**When they looked up at night they saw the full moon
and how it appeared to be so large.**

**But when they looked up they saw the sun,
the sun appeared to be smaller.**

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

Yet, Moses wrote the following,

“God made two great lights—the greater light to govern the day (sun) and the lesser light to govern the night (moon). He also made the stars. God set them in the expanse of the sky to give light on the earth, to govern the day and the night, and to separate light from darkness. And God saw that it was good. (Genesis 1:16-18)

You see it was only possible for Moses to know that the “greater light” was the sun and the “lesser light” was the moon because God revealed it to him.

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

We see things from our own perspective.....a perspective that has been ingrained in us from our earliest childhood.

**A perspective that, as we begin to study God,
we realize is very “finite”.**

You see, God is “infinite” and beyond our comprehension.

How then is it possible for “finite” man to understand Him?

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

How can “finite” humanity fathom God?

Some state,

“Well, there can't be a God because I can't see Him.”

Yet, it is a fact that we can't even see ourselves.....we can only see “reflections - images of ourselves.”

But just because we can't see ourselves we still believe we exist. We haven't seen our internal organs or our mind, yet we believe they exist.

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

**Nobody has even seen themselves let alone God
- yet we believe "we" exist.**

Could God, who we cannot see, also exist?

GOD'S PERSPECTIVE

Who can even fathom God?

It is impossible with our finite minds to fathom the intricacies of our own physical makeup let alone our soul and spirit.

How can the finite fathom the infinite?

DEFINITIONS OF GOD

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How does a person go about “defining” God?

Can we as “finite” beings give an accurate definition of God?

DEFINITIONS OF GOD

The following are some definitions of God:

“God is spirit, infinite, eternal, unchangeable, in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth”

(#4 answer – Westminster Shorter Catechism)

“God is the one, simple, absolute, purely spiritual, personal Being of infinite perfections, wholly immanent in all the world, yet essentially transcendent in relation to all things”

(Hoeksema)

DEFINITIONS OF GOD

“God is one, absolute, unchangeable and infinite in His knowledge and wisdom, His goodness and love, His grace and mercy, His righteousness and holiness.” (Berkhof)

“God is the infinite and perfect Spirit in whom all things have their source, support, and end” (Strong)

DEFINITIONS OF GOD

It is a difficult to even try to comprehend what these definitions mean.

As humans we try to bring God down to our way of thinking or we put God in a box to simplify Him or even go as far as to deny His existence altogether.

We must remember, we are talking about “GOD”.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

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How can we prove God's existence?

Let's consider the following:

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

1) Just because a person doesn't see something doesn't prove that it doesn't exist. For example, we don't see or feel some of our internal organs or mind, but we believe they exist.

As anyone who has gone to a magic show knows, even our own eyesight can be deceived at times.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

2) God is Spirit and a spirit can't be comprehended by human senses. It is another "realm" of existence.

Is it possible for another "realm" to exist?

Is it possible for another "realm" that science can't explain to exist?

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

3) The Bible doesn't set out to prove God's existence. It starts out with Genesis 1:1 saying,

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

If you believe the Bible is credible, you must acknowledge the existence of God.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

4) No writer in the Bible sets out to prove God's existence.

To the many writers of the Bible it is a fact that God exists.

People like Moses, Samuel, David, Peter, Paul, John, etc.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

5) One of the greatest proofs of God's existence is the fact that millions upon millions testify to a daily fellowship with God through prayer. Not only in this generation but for many previous generations.

One has to wonder if all those people could be deceived or disillusioned.

Are all those people disillusioned or are finite-thinking people who don't believe in another realm of existence correct? (Remember, what time did the sun rise?)

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

6) We can know that God exists because people testify to actually talking to Him in prayer daily and that He has spoken to them.

People also testify to sensing Him talking to them when they read the Bible.

Multiples testify to the presence of God in their heart and life on a daily basis.

These are not people in psych-wards but doctors, scholars, professors, children, and people from all walks of life.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

7) When we look at the heavens, we can believe that there is a God that has created all this.

No other theory has been able to explain the wonders of God's creation. It is so immense.

In fact, Jesus, who claimed to be God, would have not only have witnessed creating it but HE WAS THERE TO DO IT. Plus He has two witnesses; The Father and The Holy Spirit, Who testify to it.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

8) When we think of the order that God has setup for the world we live in, it is amazing.

The thought that went behind the creation of even the smallest amoeba is absolutely mind-boggling.

Yet, Genesis 1:16b says casually, He also made the stars.

To God, Niagara Falls is a dripping tap, stars are specks, and universes are finite.

What we think “amazing” or “impossible”, God does effortlessly in His “infinite power”.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

9) The fact that we have a conscience testifies to God's existence.

People have a still small voice and when they stop and listen to it, they must acknowledge God's existence.

We can know "good and evil" and discern what is right and wrong. Yet, does mankind have the power to do "good"?

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

10) Everything has a cause.

The world is here,

therefore something must have caused it to appear.

It is certainly a plausible consideration that that cause is God.

And the fact that God has “no cause” but has always been also proves He supersedes the “finite” and is “Almighty”

-having nothing greater than Himself.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

11) The design of the world is not an accident.

**It had to have a designer or we are considering
unimaginable odds of all this being by chance.**

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

12) If man has an intellect and moral character, it proves that man's creator has intellect and moral character also.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

13) All life must come from life.

Physical life must have come from an eternal life.

Psalm 36:9 says that,

“For with Thee is the fountain (source) of life.”

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

14) Atheism only adds to the problems of our existence, purpose in life, etc.

It only creates more doubt, despair, confusion with more questions about where we came from and eternal existence.

The existence of God unlocks the answers of the universe, our purpose, our existence, life itself, and eternal life.

It takes a lot more faith to believe we've come from "nothing" than to believe we've come from God.

THE EXISTENCE OF GOD

15) Every sincere seeker after God has found Him.

A sincere seeker will open up his “heart” and even challenge God as to His existence.

God has always met a sincere seeker.

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**OUR NEED
FOR GOD**

OUR NEED OF GOD

What does it mean to “need” God?

Do we really need God?

OUR NEED OF GOD

Every day we wake up and breath the air.

Every day we wake up and eat and drink.

Every day we enjoy all that is around us:

family, friends, shelter, food, clothing, etc.

OUR NEED OF GOD

Should we not acknowledge where they have come from?

The Bible says,

For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not? (1 Corinthians 4:7)

OUR NEED OF GOD

It is a fact that more and more we will realize our need for God as we stop to think of all the blessings we have received and give glory to God.

The greatest men and women of God simply began understanding more and more their need of God.

OUR NEED OF GOD

When we are filled with an overwhelming sense of thankfulness, who or what do we thank?

Do we thank “our lucky stars”?

Do we thank “ourselves”?

Do we thank God?

OUR NEED OF GOD

Finally, we will all realize our need for God if we consider deeply our eternal existence “now” or are fortunate enough to be on our death bed someday to consider it.

This is the time when we will truly realize we need God’s power to cross over from death to life.

Historically, Jesus Christ, is the only One who has died and returned from the dead “never to die again”.

OUR NEED OF GOD

Death is the world's greatest preacher, for unless a person is "raptured" (as Jesus promises His Church and was done by Enoch and Elijah), death will be faced by everyone.

OUR NEED OF GOD

Death had power over us all. A power to fear & dread.

**Yet the power of death is surpassed by the love of Christ
– for it was the power of Christ’s love that took Him to the
cross to conquer death.**

**Now Christ’s life has the ultimate power – the power of love,
trust, and permanence.**

OUR NEED OF GOD

Let's look at just three prophecies regarding death from the Old Testament:

he will swallow up death forever. The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. The LORD has spoken. (Isa.25:8)

OUR NEED OF GOD

"I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction? "I will have no compassion, (Hos.13:14)

You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand. (Psa.16:11)

OUR NEED OF GOD

Paul declares in the New Testament,

When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" (1 Cor.15:54-55)

**If Jesus could not die & THEN conquer death -
then He is NOT God and NOT Almighty.**

Our greatest need of God is for life after death.

RELIGION

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Many grow up attending religious gatherings faithfully going through its rituals and standards.

Yet, we can never have a full understanding or belief in God.

RELIGION

Some try to put all religions together as the answer. Yet the differences often overwhelm the similarities.

For example, does reincarnation and Christian's belief that "Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment" (Heb.9:27) find common ground?

Do all religions believe in the same eternal destiny (with Christ judging them)?

RELIGION

Others, profess “religion” as the problem of all mankind.

They believe it to be an even greater vice than the atheism of Mao, Stalin, etc.

RELIGION

What does the Bible have to say about “religion” if much at all?

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

(James 1:27)

In reality, not much.

And if we are truly honest, we see we all fall short here.

RELIGION

What is the definition of religion?

One such definition is,

“Religion is any specific system of belief about deity, often involving rituals, a code of ethics, a philosophy of life, and a worldview.”

Does this above definition define Jesus Christ?

Is Christianity a religion? Is Jesus Christ a religion?

RELIGION

Many believe that “true” Christianity is NOT “a religion”.

But that “true” Christianity is CHRIST.

If you take Christ out of Christianity it falls apart.

Christianity
is
Jesus Christ!!

JESUS CHRIST is not a religion!!

RELIGION

Some would believe that Jesus Christ started Christianity when He came to earth.

Yet, Christ claimed to be “eternal God”.

“From everlasting to everlasting You are God.”

RELIGION

So how does our definition of Christianity play out practically?

Anything a person does is either an effort on their own part or Christ doing it through them.

That is why even so-called “religious” people, organizations, structures, etc. can have so many faults.

It is either man trying to do “good works” or it is “Christ living His life through the submitted believer”.

RELIGION

Christianity, with all its faults and failures (historically and in its present form) helps prove the deficiencies of man trying to live as Jesus did.

There was only “one person” who lived the Christian life and that was Jesus Christ!!

God has never lifted up a man, He lifts up the “God-Man”.

If we even try to live as Jesus did we begin to see our personal faults and failures as a result and then we see our need for God!

RELIGION

For again and again we fail when we try to live as Christ did in our own power.

**You see, TRUE CHRISTIANITY is
allowing Christ to live His life through us
through the Power of His Spirit and Life.**

RELIGION

It can be simplified in this way,

“Religion is man’s way to get to God (which is impossible).”

How can the “finite” reach the “infinite”?

“True Christianity is God coming to man and after receiving Him, allowing Christ to live His life through them through the Power of His Holy Spirit.” (with God nothing is impossible).

Doesn’t it make more sense that the “infinite” can come to the “finite”?

If God is truly “Almighty”, could He not do this?

RELIGION

**The Bible was given
to reveal God to humanity through Jesus Christ.**

The Bible's "Ten Commandments" are impossible to keep.

The "Law" was impossible to keep.

The Bible's "Sermon on the Mount" is impossible to keep.

**The Bible even shows us this: it is impossible to get to God
for if we "miss the mark" on even "one" thing we have failed.**

RELIGION

That is the freedom that is in Christ. We cannot live a life pleasing to God. We cannot live the Bible.

But we can see God's standard through Christ understanding that "only God" could live a perfect life.

Then, we can understand as "religious" people our need for Christ – not only for salvation from sin & death but then to give us the Power to live a life pleasing to God through the Power of Christ living His life through us.

And when we fail at times, we can go to the cross, receive forgiveness as we recall God's sacrifice for our sins, and begin again as His children – loved – accepted - & filled with Jesus.

RELIGION

Finally, Jesus was very angered by “religious” people. People who had taken the “Law of God” & burdened people with it.

Jesus rebuked the Pharisees on numerous occasions.

Jesus came to show people THE FATHER’S LOVE & HEART.

And now that Christ’s work on earth is done, the Holy Spirit is here to show people THE LOVE OF JESUS!!

RELIGION

Are you being led to a deep, loving, caring, God who loved you enough to come to His creation & die for you on the cross?

Are you tired of trying to “get to God” by your own works?

Are you “religiously” doing things on a daily basis to either “get to God” or “trying to justify yourself before God”?

Jesus Christ, when He walked on earth as the God-man was “freer” than anyone ever has ever been!!

He was totally dependant on HIS PERFECT, LOVING FATHER (even in death) and was not bound to anything or anyone including Himself!

**IS CHRISTIANITY
THE ONLY WAY
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“All religions” can’t be right or they would agree about such things as:

- **Christ’s deity,**
- **man’s sinfulness,**
- **Christ’s shed blood and bodily death,**
- **Christ’s resurrection from the dead,**
- **life after death,**
- **One God,**
- **etc.**

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

Where Christianity differs is that “God became flesh and dwelt among us”. The Creator came to the creation.

Throughout the Old Testament God had interacted with mankind many times.

God walked and talked with Adam and Eve in that perfect environment.

God talked to Cain, Noah, Moses, prophets, etc.

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

But now He has revealed Himself to us in Jesus Christ.

God became man. He is 100% God and 100% man as His mediator Christ Jesus. (see “THE VIRGIN BIRTH”)

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

Is there another way to God?

In John 14:6, Christ says,

“I am the Way and the Truth and the Life. No one comes to the Father but through me.”

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

Christ became man - bridging the gap between God and man.

God revealed Himself to people in the Old Testament “outwardly” by talking to them verbally or by His Angel (Christophanies) or by “coming upon them” by His Holy Spirit.

After Christ, had died for mankind’s sin, those who had repented were able to receive Christ into their heart and have God live inside them by His Holy Spirit.

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

But,

it is still an “outward” God

or

an experiential God

living in a repentant person’s heart

that a person can chose between.

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

Of course, I wondered, “What if it is all a joke or a lie?”

What if this Supreme Being was just playing a huge joke on mankind and it was all a lie?

Then I went back to the Garden of Gethsemane and found out that there is no way it could be a lie.

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." (Matt. 26:39)

He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done." (Matt. 26:42)

(see Mark 14:36, Luke 22:42)

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

When we hear Christ's words in the Garden praying to the Father before His death we realize that Christ, as God, knew how much He was going to have to suffer.

JESUS wanted to know if there was

ANOTHER WAY!!!

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

If there was ANOTHER WAY, what father would have his son go through such a cruel punishment?

Abraham's sadness was to have his son carry the wood up the mountain, tie his son down, and kill him with a knife.

But our Heavenly Father, had to witness a much crueler death than this. For Abraham was stopped but the Father knew there was no other way for mankind to be saved.

Would a loving Father allow His Son to die such a horrible death if there was "another way"?

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

Those were real drops of blood that Christ sweated in the garden as He prayed.

Those were real whips with barbs at the end tearing into His flesh as He was whipped again and again.

Those were real blows upon Christ's head that pushed the barbed crown deeper into His skull.

Those were real insulting, hurtful, painful words of mockery that Christ heard throughout His passion for humanity.

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

That was real spit and those were real blows that Christ suffered at the hands of the Roman soldiers.

Those were real spikes that went through Christ's wrists as He was nailed to the cross.

Those were real gasps for breath as Christ struggled to push Himself up on the cross again and again to breath as His blood fell to the ground.

We could go on.....

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

What Father would allow their Son to go through this if there was ANOTHER WAY.

There was no other way!!

The Father knew it, Jesus knew it, and we should know it.

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

**Now we can understand more fully Christ's words,
"I am the way, the truth, and the life."**

Many people are offended that True Christianity (Christ) teaches only "one way".

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

What a person has to decide (and it is each person's decision) is this:

Is the Bible God's Word and true?

Is Christ, God?

Is the shed blood of Christ the only way there is for forgiveness of sins?

Did Jesus Christ die for our sins and rise from the dead conquering death and giving eternal life in Him?

IS CHRISTIANITY THE ONLY WAY TO GOD?

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will." (Matt. 26:39)

Jesus Christ was sinless. He did not need to die for Himself.

He died for people who wanted nothing to do with Him.

He died for the people who rejected Him, shouted "crucify Him", spit on Him, mocked Him, and nailed Him to the Cross.

He died for everyone and Jesus said, "I am the way."

APOLOGETICS

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Apologetics is the study of “what Christians believe”.

Christianity is based on facts and can be proven in many ways.

APOLOGETICS

The main facts that Christianity is based on are:

- The Bible is literally God's Word;**
- Fulfilled prophecy;**
- Jesus Christ "was", "is" & "always will be" Almighty God;**
- Jesus Christ's shed blood on the cross for man's sin is the means by which man can be forgiven;**
- Jesus Christ's resurrection from the dead conquered the power of death and gave us the hope of eternal life in Him.**

APOLOGETICS

No other major religious leader claimed to be God.

But Jesus Christ not only claimed to be God but proved it by His miracles, His life, His Words, His fulfilled prophecies (332 regarding Himself alone), and His death & resurrection.

**If someone came to you and said, “I’m God”,
what would be the first question you would ask him.....
“Prove it?”**

The Jews had no doubt who Jesus was claiming to be and often picked up rocks to stone Him believing Jesus was blaspheming God by saying He was God.

APOLOGETICS

The Bible is a unified book. Even though written by some 40 different authors over 1600 years, it is one book.

It's doctrine, moral standard, plan of salvation, and program for the ages are all unified.

The Bible is a book of fulfilled prophecy. Only the Bible gives fulfilled prophecy about Christ's life, death, and resurrection.

It is a wonderful thing to see that throughout the Bible God knows the future. Therefore He knows our future.

APOLOGETICS

Man has a “sin problem”. Only a sinless sacrifice could meet God’s need for holiness. Otherwise we would have to live a perfect life without sin or continually crucify ourselves.

Thankfully, Jesus’ substitution for our sin was the perfect, sinless sacrifice that subdued God’s wrath against sin.

Instead of trying to become sinless (whether in this life or the next) we can look by faith to the cross and ride into heaven on Christ’s perfect sacrifice.

APOLOGETICS

Jesus Christ conquered death on this side. He did not enter into another life but by the power of God, conquered death and rose from the grave.

It was after His resurrection that He returned to heaven.

We can ride into heaven joyously knowing that

Christ has conquered death

and we've entered INTO HIS RESURRECTION LIFE.

**GOD DECLARES
HIMSELF
“ALMIGHTY”**

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In order to be ALMIGHTY, God must be able to create universes – plants – animals - mankind, do supernatural miracles, love infinitely, judge fairly, show mercy, forgive sin, rise from the dead thus conquering death, know the past – present – future, become man, live a perfect – sinless life, keep His promises, etc.

If God can't do this then HE ISN'T GOD.

BUT if God can do these things –

THEN HE IS GOD AND SHOULD BE WORSHIPED AS GOD!!

GOD DECLARES HIMSELF “ALMIGHTY”

Christians must base their lives on something.

Christians base their lives on the truth of God’s Word.

They are putting their eternal destiny, their eternal life, as well as their family’s lives in God’s hands.

And trustfully, they have fully thought it through.....

GOD DECLARES HIMSELF “ALMIGHTY”

Has Christ shown Himself to be Almighty?

Has Christ:

- **created universes – plants – animals - mankind,**
- **performed supernatural miracles,**
- **loved infinitely, judged justly, shown mercy, forgiven sin,**
- **been raised to life thus conquering death,**
- **shown He knows the past – present – future,**
- **become a man living a perfect – sinless life,**
- **kept His promises, etc. ?**

IF NOT, then He is NOT God.....

GOD DECLARES HIMSELF “ALMIGHTY”

BUT if Jesus did all those things –

THEN HE IS GOD AND SHOULD BE WORSHIPED AS GOD!!

**THE CREATOR
OR
THE CREATION**

THE CREATOR OR THE CREATION

A person will look up into the sky and admire the sun, moon, and stars.

A person will climb majestic mountains and look out over the beauty of the world.

A person will take a baby by its tiny fingers and be amazed.

We can go on and on about the many things that can amaze us.

THE CREATOR OR THE CREATION

**Whether it is the immensity of our galaxy
to the intricacies of the microscopic world,
there is no doubt as to the wonder of it all.**

THE CREATOR OR THE CREATION

Yet, when we look at things, what is our reaction?

Are we amazed at the world and all it encompasses?

Do we admire the creation

(stars, moon, sun, mountains, river, oceans, animals, etc.)

and not see the Creator?

THE CREATOR OR THE CREATION

Or do our thoughts go to God who has set it all in order by His spoken word?

Do our thoughts go to God and we begin to worship the Creator and not the creation?

Keep in mind that to our finite minds, all we see is captivating, but that God fills all and even looks down upon all He has made.

Is the Creator greater than the creation?

CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

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CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

**When we hear evolutionists talk they do the same thing.
They knock “religion”.**

They lump every religion together as the same.

They give historical accounts of religious leaders.

They mock religion.

That is certainly their choice.

CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

**But as we've said here in our section on "religion",
Jesus Christ is NOT a religion.**

The historical manuscripts, fulfilled prophecy, archaeological proofs, Scriptures, historical facts of His death and resurrection, His miracles (which "bad" science tries to disprove because finite science can't understand another realm of existence or God's humanity), His life, His existence, His Virgin Birth, His "Oneness" with the Father and Holy Spirit, His fulfilled promises, His relationship with millions upon millions (not only in their mind but their spirit), etc. all show us that God has revealed Himself through Jesus Christ. But most of all HIS LOVE for people who were/are His enemies (the list here is multiple and includes evolutionists).

CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

Jesus Christ is NOT a religion, NOT a system of religion, NOT a far off god people are trying to get to.

He is a risen Savior Who:

- rebuked “the religious” and “the proud” who were stopping people from knowing God,
- cured lepers/disease,
- conquered death,
- ministered to people on the way to and on the cross in the most excruciating set of circumstances,
- spoke words of LIFE – HOPE - COMFORT,
- and has set up an eternal kingdom.

CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

We can put our trust in Him because His Word has always been true (as seen in the 332 fulfilled prophecies of His life) and will always be true.

Death has been swallowed up in victory and His resurrection is historical proof that He is God.

CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

Let's look at what God says in Acts 17:24-28,

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else. From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live.

(Acts 17:26)

God is telling us here that from “one man” (Adam) He has made every nation.

We are all from the same blood and the same race. That is why we can intermarry amongst “so-called” races.

But unfortunately that blood has been tainted by sin and caused not only spiritual but physical death in our race.

But praise God, He took a race that was “in Adam’s seed” and started a new race “in Christ’s seed.” (see Virgin Birth)

CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

God, through David, has written in Psalm 14:1, “The fool says in his heart ‘There is no God.’”

If God had not sustained this planet, we would be either an insane asylum or destroyed ourselves by now.

There is nothing about humanity that is good “individually” or “generally” or “intrinsically”. Yes, we do “good things” at times. BUT Only “God is good”.

CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

But our conscience leads us to try to be 'good' which is impossible for "GOD IS GOOD. HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER."

And when we find out we can't live up to any "standard", "self-imposed or outwardly imposed", we either get rid of Jesus, Who is the hope for humanity, or we bow down on our knees and confess our need for Him as God's mediator between God and ourselves.

Pride verses humility.

God has given us a choice.

CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

Christianity has a witness of the origins of mankind, our solar system(s), our existence, etc. and His name is Jesus Christ.

He was there to do it.

And we see that His testimony and His words are true,

“But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female.” (Mark 10:6)

And “the beginning” here also refers to the creative days of which it says, “In the beginning, God made the heavens and the earth.” (Genesis 1:1).

There is no need to debate, discuss, or rationalize it for we have a witness, our Creator, Jesus Christ.

CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

Jesus Christ is the ONLY TRUE observable “scientist” to know how everything came about as it has.

Basic science says a hypothesis MUST BE OBSERVED.

Christianity has a WITNESS OF THE CREATION.

And He declares it in His Word.

And Jesus came to us to declare it!!

And we see that His testimony and words are true,

“But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female.” (Mark 10:6)

CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

And the Creator came to His creation, saw its multiple needs, but most importantly its need of life after death (spiritually and bodily), and took everything that was against Him upon Himself.

The “Infinite One” walked among the “finite ones” and in His grace has offered “life” to a dying race.

He has proven Himself to be Who He said He is, ALMIGHTY GOD.

His question rings out for all eternity,

“Who do you say I am?”

CREATION VERSES EVOLUTION

FOR A GREAT VIDEO SEE:

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SCIENCE

IDEOLOGY

PHILOSOPHY

SCIENCE – IDEOLOGY - PHILOSOPHY

SCIENCE even admits it does not have all the answers and is seeking for “truths” and “truth”.

Science is unable to “observe” past happenings and struggles to give answers to our existence and to mankind in general.

Science’s problem is that God has put everything in His order.

We are like little ants looking outward to the multiple galaxies trying to figure it all out. Sending rocket ships and being amazed that we are flying to the moon when God not only looks down from heaven but fills the universe.

True Science does not set out to prove its theories. True Science will look at all realms of possibility in order to find the truth and help mankind.

Science has become a “god” but thankfully “true science” continues to lead us to the true God, Jesus Christ.

SCIENCE – IDEOLOGY - PHILOSOPHY

IDEOLOGY gives many thoughts and ideas. Yet, when we look around we realize that “many” thoughts and ideas can become confusing and even discouraging.

Yet, **ONE THOUGHT**, the thought and ways of our God, can help mankind to find its purpose and meaning.

There will always be many “teachers” but there is really only one “Teacher”. Nicodemus came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the miraculous signs you are doing if God were not with him." (John 3:2).

Jesus is not an ideology but God in the flesh, the essence of God, and the fullness of God. From Him comes all truth. He is “absolute truth.” Jesus is not an ideology but Absolute Truth and God.

SCIENCE – IDEOLOGY - PHILOSOPHY

PHILOSOPHY seeks to explain the spiritual, mental, and physical world at different depths and levels. Some have studied it at deeper and deeper levels ending in despair and even suicide. Others, have gone away confused and without any true meaning. Spurgeon said, “You can learn more from a fool than a philosopher”. Yet, mankind is ever giving off wisdom, thought, and speculation of our existence and how to function better as a society. God warns us in the Bible regarding philosophy, “See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority” (Colossians 2:8-10). **Should we not look to the One Who is the Head over every power and authority.**

Jesus is not a philosophy but God.

**I CAN'T BELIEVE IN
THIS FAIRY TALE**

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Let's hear Solomon,

**The words of the Teacher, son of David, king in Jerusalem:
"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher. "Utterly
meaningless! Everything is meaningless." (Ecclesiastes 1:1-2)
I have seen all the things that are done under the sun; all of
them are meaningless, a chasing after the wind.(Eccl. 1:14)
I thought in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with
pleasure to find out what is good." But that also proved to be
meaningless. (Ecclesiastes 2:1)**

**Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I
had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing
after the wind; nothing was gained under the sun. (Eccl. 2:11)**

I CAN'T BELIEVE IN THIS FAIRY TALE

Without God, Solomon believed “life was meaningless.”

He searched in every way and had every means to find meaning in life.

Yet, he finished by saying,

“Remember your Creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come and the years approach when you will say, “I find no pleasure in them”- (Eccl.12:1)

I CAN'T BELIEVE IN THIS FAIRY TALE

It is not surprising that people don't believe. It is actually "natural". But God is "supernatural."

People walked with Jesus & saw His miracles, healings, life, fulfilled prophecies.

People walked with Jesus and heard His Words of life.

Still, they did not believe.

Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him. (John 12:37)

But God is "above" natural. He will find a way for you to believe.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IN THIS FAIRY TALE

In the verse below, the boy's father was desperate. He had a small bit of faith but asked Jesus humbly to help him overcome his unbelief.

Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24)

I CAN'T BELIEVE IN THIS FAIRY TALE

Paul writes the following,

Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. (1 Timothy 1:13)

He confessed he acted in ignorance and unbelief. This is an amazing statement for a man who had confessed being more devout and religious than anyone of his time before he met Jesus.

I CAN'T BELIEVE IN THIS FAIRY TALE

When Paul preached to the people below, they took the time to examine the Scriptures to see if Jesus was the Messiah.

Now the Bereans were of more noble character than the Thessalonians, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true. Many of the Jews believed, as did also a number of prominent Greek women and many Greek men. (Acts 17:11-12)

I CAN'T BELIEVE IN THIS FAIRY TALE

People react “three” different ways to Christ’s resurrection.
They “sneer”,

“want to hear again”,

“become followers and believe.”

When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, "We want to hear you again on this subject." At that, Paul left the Council. A few men became followers of Paul and believed. (Acts 17:32-34)

I CAN'T BELIEVE IN THIS FAIRY TALE

If you really don't believe, then we'd challenge and encourage you to tell GOD that you don't believe.

From your heart, speak to Him honestly and sincerely.

Don't speak from your head but from your heart.

Here is a prayer you can use (or speak your own words).

I CAN'T BELIEVE IN THIS FAIRY TALE

PRAYER TO SAY (FROM THE HEART) FOR THE UNBELIEVER

God, I don't believe in You. I've tried to believe in You but I just can't. I have searched the Scriptures. I have gone to religious meetings. I have done religious things. I just don't believe in You. If You are truly real, will You reveal Yourself to me in some way? I will open up my heart to You to reveal Yourself to me either "now" or "in the future." Thank You for accepting my humble prayer. Amen.

God honors a humble, truthful prayer!!

**12 Reasons
To Trust Christ as
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- 1) **Jesus is God. His teachings are divine truth on which we can confidently build our lives on.**

Jesus said, “I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.”

12 Reasons to Trust Christ as Savior

2) Jesus died for our sins on the cross of Calvary. His shed blood on the cross was the atonement that we needed to bring us to God.

“Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin.”

12 Reasons to Trust Christ as Savior

3) Jesus rose from the dead and is alive today. He is alive and able to talk to us on a personal basis everyday. Jesus Christ has power over death. We need that.

12 Reasons to Trust Christ as Savior

4) Jesus Christ has divine power. He is more than a good man. He has divine power to give to us on a day-by-day basis for our lives.

12 Reasons to Trust Christ as Savior

5) Jesus was sinless. He was not able to sin because He was God. This makes Him able to save us completely. Jesus cannot and will not ever sin. His salvation for us is perfect. For Jesus to come into our heart and live in us gives us the power we need over sin, the world, and the devil.

12 Reasons to Trust Christ as Savior

6) Jesus created all things. He is bigger, mightier, and more powerful than anything. We need the best and Jesus is the best. He is God Almighty. (No other major religious leader has ever claimed to be God).

12 Reasons to Trust Christ as Savior

7) Jesus “was, is and always will be” perfect. We can never be perfect no matter how hard we try. We need Jesus’ perfection in our lives life or we will spend the rest of our lives trying to be better.

How much is perfection is enough to get to God? Only perfection is enough. We need Christ’s perfection, not ours.

12 Reasons to Trust Christ as Savior

8) Jesus knows what it is like to be human. Jesus suffered loss, pain, affliction, rejection, heartache, etc. No body else can relate to us better than Jesus. He is able to comfort us, help us, give us rest, give us hope, and give us life.

12 Reasons to Trust Christ as Savior

9) Jesus loves us. He wants nothing but the best for us. He is “for” us. He will never leave us & promises to be with us always. His love is unchanging, perfect, & ever present.

12 Reasons to Trust Christ as Savior

10) Jesus lived His life for His Father. He knew the Father and loved Him. If Jesus could completely trust in His Father, even enough to go to the cross, why can't we?

12 Reasons to Trust Christ as Savior

**11) Jesus received a new spiritual body that will never die.
We are promised the same.**

12 Reasons to Trust Christ as Savior

12) Jesus changes lives. Millions upon millions of people testify to the life changing power, joy, love, peace, and salvation Jesus Christ provides.

How Can I Become a Child of God?

“YET TO ALL WHO RECEIVED HIM,
TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN HIS NAME,
HE GAVE THE RIGHT TO BECOME CHILDREN OF
GOD” (JOHN 1:12)

BELIEVE + RECEIVE = BECOME

How Can I Become a Child of God?

BELIEVE

that God loves you and promises you eternal life in Jesus.

**“For God so loved the world
that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish
but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)
(see John 1:4; 2:11; 3:14-15; 3:18; 5:24;
6:40; 6:47; 8:30; 10:42; 11:45; 12:11)**

How Can I Become a Child of God?

BELIEVE

that you are separated from God and a sinner

Romans 3:23,

“For all have sinned, and fall short of the glory of God.”

(see Romans 3:10; 6:23)

We sin because of our “sinful nature” that was imparted to us by Adam. We need a new nature – the divine nature of Jesus imparted to us by the New Birth (John 3:3-6)

How Can I Become a Child of God?

BELIEVE

that God provided a way for you to have forgiveness of sins

Romans 5:8, “But God demonstrated his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

(see Ephesians 2:8,9; Titus 3:3-7).

God’s grace is Christ dying for our sins on the cross.

Every religion says “DO”. Go to church, pray, do a pilgrimage, do penance, etc. Christianity says, “DONE”.

Jesus did it all for us on the cross of Calvary.

How Can I Become a Child of God?

RECEIVE

His forgiveness, love, and acceptance.

**Romans 8:9-10, “That if you confess with your mouth,
“Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God
raised him from the dead, you will be saved.”
(see John 1:12; Acts 4:12; Eph 2:4; Rev. 3:20)**

How Can I Become a Child of God?

RECEIVE Christ by praying this prayer from the heart:

“Lord Jesus, thank You for shedding Your blood on the cross for me. Thank You for dying for me and rising from the dead so that I might have eternal life in You. I confess that I am a sinner and that salvation is found in no one else but You. I thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I now ask You to come into my heart and reign in my heart and life as my Savior, Lord, and King. I give You my life. Now Lord, fill me with Your Holy Spirit so that I can have power over the world, sin, and the devil. Thank You that I am a child of God and that I will spend eternity with You. I love You Jesus. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen.”

How Can I Become a Child of God?

BECOME

a “child of God” by the new birth.

2 Corinthians 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, the old has gone, the new has come.”

Have you received Christ into your heart? Did He say He would come in if you received Him? Is Christ a liar? Do you feel saved (salvation is not a feeling but believing)? Christianity is walking by faith. You “are” a child of God by faith. As you walk with Christ, begin to “thank” Him for saving you. The feelings will follow as you put your trust in Him. JESUS HAS DONE IT ALL FOR YOU AT THE CROSS. YOU’RE A CHILD OF GOD AND HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

For More Downloadable Teachings see:

OPENING COMMENTS

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

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

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

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

People ask, “show me God?”

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

OPENING COMMENTS

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

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

If you were God,

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

THE BIBLE

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

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

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

For a major study on this topic see FREE TEACHINGS at:
www.altogetherlovely.org (“Can we trust the Bible?”)

THE BIBLE

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

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

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

THE BIBLE

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

THE BIBLE

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

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

THE BIBLE

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

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

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

THE BIBLE

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

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

THE BIBLE

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

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

No other book from history compares to it.

THE BIBLE

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

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

GOOD NEWS

GOD IS SPIRIT

Let us start by saying

GOD IS SPIRIT!!

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

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

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



GOD IS SPIRIT

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**God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship
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GOD IS HOLY

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



**GOD
IS HOLY,
WITHOUT SIN,
& DWELLING
IN HEAVEN**

GOD IS HOLY

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

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



GOD
IS HOLY,
WITHOUT SIN,
& DWELLING
IN HEAVEN

GOD IS LOVE

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



GOD IS LOVE

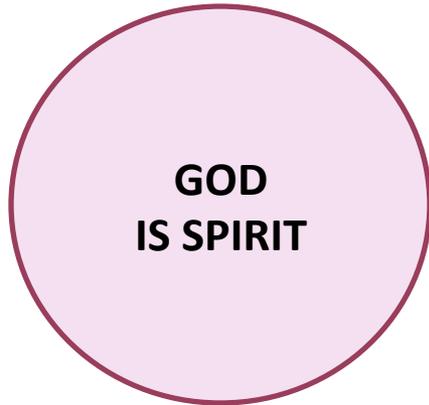
God is LOVE.

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

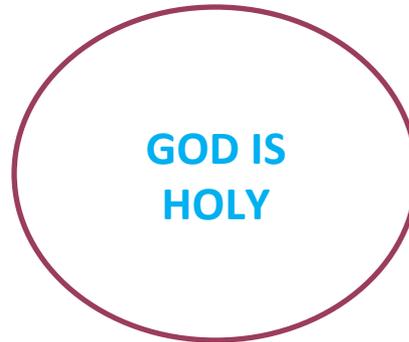


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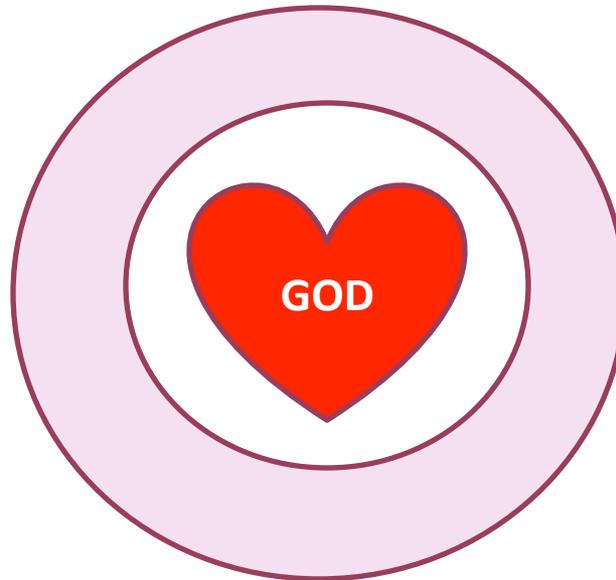
God is Spirit



God is Holy



God is Love



HOW WE FUNCTION AND APPLICATION

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



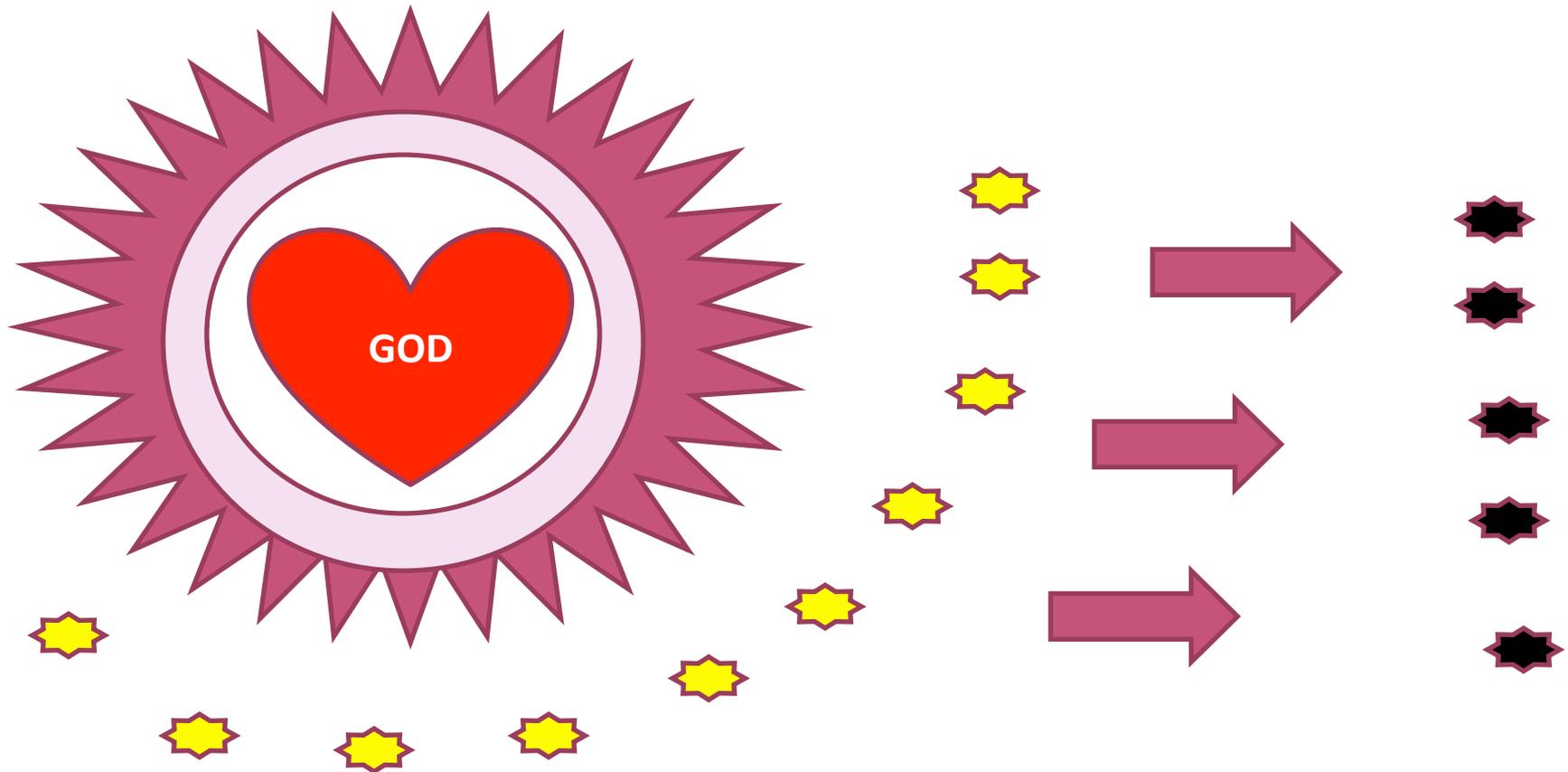
GOD CREATED ANGELIC SPIRITS (SOME WHO REBELLED)

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



GOD CREATED ANGELIC SPIRITS (SOME WHO REBELLED)

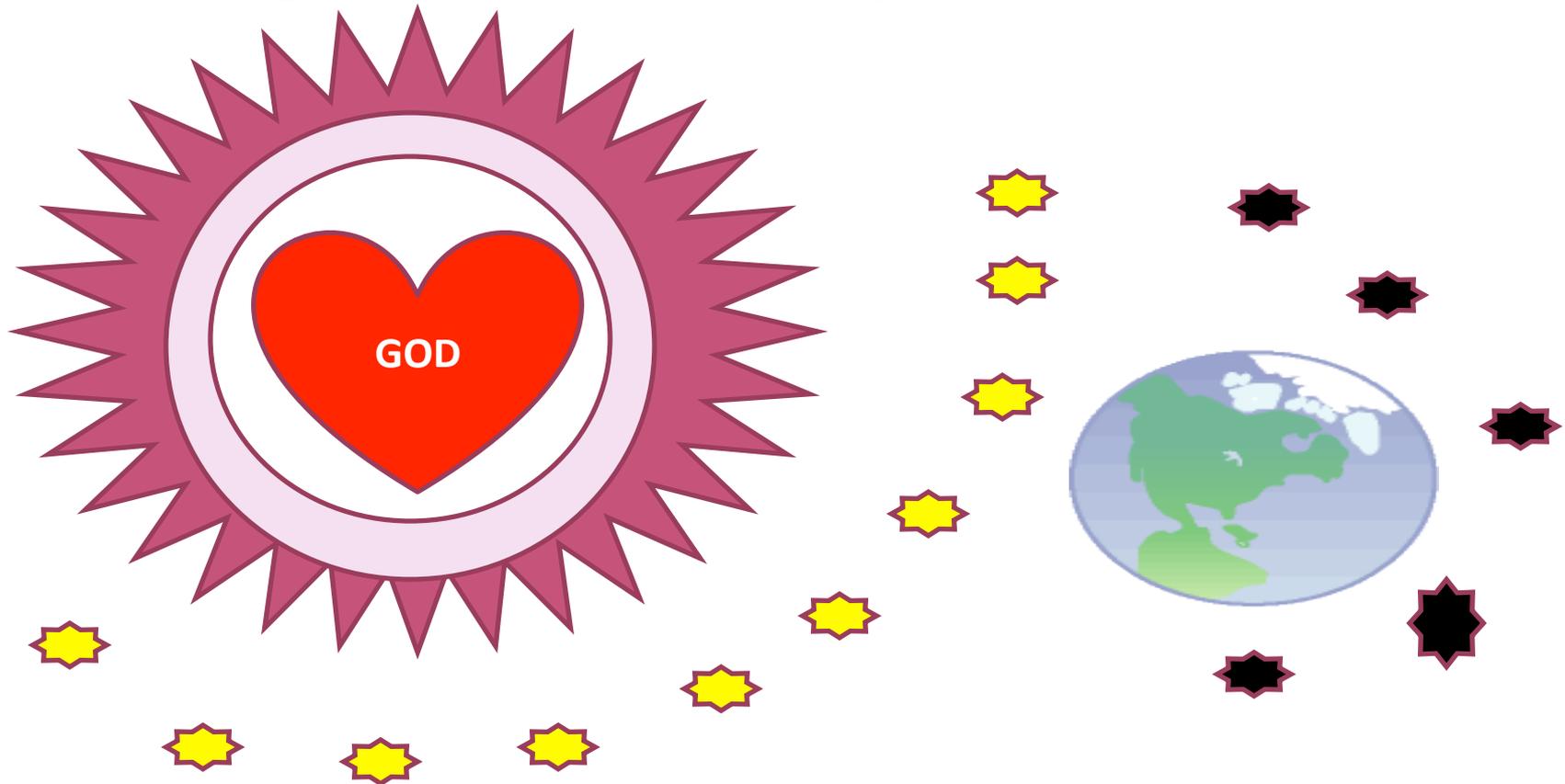
At some point in eternity past, a third of these beings rebelled and were cast out of heaven (see Isa.14:12-15; Eze. 28:11-19). Jesus said, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven” (Luke 10:18). This was the first case of the creation rebelling against the Creator.



GOD CREATED ANGELIC SPIRITS (SOME WHO REBELLED)

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

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



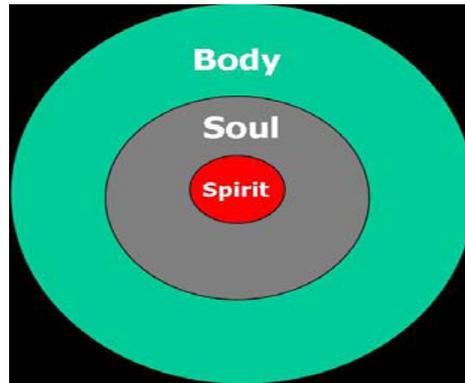
GOD CREATED ANGELIC SPIRITS (SOME WHO REBELLED)

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

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

GOD CREATED MAN

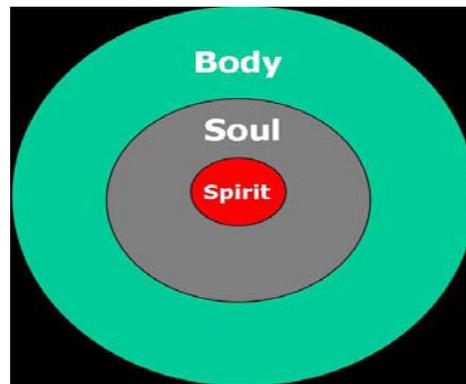
Next, God created man. He made Adam – the first man. Then He brought Eve to him. Adam and Eve lived in a perfect environment. All they needed was supplied for them. They walked in innocence of Sin and in God's presence.



GOD CREATED MAN

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

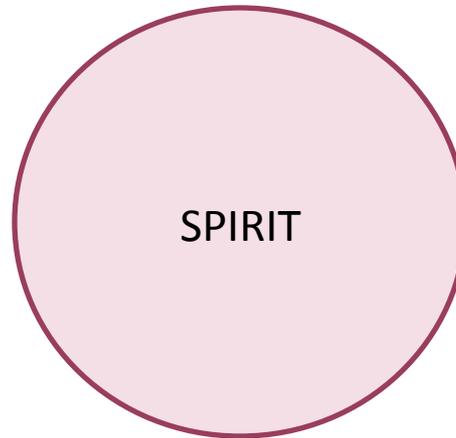
- “dust of the ground” **A BODY**
- “breathed into his nostrils the breath of life” **A SPIRIT**
- “man became a living being” **A SOUL**



GOD CREATED MAN

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

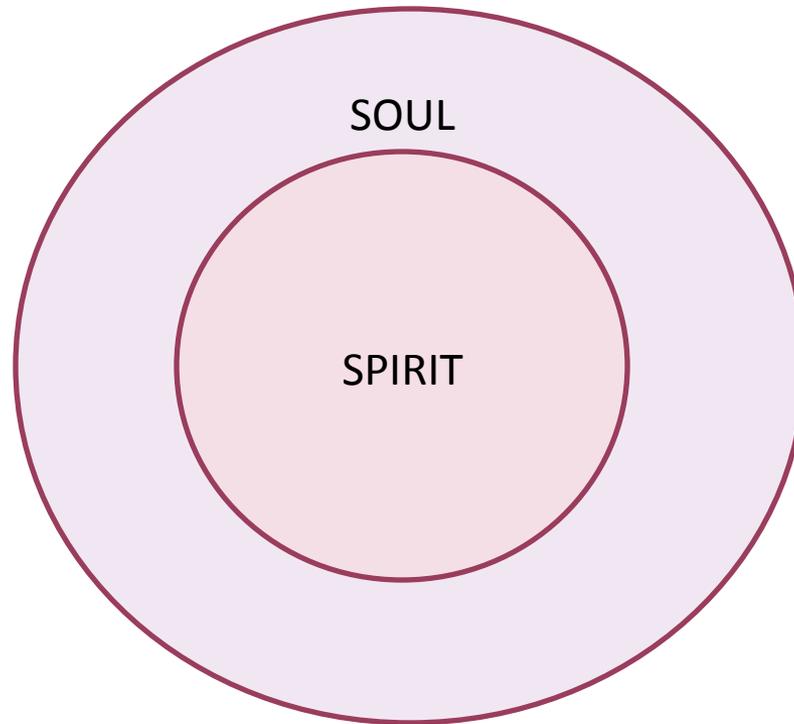
MAN IS SPIRIT



GOD CREATED MAN

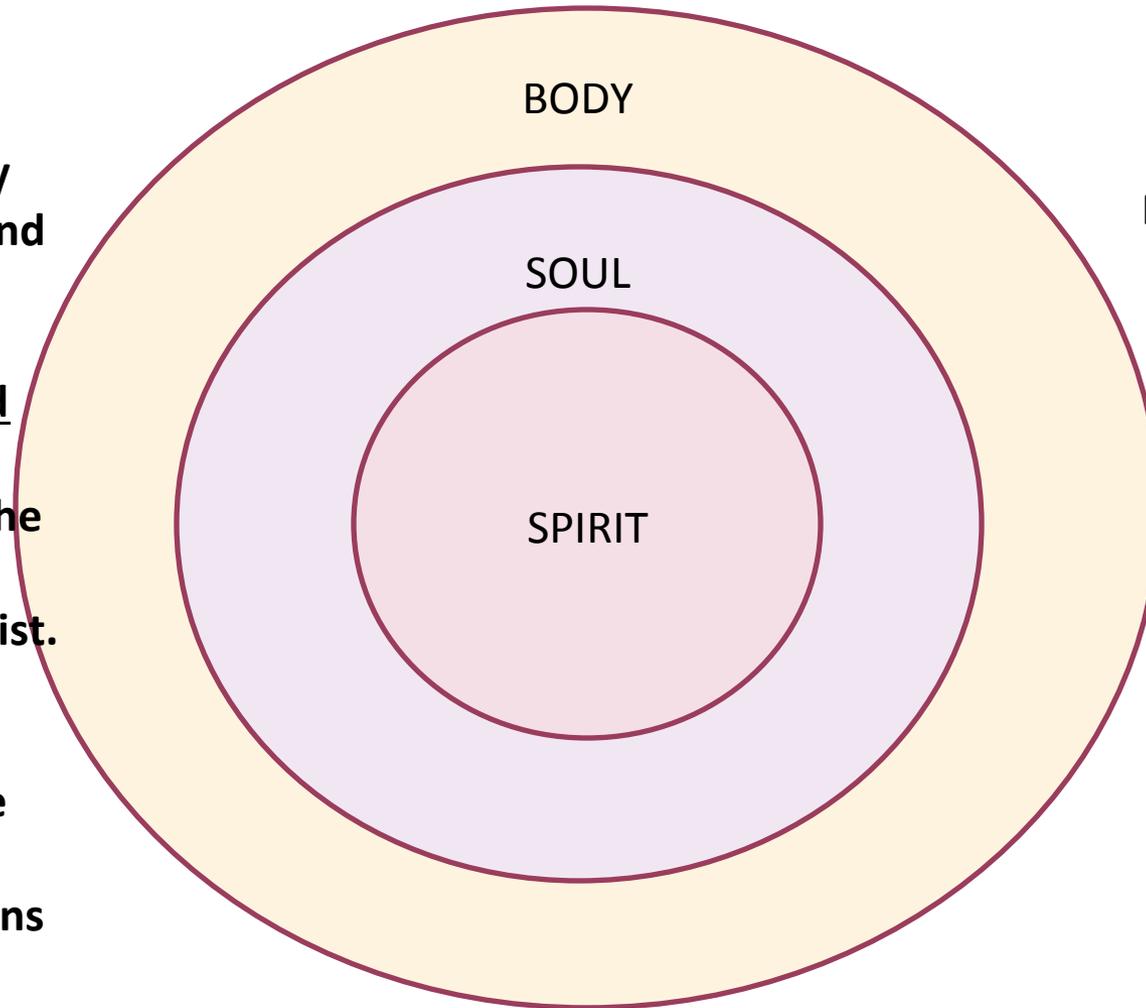
You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.
(Revelation 4:11)

MAN IS SOUL



GOD CREATED MAN

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



MAN IS BODY

GOD WARNS MAN

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

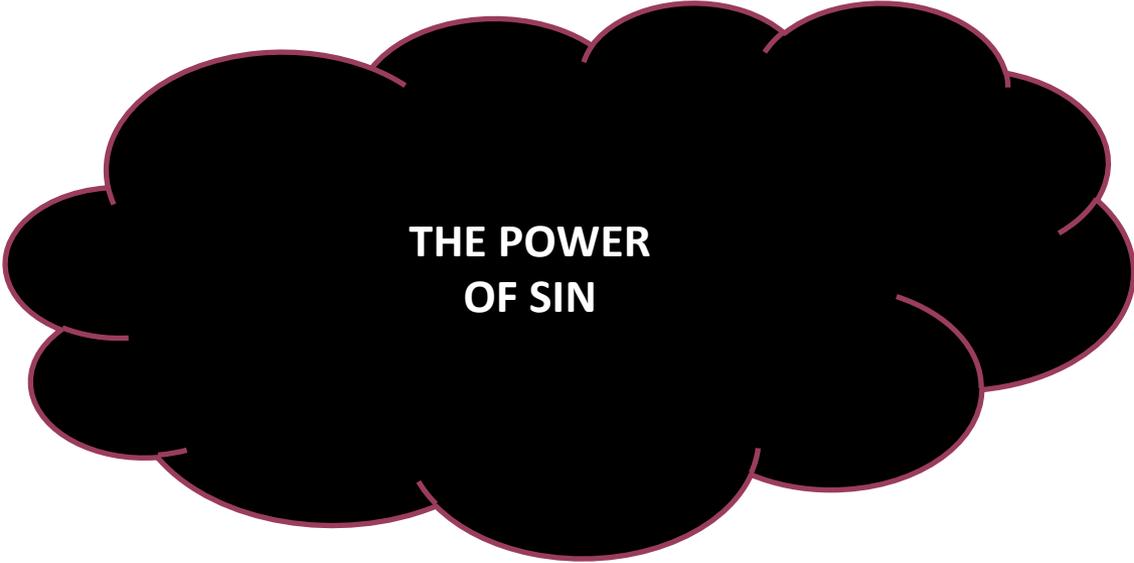
And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die." (Genesis 2:16-17)



SATAN AND SIN ENTER

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

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



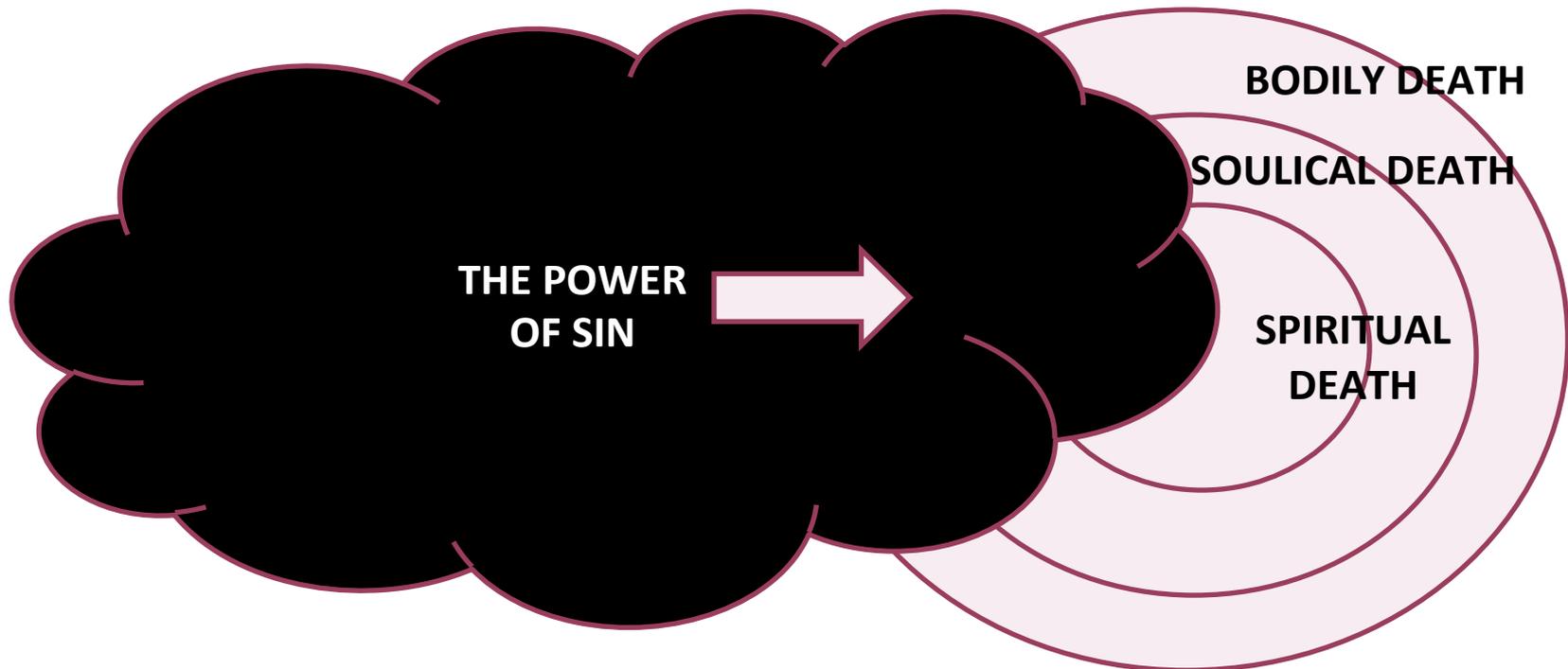
**THE POWER
OF SIN**

DEATH!!

The consequence was **SPIRITUAL, SOULICAL, BODILY DEATH.**

Immediate “spiritual death” for they were separated from God and all those from Adam’s seed were born spiritually dead to God.

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

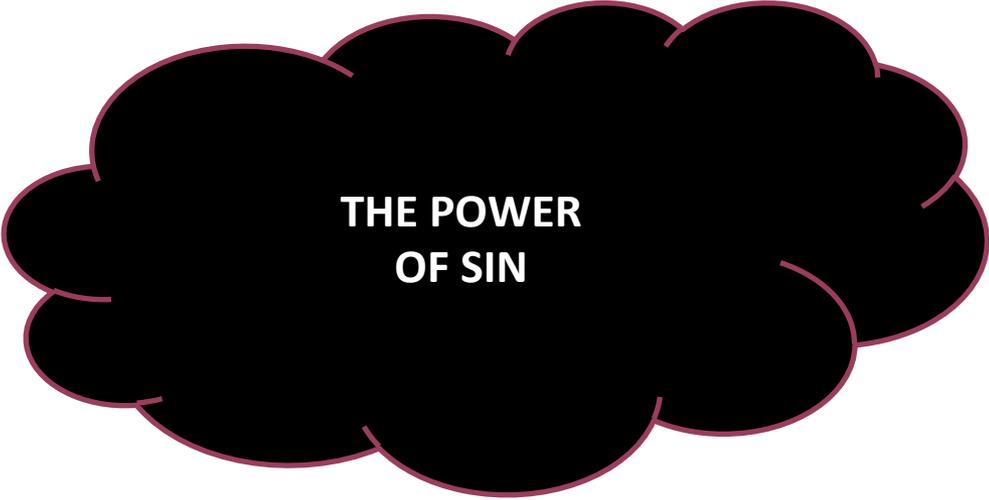


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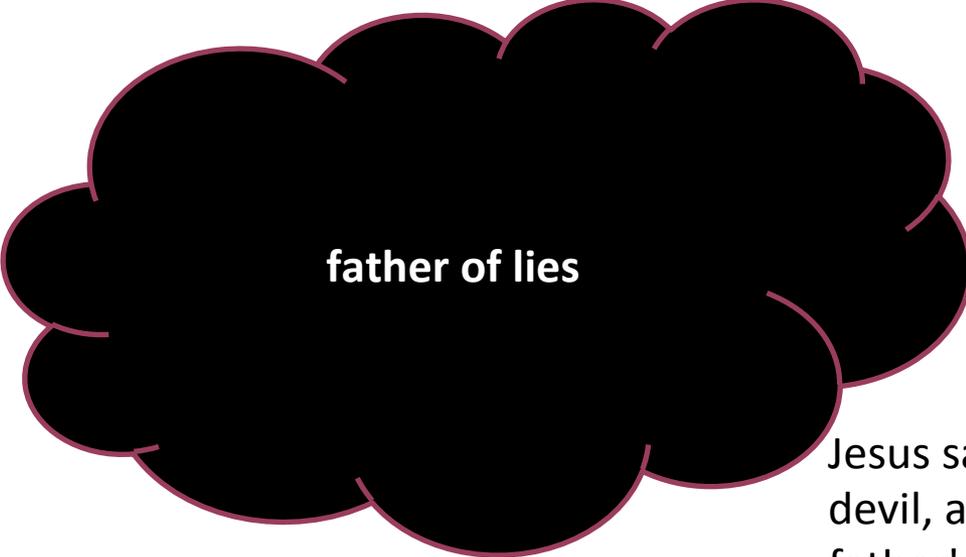
Let it be said that this lie is still being used today. Mankind is still trying to be "gods" & believing themselves more knowledgeable than God Himself." Trying to "be like God."



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



father of lies

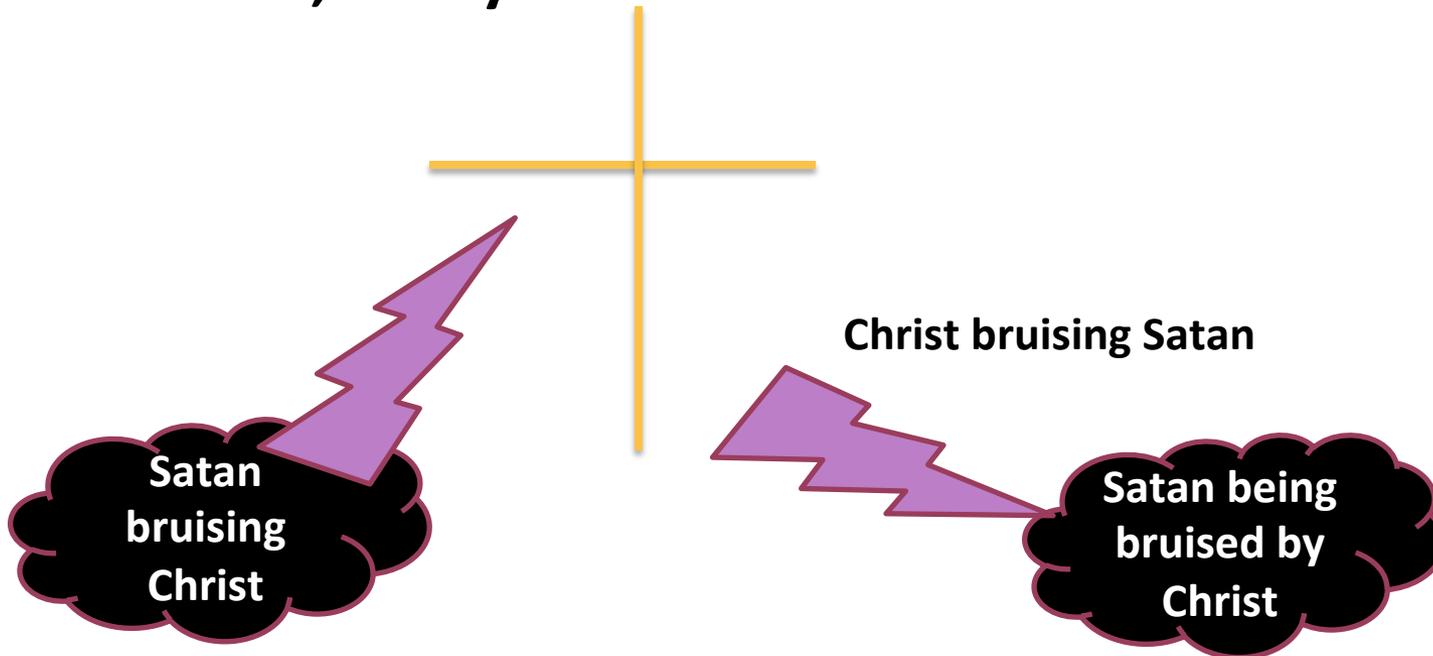
Jesus said, You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for **there is no truth in him**. When he lies, he **speaks his native language**, for he is **a liar and the father of lies**. (John 8:44)

THE PROMISED SAVIOR

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

God speaking to Satan said,

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



SEED OF THE WOMAN

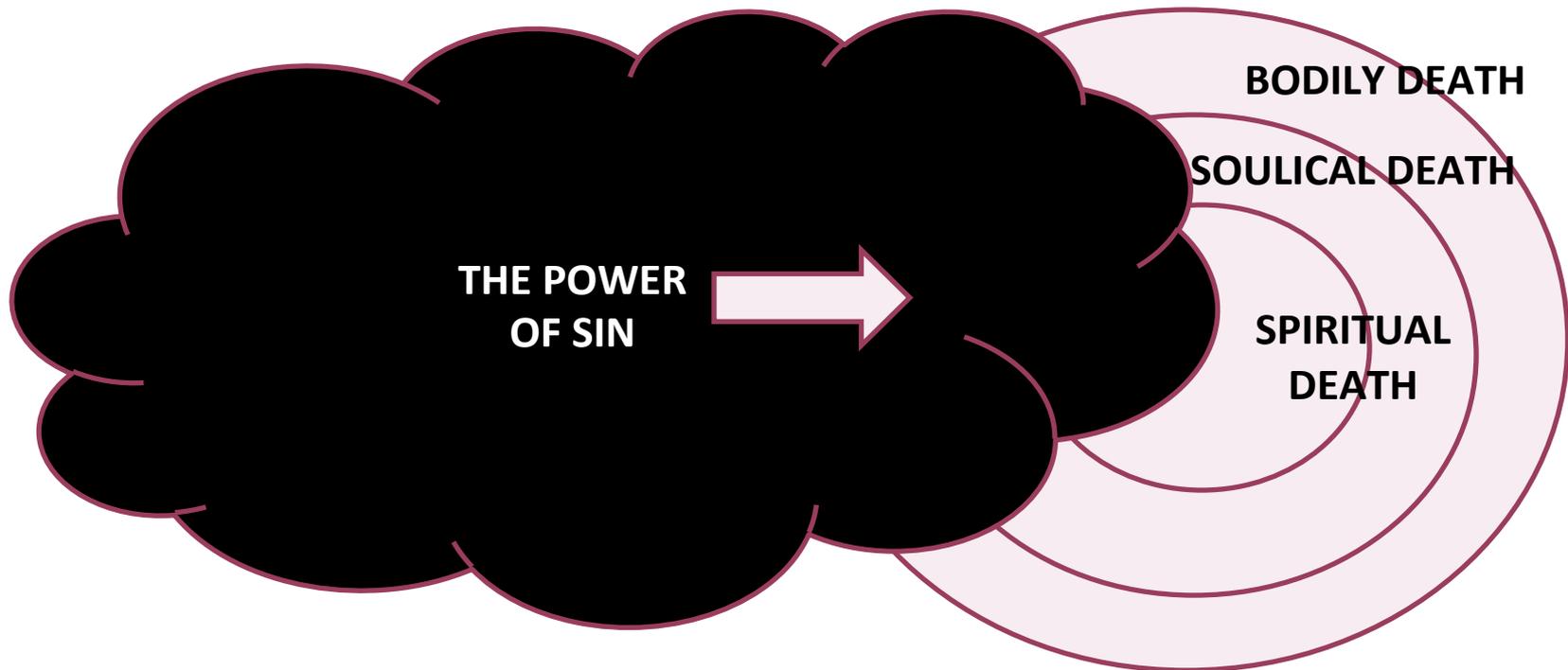
Here we see the “seed of the woman”. Usually, it is the “seed” of the man. God was showing that the “SEED” Christ Jesus was going to come into the world through a woman but without a man. CHRIST IS THE “SEED”.

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



ADAM'S SINFUL NATURE

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

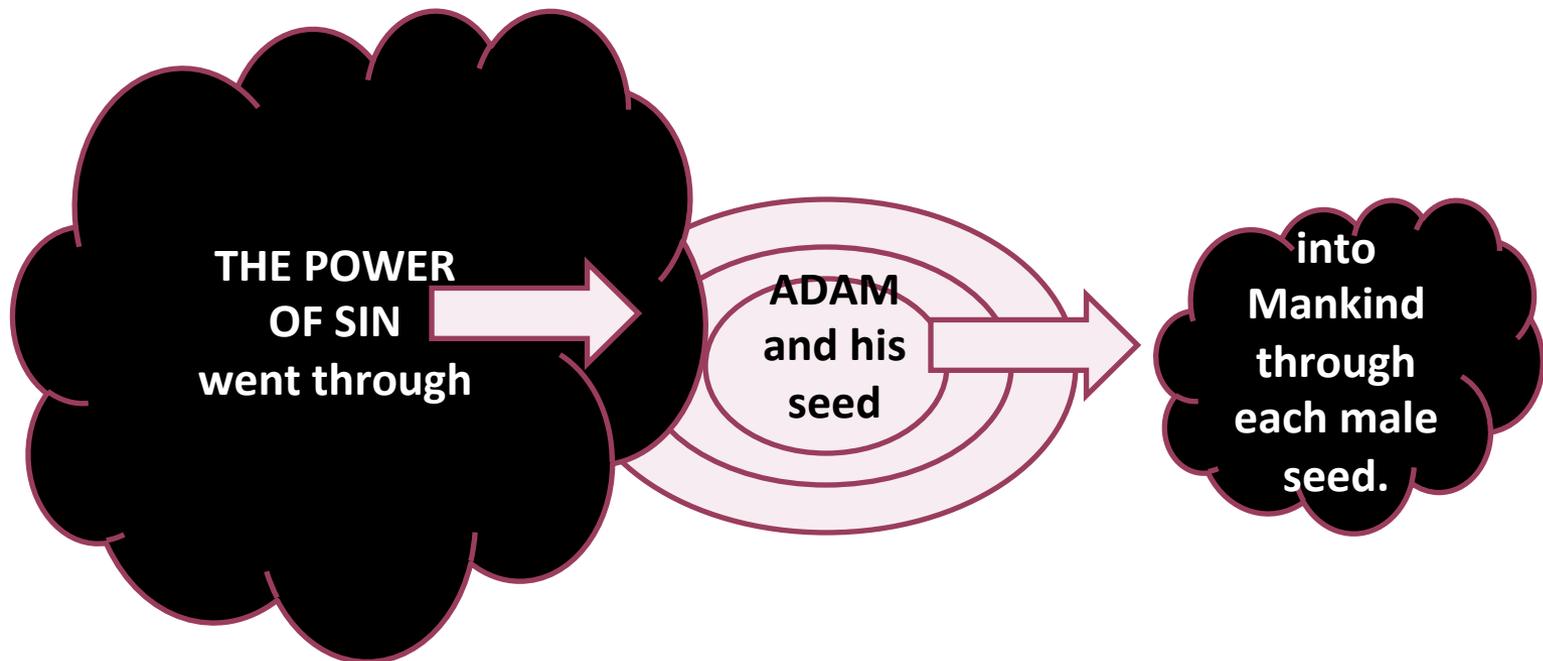


SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL DEATH

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

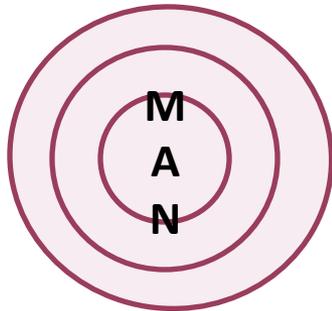
Adam had experienced “spiritual death” but physical death yet until later in his earthly existence.

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



SIN PERVADES EVERYTHING NOT OF GOD

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



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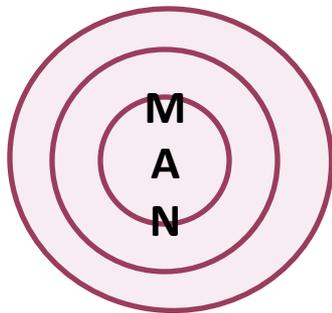
Sin is the absence of GOD (God is holy).

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

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

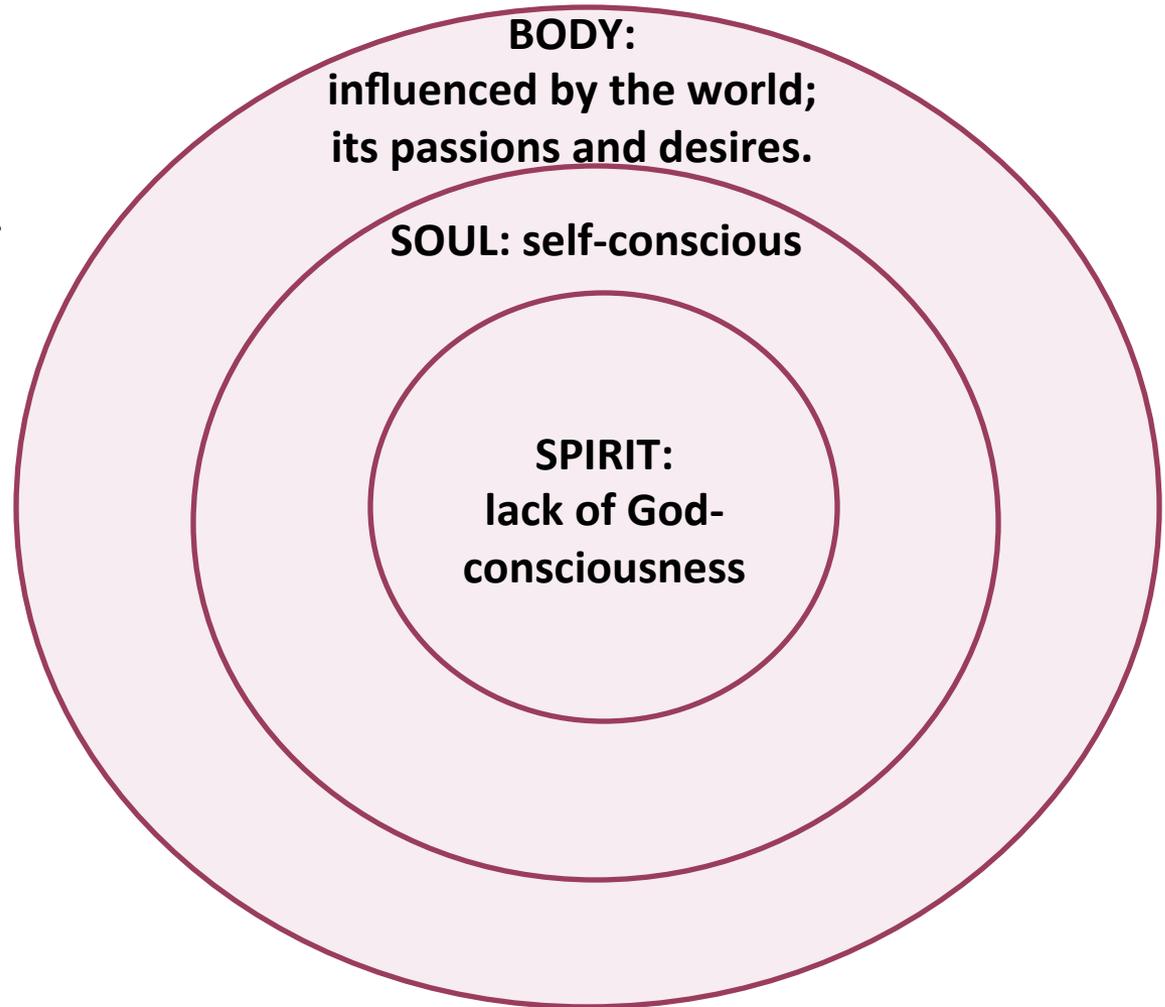
Fear is the absence of FAITH/TRUST (God is trustworthy).

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



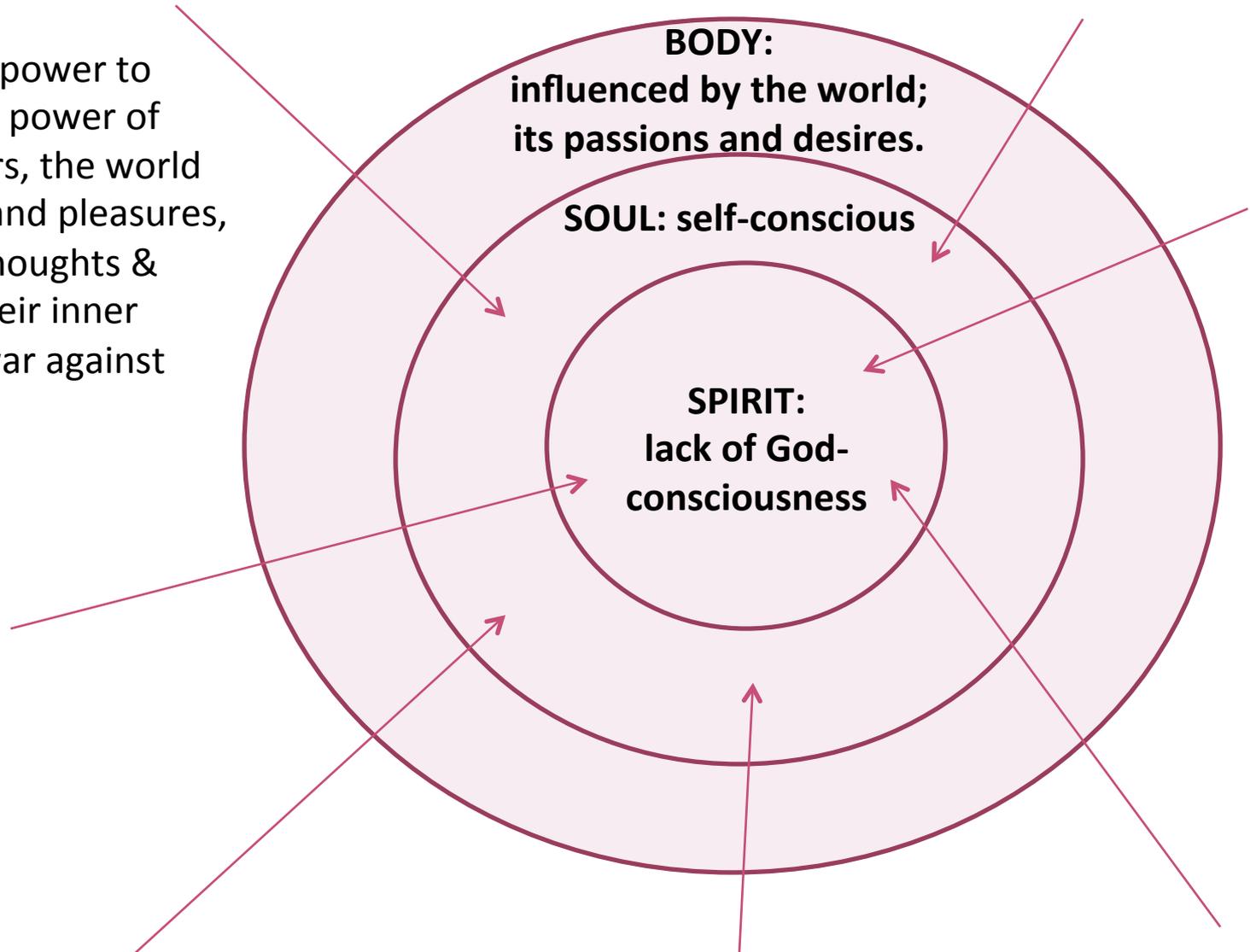
A PERSON WITH AN UNREGENERATED SPIRIT

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



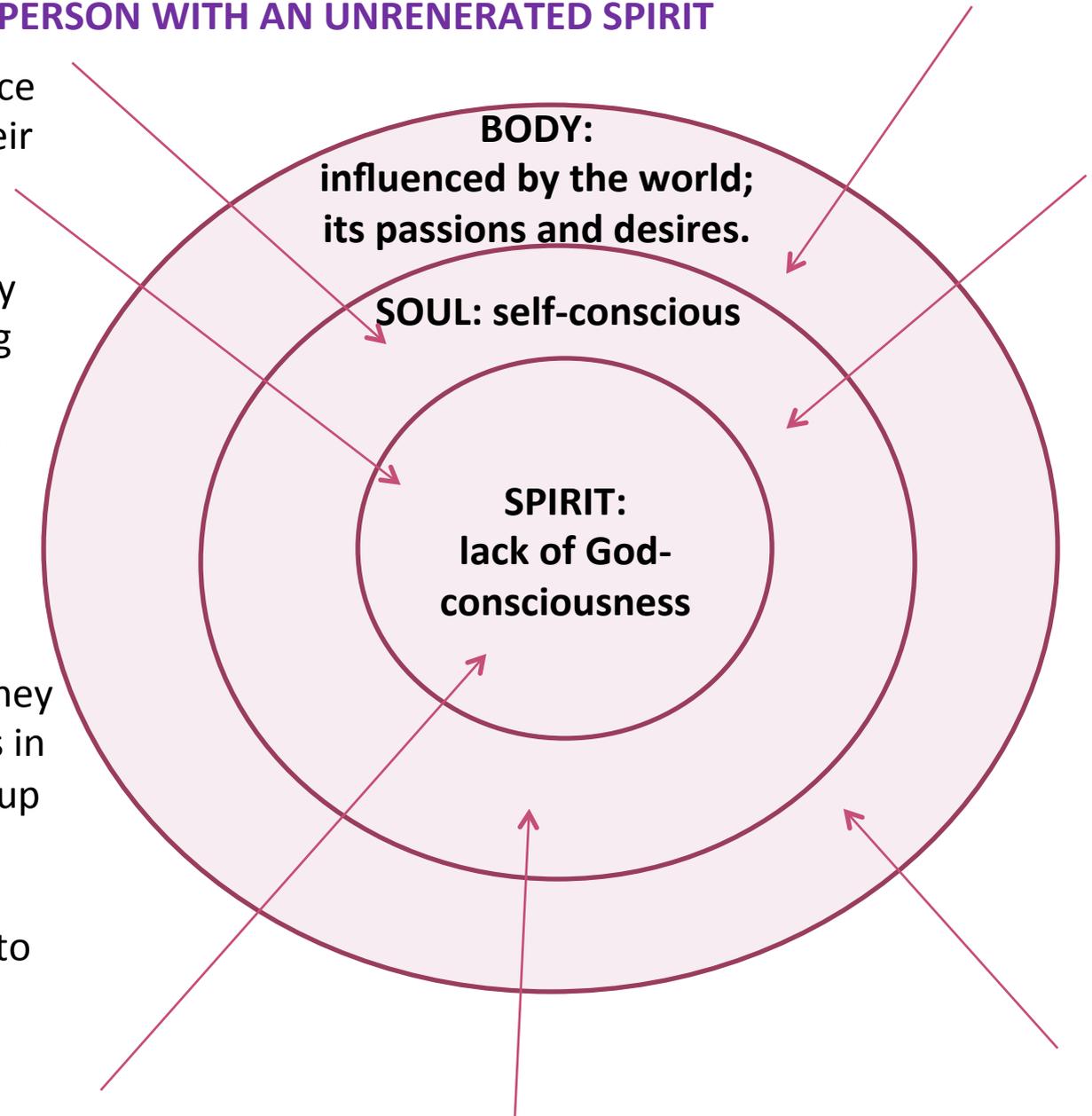
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They have no power to overcome the power of Satanic powers, the world with its lusts and pleasures, their wrong thoughts & words, and their inner desires that war against God.



A PERSON WITH AN UNREGENERATED SPIRIT

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

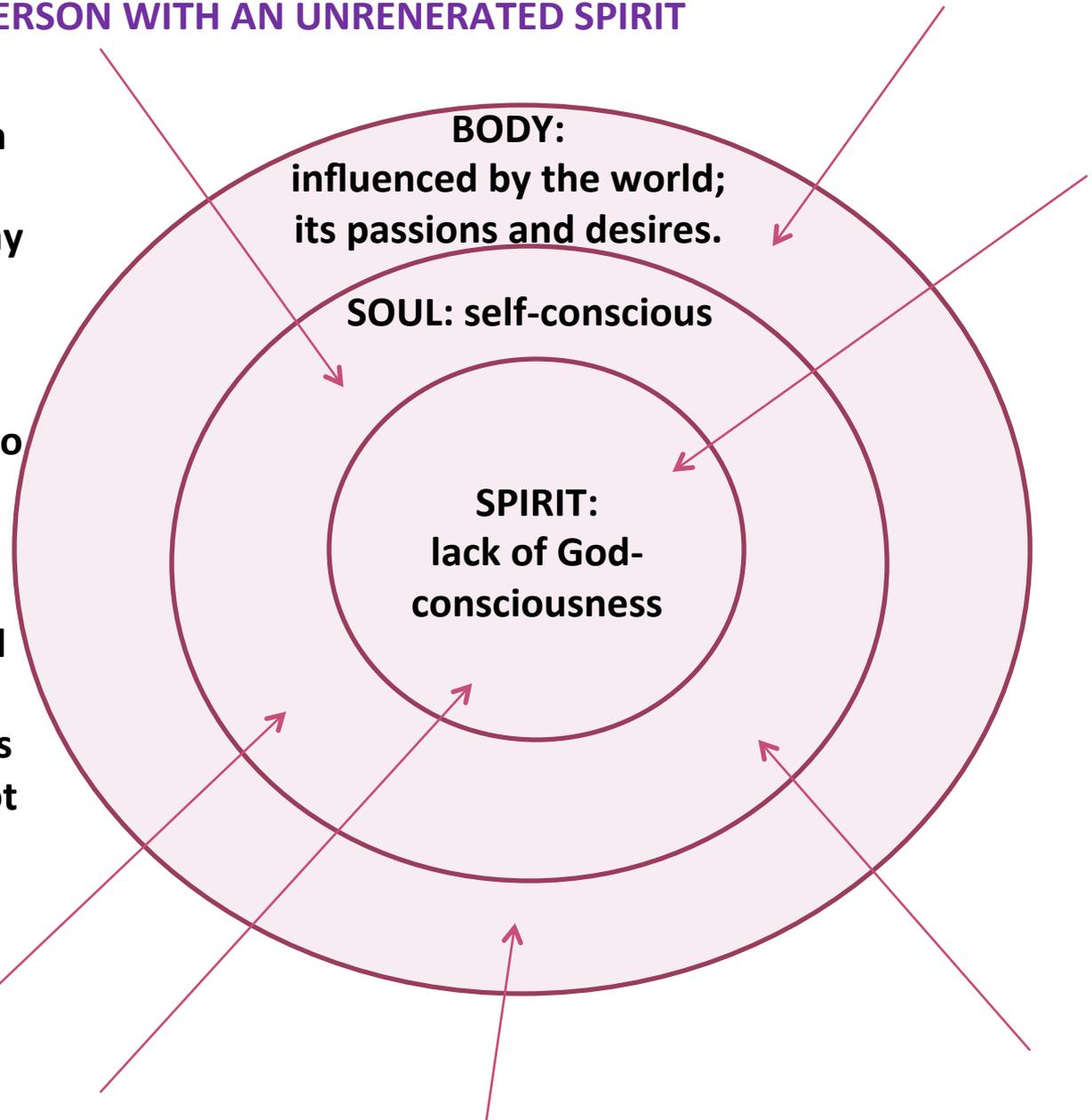


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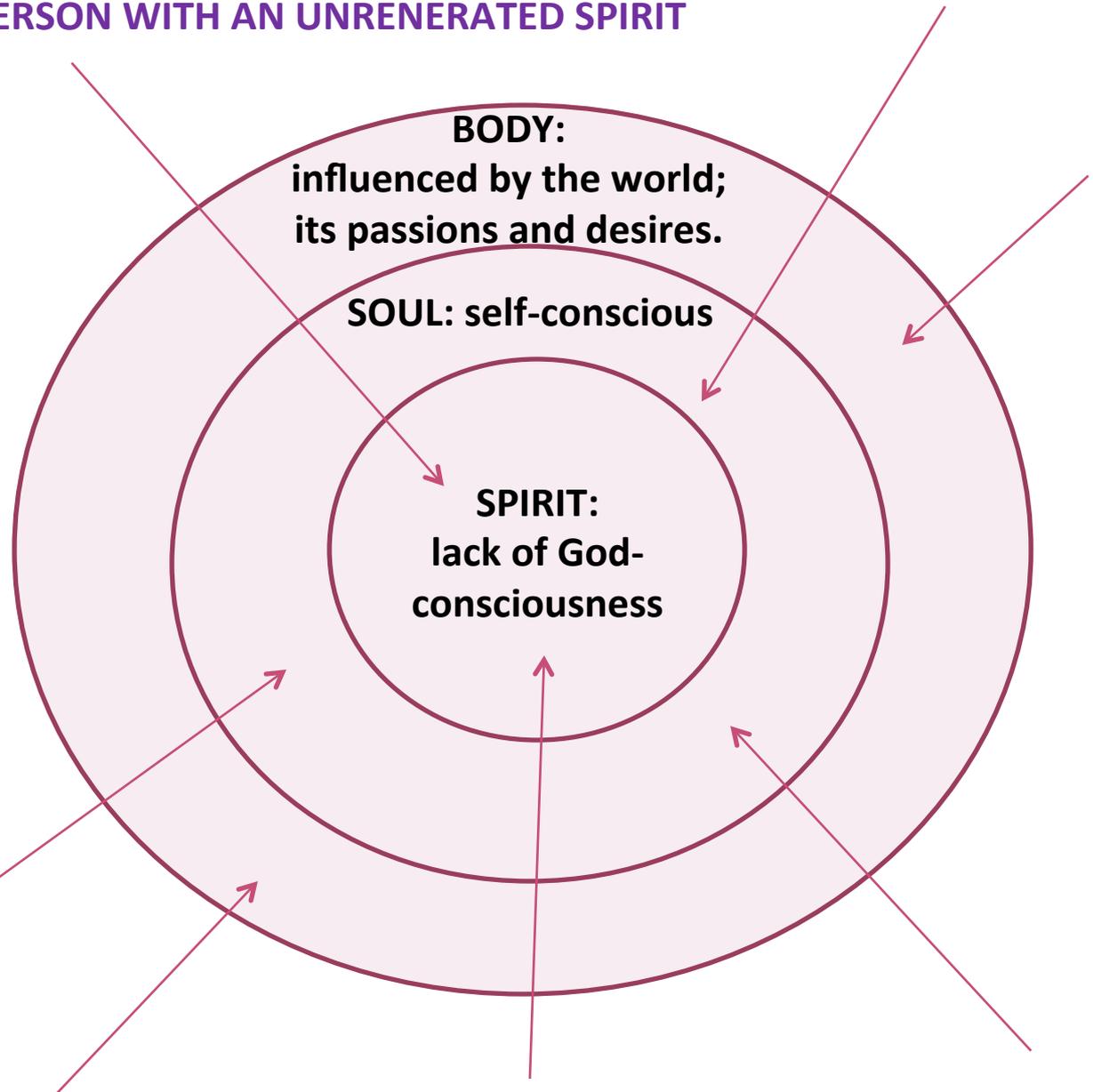
As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one; there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God. All have turned away, they have together become worthless; there is no one who does good, not even one."
(Romans 3:10-12)

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
(Romans 3:23)



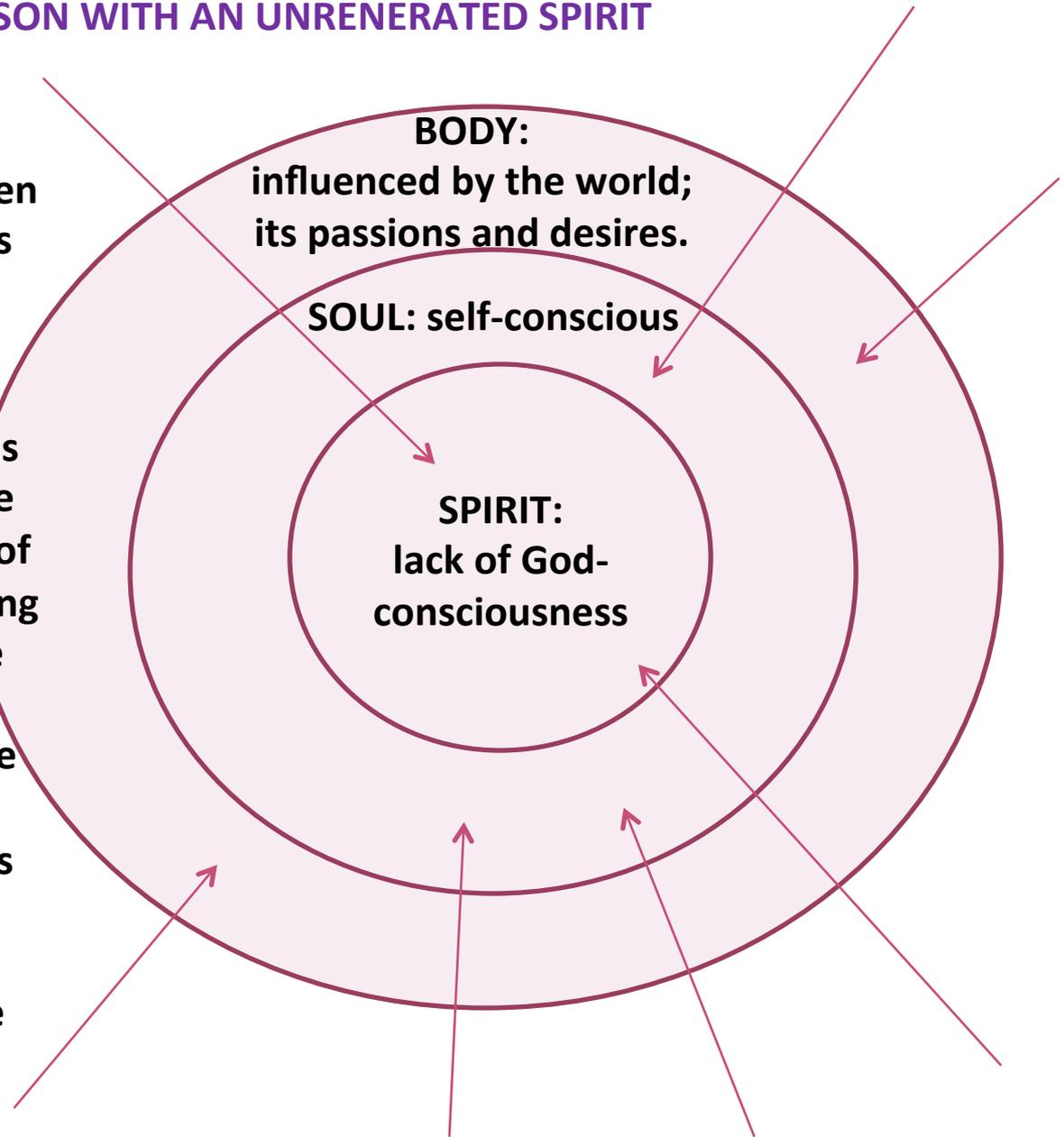
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But what does it say?
"The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,"
that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you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



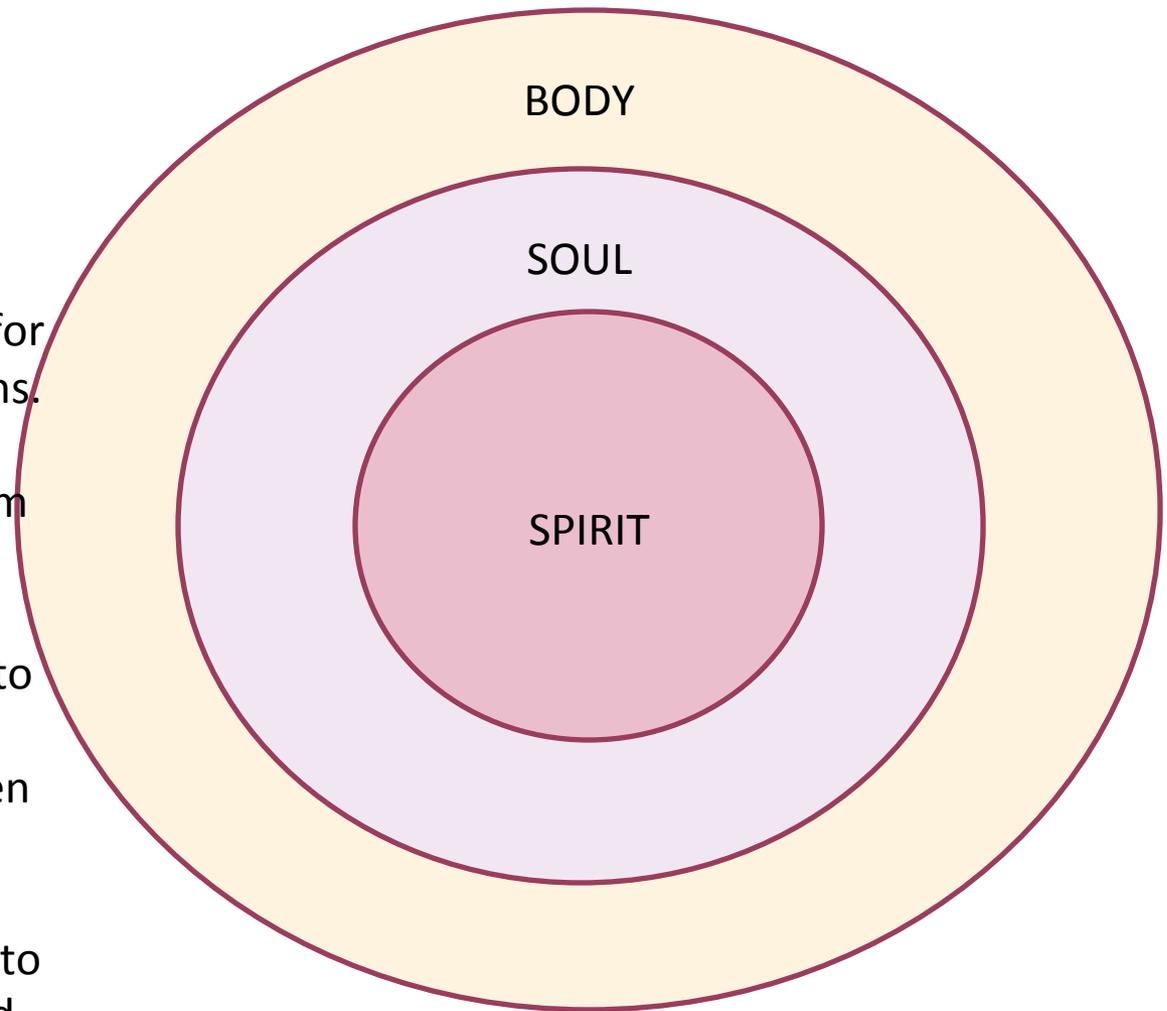
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As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived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



A BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN WITH A RENERATED SPIRIT

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

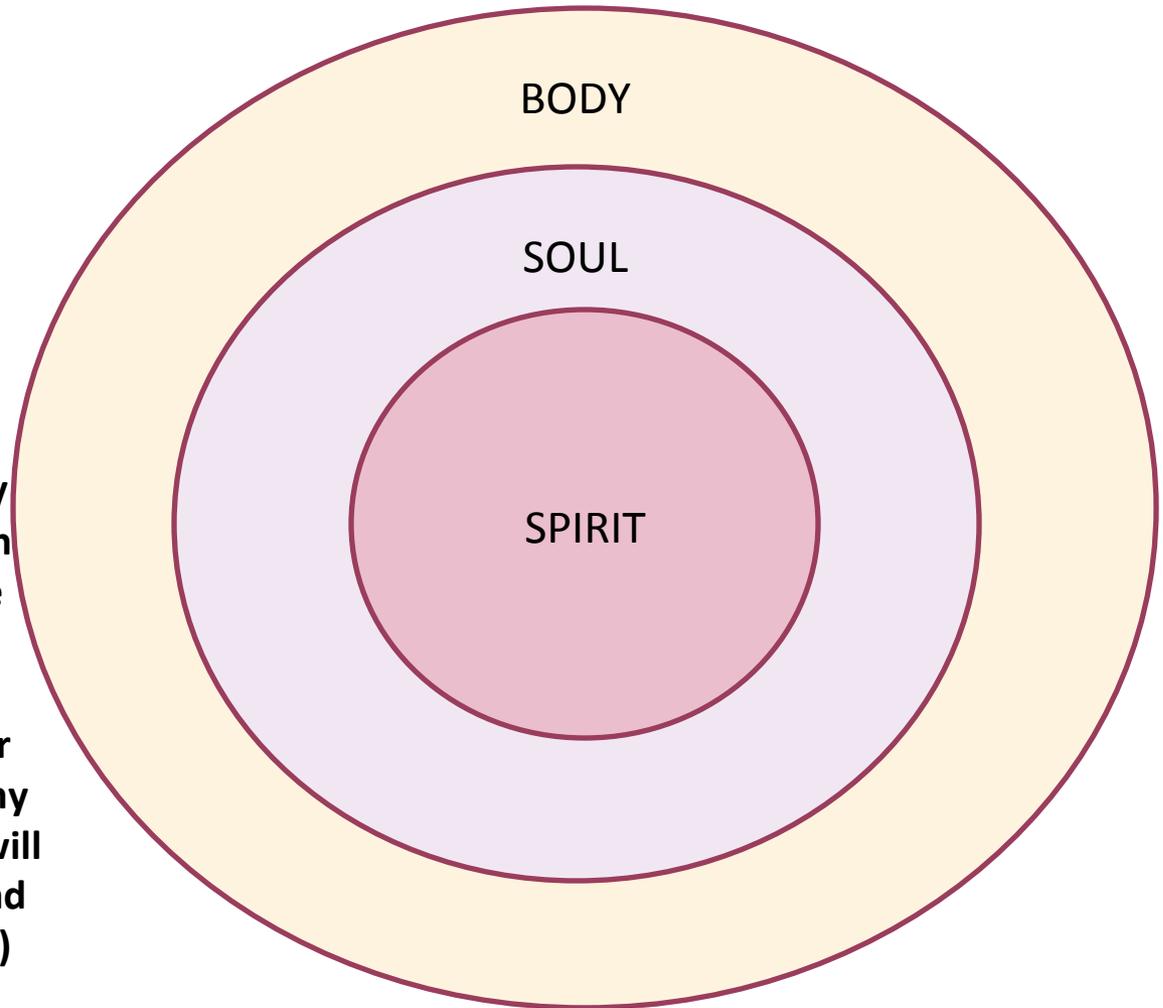


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For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, (1 Cor.15:3-4)

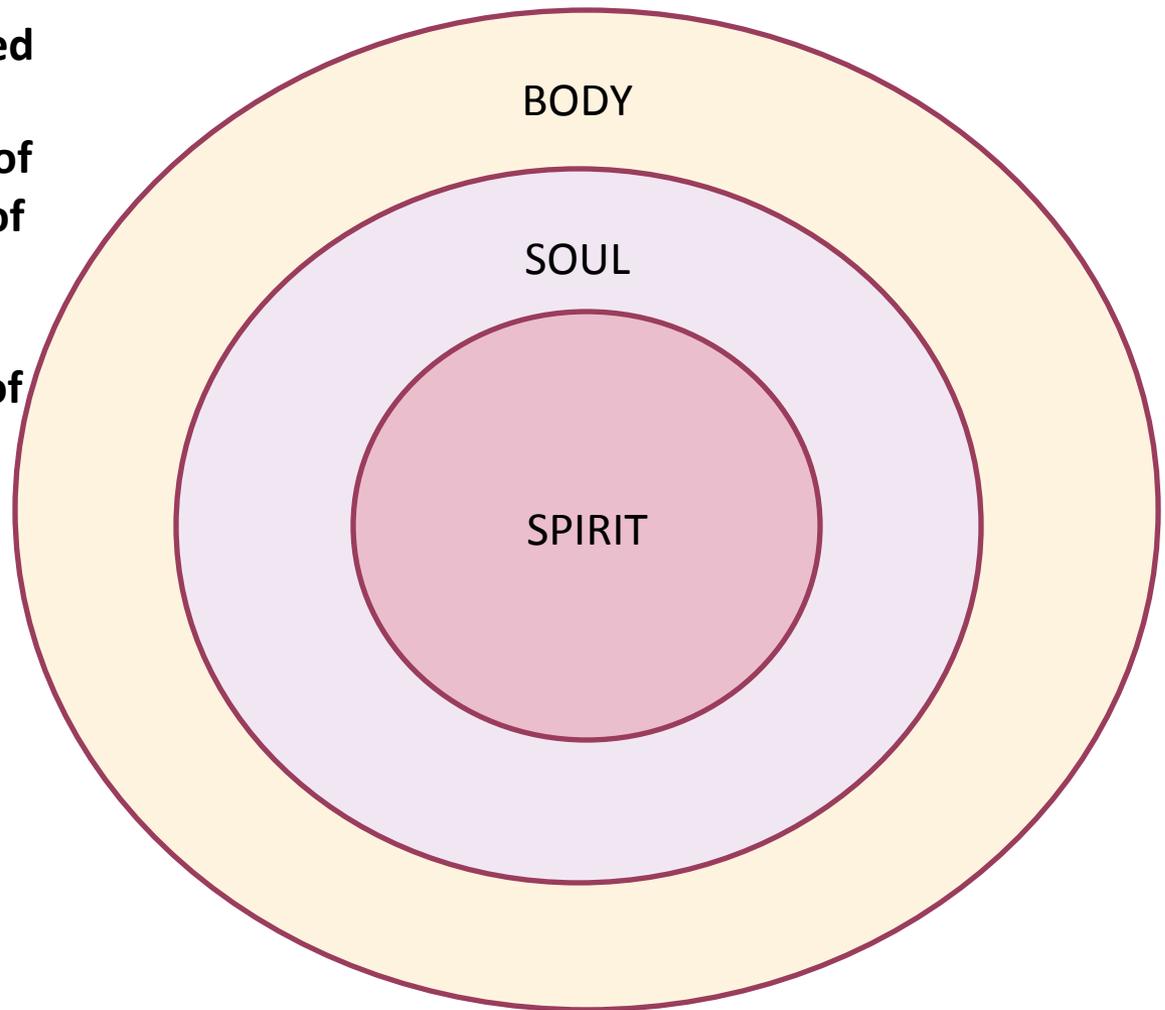
"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

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



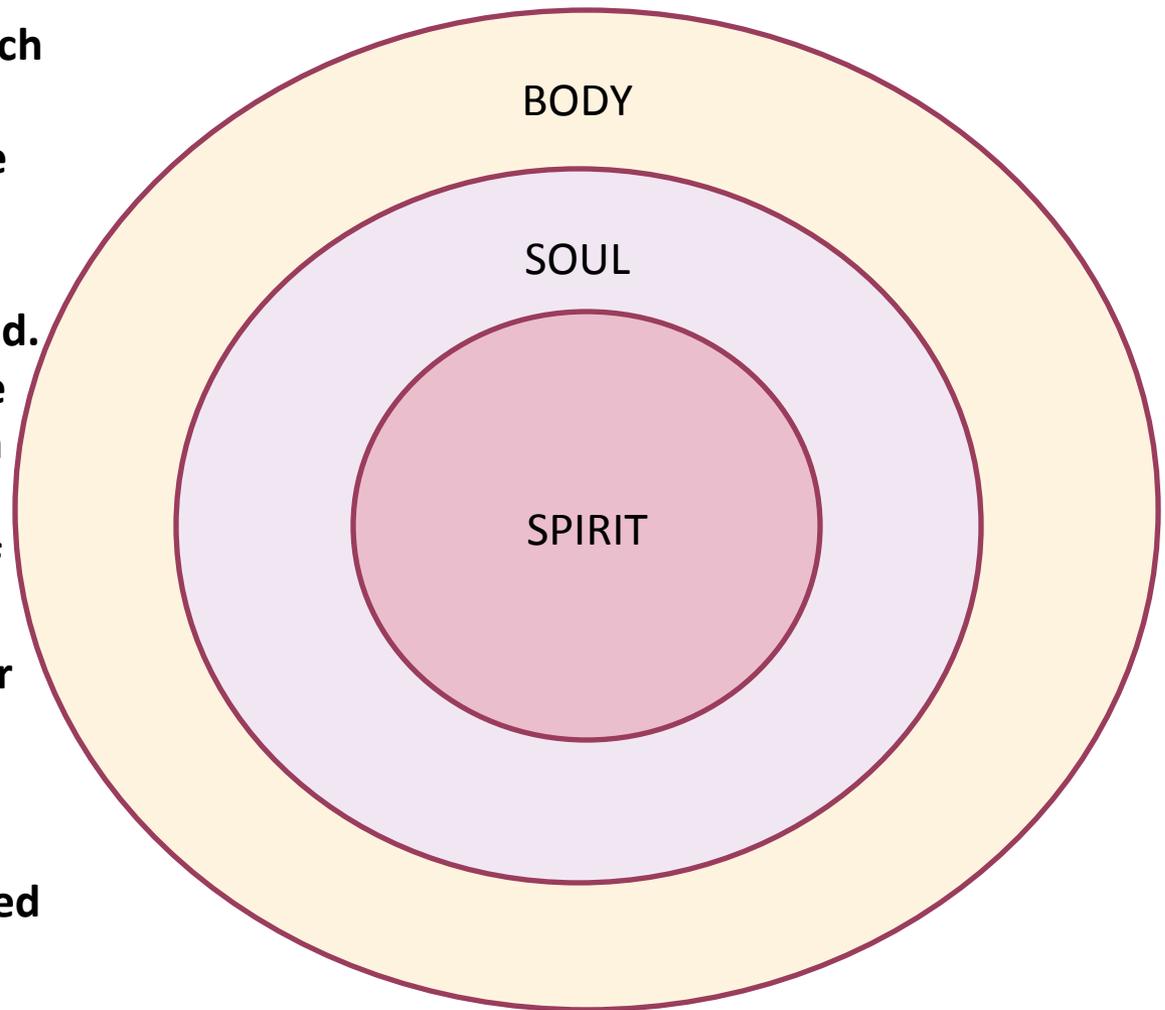
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Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. (John 1:12-13)



A BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIAN WITH A RENERATED SPIRIT

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



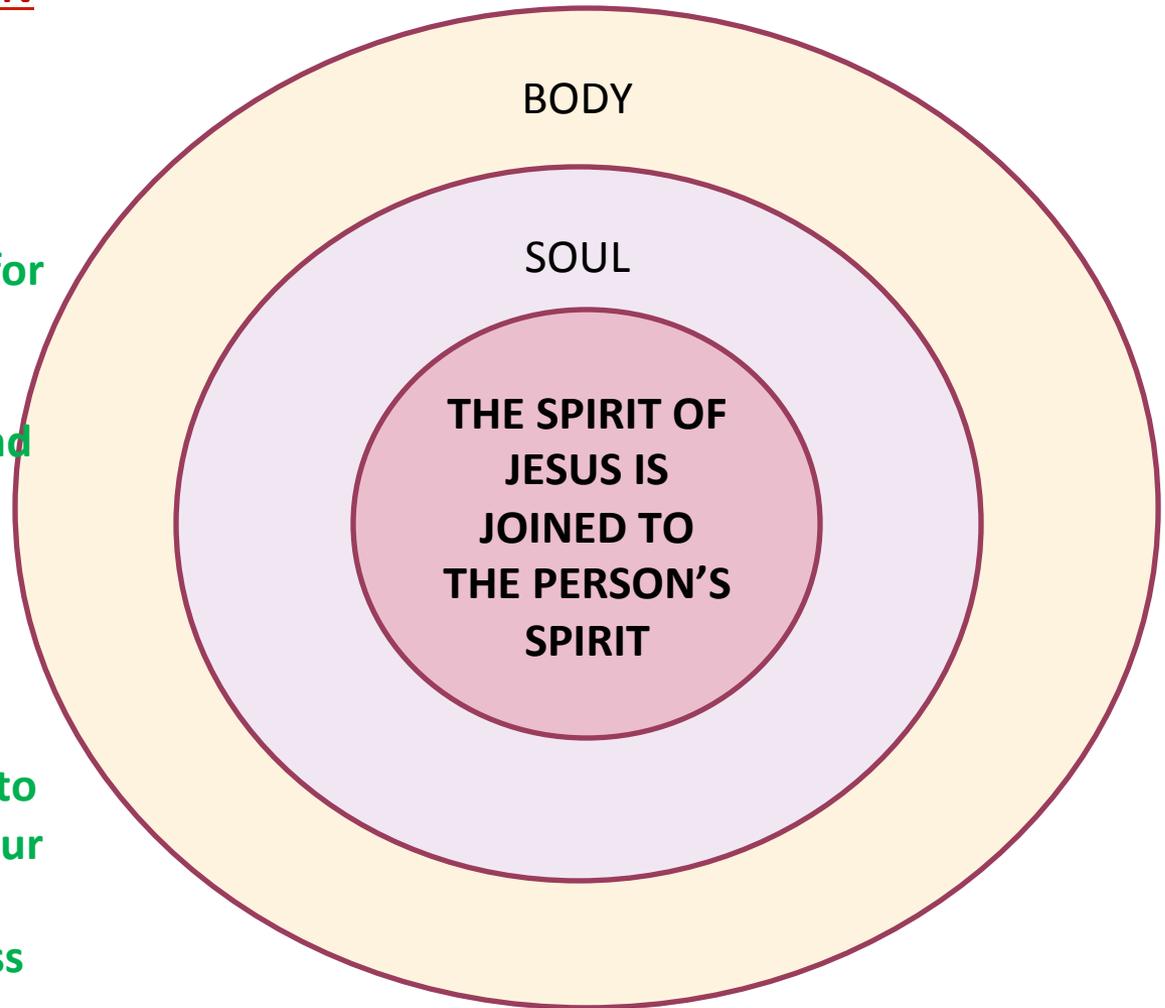
A PRAYER FOR SALVATION TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

A PRAYER FOR SALVATION

(FROM THE HEART)

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

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

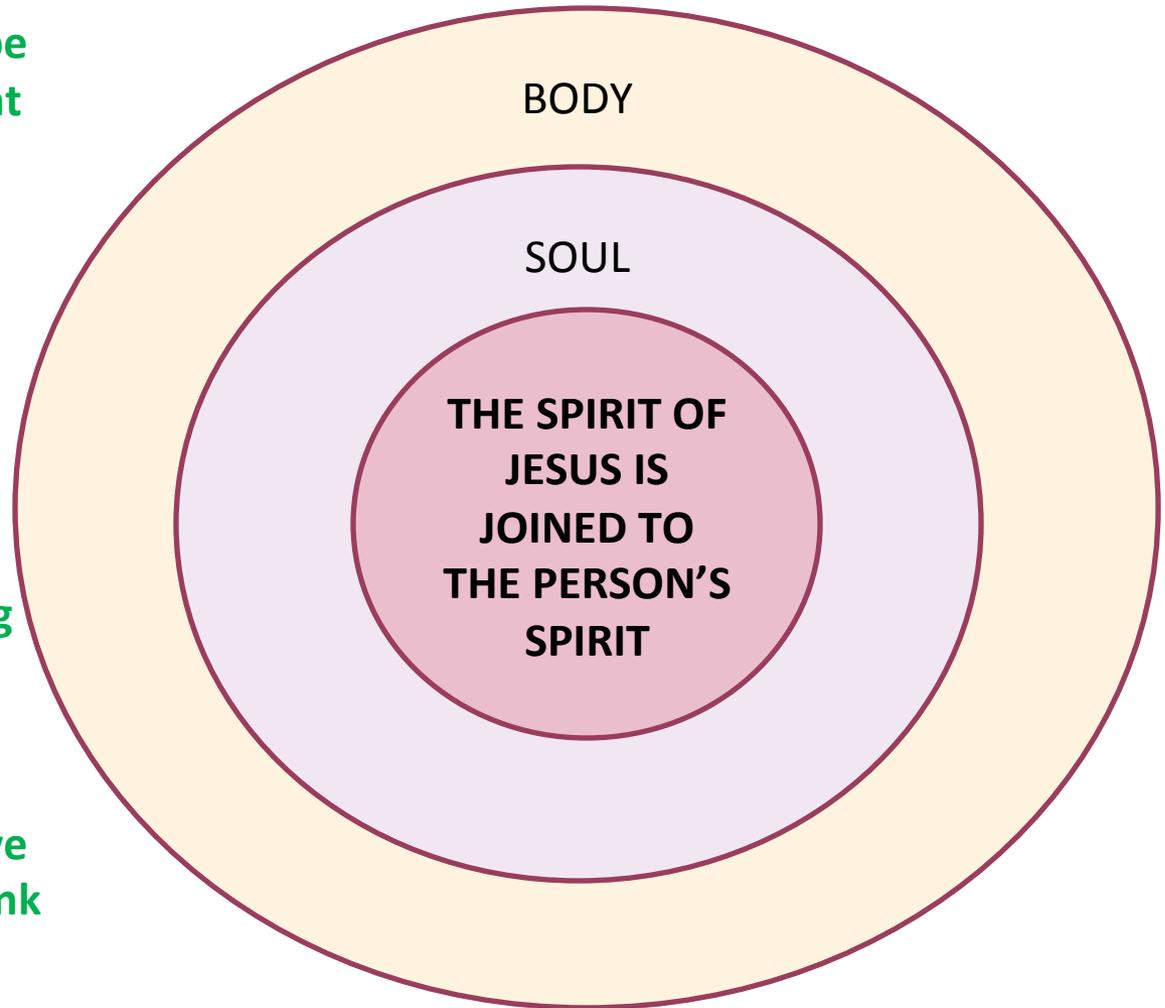


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Lord Jesus, will You now come into my heart and be my Lord and Savior. I want to be a child of God, to have Your Spirit in my spirit, and to call You “friend”.

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

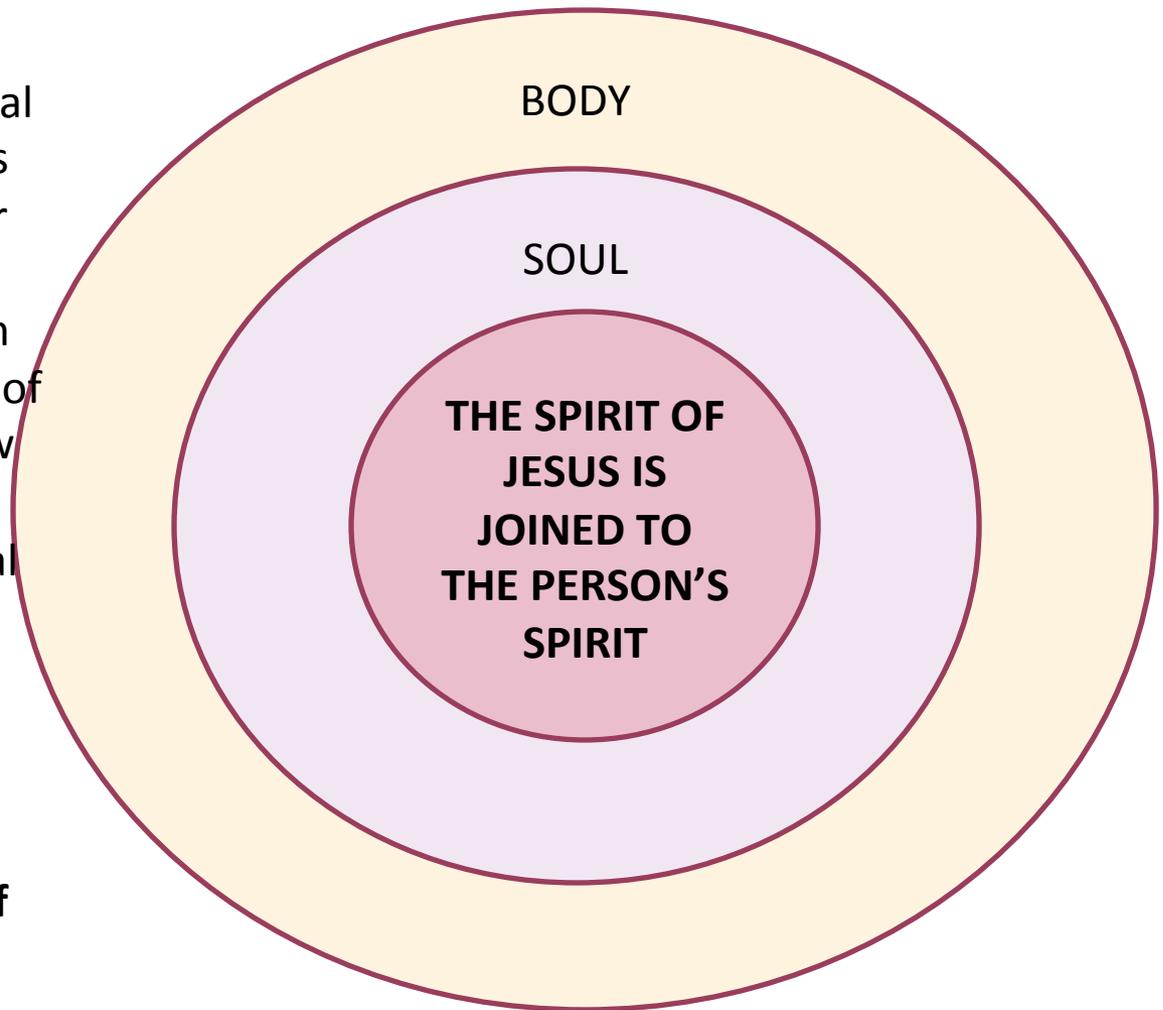
Thank You for rising from the dead so that I can have eternal life with You. Thank You for Your death and resurrection. In Jesus’ Name I pray. Amen.



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

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

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



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

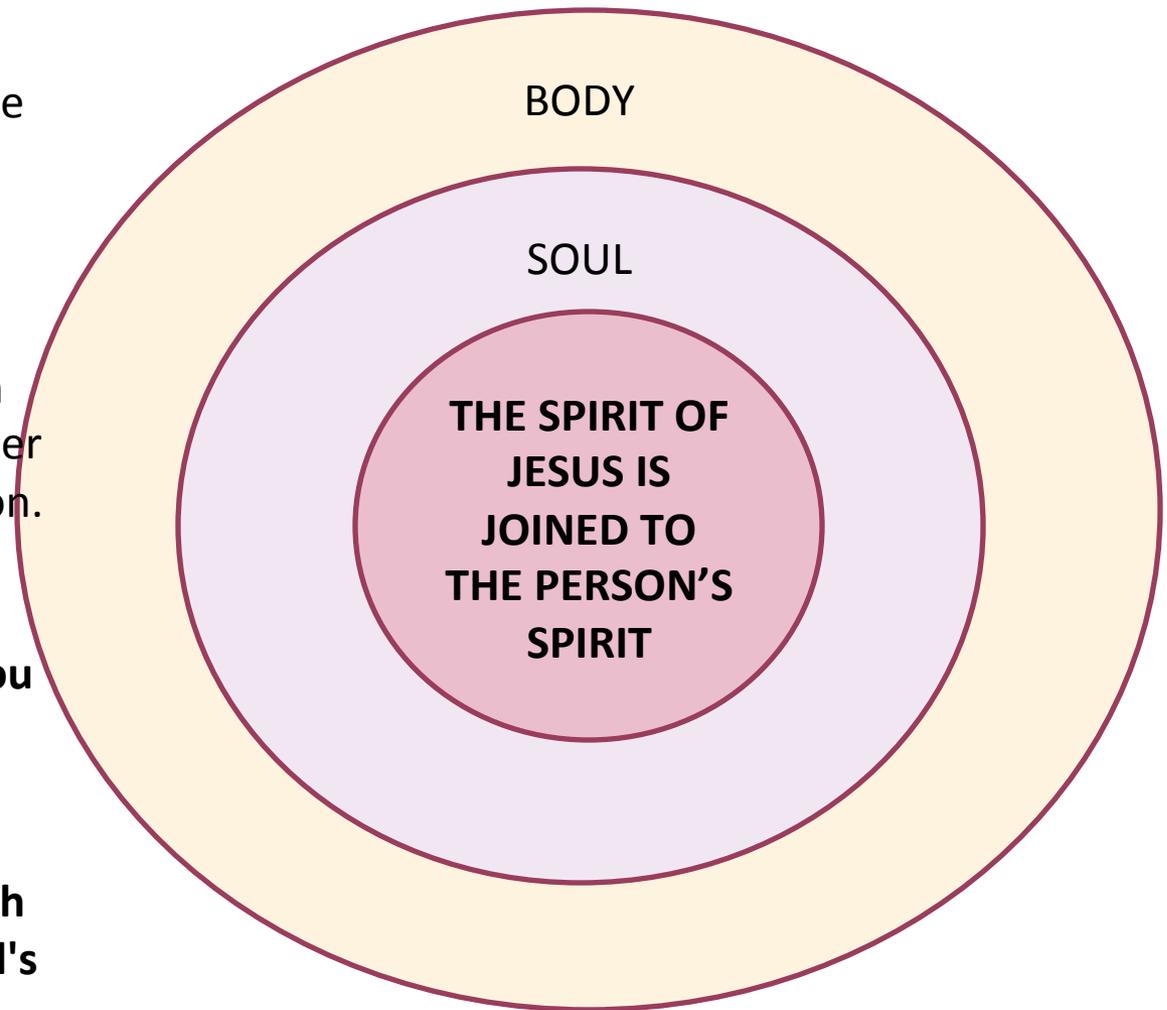
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THE BELIEVER'S SPIRIT

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

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

(Romans 8:14-16)



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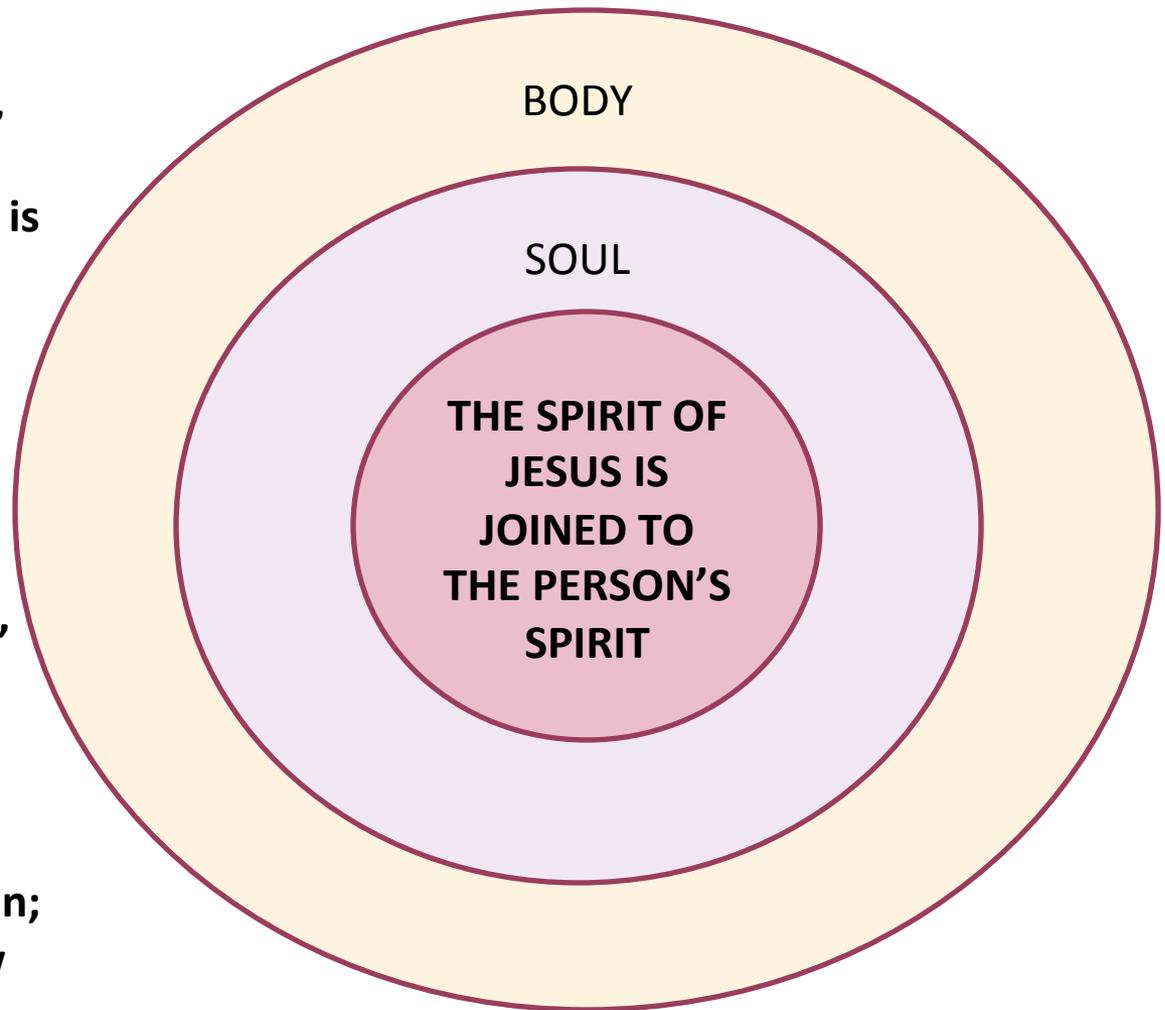
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How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. (1 John 3:1)

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

(1 Peter 1:23)

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



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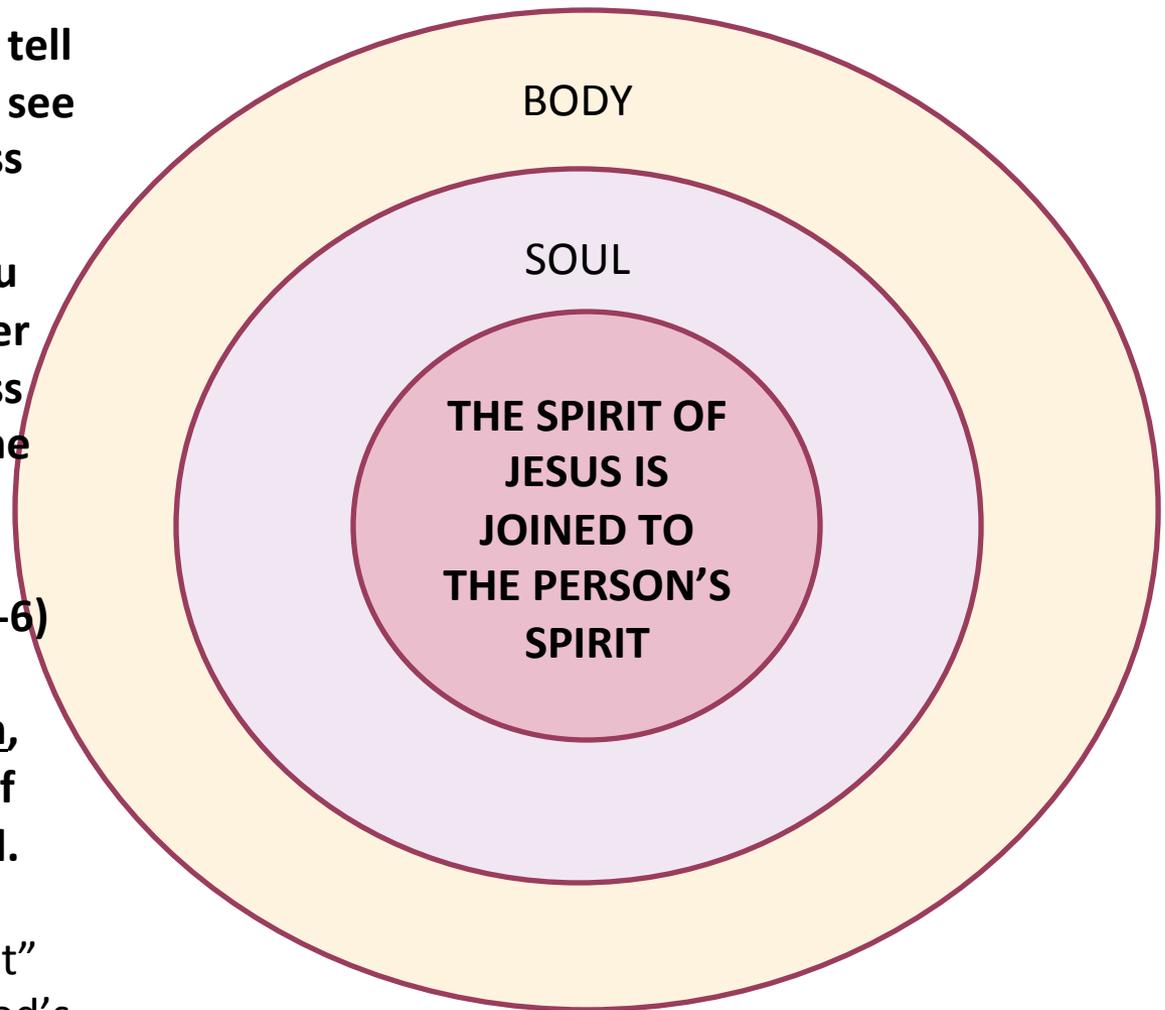
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In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again."

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

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

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

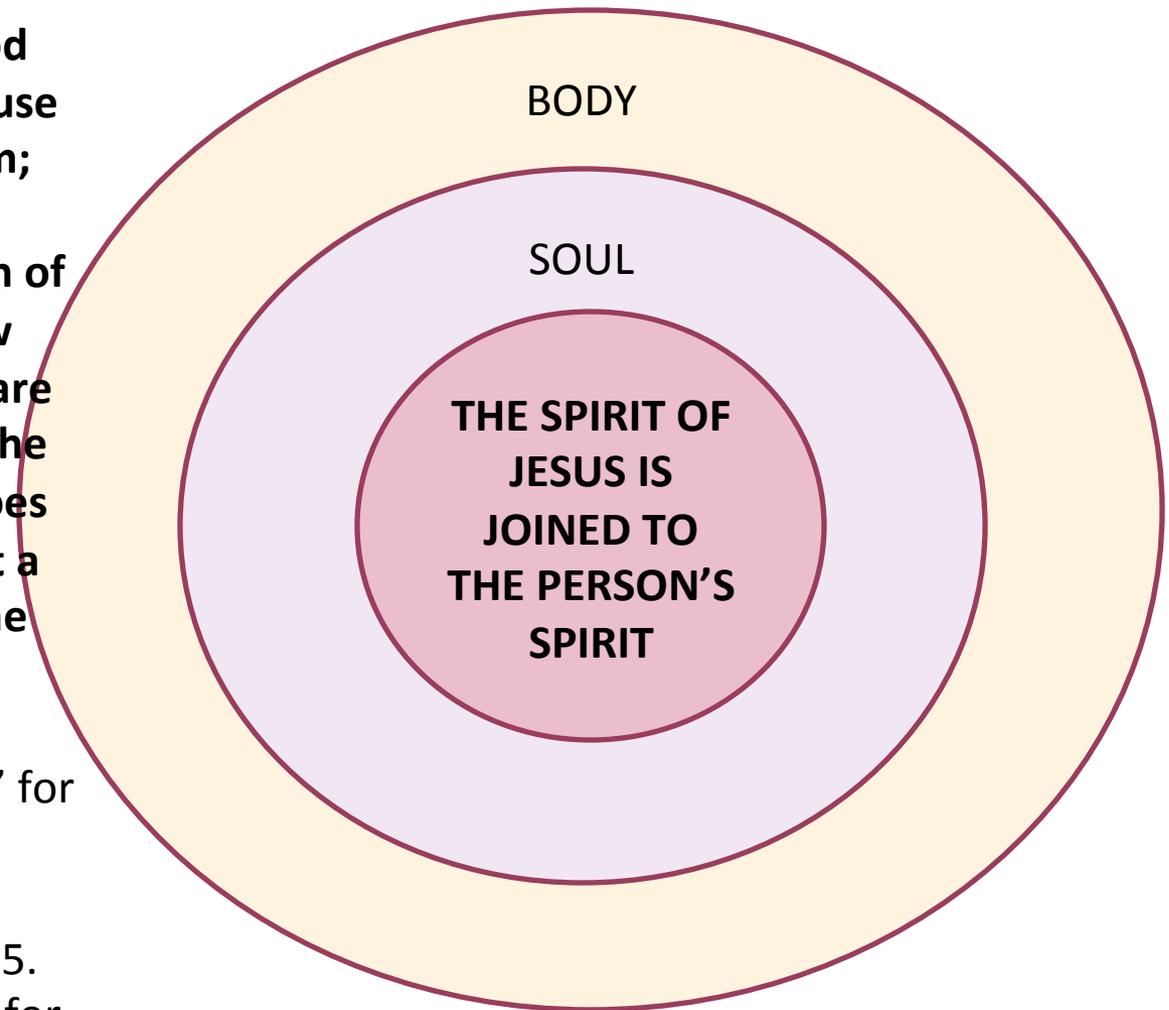


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THE BELIEVER'S SPIRIT

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

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



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

THE BELIEVER'S SPIRIT

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

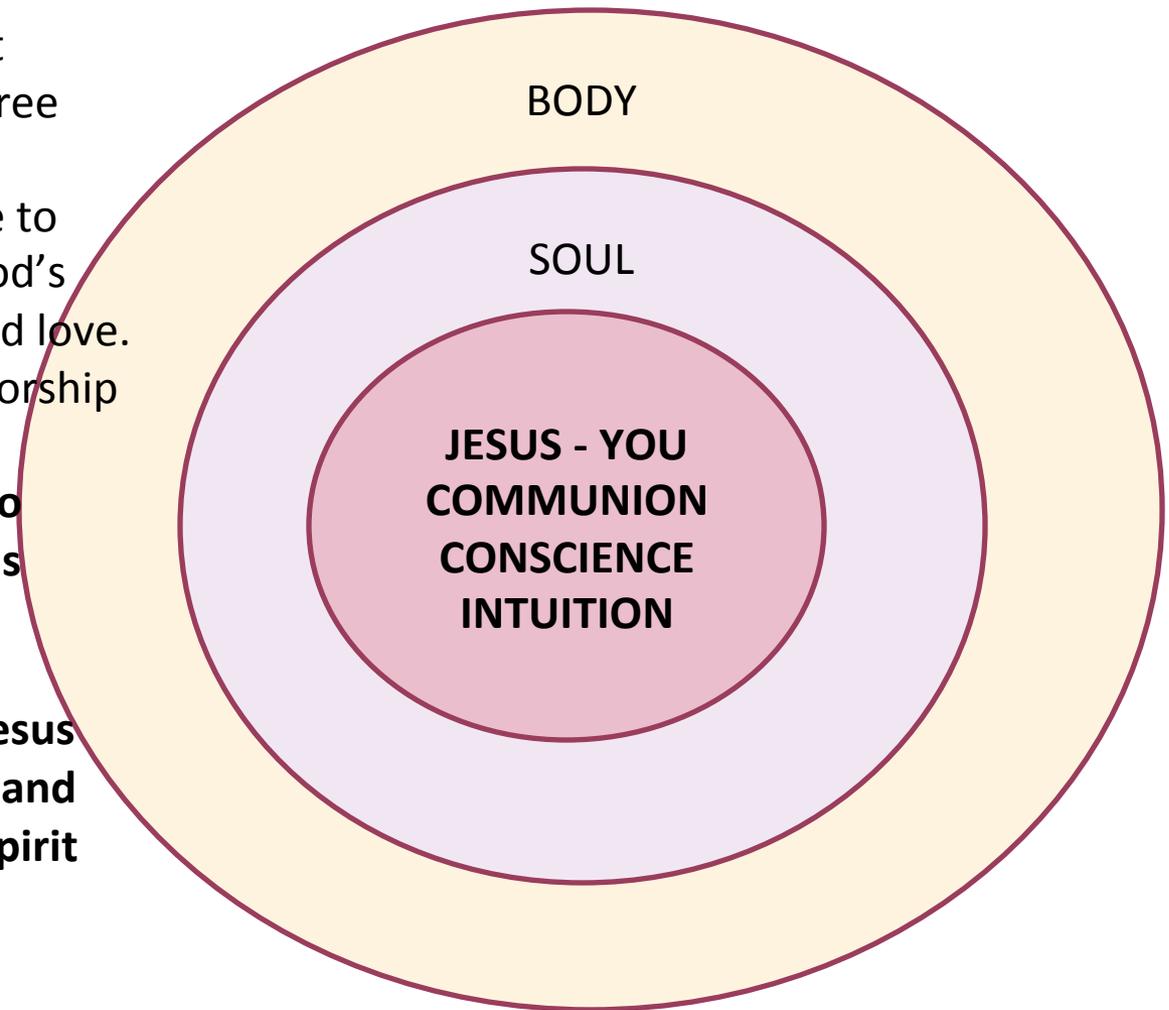
1) Communion: you are able to commune with God, hear God's voice, sense His presence and love. You have a deep desire to worship God and love God!!

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

(1 Corinthians 1:19)

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

(2 Corinthians 13:14)



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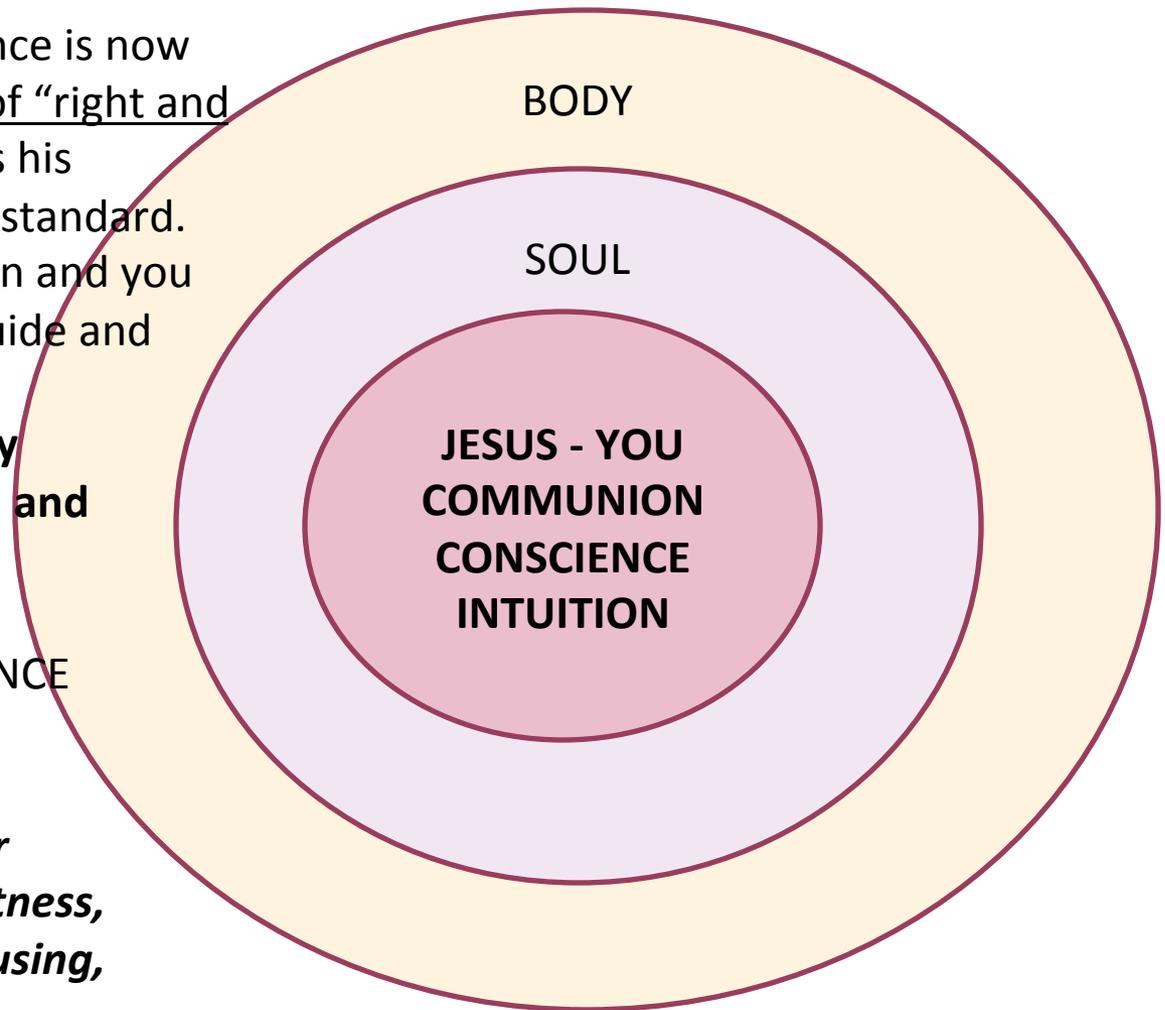
2) Conscience: your conscience is now sensitive to God's standard of "right and wrong". Man's conscience is his standard but now it is God's standard. You feel grieved when you sin and you desire to let Jesus be your guide and shepherd.

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

THE UNBELIEVER'S CONSCIENCE

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

(Romans 2:15)



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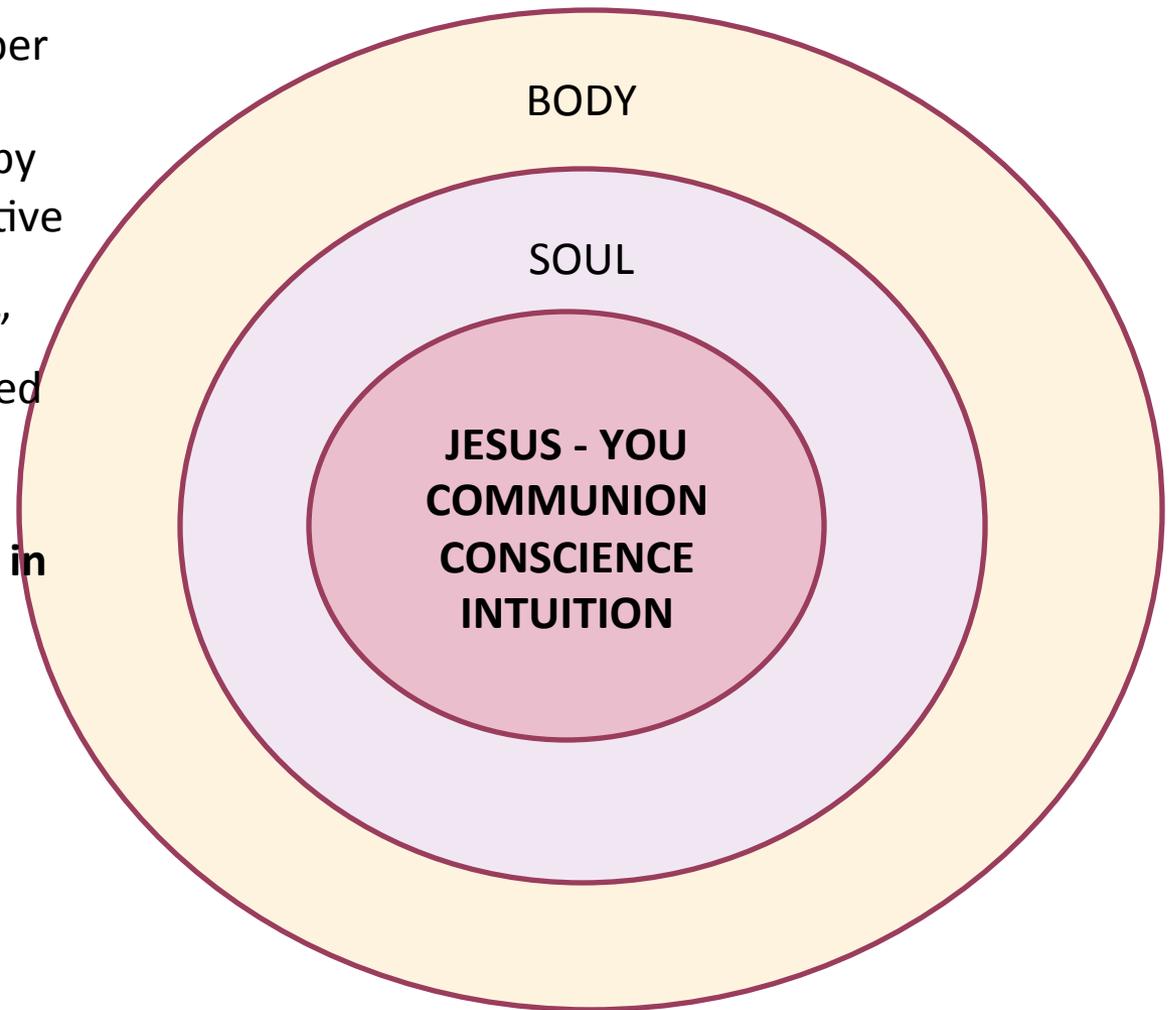
3) Intuition: you have a deeper knowledge and belief in God not obtained by reason nor by perception but by an instinctive knowledge or belief that is within you. You are “in tune” with God being led and guided by Him!!

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

(Job 22:22)

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

(Proverbs 4:13)



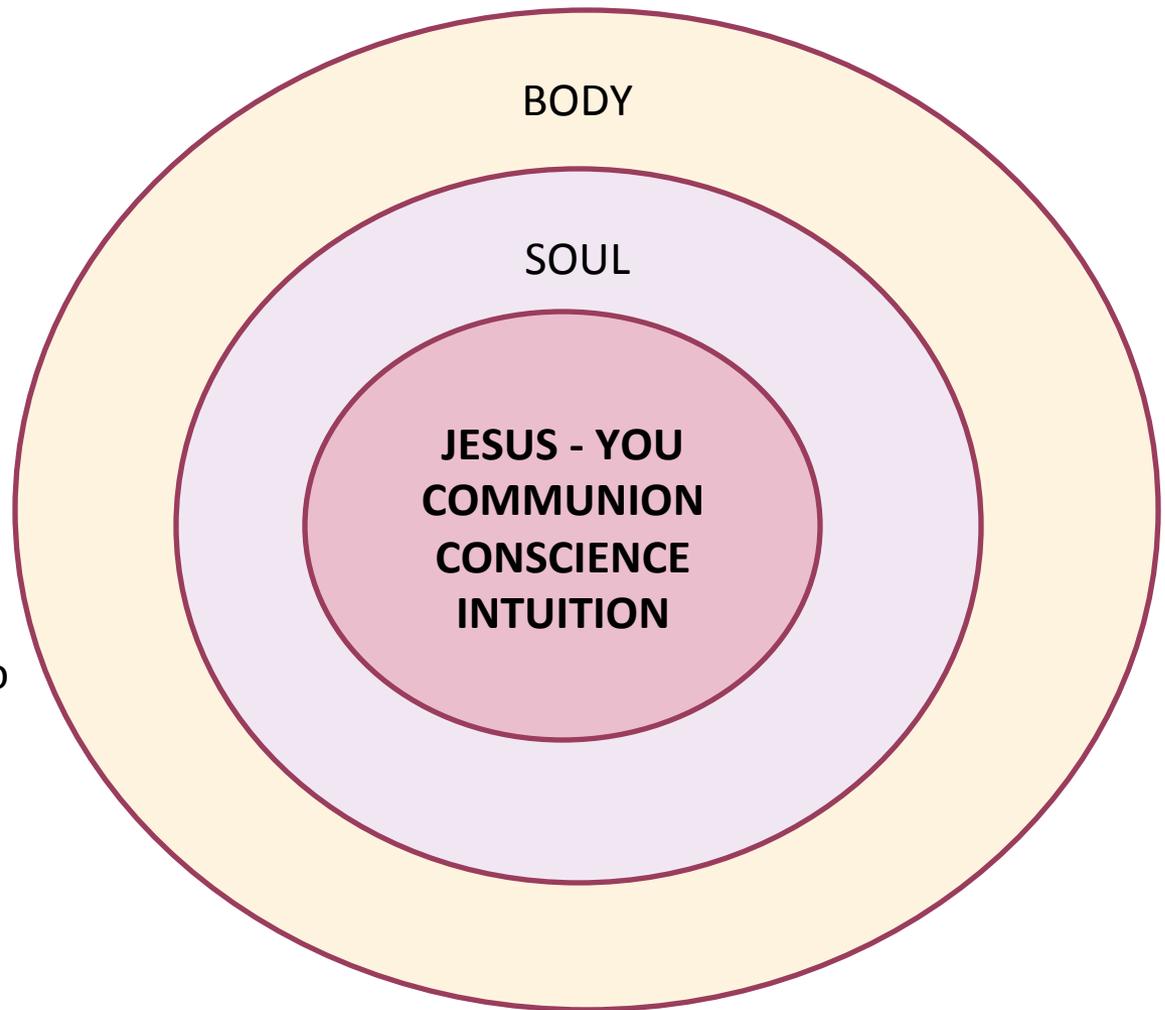
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MOST people see themselves as a “body with a spirit”. Spiritual knowledge is seeing ourselves as God does.

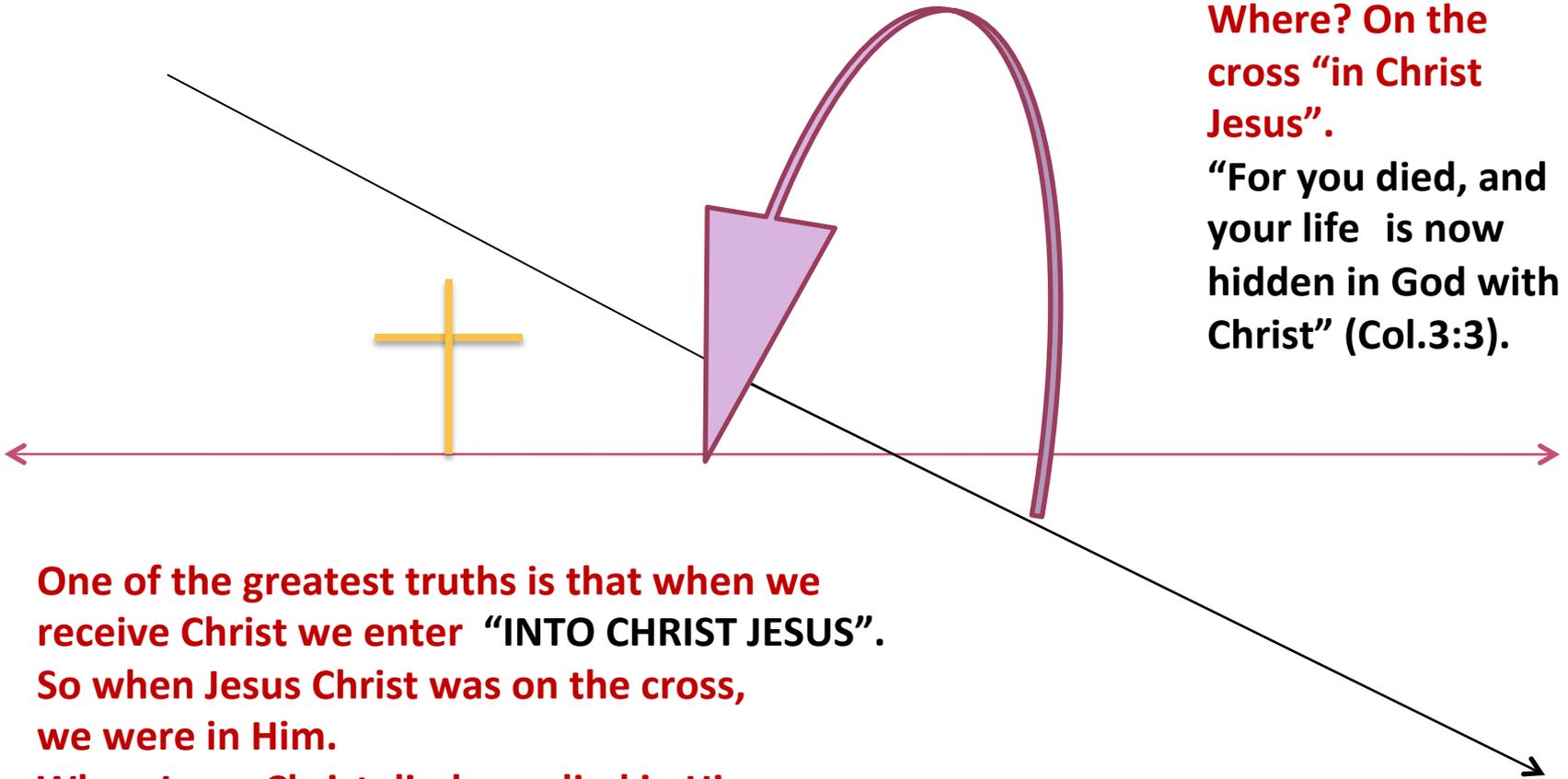
God sees us as a “spirit with a body”. We are “spiritual beings” walking in His Spirit by faith and not walking after the cravings of the world. God Who is Spirit wants to commune deeply with us, empower us to His standard of righteousness, and be instructed by Him.



CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

**We have died.
Where? On the
cross “in Christ
Jesus”.**

**“For you died, and
your life is now
hidden in God with
Christ” (Col.3:3).**



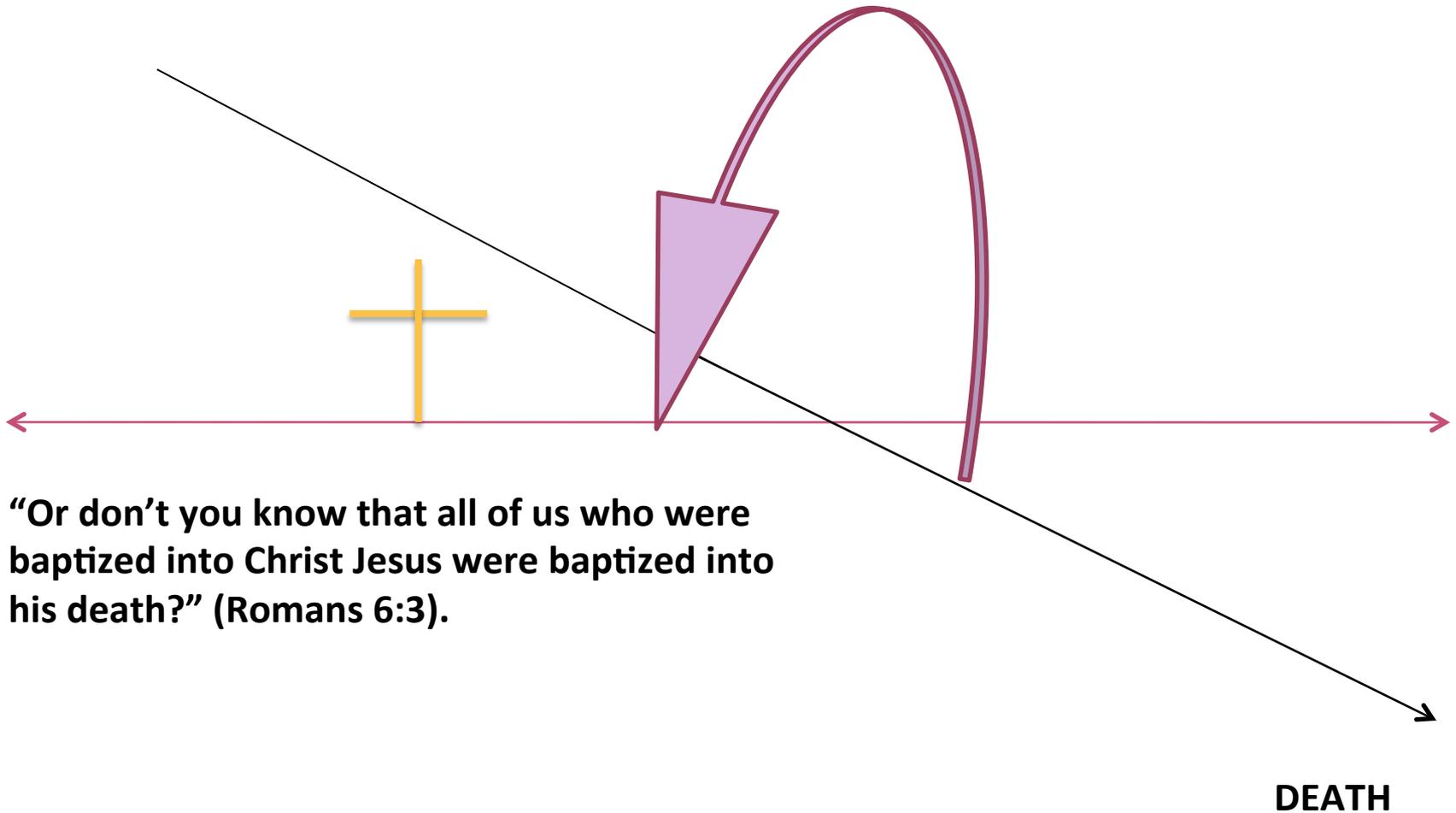
**One of the greatest truths is that when we
receive Christ we enter “INTO CHRIST JESUS”.**

**So when Jesus Christ was on the cross,
we were in Him.**

When Jesus Christ died, we died in Him.

DEATH

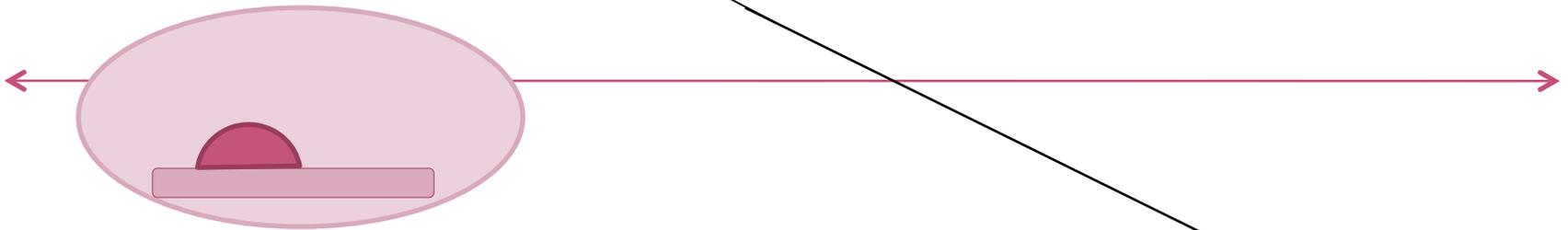
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“We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life”

(Romans 6:4)

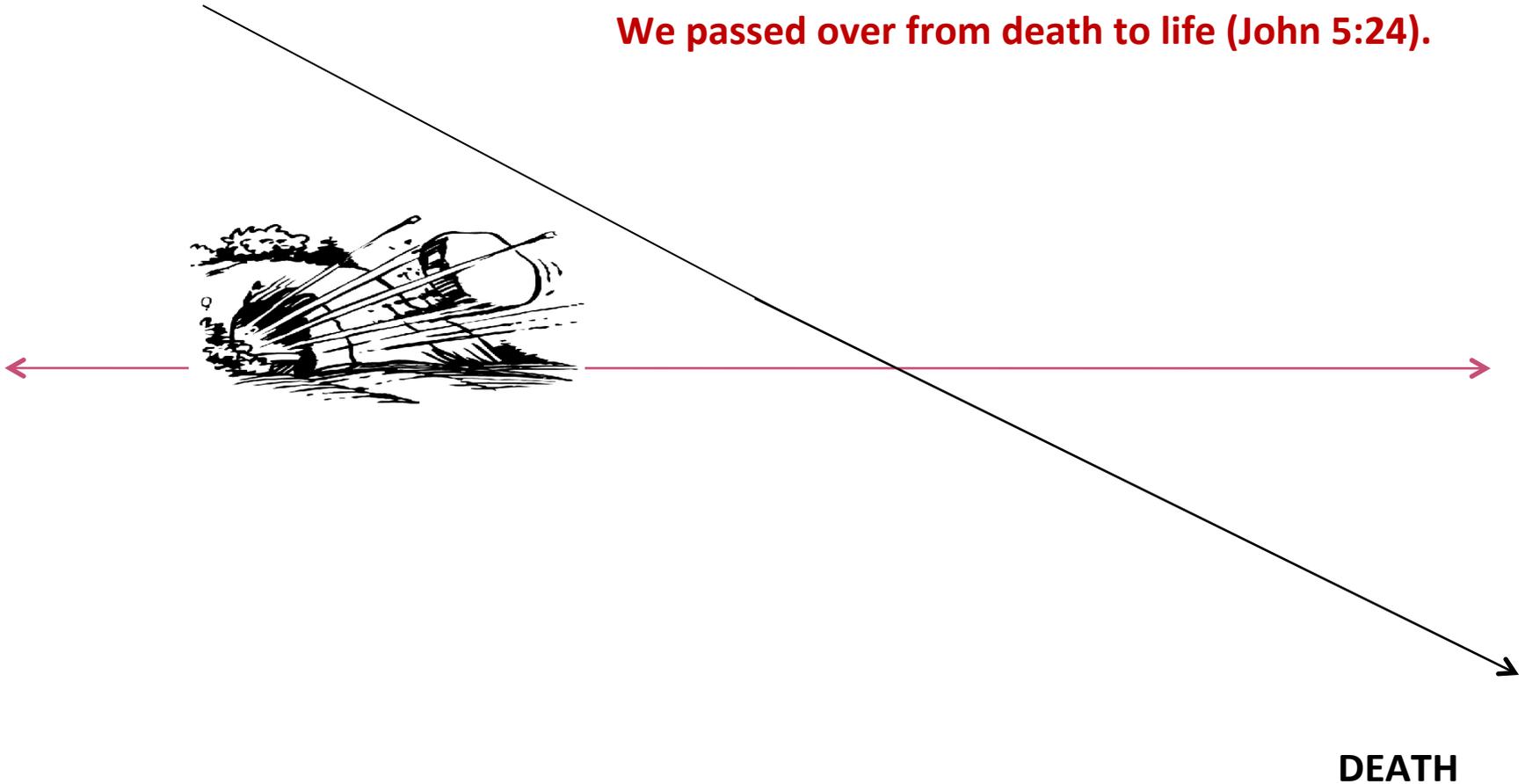


When Jesus was buried, we were buried in Him.

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

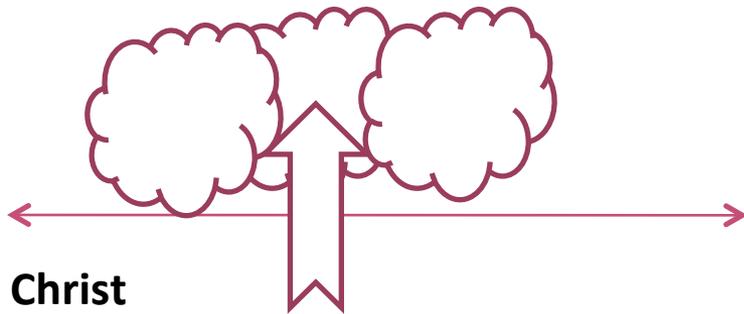


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“Eternal life” in Christ Jesus



CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION



**Christ
Ascending
by His Power**

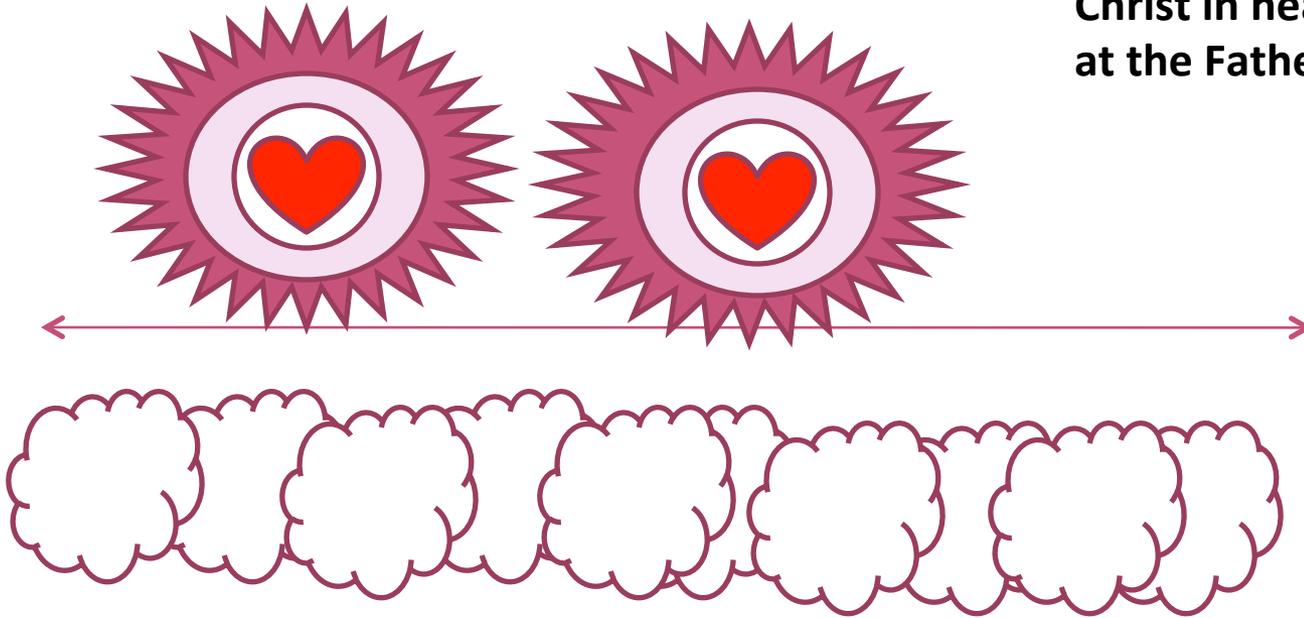
And by the Power of God, Christ ascended to heaven.

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

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

CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION

Christ in heaven seated
at the Father's right hand.



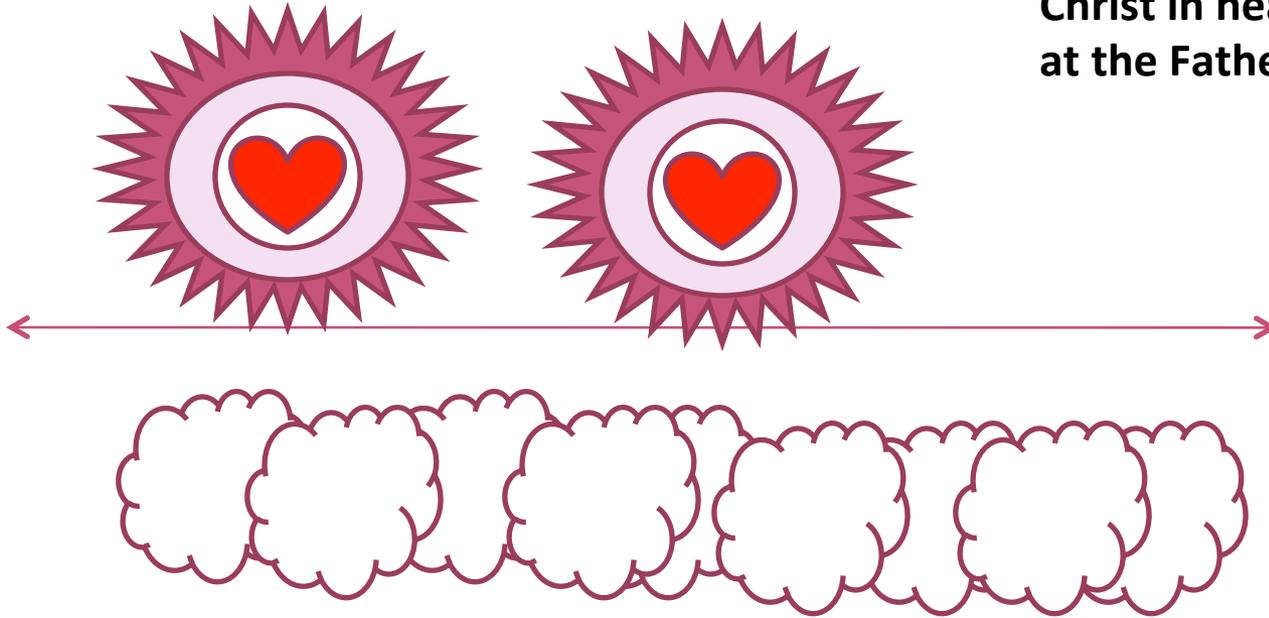
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**And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with
him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus**

(Ephesians 2:6)

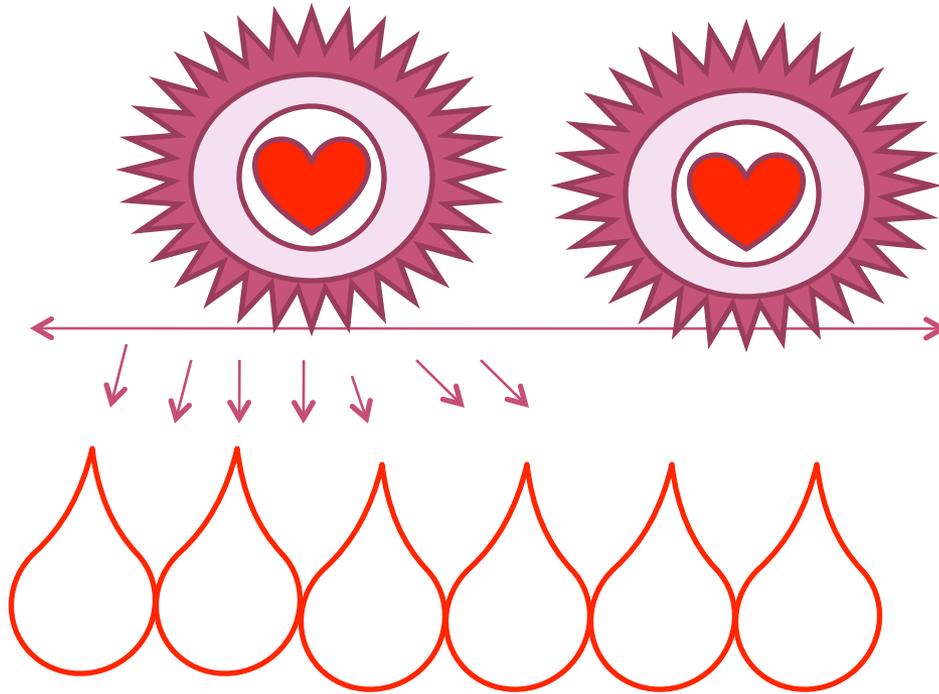
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Now Christ is in heaven at the Right Hand of the Father and we are there in Christ. God exalted him to his own right hand as Prince and Savior that he might give repentance and forgiveness of sins to Israel. (Acts 5:31)
But Stephen, full of the Holy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

CHRIST, ETERNAL LIFE, FULL SALVATION



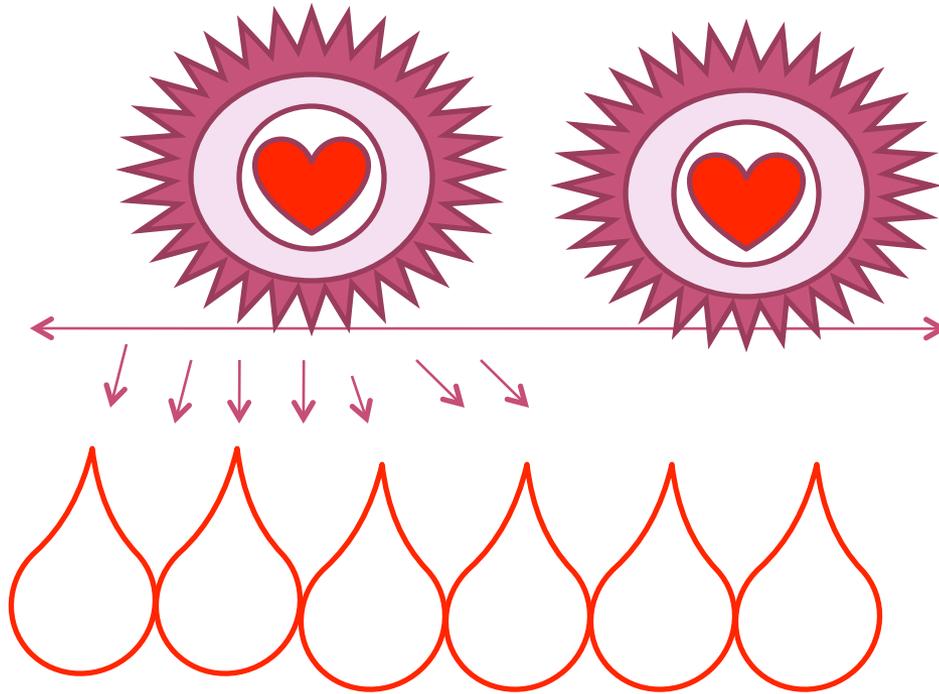
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THE GOSPEL

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

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

There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female,
for you are **all one** in **Christ Jesus**. (Galatians 3:28)

THE GOSPEL

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

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

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

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

THE GOSPEL

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

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

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

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

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

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

Do you believe in "absolute truth"?

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

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

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

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

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

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

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

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

God loves everyone and everybody in the whole world.

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



THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

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



THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

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



THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

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



THE GOSPEL MESSAGE

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



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



Believe

Repent

Receive

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



Believe

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You must

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



Believe

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



Repent

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



Receive

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



Believe

Repent

Receive

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



Believe

Repent

Receive

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



Believe



Repent



Receive

A PRAYER FOR SALVATION TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN

A PRAYER FOR SALVATION (FROM THE HEART)

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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



WE LOVE YOU JESUS!!!

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

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

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

GOD IS WITH YOU!!

**Are These People
Saved?**

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Johnny is 30 years old. He was born in a Christian family. He enjoys going to church, fellowshiping with other Christians, and he regularly attends a Bible study.

Is Johnny saved?

Are These People Saved?

Mary is 42 years old. When she was 30, she went to a church meeting. At the meeting, she felt sorry for her sins. She cried, went home, and decided to go to church every week.

Is Mary saved?

Are These People Saved?

Lucy is 80 years old. She attends church every Sunday and twice on weekdays. She enjoys the messages, loves the people, and sings all the hymns.

Is Lucy saved?

Are These People Saved?

Paula is 16 years old. Paula was born in a Christian home. She was baptized when she was 3 months old. She attended a Christian school, took her 1st communion at age 6, was confirmed at age 11, and she now sings in the school choir. Is Paula saved?

Are These People Saved?

Peter is 45 years old. One day when he was 34 years old, he read a book about Jesus Christ dying for his sins. He was touched very deeply by it. After that, he began to attend church on a regular basis.

Is Peter saved?

Are These People Saved?

Frank is 70 years old. Frank grew up in a Christian home. His mother went to church, prayed to God, and used to pray with him and sing hymns to him before he went to bed. Every Sunday, Frank goes to church, serves as an usher, and takes communion. People really love Frank and often tell him what a wonderful person he is. Frank is even a member of the Christian school's executive counsel.

Is Frank saved?

Are These People Saved?

Sally is 45 years old. Her father is a retired pastor. She grew up in the church and married a pastor at age 25. She enjoys singing hymns, teaching Sunday school, and cooking in the church kitchen. Everybody really respects Sally.

Is Sally saved?

Are These People Saved?

None of these people are saved unless they by an act of their will, have repented of their sins and received Jesus Christ into their hearts as their personal Savior trusting in Christ's shed blood for them on the cross of Calvary. It is not whether you go to church, whether you are baptized, whether you are in the choir, whether you are a good person, whether you were born in a Christian home, etc. To put your faith in something that you do will never get you born again. We can only be saved by putting our faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross and asking Jesus Christ to come into our heart and rule as our Lord and Savior. Then we must turn our will and lives over to God and allow God to be our Lord. That is salvation. It is putting our faith in what Jesus did for us on the cross of Calvary and in His resurrection, not in what we have done.

Are These People Saved?

People are saved by an act of their will when they have repented of their sins and received Jesus Christ into their hearts as their personal Savior trusting in Christ's shed blood for them on the cross of Calvary and in His resurrection from the dead.

**GROWING AS A
CHILD OF GOD**

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Get Baptized!!

There is a lot of discussion about “infant” baptism and “adult” baptism.

Jesus “fulfilled the Law”, was “circumcised” as a baby at 8 days, was presented at the temple, grew up in favor with God and man, was baptized by water by John the Baptist, and the Holy Spirit came upon Him.

If you aren’t sure, why not get baptized?

Why not do what Jesus did?

Baptism is an “outward” sign of an “inward” change. It has nothing to do with salvation. It is “identifying” with Jesus publicly to show others we have made a commitment to Jesus Christ. Jesus commanded us to be baptized so be obedient. If your pastor says you don’t need to be baptized then consider another church.

GROWING AS A CHILD OF GOD

Read and study your Bible daily.

God talks to us through His Word. (Psalm 105:11)

GROWING AS A CHILD OF GOD

Pray to God daily.

Find a time that is most suitable to you. Daniel prayed three times a day. You can do this by praying before every meal. Don't be too hard on yourself. Start out slowly, and develop a relationship with God. Begin to ask God to speak to you through His word. Ask God to "keep" you as He's promised. Ask God to continue to help you become more and more like Jesus.

GROWING AS A CHILD OF GOD

Memorize scripture.

When God speaks to you through His Word, take some time to memorize the passage. Some people like to put the verses on cards that they go back and look at again and again.

GROWING AS A CHILD OF GOD

Find a godly mentor.

A man (if you are a male) or woman (if you are a woman) to pray with, share your life with, and to guide you in your Christian walk. This is called discipleship. People who get “discipled” end up discipling others.

GROWING AS A CHILD OF GOD

Find a good Christian church.

A church that preaches the Bible, is interested in your Christian growth, and provides Bible studies, prayer groups, and support. An amazing thing about Christianity is that when we are born again, we don't "have" to go to church, we "want" to.

Remember that Christians are not perfect. A lot of people get hurt by putting their trust in people. Put your trust in God and pray that God will bring good Christians into your life.

GROWING AS A CHILD OF GOD

Don't be in a hurry to go into ministry.

Listen to God's voice. Allow time to grow. Be wise. Many people get "too" involved without taking the time to grow and mature in Christ. Get involved in ministry as God leads you always remembering your own personal growth.

GROWING AS A CHILD OF GOD

Fellowship with mature Christians.

If you hang around Jesus, you will become like Jesus. We become “who” we hang around with.

GROWING AS A CHILD OF GOD

Ask your pastor about “communion.”

“Communion” is symbolically receiving the “body and blood” of Jesus Christ to REMEMBER His sufferings and death.

“Do this in remembrance of me.”

Old testament Jews looked “forward” to the coming of the Messiah. We look “backwards” to His death and resurrection remembering what He has done for us.

Communion reaffirms our faith and can be done not as a “ritual” but even at home with your family and fellow believers who have put their faith and trust in Christ. It should not be done lightly but reverently.

SANCTIFICATION

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Sanctification is separation from the world, sin, and the devil and separation unto God.

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Hebrews 12:14 calls us to, “Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.”

We are called to be holy, cleansed, and set apart.

SANCTIFICATION

Jesus sanctified Himself so we should be sanctified,

“For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.” (John 17:19).

We should be sanctified so that others will want what they see in our lifestyle.

SANCTIFICATION

In 1 Peter 3:15 we are commanded,

“But in your hearts set apart Jesus Christ as Lord.”

We should fill our hearts with Jesus exclusively.

SANCTIFICATION

2 Timothy 2:21 says,

“If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.”

We are to be sanctified so that we can be used for God’s glory.

SANCTIFICATION

In the Old Testament, the tabernacle, men, buildings, temples, priests, the nation, the firstborn the tabernacle's contents, etc. were sanctified or cleansed.

(2 Chronicles 29; Numbers 8:17; Exodus 40:9-11; Lev.27:14-16)

These were done to give us a picture that we too should be set apart and made holy.

SANCTIFICATION

We can be sanctified by spending time in the Word of God, renewing our mind, and putting our faith in the sanctifying work of Christ's blood. We need to agree with the Word of God and the Holy Spirit when they convict of us of sin. Then we should confess the sin and repent (walk in a new way). We need to allow God to use the "all things" of Romans 8:28 to conform us to the image of Christ in Romans 8:29. God allows struggles, difficulties, persecutions, etc. into our lives so that we will become more and more like Jesus Christ.

SANCTIFICATION

Jesus is our Sanctification. We were sanctified when we were born again “positionally”. We know that we “are” sanctified.

Jesus is also our Sanctifier. He continually and experientially sanctifies us everyday. He brings His cleansing and healing power into our lives each moment as we allow Him.

We “ARE” sanctified positionally, we “ARE BEING” sanctified moment by moment, and we “WILL BE” sanctified when Christ returns for us. Hallelujah!!!!

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

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ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

**WE CAN BE ASSURED OF OUR SALVATION
FOR THE BIBLE CLEARLY TEACHES “ASSURANCE”.**

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

1) In order to be free to share your faith, you must be confident that you are saved.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

2) It is not right to just “think,” “hope,” or “pretend” that you are saved. You can know you are saved by faith in what God has said in His Holy Word the Bible.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

3) You are either “saved” or “not saved”. You are either “in Christ” or “out of Christ”. You are either going to heaven or going to hell. God does not see us as Protestants or Catholics, church goers, church leaders, teachers, etc. He sees us as either “saved” or “not saved”.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

4) Many people say, “I don’t feel saved”. Salvation is not a feeling. It is faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross and his resurrection. You may not feel like you are a father or mother but you are still a father or mother.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

5) Salvation is a gift (Eph.2:8) that we can receive, possess, and be confident of. When someone gives you a gift at Christmas, you don't wonder if you have it or not. You simply say, "Thank you." It is the same with salvation. Say, "Thank you" Jesus.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

6) Many people believe they have to work to be saved. How much work is enough? If a person would continually have to work to be saved they would never be able to find the rest that Jesus promises (Matt.11:28, 29). We do not work “to” the cross but “from” the cross.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

7) Assurance of salvation is to have the confidence that we are saved. It's to know that if you were to die right now, you would go to heaven and spend eternity with Jesus.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

8) Jesus Christ is eternal life .

(see 1 John 1:2; 1 John 5:11-12; 1 John 5:20).

When we were saved we entered into Christ's eternal life.

There is only one life that is going to live for eternity. That is the life of Christ. In order to experience His life, we have to be "in Christ". Jesus took our life into Himself on the cross.

("For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God" Col. 3:3 – see Galatians 2:20; Romans 6:1-10).

This became real in our lives when we received Christ into our hearts and put our faith in His finished work on the cross.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

9) It is important not to put our faith in our feelings. Our feelings are part of our soul (mind, will, and emotions). Satan has access to our feelings. Our feelings can be up and down. But “we walk by faith”.

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

10) We base our assurance on three things.

1) The witness of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:16; Galatians 4:6);

**2) The Word of God (1 John 5:10; 1 John 5:13; John 5:24;
Acts 13:39; Luke 7:48; Romans 10:13);**

3) The changed life (1 John 3:14; 2 Cor.5:17).

ASSURANCE OF SALVATION

11) From now on trust the Word of God for your salvation. The Word of God never changes. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Stay spiritually alert, come out of the world, put away all sin (1 John 1:9); walk in the Spirit (Gal.5:16; Luke 11:13); don't become "religious" but soft hearted towards Jesus; and love fellowshiping with the saints.

QUESTIONS FOR THE “UNASSURED”

Go to John 1:12 in your Bible.

Did you receive Christ as your personal Savior?

Did you believe in His name?

**Then Jesus has given you the right
to “become” a child of God.**

QUESTIONS FOR THE “UNASSURED”

Go to John 5:24 in your Bible.

Is Jesus the Truth? Is Jesus telling the truth?

**Have you heard God’s Word
about salvation through Jesus Christ?**

Do you believe on the One who sent Jesus?

Then what do you have?

Is that “now” or “in the future”?

Will God condemn you?

What has happened?

Is that “now” or “in the future”?

QUESTIONS FOR THE “UNASSURED”

NOW SEE:

Acts 13:38-39

Romans 10:13

John 10:28-29

Ephesians 2:8-9

1 John 5:13

John 6:47

John 20:31

TWO WORDS IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

When someone gives you a gift at your birthday party, what do you say? You say, “Thank you”.

That is all it takes if you have believed on Jesus Christ.

Start saying “thank you”. When the devil comes to try to steal the “joy of your salvation”, simply put your trust in God’s Word and begin to say something like this:

TWO WORDS IN RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

Jesus, thank You for saving me. I will praise You, forever.

Jesus, thank You for eternal life. I love You Jesus.

Jesus, thank You for dying for me. Jesus, You are LORD.

Jesus, thank You for forgiving my sins. I worship You.

Jesus, thank You for your Good News. I adore You.

You are LORD! Jesus is LORD! Jesus is LORD! Hallelujah!!!!

That if you confess with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and with your mouth that you confess and are saved. (Romans 10:9-10)

SALVATION (OUR IDENTITY)

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SALVATION (OUR IDENTITY)

Most people identify themselves with their families, their jobs, their social clubs, their accomplishments, etc. If you think about it, our father's and mother's gave us death. They gave us a dead spirit (dead to God and alive to sin), a soul that was bound for hell, and a body that was dying the minute it was born. This is our "human" or "natural" inheritance. Also, many times people look at what they do or the things they've accomplished in life. This is not "who we are." They're not a solid foundation to build a life on.

SALVATION (OUR IDENTITY)

When we become a Christian, Jesus not only enters into our life but just as importantly - we enter into His life (the life of God – the eternal life). His life - always has been – is now – and will always be. His life is eternal – eternal past, eternal present, and eternal future. So as Christians we “IDENTIFY” with His life – the life of God – the Eternal One’s life. This is who we are.

SALVATION (OUR IDENTITY)

Many people think humility is thinking of themselves as lowly & not very worthy. Actually, this is “not” humility. True humility is accepting the truth as fact and believing the truth about ourselves. God by His grace, love, and mercy has given us so many things. The list below is “WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST.” It is now the life, gifts, and existence of God that we identify with as Christians.

SALVATION (OUR IDENTITY)

But aren't we supposed to be humble as Christians? Yes, true humility says, "I am all this because of what Jesus Christ has done for me on the cross."

It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is our holiness, righteousness, and redemption. Therefore, let him who boasts, boast in the Lord (1 Cor.1:30-31)

We can sin two ways here. We can sin by not accepting the truth about ourselves and thereby hurt God. Or we can sin by becoming "puffed up" with spiritual pride thinking we are better than others. Remember, it is because of Him....His death on the cross.....His wonderful grace to us who deserved nothing but hell, separation from God for eternity, and death. Thank You Lord Jesus.

SALVATION (OUR IDENTITY)

Let's take some time now and read "out loud" who we are in Christ. The term "in Christ" ("in love," "in whom," "in him," etc.) is mentioned over 100 times in the New Testament.

We have passed over from death (the wages of sin is death) to life (but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus).

We were in Adam – identified with our earthly parentage – and now we are in Christ – identified with our spiritual parentage – God. Hallelujah!!!!

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **My name is recorded in heaven. (Luke 10:20)**
- **I have life in Christ. (John 1:4)**
- **I shall not perish but have eternal life by believing in Christ. (John 3:14-16)**
- **I shall not be condemned. (John 3:18)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I believe in Christ, have eternal life and will be raised up on the last day (John 6:40)**
- **I have everlasting life. (John 6:47)**
- **I have abundant life (John 10:10)**
- **I have eternal life (John 10:28)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I am a son of the light. (John 12:36)**
- **I have an untroubled heart because I trust in God. (John 14:1)**
- **I have a mansion of Glory waiting (John 14:2)**
- **I am indwelt by Christ (John 14:23)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **As I remain in Christ, I will bear much fruit. (John 15:5)**
- **I am a friend of God (John 15:15)**
- **I am in Jesus’ prayers and a gift to Jesus from God (John 17:9, 12, 14)**
- **I am saved by Christ (Acts 4:12)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **By believing in Christ I receive forgiveness of sins through his name (Acts 10:43)**
- **In Christ, I live and move and have my being. I am His offspring. (Acts 17:28)**
- **My hope in God has given me the promised resurrection of my body (Acts 24:15)**
- **I believe what God has told me will happen (Acts 27:25)**
- **I have righteousness from God through faith in Jesus Christ. (Rom 3:22)**
- **I am justified through faith in Jesus (Rom 3:26)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I am credited righteousness because I believe in Jesus. (Rom 4:24)**
- **I have received reconciliation through Jesus Christ. (Rom 5:11)**
- **I am dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. (Rom 6:11)**
- **I have received the gift of God; eternal life in Christ Jesus (Rom 6:23)**
- **I have no condemnation in Christ Jesus. (Rom 8:1)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I am indwelt by the Holy Spirit, an heir of God and joint-heir with Christ (Rom.8:16-17)**
- **.....nothing will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus (Rom. 8:39)**
- **I speak the truth with my conscience confirming it in the Holy Spirit (Rom. 9:1)**
- **I will never be put to shame because I trust in Jesus (Rom. 9:33; 10:11)**
- **I am part of the Body of Christ belonging to the other members of His body. (Rom. 12:5)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I’m filled with joy & peace. I overflow with hope by the Holy Spirit’s power (Rom 15:13)**
- **I glory in Christ Jesus in my service to God. (Rom 15:17)**
- **I have fellow workers in Christ (Rom 16:3)**
- **I am tested and approved in Christ. (Rom 16:10)**
- **I am sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be holy (1 Cor. 1:2)**
- **I have been given grace in Christ Jesus. (1 Cor 1:4)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- I have been enriched in every way in Christ – in my speaking and knowledge (1 Cor 1:5)
- **Because of God I am in Christ Jesus (1 Cor 1:30)**
- Christ has become for me wisdom from God -- my righteousness, holiness and redemption. (1 Cor.1:30)
- **I am wise in Christ! (1 Cor 4:10)**
- I have ten thousand guardians in Christ, (1 Cor 4:15)

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I am made alive in Christ Jesus. (1 Cor 15:22)**
- **I am washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ (1 Cor.6:11)**
- **My body is the Holy Spirit’s abode (1 Cor.6:19)**
- **I have spiritual gifts (1 Cor.12:11)**
- **I do everything in love. (1 Cor 16:14)**
- **Christ’s promises are always “Yes” in Christ. (2 Cor 1:19-20)**
- **God makes me stand firm in Christ. (2 Cor 1:21)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **God has anointed me, set his seal of ownership on me. (2 Cor.1:21)**
- **God has put his Spirit in my heart as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. (2 Cor.1:21)**
- **God, always leads me in triumphal procession in Christ (2 Cor 2:14)**
- **Through me, God spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him (2 Cor.2:14)**
- **In Christ I speak before God with sincerity, like men sent from God. (2 Cor 2:17)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **In Christ, I am a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Cor 5:17)**
- **God has reconciled me to himself in Christ, (2 Cor. 5:19)**
- **He has committed to me the message of reconciliation. (2 Cor.5:19)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **God made him who had no sin to be sin for me,
(2 Cor .5:21)**
- **In God I have become the righteousness of God.
(2 Cor.5:21)**
- **Everything I do is for other’s strengthening.
(2 Cor.12:19)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **By God’s power I will live with him to serve others. (2 Cor. 13:4)**
- **I have freedom in Christ Jesus and will not become a slave again to sin. (Gal 2:4)**
- **I have put my faith in Christ Jesus that I may be justified by faith in Christ (Gal. 2:16)**
- **What Christ has promised me has been given me through faith in Jesus (Gal. 3:22)**
- **I am a son of God through faith in Christ Jesus (Gal. 3:26)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I am one with fellow believers in Christ Jesus (Gal 3:28)**
- **I am adopted as a son into God’s family (Gal.4:5)**
- **I am one of the faithful in Christ Jesus (Eph 1:1)**
- **I have been blessed in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing (Eph 1:3)**
- **I was chosen in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless (Eph 1:4)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **God predestined me to be adopted as his son through Jesus Christ (Eph 1:5)**
- **In Christ I have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins (Eph 1:7-8)**
- **God’s grace has been lavished on me with all wisdom and understanding (Eph.1:7-8)**
- **God’s made known to me the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure (Eph 1:9)**
- **I have been chosen and predestined in Christ
(Eph 1:11)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I have been included in Christ. (Eph 1:13)**
- **I have been marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, (Eph.1:13)**
- **God raised me up with Christ and seated me with him in the heavenly realms (Eph 2:6)**
- **God will show me the incomparable riches of his grace (Eph.2:7)**
- **I am God’s workmanship. (Eph.2:10)**
- **I’m created in Christ Jesus to do good works prepared in advance for me (Eph.2:10)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **In Christ Jesus I have been brought near through the blood of Christ. (Eph 2:13)**
- **I have access to God through Jesus (Eph.2:18)**
- **In Christ I am being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives (Eph 2:22)**
- **I am now an heir with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus. (Eph 3:6)**
- **I am part of God’s eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus (Eph 3:11)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **In Christ I may approach God with freedom and confidence. (Eph 3:12)**
- **Christ dwells in my heart through faith. I’m being rooted and established in love. (Eph 3:17)**
- **I am to be humble and gentle; patient, bearing with one another in love. (Eph 4:2)**
- **In all things I will grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. (Eph 4:15)**
- **From Christ, I am joined and held together by every supporting ligament, (Eph 4:16)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- I have been taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. (Eph 4:21)
- I’ve been forgiven in Christ. I should be kind and compassionate. (Eph 4:32)
- I should pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers/requests (Eph 6:18)
- I should be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints. (Eph.6:18)
- I am a servant and saint in Christ Jesus (Phil 1:1)

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **My joy in Christ Jesus will overflow on account of other Christians. (Phil 1:26)**
- **I worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Jesus (Phil 3:3)**
- **I put no confidence in the flesh (Phil 3:3)**
- **I want to be found in him, having God’s righteousness by faith (Phil 3:9)**
- **I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:14)**
- **I have heavenly citizenship in Christ (Phil.3:20)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **My name is recorded in heaven (Phil 4:3)**
- **The peace of God will guard my heart and mind in Christ Jesus. (Phil 4:7)**
- **I am strengthened for all tasks to which God calls me (Phil.4:13)**
- **I have all my needs met according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:19)**
- **I am a saint in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:21)**
- **I am holy and faithful in Christ. God’s given me grace and peace (Col. 1:2)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **Others have heard of my faith in Christ Jesus and my love for all the saints (Col 1:4)**
- **Others have been told of my love in the Spirit.
(Col. 1:8)**
- **I have been rescued from the dominion of darkness and brought into the kingdom of God’s Son (Col.1:13)**
- **In Christ, I have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
(Col. 1:14)**
- **Christ is before all things, and in him I am held together. (Col 1:17)**
- **All God’s fullness dwells in me. I am complete in him.
(Col. 1:19)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I proclaim him, admonishing and teaching with all wisdom, so I may present everyone perfect in Christ (Col 1:28)**
- **My purpose is that they may be encouraged in heart and united in love, so that they may have the full riches of complete understanding, in order that they may know the mystery of God, namely, Christ,
(Col. 2:2)**
- **I have all the hidden treasures of wisdom and knowledge in Christ. (Col 2:3)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I am orderly and firm in my faith in Christ
(Col. 2:5)**
- **Just as I received Christ Jesus as Lord, I will continue to live in him (Col 2:6)**
- **I will be rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith and overflowing with thankfulness. (Col. 2:7)**
- **I have been given fullness in Christ, the head over every power and authority (Col 2:10)**
- **I was circumcised, in the putting off of the sinful nature, done by Christ (Col. 2:11)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I am forgiven and my sin debt is paid**
(Col. 2:13-14)
- **The reality is found in Christ and I am in Christ.**
(Col. 2:17)
- **I died, and my life is now hidden with Christ in God.**
(Col 3:3)
- **The Lord's message has rang out from me – my faith in God's known everywhere. (1Thes. 1:8)**
- **I believe that Jesus died and rose again and so I believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. (1Thes 4:14)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I will give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for me in Christ (1 Thes 5:18)**
- **The name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in me
(2 Thes. 1:12)**
- **The grace of our Lord has been poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. (1 Tim 1:14)**
- **I have served well and will gain an excellent standing and great assurance in my faith in Christ Jesus.
(1 Tim 3:13)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I won't let anyone look down on me because I'm young. I will set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. (1 Tim 4:12)**
- **God, who richly provides for me everything for my enjoyment. (1 Tim 6:17)**
- **I have the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
(2 Tim 1:1)**
- **God has saved me and called me to a holy life because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given me in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, (2 Tim 1:9)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I will be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
(2 Tim 2:1)**
- **Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. (2 Tim 2:10)**
- **I want to live a godly life in Christ Jesus and I will be persecuted (2 Tim 3:12)**
- **The Scriptures are able to make me wise for salvation through faith in Christ (2 Tim 3:15)**
- **I will be active in sharing my faith, so that I’ll have a full understanding of every good thing I have in Christ (Philemon 1:6)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I will leave the elementary teachings about Christ and go on to maturity (Heb 6:1)**
- **Though I have not seen him, I love him; and even though I do not see him now, I believe in him and I’m filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy.
(1 Pet 1:8)**
- **I am a child of God, and I belong to him (1 Pet.1:9)**
- **I am redeemed by the precious blood of Christ
(1 Pet.1:18-19)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **Thru him I believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him. My faith and hope are in God
(1Pet 1:21)**
- **I have been born again of incorruptible seed
(1 Pet.1:23)**
- **I trust in God and will never be put to shame.
(1 Pet 2:6)**
- **I am a priest of God (1 Pet.2:5,9)**
- **Those who speak maliciously against my good behavior in Christ will be ashamed of their slander (1 Pet 3:16)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **The God of all grace, will himself restore me, make me strong, firm and steadfast (1 Pet 5:10)**
- **I have fellowship with the Trinity**
(1 John.1:3)
- **I am in Christ and have no darkness in me.**
(I John 1:5)
- **But when I walk in the light, as he is in the light, I have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies me from all sin (I Jn 1:7)**
- **Christ is my advocate (I John. 2:1)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **Because I claim to live in him, I must walk as Jesus did. (I John 2:6)**
- **I love my brother & live in the light, and there’s nothing to make me stumble (I John 2:10)**
- **I don’t love the world and I have the Father’s love in me. (I John 2:15)**
- **The anointing I received from God remains in me (I John 2:27)**
- **I will continue in him, so that when he appears I’ll be confident and unashamed before him at his coming (I John 2:28)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I am a child of God (1 John.3:1)**
- **He appeared so that he might take away my sins. And in him is no sin. (I John 3:5)**
- **I am born of God and I will discontinue to sin, because God's seed remains in me (I John 3:9)**
- **I know that I live in him and he in me, because he has given me of his Spirit. (I John 4:13)**

Your Identity: Who you are “in Christ”

- **I acknowledge that Jesus is the Son of God, so God lives in me and I in God. (1 John 4:15)**
- **I don't fear because I am made perfect in love.
(1 John 4:18)**
- **I possess eternal life (1 John.5:13)**
- **I know him who is true. And I am in him who is true—even in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. (1 John 5:20)**

SALVATION
(The Believer's
Future Glory)

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

Our death will just be a falling asleep in Christ

(John 11:11; 1 Thess.4:14)

We will awake in the Lord's presence

(Phil.1:23)

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

We will be with Christ

(John 14:3; Acts 26:18; Psalm 17:5)

We will behold the “light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ Jesus” (2 Cor.4:6)

(see John 17:24; Matt.17:2).

What a glorious face that will be!!!!

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

We shall see His face (Rev.22:4)

and be glorified with Christ (Romans 8:17-18)

We will reign with Christ (2 Tim.2:12).

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

We will inherit all things (Rev.21:7).

We will shine with Him (Col.3:4)

We will receive “rewards” and “crowns” for our works done here on earth.

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

Our body will be raised imperishable; raised in glory, raised in power, and raised a spiritual body (1 Cor.15:42-44) just like Jesus' body. He is the Way.

So when we die (if we are not raptured up to Christ first), we will be with Christ in a NEW SPIRITUAL BODY.

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

Let's look at the "spiritual world" quickly here. The man in this area was possessed by demons. Jesus was driving out these demons from this man. What happened?

Some distance from them a large herd of pigs was feeding. The demons begged Jesus, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of pigs." He said to them, "Go!" So they came out and went into the pigs, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and died in the water. Those tending the pigs ran off, went into the town and reported all this, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men. (Matthew 8:30-33)

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

Why did the demons not want to be “disembodied” even to the extent of being in “pigs”? We don't have to fully understand but we do see here demons “begging” not to be disembodied but to possess bodies. That is why “spirits” in hell with it fire will not burn.....they are disembodied.

That is why “our spirits” will be so blessed to be in a new, spiritual body like Christ's body a body that will be able to transcend the natural and function as Christ did after His resurrection.

Evil spirits can “manifest” themselves in bodies as “familiar spirits” but they cannot receive true spiritual bodies.

Praise Jesus that our body will be raised imperishable; raised in glory, raised in power, and raised a spiritual body just like Jesus' body (1 Cor.15:42-44).

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

Let's continue now:

We will not all sleep (those who are raptured will not sleep but be caught up in the air to be with Him – 1 Thess. 4:16-17; John 11:24-25; 1 Cor.15:51).

Elijah and Enoch did not die but were caught out – a picture of the rapture.

Some of us here right now may never die.

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

We will all be changed (1 Cor.15:51)

No more pain, tears, crying, death, or mourning (Rev.21:6)

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

- **We will drink without cost from the spring of the water of life (Rev.21:6)**
- **God will be our God and we will be His son (Rev.21:7)**

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

- **There will be a beautiful city, streets of gold, God will be its light, there will be no more darkness and no sin; only the ever-present, all encompassing love of God.**
- **WE WILL BE WITH "JESUS." THE CREATOR IS ALWAYS GREATER THAN THE CREATION.**

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

- **Simply put: Our “spirit” has been saved. Our “soul” has been and is being saved. Our “body” will be saved. Our “spirit” was saved when we received Christ into our heart and entered into His life. Our “soul” has been saved and is being saved as we renew our mind, turn our will and emotions over to Christ, and cleanse our heart by yielding and submitting to Jesus. Our “body” will be saved (the great Christian hope) and we will get a spiritual body just like Jesus did after His resurrection.**
- **Our “spirit” has been justified.**
- **Our “soul” has been and is being sanctified.**
- **Our “body” will be glorified.**

Salvation: The Believer's Future Glory

Remember, the CREATOR is greater than the creation.
Heaven is a created place.....wonderful and amazing!
But God is the Creator.

It will be an amazing place to be in heaven but the greatest thing by far will be the uninterrupted, continual, and fullness of God's PRESENCE!!

The worst part of hell will not be the flames upon the disembodied spirit beings but the ABSENCE OF GOD.

The greatest part of heaven will be the PRESENCE OF GOD!!!!

GRACE
verses
WORKS

GRACE versus WORKS

The Bible clearly teaches that Salvation is by GRACE and Grace alone (Eph: 2:8).

The Bible also clearly teaches WORKS.

Unfortunately, people either mix these two doctrines up or intermix them. They are completely separate.

We have been saved because we have put our faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ on the cross. That was our death to our ADAMIC life we inherited from our parents. The resurrection of Jesus Christ gave us NEW LIFE. This is by faith and 100% the GRACE of God.

GRACE verses WORKS

Now, after salvation, we are to WORK for Christ. Why?

Because we were dead in our sins and transgressions but now “in Christ” we can serve Him in holiness. You cannot serve God unless you are “alive to God” and “dead to sin”.

We now serve Christ because His love compels us. Because we are obedient children. Yes, we “work out our salvation” as God works in us. This is sanctification – the continual cleansing God does. The cleansing God works in us as we let Him.

GRACE verses WORKS

SALVATION IS “TO” THE CROSS

- humbly repenting and receiving God’s gift of Salvation through faith in what Jesus did for us through His death and resurrection. Becoming “born again” by God’s Spirit and becoming His child.

WORKS ARE “FROM” THE CROSS

- gratefully giving Jesus our life and willing to serve Him in the power of His Holy Spirit knowing we are saved. Wanting others to experience what we’ve been given.

GRACE verses WORKS

If you are not fully assured of your salvation then you are “working for your salvation”. Then all you have is “religion” not “relationship”. Only a taskmaster would make a person work, work, work and then not even let them know if they will even be saved. Jesus saves us completely – then calls us to work for Him – and is storing up rewards in heaven for us. After “salvation”, let us not suffer loss but “work” in the Power of the Holy Spirit and receive our “crowns” and “rewards”.

Then the only thing we will be able to do after we’ve received our crowns is to lay them down at the Savior’s feet.

“For from him and through him and to him are all things. To God be the glory forever and ever. Amen.” (Romans 11:36)

**THE “5” NEW
TESTAMENT
JUDGMENTS
& CROWNS**

THE “5” N.T. JUDGMENTS & CROWNS

1) Believer’s Judgment as to Sin took place at Calvary.

Those who receive Christ’s forgiveness have been judged as to the principle of Sin. Salvation is secured (Rom.10:4; Romans 8:1-2; John 5:24). Our sins should be constantly confessed in order to keep a right relationship with God (1 John 2:1; 1 John 1:9).

THE “5” N.T. JUDGMENTS & CROWNS

2) Believer’s Judgment as to Works will take place at the Rapture in the Air at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

This is for our works only and not salvation (2 Cor.5:10; 1 Cor.4:5; 1 Thess. 4:17; 1 Cor.9:24-27). We’ll receive “rewards” or suffer “loss”. Here our crowns will be rewarded for the N.T. speaks of 5 crowns:

- a) The Crown of Life or Martyr’s Crown (James 1:12; Rev.2:10)**
- b) The Crown of Glory or Elder’s/Pastor’s Crown (1 Peter 5:2-4)**
- c) The Crown of Rejoicing or The Soul Winner’s Crown (1 Thess. 2:19-20; Phil. 4:1)**
- d) The Crown of Righteousness or The Crown of Those Who Love His Appearing (1 Tim.4:8)**
- e) The Crown Incorruptible or the Victor’s Crown (1 Cor. 9:25-27)**

THE “5” N.T. JUDGMENTS & CROWNS

3) The Jews during the Great Tribulation on the earth.

This is after the Rapture. The Jews will be judged during this time for their rejection of Christ (1 Sam.8:7; Luke 23:18; Acts 7:51, 54-60; Eze.20:34-38; Jer.30:4-7). Many Jews will be saved out of the tribulation (Matt.24:21-31; Zech. 14:1-11; Zech.12:10; Isaiah 66:8).

THE “5” N.T. JUDGMENTS & CROWNS

4) The Nations at the Revelation of Christ on earth for their treatment of the Jews.

This is before the 1,000 Millennial reign of Christ.
(see Joel 3:1-2; Matt.25:31-46).

THE “5” N.T. JUDGMENTS & CROWNS

5) The Wicked Dead at the Great White Throne during the Renovation of the Earth by Fire.

This is after the 1,000 year Millennial reign of Christ.

(see Rev.20:11-15; 2 Pet.3:7)

**PICKING UP
OUR CROSS**

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“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, and yet lose or forfeit his soul. If anyone is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.”

(Luke 9:23-26)

PICKING UP OUR CROSS

- **Have you committed your life to Jesus Christ?**
- **There are many “lukewarm” Christians in this world.**
- **But God wants to take a “few good men and women” and change the world.**
- **If God leads you, write a prayer now committing your life to serving Jesus Christ in the Power of His Holy Spirit.**

PICKING UP OUR CROSS

The greatest adventure possible is a fully committed, submitted, and yielded life to Jesus Christ.

Jesus totally trusted the Father and would do nothing unless the Father told Him. He knew the Father's love for Him.

In fact, He so loved the Father that He was willing to die on the cross.

He also loved us so much that it was the "Power of Love" that took the God-man to the cross to die for us so that we could leave the life of Adam and enter into the life of God – Jesus Christ.

PICKING UP OUR CROSS

Our prayer is that you will continually experience the joy of Christ as you serve Him.

He is beyond comprehension and yet He has given us His Holy Spirit.

By this same Holy Spirit we can continually know God, be filled by God, and experience His Power in our lives.

PICKING UP OUR CROSS

If one was to think of Jesus as not being God what would be the consequences?

These are very apparent as we study every sect, cult, or system outside Christianity. You have some kind of formula in which to try to get to God.

This formula is called “works”.

The question is, “How much works is enough.”

Reincarnationists believe it cannot be done in this lifetime as well as Mormons and many other sects.

PICKING UP OUR CROSS

Yet, if Christ was not God, we have no redemption and no “assurance of salvation.” Only God could redeem man. A lower form of being cannot make redemption for itself to a higher form.

Yet, it is almost too easy. We accept what Jesus did for us on the cross. We believe and enter into His life. The eternal life of Christ.

Why does it seem too easy to people outside Christianity? Because of man’s pride. Christ’s death on the cross takes away from us every means we have within ourselves of obtaining salvation. Human pride says that, “I must do something.” Christianity says, “I can’t do anything. It is impossible to get to God. God came to us.”

PICKING UP OUR CROSS

- So, religious systems formulate many cleverly devised ways to get to God. But the root of it all is “man’s pride”.
- When a person stands before Jesus at the judgment, will what they have done be enough? No.
- “All our righteousness is as filthy rags” (Isa.64:6).
- When born-again Christians stand before Jesus at the judgment, we will have looked back to the cross and the only thing to say to Jesus then will be, “Thank You Lord Jesus, God of all, that You died for me. Thank You. Thank You. Thank You.”
- No “pride” just “thank You.”

“It is finished”

**THE
SPIRIT-FILLED
LIFE**

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

1) The Spirit-filled life is living the life of Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. The Christian considers himself “dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus” (Romans 6:11).

We put away all selfish motives, all selfish interests, and we make Jesus our life (2 Cor.5:14-15; Gal.2:20; Col.3:4).

We exchange our life for the life of God. We die to self and live for God. The life of Jesus is now being lived through us. No one is able to live the Christian life. Only Jesus lived the Christian life. The Spirit-filled life is laying down our life and asking God to live His life through us. In order to do this we need to ask God to fill us with His Holy Spirit every day (Luke 11:13) and allow God to live His life through us.

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

2) Why are so many people living defeated Christian lives?

There are many reasons. Some reasons are lack of knowledge of God's Word, lack of faith in God, pride, fear, worldliness, and secret sin.

Anything that we hold onto that is not of God is "sin".

In order to be filled with the Holy Spirit we have to be empty of all that blocks the Holy Spirit from coming into our lives in His fullness. Every morning and evening, we need to get down on our knees, and confess anything in our life that is not of God. Anything we hold onto in our lives that is not of God is an "idol". 1 John 5:21 says, "Dear children (he is talking to Christians), keep yourselves from idols." **We should be "vessels of honor fit for the master's service".**

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

3) It is important to realize that the filling of the Holy Spirit is different for everyone.

Some people have a very emotional and sudden experience.

Other people just know that something has happened.

The best way to be filled with the Holy Spirit is to have become sick of being filled with yourself.

It is the grace of God that shows us how “disgusting” we are on our own.

There is nothing good that lives in us, that is in our sinful nature (Romans 7:18).

Once we understand this, we begin to desire to be filled with something better..... or better yet, SOMEONE!!

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

4) There are no formulas for being filled with the Holy Spirit.

Here is a simple formula that can will help you though.

First, realize that God commands us to be filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph.5:18).

Second, that being filled with the Holy Spirit is the only means that we can live the Christian life (Gal.2:20; Acts 1:8).

Third, realize how thirsty and hungry you are for God (John 7:37-39; Matt.5:6).

Ask God to fill you with His Holy Spirit (Luke 11:13).

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

- **To be filled with the Holy Spirit, say a simple prayer like this:**
Lord God, I need You. I realize that I have tried to live the Christian life on my own strength. Lord, no one can live the Christian life but Jesus. Forgive me Father for _____
_____ .
- Thank You for Your forgiveness. I now yield my life to You anew. Come into me with Your freshness, Your comfort, Your power, and Your glory. Come and fill every part of my being with You. I hunger for You Holy Spirit. I thirst for You Holy Spirit. I need You Holy Spirit. Thank You for this wonderful filling You are giving me right now. Let me experience You anew everyday of my life so that I can serve You, love You, and tell others about You. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.
- **This prayer can be said everyday. It is a prayer from the heart. There are many fillings. God desires to continually fill us with His Spirit so that we can live the abundant life of Christ.**

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

5) It is important be realize that everyday we need to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Many Christians fail right here.

They live on a past experience.

They talk about the “time” they got filled with the Holy Spirit.

Instead, we can be filled everyday.

We can continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit by faith.

God wants to constantly and continually fill us with His Holy Spirit.

He loves to fill us up with Himself.

THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE

6) People give wonderful testimonies of God's leading, anointing, and power from being filled with the Holy Spirit.

These Spirit-filled Christians spend time each day in the Word of God, praying, meditating and memorizing scripture, confessing revealed sins, and asking God to continually fill them with His Spirit for service.

PRAYER

PRAYER

- 1) Prayer is talking with God. Ideally, it should be directed to the Father (Acts 12:5); in the name of Jesus (John 14:13); through the power of the Holy Spirit (6:18). But it is fine to talk to all three members of the Trinity.

The Bible encourages us to pray every where (1 Tim. 2:8); in the closet (Matt.6:6); and in the temple (church) (Luke 18:10). We should always pray (Luke 18:1); pray without ceasing (1 Thess. 5:17); and be devoted to prayer (Col. 4:2). Daniel prayed three times daily (Dan.6:10) which is a good example for all of us to follow. The least we can pray is three times daily (breakfast, lunch, and dinner). This is a great time to continue to be “centered” in Christ throughout the day.

PRAYER

2) When we pray, we should be guided by the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:26-27).

In Hebrews 11:6 we are encouraged to pray with the faith that God exists and that He rewards those who diligently seek him.

We should be persistent in prayer (Luke 18:1-8; Luke 11:1-13).

In 2 Chronicles 7:14 we see that we should come to God in humility and be prepared to repent of our sins in order to have a clear conscience before God.

PRAYER

3) In order to pray effectively we should pray in the will of God (Matt.26:39).

We learn God's will by reading the Bible.

It is a good idea to pray to God when reading the Bible and talk to Him aloud in agreement with His Word.

We also need to forgive others (Mark 11:25). It is also necessary to pray in believing faith (Mark 11:24; James 1:6-7).

It is also very important to keep his commandments (1 John 3:22).

Finally, we should abide in Christ (John 15:7); pray in the Holy Spirit (Jude 20); and pray in Jesus' name (John 16:24).

A METHOD OF PRAYER

- A prayer formula called “A – C – T – S ”.

ACTS stands for:

- **A – Adoration** – this is praising, worshipping, and adoring God from our heart.
- **C – Confession** – this is asking God for forgiveness of known and unknown sin.
- **T – Thanksgiving** – this is being thankful no matter what our circumstances.
- **S – Supplication** – this is praying for others, asking God to meet our needs and requests.

A METHOD OF PRAYER

ADORATION

How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth! (Psalm 47:2)

Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore. From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. (Psalm 113:2-3)

Praise the Lord. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! (Psalm 147:1)

A METHOD OF PRAYER

CONFESSION

**Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.
(Psalm 51:2)**

**Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I
will be whiter than snow. (Psalm 51:7)**

**Then I acknowledge my sin to you and did not cover up my
iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the
LORD” – and you forgave the guilt of my sin. (Psalm 32:5)**

A METHOD OF PRAYER

THANKSGIVING

Praise the LORD. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. (Psalm 106:1)

give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thess.5:18)

There is no one like you, O LORD, and there is no God but you, as we have heard with our own ears. (1 Chr. 17:20)

A METHOD OF PRAYER

SUPPLICATION

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. (Philippians 4:6)

**Hear my prayer, O Lord; let my cry for help come to you.
(Psalm 102:1)**

Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayers offered in this place. (2 Chronicles 7:15)

AN ACCOUNT OF PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

- **Matthew 26:36-56; Mark 14:32-52; Luke 22:39-53; and John 18:1-11 gives us the account of Christ praying in the Garden of Gethsemane and His arrest.**

AN ACCOUNT OF PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

In Matthew 26:36 Jesus said,

“Sit here while I go over there and pray.”

Here we see a “PRAYING SAVIOR”.

Our Lord knew where His power, strength, and perseverance came from.

He knew He’d need God’s power to complete His mission.

AN ACCOUNT OF PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

In verse 37, we see that Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him.

These three men give us a picture of “THE CHURCH”.

AN ACCOUNT OF PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

In verse 38, after his soul becoming “sorrowful and troubled” Jesus said to His disciples, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me.”

Jesus was entering into the reality of his mission on earth at the deepest level.

He was beginning to experience overwhelming sorrow for the people He would die for.

He was asking His CHURCH to keep watch with Him.

AN ACCOUNT OF PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

In verse 39, we see the “perfect prayer”. The same kind of prayer that we say when we say “The Lord’s Prayer”. “Thy will be done.”

Jesus said, “My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will.”

Our Lord knew what the Father was asking Him to do.

He was asking if there was anyway out of this excruciating pain set before Him.

But He came to do the “will of the Father” and “for the joy set before Him endured the cross” (Hebrews 12:2).

AN ACCOUNT OF PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

In verse 40, Jesus returns and sees His disciples sleeping. He asks them, “Could you men not keep watch with me one hour?”

Jesus was Man and He needed the support of His disciples. He was going through His darkest hour and His closest companions were not willing to keep watch with Him.

Is this not a continual picture of THE CHURCH?

Jesus continues to pray (He’s interceding at the right hand of God) and THE CHURCH is not able to “keep watch with him”.

AN ACCOUNT OF PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

In verse 41, Jesus says, “Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.”

This continues to be a warning to THE CHURCH.

We must “watch and pray” so we don’t fall into temptation.

We must constantly be saying “not my will, but yours be done.”

AN ACCOUNT OF PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

In verse 42-43, He prayed the second time.

In verse 44, Jesus went away the third time and prayed.

Jesus prayed once, twice, three times in this hour of need.

Knowing our Lord, He probably saw that He needed to go back for HIS CHURCH just as much as for Himself.

THE CHURCH needs to be prayed for.

AN ACCOUNT OF PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

In verse 45, Jesus says, “Are you still sleeping and resting?” Jesus witness HIS CHURCH for the third time “sleeping and resting”. Then He says, “Look the hour is near, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.” Jesus continues to say, “the hour is near”. Now, the hour of His Second Coming is near. We need to be “watching and praying”.

AN ACCOUNT OF PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

In verse 46, Jesus says, “Arise, let us go. Here comes my betrayer.” THE CHURCH needs to “ARISE”.

To stop sleeping and begin praying.

The betrayer (enemy) is working.

We see here a “BUSY DEVIL.”

AN ACCOUNT OF PRAYER IN GETHSEMANE

In conclusion we see three important things here.

We see:

- 1) A PRAYING SAVIOR,
- 2) A SLEEPING CHURCH,
- 3) A BUSY DEVIL.

Lord, help us to **ARISE!!!**

KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL PRAYER LIFE

- a) Ask God to give you a desire to pray.
- b) When you pray, have a Bible, pen, and paper with you. Write down what God is saying.
- c) To avoid distractions, find a place & time that you are comfortable with. PROTECT IT.
- d) Don't get too comfortable when praying. Lying down is not a good idea.
- e) Find prayers from the Bible. Write down verses that you could use.

KEYS TO A SUCCESSFUL PRAYER LIFE

- f) Quote and/or read scriptural promises to God. Thank God for His promises.**
- g) Don't be too hard on yourself. Set small, attainable goals. Re-evaluate your prayer goals.**
- h) Talk to “prayer warriors” about how they have grown as “men/women of prayer”.**
- i) Ask people to pray for you for a better prayer life. Have them “lay hands” on you.**

JESUS

Friend Forever

JESUS: Friend Forever!!

a) “Oh, for the days when I was in my prime, when God's intimate friendship blessed my house”, (Job29:4)

“Even my close friend, whom I trusted, he who shared my bread, has lifted up his heel against me”. (Psalm 41:9)

Have you ever felt this way?

JESUS: Friend Forever!!

b) “His mouth is sweetness itself; he is altogether lovely. This is my lover, this my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem”. (Song of Songs 5:16).

Notice here how “Beloved” is telling her friends about her “Lover” (Jesus).

What is she saying about Jesus?

What do you have to say to others about Jesus?

JESUS: Friend Forever!!

c) "When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven." (Luke 5:20).

Jesus forgives sins. He forgives the sins of "His Friends".

Are you Jesus' friend?

Have you been forgiven?

What does it feel like to be forgiven by Jesus?

JESUS: Friend Forever!!

d) “Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you”. (John 15:13-15)

Take time to meditate on this.

**FUNDAMENTAL
CHRISTIAN
DOCTRINES**

THE BIBLE

**For a Major Study called “Can We Trust The Bible?” see:
www.altogetherlovely.org (FREE TEACHINGS)**

THE BIBLE



I believe God can communicate to us because people and animals are able to communicate.



If animals and people can communicate, why not God with mankind?

THE BIBLE



We can believe in the Bible's credibility because we see healing in the plant and animal world.



We have healing of limbs, cures of diseases, etc.



This shows that God cares about the world He has made.

THE BIBLE

 **The Bible has shown
a fabulous ability to survive.**

 **Most books never survive over 25 years, fewer over
a century, and a very small amount last over 1,000
years. This shows the Bible's uniqueness.**

 **When you look at the conditions and persecutions
that the Bible has gone through, its longevity is
amazing.**

THE BIBLE



It is an amazing book in that it is still read by millions of believers around the world.



It has been translated into hundreds of languages.

THE BIBLE



The Bible contains the revelation and embodiment of God.



It shows how we got here, shows man's fall, God's sovereign rule, God's plan for salvation, and sets forth the future of mankind.

THE BIBLE



The Bible is a unified book.



Even though written by some 40 different authors over 1600 years, it is one book.



It's doctrine, moral standard, plan of salvation, and program for the ages are all unified.

THE BIBLE



No man could have set forth to write such a harmonious book.



If they could have written such a book, then we would have another Bible.



Only God could have written such a unified book.

THE BIBLE



No other book has benefited mankind more with its answer to sin and the hope & promises it provides.



We can find great comfort and reassurance every time we read it.

THE BIBLE

 **The Bible contains fulfilled prophecy.**

 **God's fulfilled predictions of future events shows it's a divine book.**

 **No other book or books combined, show fulfilled prophecy like the Bible.**

 **These prophecies concerned Israel, Gentile nations, individuals, and of course, Christ.**

THE BIBLE



In the O.T. the Bible conveys the message of God's words using phrases such as

“The Lord said,”

“Thus says the Lord,”

“Now the Lord said to“, etc.



These kinds of phrases are used over 3,800 times in the Old Testament showing God actually speaking to these people.

THE BIBLE



Over 500 times, the N.T. authors claim to give the message of God.



**see: 1 Cor.14:37; 1 Thess.2:13; Gal.1:8; 1 John 5:10;
2 Pet.3:2; Heb.2:1-4**

THE BIBLE



Moses' writing in the Pentateuch are very credible.



He was a witness of many events as well as being given credibility throughout the Bible by other writers as well as Jesus Christ.

THE BIBLE



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

THE BIBLE



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

THE BIBLE



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

THE BIBLE



**The N.T. writers were honest,
believing what they wrote.**



**Their belief cost them their social standing,
material possessions, and even their lives.**

THE BIBLE



The Gospels harmonize with each other.



They don't contradict but supplement information.



Even the so called differences in the Gospels have been proven valid and show that the four gospel writers did not collaborate but gave four valid versions.

THE BIBLE



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



Peter puts the epistles of Paul as an equal with the rest of the scriptures (2 Peter 3:15).



Paul declares the whole Old Testament to be inspired in 2 Timothy 3:16.

THE BIBLE



Men throughout the Bible testify to their sinfulness: David with Bathsheba, Moses killing an Egyptian, etc.



Men would never write these kinds of things about themselves.



It shows that the book was God-inspired.

THE BIBLE



The Bible was written by people from different time periods, social standings, and backgrounds.



Yet the unity, literary expertise, and wonder of it is amazing.

THE BIBLE



The Bible is divine in that it lends itself to translation.



It has been translated in whole or in part into over 1,000 languages and dialects.



Truly a divine book.

THE BIBLE



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



No other book from history compares to it.

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

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1) The term “essence” or “substance” is what is beneath all outward manifestations of God.

It is the “reality” itself of God.

Usually God’s attributes are manifestations of His essence.

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

2) God is a substance.

He is “spiritual” substance and not material substance.

Jesus said, “God is spirit” in John 4:24.

So God’s nature is spiritual.

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

3) God is “immaterial” and “incorporeal”.

Man’s spirit is “finite”. God’s spirit is “infinite”.

The Second Commandment forbids the making of any graven image or likeness of anything (Ex.20:4) as well as the numerous commands against idolatry (Deut.16:22; Lev.26:1).

[The expressions showing God to have bodily hands, feet, eyes, ears, etc. are symbolic to show that God is real and has an interest in us.]

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

4) God is invisible.

Men at times saw the “reflection” of God’s glory, but they did not see His “essence.”

Sometimes “spirit” can be manifested in visible form.

A “Theophany” is a manifestation of God in visible form (Gen.32:30; Gen.16:7-14; 18:13-33; 22:11-18; Exod.3:2-5; Judges 6:11-23; 1 Kings 19:5-7; 2 Kings 19:35).

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

5) God is alive.

Idols are not alive.

He is the “living” God. (Joshua 3:10; 1 Sam.17:26; Psalm 84:2; Matt.16:16; 1 Tim.3:15; Rev.7:2).

Because God is alive, He feels, has power, and activity.

He is the source and support of all plant, animal, human, spiritual, and eternal life. God sees, hears, and lives.

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

6) God is a person.

If the human spirit is personal, why not God who is spirit.

God is a higher order of spirit than man and is personal.

He has intellect (mind), sensibility (emotions), and volition (will).

God speaks, sees, hears, grieves, repents, gets angry, is jealous, compassionate. He is the creator, sustainer, ruler, and upholder of all things.

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

7) The essence of God can be, and is, at once three persons and one personal being.

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

8) God is self-existence.

He does not depend on anything outside of Himself for life as man does.

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

9) God is immense.

He is infinite in regards to space.

He is beyond space and He does not depend on space but space is dependent on Him.

THE ESSENCE OF GOD

10) God is eternal.

He is infinite in regards to time. He never had a beginning or an ending. He is beyond time because He created time.

Time was started in our solar system when the sun was created. God created the sun and therefore He is above time.

He was before time, before the sun, and before all things. God is “above time.” That is why God knows the future. He is above time. God is amazing.

THE FEAR OF GOD

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The fear of God according to Dr. C.I. Scofield is, “**reverential trust with a hatred of evil**” (see Scofield’s notes for Psalm 19:9).

To reverence God is to put Him in a place of high respect or awe. (Deut.4:10; 6:13; Eccl.12:13)

THE FEAR OF GOD

The “Fear of the Lord” is:

godly (Heb.12:28)

clean (Psa.19:9)

a treasure (Proverbs 15:16)

a hatred of evil (Proverbs 8:13)

wisdom (Psa.111:10)

a fountain of life (Proverbs 14:27)

forever enduring (Psalm 19:9)

THE FEAR OF GOD

We fear God because of:

His holiness (Rev.15:4)

His goodness (1 Sam.12:24)

His forgiveness (Psa.130:4)

His works (Job 9:10)

His greatness (Deuteronomy 10:12-17)

**His coming judgments of believers works and non-believers
salvation (Rev.14:7)**

THE FEAR OF GOD

We are commanded to fear God

**(see 1 Peter 2:17; Psalm 22:23; Acts 9:31;
2 Cor. 7:1; Deut.13:4; Acts 10:2)**

THE FEAR OF GOD

The Fear of the Lord helps us to worship God.

As we worship Him in spirit and truth, our hearts begin to experience the awesomeness of who He is.

THE FEAR OF GOD

The Fear of the Lord helps us to serve him better, keeps us in an attitude of holiness, reverence, and humility, and helps us not to backslide.

THE FEAR OF GOD

God is pleased when we fear Him.

The Fear of the Lord keeps our lives and hearts right with God. (Psalms 147:11; 103:13, 17; 112:1; 145:19; Proverbs 10:27; 16:6; 14:26; Isa.8:12-13; Mal.3:16; Acts 10:35)

THE FEAR OF GOD

We should love, serve, and fear God.

This is sometimes hard to do at the same time, but God brings this about in our hearts through the working of His Holy Spirit.

THE UNITY OF GOD

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When Christians talk about the unity of God they are talking about the fact that there is only “one” God.

His divine nature is undivided and indivisible.

THE UNITY OF GOD

This truth that there is one God is throughout the OT (Deut. 4:23-24, 35,39; Deut.6:4; 1 Kings 8:60; Isaiah 44:6; 45:5,21; etc.)

THE UNITY OF GOD

**This truth that there is one God is throughout the NT
(Mark 12:29-32; John 10:30; John 17:3;
1 Cor.8:4-6; 1 Tim.2:5; etc.)**

THE UNITY OF GOD

It would be impossible for there to be more than one God.

He is an “uncaused being”.

How can there be more than one perfect and infinite being?

Who would be the creator?

THE UNITY OF GOD

God's being is simple.

He is "one".

He is a unity of one.

**God's unity has personal distinctions in the divine nature,
but at the same time the divine nature is numerically and
eternally one.**

In the trinity there are three persons but one essence.

THE UNITY OF GOD

God is a balanced being.

God is holy and God is love.

At the same time, God is just and righteous.

Christ's death at Calvary was a display of God's mercy and love to the guilty sinner and God's justice and righteousness toward sin.

THE UNITY OF GOD SETS CHRISTIANITY APART

a) **The First Commandment in Exodus 20:2 says, “You shall have no other gods before me.”**

Why does God say this?

What does God want from us as His children?

THE UNITY OF GOD SETS CHRISTIANITY APART

b) The Second Commandment (Ex.20:4,5) says, “You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.....” (also Deut.4:23-24)

Does God want us to worship anything besides Him?

Should we set up “shrines” in our homes or worship God in our heart and in heaven?

THE UNITY OF GOD SETS CHRISTIANITY APART

c) **Deuteronomy 6:4** says, “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.”

THE UNITY OF GOD SETS CHRISTIANITY APART

d) Isaiah 44:6 says, “This is what the Lord says – Israel’s King and Redeemer, the Lord Almighty; I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God.”

Isaiah 45:21 says, “..... And there is no God apart from me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none but me.”

Take some time to meditate on this.

THE UNITY OF GOD SETS CHRISTIANITY APART

e) In John 10:30, Jesus said, “I and the Father are one.”

Then in verse 33 the Jews explain why they are trying to stone Jesus, “for blasphemy, because you, a mere man, claim to be God.”

Take some time to meditate on this.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

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The Virgin Birth is prophesied in Isaiah 7:14,

“Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call the Name Immanuel” (repeated in Matt.1:23).

The story is told in Matt.1:18-25 and Luke 2:4-7. Jesus refers to it in John 6:51 when He says He “came down from heaven.”

Isaiah prophesied it 740 years before it happened, Matthew uses this prophecy to show its fulfillment, and Dr. Luke went to a lot of pain to give us a “believing” doctor’s description of this medical phenomenon.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

The Virgin Birth took place to:

- **reveal God (John 1:18);**
- **bridge the chasm between God and man (1 Tim.2:5);**
- **and to save mankind (Heb.2:14,16).**

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Mary was never with Joseph before Christ's birth.

“but before they came together, she was found to be with child though the Holy Spirit.” (Matt.1:18).

“But he had no union with her until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus.” (Matt.1:25)

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

The marriage of Joseph and Mary before the birth of Jesus made Him the adopted son and “legal heir” of Joseph.

The title, was unaffected by the curse pronounced upon Jechonias (OT is Coniah) in Matthew 1:11-12.....

Coniah in Jeremiah 22:24-30 of who God said, “No man of his seed (Coniah) shall prosper, sitting upon the ‘Throne of David’ and ruling any more in Judah.”

Joseph could not be the natural father of Jesus for no descendant of his could sit on the throne of David and prosper.

This proves the Virgin birth for Joseph could not be the father for prophecy would be unfilled.

Therefore the title was given to Jesus in whom centers through both Nathan and Solomon exclusive right to the Throne of David.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

The “principle of sin” had come through Adam.

This was being passed from father to child since Adam.

Jesus needed to come to earth without an inherited sin nature.

In this way, He could be the Savior of the world.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Jesus is the only possible Savior of the world because every other man has had a sin nature.

The rest of mankind inherited a sin nature and would have had to die for themselves.

Even if a man can live a sinless life, they could only redeem themselves.

Christ, because He was sinless, could die for all mankind.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

God could come to earth in two ways.

- 1) by imparting Himself to another man (but then He would enter a sinful man)
- 2) or by a Virgin Birth through the Holy Spirit.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

The Virgin Birth is an unchanging truth taught in Scripture.

The Virgin Birth is necessary for salvation.

Immanuel means “God with us.”

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Jesus Christ was sinless because of the Virgin Birth.

He did not inherit a fallen, corruptible human nature.

Jesus was without original sin.

In fact, Jesus could not have sinned while on earth.

**If Jesus could have sinned, we would still be wondering now
if He is going to sin or not.**

But we know that “He is without sin”.

**He is able to confidently be called, THE SAVIOR OF THE
WORLD and He will never sin.**

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

- **Jesus came by supernatural conception not natural.**
- **Could Mary with an inherited taint of sin in her nature have brought forth the pure offspring child Jesus?**
- **The Bible says, “The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee; therefore also that ‘Holy Thing’ which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:35)**
- **The embryo (seed) that was deposited in the womb of the Virgin by the Holy Ghost contained no taint of sin.**
- **Mary’s womb was simply the vehicle for the formation of the human body of Christ into which the “Spirit of Christ” entered at birth and therefore was formed the GOD-MAN.**

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Four times in the Gospel of John, Jesus is called the “Only Begotten Son of God”.

This does NOT refer to His eternal origin sometime in the past for He was co-existent with the Father.

There has never been anyone “begotten” like Jesus.

The “key word” is “only”.

For Jesus was the “only” person begotten this manner.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Jesus was “God manifest in the flesh”.

He was a foreigner (from a different world).

He had to be about “His Father’s” business (not Joseph’s but His Heavenly Father).

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Remember, when Emperor Caesar Augustus called for an enrollment and Joseph and Mary went to Bethlehem.

For them to be called must mean they were enrolled and at the time they could trace their ancestry back to King David (Luke 2:1-5).

It was doubtless from this registry that Matthew and Luke got their genealogy.

If the claim of Jesus to the “Throne of David” had not been known in Jerusalem to be absolutely without flaw, the Jews would have denounced Him as an imposter and pretender.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Up to the time of Jesus' rejection as King all genealogical records were preserved in the Temple, but when Titus in 70 A.D. destroyed the city and the Temple, those records were destroyed.

The genealogical tables of Matthew and Luke alone remain to give us the lineal descent of Jesus from King David.

Therefore the only "living man" today who can establish an unbroken genealogy directly from King David is the Man Christ Jesus (1 Tim.1:5).

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

The Scriptures clearly teach that Jesus was a MAN (John 8:40; Acts 2:22; 1 Tim.2:5), and also was God (John 1:1; Titus 2:13; Col.2:19) but that these “two natures” were united in a single Personality and in a vital and inseparable union.

As a man Jesus possessed a material body with all its functions. He hungered, thirsted, slept, loved, feared, groaned, wept, prayed, had compassion, suffered, and as to His “body” died.

As God, Jesus performed the works of God.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

The union of these two natures took place at the birth of Jesus but Jesus did not have complete consciousness of that union in His mind at His birth.

We read that as a child He “increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man.” (Luke 2:52).

Probably at age 12 on His first visit to the Temple, the Holy Spirit revealed to Him that He must be about His Father’s business (Luke 2:49).

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

At His baptism, when the Holy Spirit, like a dove, rested upon Him, He seems to have come to the full consciousness of His Deity, and yet there were limitations to his knowledge, the self-imposed limitations of a servant, for while a servant may know much he is not supposed to know as much as his master.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

While the Divine Nature in Jesus kept Him from sinning and preserved Him from intellectual errors, His human nature made him susceptible to the weaknesses and limitations of the flesh.

As the spirit of man in its union with the body suffers with the body, so Jesus the “God-Man” suffered in the flesh, and the agonies of Gethsemane and Calvary were real and agonizing to Him.

When Jesus surrendered His Spirit to the Father on the cross, the union between the “Divine” and “human” in Jesus was not dissolved.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH

Jesus did not go back to heaven as He came to the earth bodiless.

He took His resurrected Human Body with Him, and we now have in heaven the MAN Christ Jesus.

“For there is one God, and one “Mediator” between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus.” (1 Tim.2:5)

A man can mediate between two men, but he cannot mediate between a man and a horse.

So the Son of God could not mediate between God and man until He became the “God-Man,” that is, had the nature of both God and man, and this necessitated that He not only become a man, but that He take His human nature back with Him to Heaven where He sits right now.

**NATURAL
ATTRIBUTES
OF GOD**

NATURAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

God is eternal

This means that God has no beginning or ending. All idols are created or came from somewhere. But God has no beginning or ending. He has always been and always will be. (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 90:2; 1 Timothy 1:17)

NATURAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

God is unchangeable (immutable).

It is impossible for God to change. He can not change for the better or worse because He is absolutely perfect.

Everything about God stays the same. His characteristics, attributes, plans, and purposes never change. (James 1:17; 1 Sam.15:29; Mal. 3:6; Psalm 102:26; Heb. 1:12; Rom. 4:20; Psa. 33:11; Isa. 46:10; 1 Kings 8:56; 2 Cor.1:20; Psa. 103:17; Gen.18:25; Isa. 28:17)

NATURAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

God is present everywhere at once (omnipresent)

He's not limited to His creation. He is beyond His creation of the universe. The ever-present One is always there to help us. (Deut.4:17; Psa.46:1; 145:18; 139:7-9; Jer.23:23; Matt. 28:20; Eph. 1:23)

NATURAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

God is infinite in knowledge (omniscient)

God knows everything from the past, present, and future.

Nothing is hidden from God. We see His knowledge in the creation of man and the universe. (1 Chr.28:9; 2 Chr.16:9; Psalm 94:11; Daniel 2:20; Job 42:2; Isaiah 40:28; Psalm 147:5; Hebrews 4:13; Matt.10:30; 1 Cor.2:11; Romans 8:27; Psalm 147:4; Prov.5:21; Matt.6:8,32; Exodus 3:7)

NATURAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

God is all-powerful (omnipotent)

He is able to do whatever He wills. He does only those things in harmony with his perfect being and his perfection nature. (Gen.17:1; Rev.4:8; Job 42:2; Jer.32:17, 27; Rev.19:6; Psalm 33:9)

**MORAL
ATTRIBUTES
OF GOD**

MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Holy

God is separate, set-apart from all His creatures & from all moral evil and sin.

Righteous

Only God is righteous. Only he can do no wrong.

MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Merciful

God shows goodness to those in distress or trouble.

Love

God is love in essence and He is moved to show himself to His creation.

MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Faithful

God is faithful to his people and his creation.

Glorious

It is the greatness and majesty of God's presence.

MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Longsuffering

God is patient with His people.

Compassionate

God is moved by the suffering of people.

MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Unsearchable

God's ways are beyond finding out unless He chooses to reveal them.

Good

God deals tenderly and kindly with all his creatures. God is good.

MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

True

God is the essence and source of all truth. He is honorable and trustworthy.

Incorruptible

There is nothing “corruptible.” He can’t change and will stay pure.

MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Consuming Fire

God burns up that which is not of Him.

Gracious

He is loving and giving to the ill-deserving.

MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Jealous

God wants His people's whole hearts. He is a jealous God.

Great

God has a remarkable ability and character. He is a great God.

MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Invisible

God is Spirit and cannot be seen by the human eye.

Upright

God is honest and honorable.

MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Light

In Him is no darkness. He is the light of the world.

Perfect

There is no flaw in God in either His ways, essence, or choices.

MORAL ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

None like Him

Nothing or no one compares to God.

NAMES FOR GOD

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1. Elohim (Gen.2:4)

The One Who is Mighty

The Lord Who Creates

NAMES FOR GOD

2. Jehovah (Gen.3:14)

Self-existent One

One Who Causes To Be

NAMES FOR GOD

3. El Elyon (Gen.14:22)

The One Who is Supreme

The Lord Who Owns

NAMES FOR GOD

4. Adonai (Gen. 15:2)

The One Who is Ruling

The Lord our Master

NAMES FOR GOD

5. El-Shaddai (Gen.17:1)

The Almighty God

NAMES FOR GOD

6. El Olam (Gen.21:33)

The One Who is Mysterious

The Lord Who Reveals

NAMES FOR GOD

7. Jehovah Jireh (Gen.22:14)

The One Who Redeems

The Lord Who Provides

NAMES FOR GOD

8. Jehovah Rapha (Ex.15:26)

The One Who Heals

The Lord Who Heals

NAMES FOR GOD

9. Jehovah Nissi (Ex.17:15)

The One Who Fights for me

The Lord our Banner

NAMES FOR GOD

10. Yekaddia (Ex.31:13)

The One Who's Sanctification

The Lord Who Sanctified

NAMES FOR GOD

11. Jehovah Shalom (Judge 6:24)

The One Who Gives Peace

The Lord our Banner

NAMES FOR GOD

12. Sabaoth (1 Sam.1:3)

The One Who is Possessing

The Lord of Hosts

NAMES FOR GOD

13. Elyon (Psa.7:17)

The One Who is Blessing

The Lord Who Blesses

NAMES FOR GOD

14. Jehovah Raah (Psa.23:1)

The One Who is Caring

The Lord our Shepherd

NAMES FOR GOD

15. Jehovah Tsidkenu (Jer.23:6)

The One Who is Justifying

The Lord Our Righteousness

NAMES FOR GOD

16. Jehovah Shammah (Eze.48:35)

The One Who is Present

The Lord at Hand

CHRIST'S DEATH

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CHRIST'S DEATH

**Calvary was the expression
both of the wrath of God against sin
and the mercy of God toward the guilty sinner.
God's love is holy and just.**

CHRIST'S DEATH

1) On 5 different occasions Jesus prophesied that He would be crucified, buried, and on the third day rise from the dead.

(see Matt.12:39-40; 20:17-19; 26:30-32; Luke 18:31-33; John 2:19-22).

Jesus knew His mission was to die for humanity. It was Christ's supreme work on earth. Christ's purpose could be accomplished in no other way. There had to be a substitute for our sin.

CHRIST'S DEATH

**2) Christ's death was prophesied by God
(see Isa.53:8; Zech.13:7; Dan.9:26)**

CHRIST'S DEATH

**3) Christ's death was determined by God
(see Isa.53:6,10; Acts 2:23)**

CHRIST'S DEATH

4) There are 6 different meanings to Christ's death:

- atonement – a covering for sin (Rom. 5:11)
- propitiation – gives the idea of the “mercy seat” (1 John 2:2)
- substitution – the innocent Jesus took the place of the guilty sinner (John 10:11)
- redemption – we were bought with the precious Blood of Christ (1 Pet. 1:18-19)
- reconciliation – once enemies, we've been brought together as friends (Rom. 5:10)
- ransom – a price was paid for our release from sin (Matt. 20:28)

CHRIST'S DEATH

5) Christ was to die by crucifixion

**(see Matt.27:35; Mark 15:24; Luke 23:33; Num.21:8;
John 3:14; Heb.12:2; Gal. 3:13)**

CHRIST'S DEATH

**6) Christ volunteered to die without being forced
(John 10:18)**

CHRIST'S DEATH

7) Christ's death shows all of God's attributes.

It shows us His love, holiness, justice, mercy, faithfulness to mankind.

CHRIST'S DEATH

8) Christ's death brought salvation those who receive His forgiveness by faith (1 Tim. 4:10)

WHAT ENSUED “BEFORE” & “DURING” CHRIST’S DEATH

- 1) At Gethsemane, Christ experienced a horrible amount of distress, realizing the amount of pain He was going to endure. Christ began to “sweat blood”. This is a medical term called “hematidrosis” which is uncommon but associated with a high degree of stress. The severe anxiety causes chemicals in the body to be released and they break down the capillaries in the sweat glands. This causes blood to come through the sweat. This would have made Christ’s skin very fragile and sensitive when He was “flogged”.

WHAT ENSUED “BEFORE” & “DURING” CHRIST’S DEATH

2) Christ’s flogging would have consisted of 39 lashes (although if the soldier was in a bad mood, it could have been more). The whip was made of braided leather with metal balls sewn into them. The balls would cause deep wounds that would eventually break open. The whip also had pieces of sharp bone that would “rip” and “cut open” the flesh. The whipping would start around the shoulders, down the back, throughout the buttocks, and onto the back of the legs. The cuts would go into the muscle and produce quivering ribbons of bleeding flesh. These would be exposed.

WHAT ENSUED “BEFORE” & “DURING” CHRIST’S DEATH

People who were “flogged” often died from these beatings. The pain was “excruciating”. They would also experience “hypovolemic shock” meaning “low blood”. This shock causes the heart to pump blood not there, lowered blood pressure which causes fainting or collapsing, kidney malfunction that stops the production of urine, and tremendous thirst as the individual craves fluids to replace the blood volume. Jesus staggered as he carried the cross, had to have someone carry it for him, and said, “I thirst.” Jesus was definitely in critical condition.

WHAT ENSUED “BEFORE” & “DURING” CHRIST’S DEATH

3) At the cross, Jesus was laid down, and his hands nailed with 5-7 inch spikes through an area between the wrist (considered a part of the hand in those days) and the palm. The nail would have crushed a large nerve that would have caused an unimaginable amount of pain. They had to invent a new word called “excruciating” (which means ‘out of the cross” - base work “crucify”) to describe the intense pain .

WHAT ENSUED “BEFORE” & “DURING” CHRIST’S DEATH

- 4) Christ’s arms would have been stretched up to about 6 inches in length because both shoulders would have been dislocated (see Psalm 22).

WHAT ENSUED “BEFORE” & “DURING” CHRIST’S DEATH

- 5) **Crucifixion is an agonizingly slow death by asphyxiation. The muscles and diaphragm of the chest would be in a very stress-ridden position in the inhaled position. The person, in order to relieve the stress, would push up with his feet causing the nail to tear through the feet. The person would go up and down in this process of inhaling and exhaling all the while scraping their lacerated back against the wood of the cross. This would cause complete exhaustion until the person would not be able to push up anymore.**

WHAT ENSUED “BEFORE” & “DURING” CHRIST’S DEATH

Also, the respiratory system would begin to slow down causing an irregular heartbeat and finally, cardiac arrest. Above this, the hypovolemic shock would have caused a rapid heartbeat that would also have lead to heart failure. Fluid would then collect in the membrane around the heart and lungs causing “blood and water” to come out (John 19:34).

Jesus died from all this knowing beforehand what He would go through for you and me!! He resolutely set out for Jerusalem knowing as God what was before Him!!

Have you found a better friend?

CHRIST'S HOURS UPON THE CROSS

BETWEEN 6 A.M. & 9 A.M.

- **Before Pilate (Mark 15:1)**
- **Sent to Herod (Luke 23:6-10)**
- **Returned to Pilate (Luke 23:23-24)**
- **Sentenced (Luke 23:26)**
- **Led to Calvary (Luke 23:26)**

CHRIST'S HOURS UPON THE CROSS

BETWEEN 9 A.M & 12 NOON (3RD – 6TH Hour)

- Crucified (Luke 23:33)
- The soldiers divided up His clothes/caste lots (Mark 15:24)
- Crucified Him on the “third hour” (Mark 15:25; Luke 23:33)
- Jesus asked the Father to forgive them (Luke 23:34)

CHRIST'S HOURS UPON THE CROSS

BETWEEN 9 A.M & 12 NOON (3RD – 6TH Hour)

- People insulted Him (Matt.27:39-40)
- Chief priests insulted Him (Mark 15:31)
- Soldiers mocked Him (Luke 23:36-37)
- One criminal mocked Him (Luke 23:39)
- Criminal rebuked him (Luke 23:40,42)
- Jesus promised the one criminal paradise (23:43)
- Jesus looked after His mother (John 19:26-27)

CHRIST'S HOURS UPON THE CROSS

BETWEEN 12 NOON & 3 P.M. (6TH – 9TH Hour)

- **Darkness for three hours (Mark 15:33)**
- **Christ's cry of being forsaken (Matt.27:46)**
- **Christ's cry of thirst (John 19:28)**
- **Christ's "It is finished" (John 19:30)**
- **Christ commits His spirit (Luke 23:46)**

CHRIST'S HOURS UPON THE CROSS

AFTER 3 P.M

- The earthquake and curtain torn in two (Matt.27:51)
- The tombs break open and many dead seen (Matt.27:52)
- Centurion, “Surely he was the Son of God” (Matt.27:54)
- The confession of the multitude
- (Luke 23:48)
- The thieves’ legs broken (John 19:31-32)
- Jesus’ side is pierced (John 19:34)
- The burial (John 19:38-42)
- Tomb sealed and guard posted (Matt.27:66)

CHRIST'S HOURS UPON THE CROSS

Christ's Seven Statements on the Cross

- 1) *Luke 23:34:*** Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.
- 2) *Luke 23:43:*** Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise."
- 3) *John 19:26-27:*** When Jesus saw his mother there, and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, "Dear woman, here is your son," and to the disciple, "Here is your mother." From that time on, this disciple took her into his home.

CHRIST'S HOURS UPON THE CROSS

Christ's Seven Statements on the Cross

- 4) *Matt. 27:46*:** About the ninth hour Jesus cried out in a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lama sabachthani?"—which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"
- 5) *John 19:28*:** Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty."
- 6) *John 19:30*:** When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
- 7) *Luke 23:46*:** Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

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CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

1) **The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the fundamental doctrine on which Christianity stands. In 1 Cor.15:12-19, Paul shows that everything is dependent on Christ's bodily resurrection.**

**If Christ has not risen, then Paul's preaching is in vain (v.14);
the Corinthian's faith was worth nothing (v.15);
the apostles were not really witnesses then (v.15);
they were still in their sins (v.17);
the dead in Christ have no hope (v.18);
and Christians should be pitied (v.19).**

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

2) Every other leader is dead. Only Christ conquered death.

Death has been swallowed up in Christ's victory over it!!

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

3) Acts continually talks about the resurrection of Christ (Acts 2:24; 3:15, 26; 4:10; 10:40; 13:30-37; 17:31).

Paul's epistles talk about the resurrection of Christ (Rom. 4:24; 6:4, 9; 7:4; 8:11; 10:9; 1 Cor.6:14; 15:4; 2 Cor.4:14; Gal.1:1; Eph.1:20; Col. 2:13; 1 Thess. 1:10; 2 Tim. 2:8).

Other N.T. epistles also talk about His resurrection (1 Pet. 1:21; 3:21; Rev.1:5; 2:8).

It is shared by writers throughout the New Testament.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

4) The apostles repeatedly tell that they were eyewitnesses (Luke 24:33-36; John 20:19,26; 21:24; Acts 1:3, 21).

Christ's resurrection is mentioned 104 times in the New Testament.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

5) Christ's resurrection proves that He conquered death.

We are saved through His life (Rom.5:11).

We can put our faith in the fact that if Jesus Christ conquered "bodily" death that we, by faith, can receive a spiritual body just like He did.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

6) Every cause has an effect.

The effect of Christ's resurrection is an empty tomb, the Lord's Day, the Christian church, and the New Testament.

All these things are an effect of Christ's resurrection.

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

7) The evidences of the Resurrection are:

- **an empty tomb (Matt.28:6);**
- **the testimony of angels (Matt.28:46; Luke 24:5-7);**
- **people who talked to Christ after the resurrection (Thomas, Cleopas, Mary, and Peter);**
- **Jesus doing physical things (eating, drinking, showing His wounds, etc.);**
- **the different appearances He made to people;**
- **the testimony of Christians who speak of a relationship with Him;**
- **and others (Acts 1:3).**

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

8) The trinity was at work in Christ's resurrection.

He rose from the dead:

by the power of the Father

(Acts 2:23-24);

by His own power

(John 2:19; John 10:18);

and by the power of the Holy Spirit

(1 Peter 3:18).

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

9) Christ's resurrection proves:

- His deity (Rom.1:4);
- the existence of God (a living God resurrected Jesus);
- salvation is possible and complete;
- that we shall rise too;
- that He will come again;
- and that we may experience the power of His resurrection NOW (Phil.3:10)

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION BODY & OURS

Christ's resurrection body:

- had “flesh and bones” (Luke 24:39);
- was glorious (Phil.3:21);
- was immortal and will never die (Rom.6:9);
- was a spiritual body (1 Cor.15:44);
- as a spirit body had the ability to pass through a solid wall (John 20:19).

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION BODY & OURS

Our resurrection body (1 Corinthians 15:35-58).

“So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body” (1 Cor.15:42-44, 49)

THE EVENTS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

- 1) Early that morning, three women came to the tomb and saw two angels (Matt.28:1-8; Mark 16:1-7; Luke 24:1-8)**
- 2) They separated at the tomb. Mary Magdalene went to tell John and Peter (John 20:1). The other two went to tell the other two disciples (Luke 24:9-11)**
- 3) Then Peter and John ran to the grave ahead of Mary and returned without seeing the Lord (John 20:3-10)**

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION: The Appearances

- 1) Jesus appeared first to Mary Magdalene
(Mark 16:9; John 20:11-18)**
- 2) Then to the women (Matt. 28:9-10)**
- 3) Then to Peter (Luke 24:34; 1 Cor.15:5)**
- 4) Then in the late afternoon to the 2 disciples on the road to
Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35)**

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION: The Appearances

- 5) Then in the evening to disciples in the “Upper Room” (John 20:19-24; Luke 24:36-48)**

- 6) A week later, to the same disciples with Thomas present (John 20:24-29)**

- 7) Later, He appeared to 7 disciples on the shore of the Sea of Galilee (John 21:1-25)**

- 8) Then to the “Eleven” on a mountain in Galilee (Matt. 28:16-20; Mark 16:14-18)**

- 9) Then to the 500 brethren at once (1 Cor.15:6)**

CHRIST'S RESURRECTION: The Appearances

10) Then to James (1 Cor.15:7)

**11) Then He ascended to Heaven in the presence of His
Disciples from the Mount of Olives
(Luke 24:50-53; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9)**

12) Then He appeared to Steven (Acts 7:52-56)

**13) Then he appeared to Paul on the road to Damascus
(Acts 9:3-6; 1 Cor.15:8)**

CHRIST'S ASCENSION

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Jesus Christ ascended “VISIBLY” AND “BODILY”.

Jesus departed visibly for the disciples saw Him depart. He departed in His resurrection body.

CHRIST'S ASCENSION

**The Ascension was prophesied and taught in the Scriptures
(Psa. 24; 68:18; 110:1; Luke 9:51; John 6:62; 20:17; 13:1;
15:26; 16:10,16,28)**

CHRIST'S ASCENSION

Paul spoke of Christ's Ascension (Eph.4:8-10; Phil.2:9; 1 Tim. 3:16).

Peter spoke of it (1 Pet.3:22) and so did the writer of Hebrews (Heb.4:14).

CHRIST'S ASCENSION

**The Ascension happened 40 days after His resurrection
(Acts 1:3)**

CHRIST'S ASCENSION

The Ascension is talked about in Luke 24:51 and Acts 1:9-11.

CHRIST'S ASCENSION

If we believe in Christ's bodily resurrection, then we have no trouble believing in His bodily ascension and therefore, in His bodily return.

CHRIST'S EXALTATION

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1) Christ's exaltation is mentioned:

by Luke (Acts 2:33; 5:31);

by Paul (Rom.8:34; Eph.1:20; Phil.2:9; Col.3:1);

by the book of Hebrews (Heb.10:12);

by Jesus (Matt.22:41-45; Rev.3:21)

CHRIST'S EXALTATION

2) Jesus Christ is now seated at the right hand of the Father (Eph.1:20).

Remember Stephen seeing Christ there (Acts 7:56).

**Jesus said that he would return home again in John 14:28,
"I go to the Father".**

He fulfilled the prophecy about Himself in John chapter 16.

CHRIST'S EXALTATION

3) The pouring out of the Holy Spirit was proof to the apostles that Christ had been exalted (Acts 2:33).

Jesus had promised that the Holy Spirit would come after His ascension (John 16:7).

Because the Holy Spirit came, it proved that Christ had been exalted.

CHRIST'S EXALTATION

4) Jesus' exaltation:

- completed his redemptive work (John 20:16-17);
- enabled His followers to do the promised greater works (John 14:12);
- allowed Jesus to enter His ministry of intercession;
- allowed Christ's ministry of the Holy Spirit to go worldwide.

CHRIST'S EXALTATION

5) Jesus' exaltation:

- glorified the Father (John 17:1);
- gave Jesus the position of Prince and Savior (Acts 5:31);
- allowed Jesus to enter the sanctuary behind the curtain on our behalf (Heb.6:19-20);
- allowed Jesus to prepare our heavenly home (John 14:2);
- allowed Jesus to be our High Priest (Heb.9:21-24);
- Allowed Jesus and to take His seat (Hebrews 10:12-13).

CHRIST'S EXALTATION

6) Because of Christ's exaltation:

- He has been crowned with glory and honor (Heb.2:9);
- gifts have been given to men (Eph.4:8);
- we can come boldly to the Lord in prayer (Heb.4:14-16);
- we can be saved to the uttermost (Heb.7:25);
- We can draw near to Christ (Heb.10:22);
- we can look at Jesus as our goal (Heb.12:2);
- we are seated in the heavenly realms “positionally” in Christ Jesus (Eph.2:6);
- He has filled all things (Eph.4:10);
- Christ is now exalted with authorities and powers made subject to Him (1 Peter 3:22).

CHRIST'S DEITY Jesus Is God Almighty

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"Who Do You Say I Am"
"Do You Think This Proves Jesus Is the Messiah?"

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus was referred to as Lord in the prophecy of Psalm 110:1, “The Lord (Father God) says to my Lord (the Savior): ‘Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet.’”

This prophecy was that the Messiah and Savior would be the Divine Lord himself.

Jesus referred to this in Matt.22:41-46; Mark 12:35-36; Luke 20:39-44.

Peter referred to this in Acts 2:34.

CHRIST'S DEITY

**In the Virgin Birth, God would be coming to live with men
(Isa.7:14 fulfilled Matt.1:23)**

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus, the Messiah, given divine names in prophecy (Isa. 9:7)

- God is Wonderful, Counselor (see Psalm 16:7),
- The Mighty God (God Himself),
- The everlasting Father
- (see John 10:30 – “I and the Father are one.”)
- Also we realize that God always existed yet,
“For to us a child is born” – a “man” was born.
“to us a son is given” – Jesus as God was “given”.

Note: The Son of God and the Son of Man are TITLES.

Jesus was the Son of God – meaning “all-inclusive God.

Jesus was the Son of Man – meaning “all-inclusive Man.”

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus, the promised Christ was to be “from everlasting”.

“But thou Bethlehem...out of thee shall He come forth unto Me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose going forth have been from old, from everlasting.” (Micah 5:2)

Jesus is the “eternal God”

- everlasting past, everlasting future.

(no beginning or end)

“From everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus claimed to be "I AM".

Devout Jews would not even pronounce the word Jehovah and Jesus claiming to be the "I AM" (in John 8:58) of Exodus 3:14 and 6:2,3 was blasphemy as far as they were concerned.

They immediately set out to stone Jesus.

Jesus was/is was the great "I Am" in the flesh.

CHRIST'S DEITY

Only God can forgive sins (Mark 2:7).

Yet Jesus forgave sins (Mark 2:5). So he was either blaspheming or He was God.

It's an amazing thing that God can forgive sins.

CHRIST'S DEITY

For someone to put their name beside or with God's was blasphemy.

God's name was so holy to a Jew that nobody could be associated with God's name. Yet Jesus claimed equality with the Father and Holy Spirit through the Baptismal formula of Matt.28:19 & in the benediction of 2 Cor.13:14.

CHRIST'S DEITY

In Matthew 18:20 Jesus says, “For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”

Jesus promises to be anywhere, everywhere at the same time. He claimed omnipresence.

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus was all-knowledgeable (omniscient).

He prophesied about his death, resurrection, and ascension.

He told the apostles about the “upper room”, about the donkey “colt” and they found everything just as He had told them.

Many times Jesus showed He was omniscient.

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus was all-powerful by His statement in Matt.28:18,

“All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth.”

**He showed his power by calming storms, by curing diseases,
by creating fishes and loaves, by his conquering death,
etc.**

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus Christ had the power to create.

He created and is maintaining the world

(John 1:1-3; Heb.1:3).

**He created fishes and loaves for the four and five thousand,
turned water into wine, etc.**

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus Christ showed power over storms by calming them, over gravity by walking on water, and over death by conquering it.

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus Christ received worship from men.

Only God was to be worshiped (Luke 4:8), yet He readily accepted it (John 9:38)

CHRIST'S DEITY

**In John 20:28, Thomas called Jesus, “my Lord and my God.”
Jesus readily accepted this statement and never rebuked
him.**

CHRIST'S DEITY

God was manifest in the flesh (1 Tim.3:16).

He was therefore able to have flesh and bones and at the same time be God who is Spirit.

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus had a beginning as a “man” coming to earth for the Virgin Birth.

But as God, He had no beginning.

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus' Resurrection shows His deity.

If He had been a fake, God the Father would have left Him in the grave for judgment.

But God raised Him from the dead (Rom.6:4), and he was in Romans 1:4, "...declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead."

The Father God, by raising Jesus from the dead, showed the world that Jesus was the Son of God.

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus possessed the attributes of God:

Eternal (Micah 5:2; John 8:58; Col.1:17; Rev.1:8).

Unchangeable (Heb.13:8).

Omnipotent (Luke 8:24; Matt.28:18);

Omnipresent (Matt.18:20; John 1:48; John 3:13; Matt.28:20);

Omniscient (Mk.11:2-6; John 2:24-25; Luke 5:22; Matt.24:3-31);

Holy (Mark 1:24);

Sinless (1 Peter 2:22; John 19:4);

Just (John 2:14-17; Acts 17:31);

Loving (John 15:13; John 11:36);

Merciful (Titus 3:5);

Faithful (2 Tim.2:13).

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus was not a created being. He was “incarnated” or became man.

“Through him all things were made, without him nothing was made that has been made.” (John 1:3).

CHRIST'S DEITY

In Hebrews 1:8, the Father calls Jesus, God. They are the same.

CHRIST'S DEITY

The Father is sometimes put above Jesus for administrative purposes only but not “essence.”

Jesus functioned on earth as God and as man.

The Father was still in heaven as the executive administrator.

CHRIST'S DEITY

We are a “son of God” or “child of God”.

But Jesus is the “only begotten Son of God” (John 3:16).

The main word here is the word “THE”. He is “THE Son of God.”

CHRIST'S DEITY

When Jesus said he was the Son of God, the Jews took that to mean “deity” and tried to kill him.

The Jews had no doubt what the Son of God meant.

To a Jew, sonship was equality.

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus as man died on the cross but God who is immortal did not die.

It was His physical body that died on the cross.

The spirit does not die but returns to God.

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Ghost as far as His humanity but His deity always existed.

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus co-exists with the Father. They are “one”.

They are one in nature (eternal Spirit), but they have different offices and responsibilities.

They are both indivisibly linked together (Matt.11:27; Luke 10:22; John 12:45)

CHRIST'S DEITY

The Father was the Jehovah of the O.T. (Psalm 23:1) and Jesus in the N.T. (John 10:11; Heb.13:20; 1 Pet.2:25; Rev. 7:17)

CHRIST'S DEITY

In John 5:18, Jesus called God his Father. Again to a Jew they saw this as making himself equal with God and tried to stone him.

CHRIST'S DEITY

In John 14:9 Jesus said,

“He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father...”

CHRIST'S DEITY

In John 10:33 the Jews again tried to stone Jesus because they believed He was only a man claiming to be God.

Note: Jesus did not walk around saying, "I am God" all the time. If I was to say, "I am God" what would be your first reaction? You would either "laugh" or say "prove it." As Jesus ministered He displayed the works of God "proving" He was God. He also claimed to be God on occasions by saying He was the "Son of God" or in other ways that the Jewish people clearly understood who He was saying He was. John 10:33 shows us that there was no doubt by the Jewish people who He was claiming to be. They picked up stones because they clearly understood His claim of being God. Several times, the Jews picked up stones to kill Him. There was no doubt by the Jews who Jesus was claiming to be!!

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus emptied himself (Phil. 2:5-8) of His glory for our sakes to come to earth and die for us.

CHRIST'S DEITY

We saw Jesus Christ's glory at the Transfiguration.

Peter, James and John were eyewitnesses of His majesty!!

CHRIST'S DEITY

In Col.2:9 we see that

**“For in Him (Christ) dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead
bodily.”**

CHRIST'S DEITY

**In Jude 25, Jesus is addressed as,
“To the only wise God our Savior.”**

CHRIST'S DEITY

In Col.1:15,

“Who (Christ) is the image of the invisible God...”

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus was equal with the Father (Phil.2:5-6)

CHRIST'S DEITY

Jesus had glory before He came to earth as a man (John 17:5; see Isaiah 48:11)

CHRIST'S DEITY

In John 1:1, we see that Jesus (the Word) was God.

How come all the different Bible versions claim this and only the Jehovah Witnesses' Bible says "The Word was a god".

Are all those Greek scholars wrong?

CHRIST'S DEITY

In 1 John 5:20, Jesus is called the “true God and eternal life.”
Eternal life is a “eternal life” – “eternal past” to “eternal future”. “From everlasting to everlasting you are God.”

CHRIST'S DEITY

In Titus 2:13,

“Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.”

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- Jehovah (Isaiah 40:3; Matthew 3:3);
- As Jehovah of glory (Psalms 24:7,10; 1 Cor.2:8; James 2:1);
- As Jehovah, our Righteousness (Jer.23:5-6; 1 Cor.1:30);
- As Jehovah, above all (Psalms 97:9; John 3:31);
- As Jehovah, the First and Last (Isa.44:6; Rev.1:17; Isa. 48:12-16; Rev.22:13);

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- As Jehovah, Fellow and Equal (Zech.13:7; Phil.2:6);
- As Jehovah of Hosts (Isa.6:1-3; John 12:41; Isa.8:13,14; 1 Pet.2:8);
- As Jehovah, the Shepherd (Isa.40:11; Heb.13:20);
- As Jehovah, for whose glory all things were created (Pro. 16:4; Col.1:16);
- As Jehovah, the Messenger of the covenant (Mal.3:1; Mark 1:2; Luke 2:27);

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- Invoked as Jehovah (Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; 1 Cor.1:2);
- As the Eternal God and Creator (Psalms 102:24-27; Heb. 1:8, 10-12);
- As Mighty God (Isa.9:6);
- As the Great God and Saviour (Hos.1:7; Titus 2:13);
- As God over all (Psa.45:6,7; Romans 9:5);

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- As the true God (Jer.10:10; 1 John 5:20);
- As God the Word (John 1:1);
- As God, the judge (Ecc.12:14; 1 Cor.4:5; 2 Cor.5:10; 2 Tim. 4:1);
- Immanuel (Isa.7:14; Matt.1:23);
- As King of kings and Lord of lords (Deut.10:17; Rev.1:5; 17:14);

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- As the Holy One (1 Sam.2:2; Acts 3:14);
- As the Lord from heaven (1 Cor.15:47);
- As Lord of the Sabbath (Gen.2:3; Matt.12:8);
- As Lord of all (Acts 10:36; Romans 10:11-13);
- As Son of God (Matt.26:63-67);

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- As the Only-begotten Son of the Father (John 1:14,18; 3:16,18; 1 John 4:9);
- His blood is called the blood of God (Acts 20:28);
- As one with the Father (John 10:30,38; 12:45; 14:7-10; 17:10);
- As sending the Spirit, equally with the Father (John 14:16; 15:26);
- As entitled to equal honour with the Father (John 5:23);

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- As Owner of all things, equally with the Father (John 16:15);
- As unrestricted by the law of the sabbath, equally with the Father (John 5:17);
- As the Source of grace, equally with the Father (1 Thess. 3:11; 2 Thess.2:16-17);
- As unsearchable, equally with the Father (Pro.30:4; Matt. 11:27);
- As Creator of all things (Isaiah 40:28; John 1:3; Col.1:16; Heb.1:2);

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- As Supporter and Preserver of all things (Neh.9:6; Col. 1:17; Heb.1:3);
- As possessed of the fullness of the God head (Col.2:9; Heb.1:3);
- As raising the dead (John 5:21; 6:40,54);
- As raising himself from the dead (John 2:19,21; 10:18);
- As Eternal (Isa.9:6; Micah 5:2; John 1:1; Col.1:17; Heb. 1:8-10; Rev.1:8);

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- As Omnipresent (Matt.18:20; 28:20; John 3:13);
- As Omnipotent (Psa.45:3; Phil.3:21; Rev.1:8);
- As Omniscient (John 16:30; 21:17);
- As discerning the thoughts of the heart (1 Kings 16:30; 1 Kings 8:39; Luke 5:22; Eze.11:5; John 2:24,25; Rev.2:23);
- As unchangeable (Mal.3:6; Heb.1:12; 13:8);

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- As having power to forgive sins (Col.3:13; Mark 2:7,10);
- As Giver of pastors to the Church (Jer.3:15; Eph.4:11-13);
- As Husband of the Church (Isa.54:5; Eph.5:25-32; Isa.62:5; Rev.21:2,9);
- As the object of divine worship (Acts 7:59; 2 Cor.12:8-9; Heb.1:6; Rev.5:12);
- As the object of faith (Psa.2:12; 1 Pet.2:6; Jer.17:5,7; John 14:1);

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- As God, he redeems and purifies the Church to himself (Rev.5:9; Titus 2:14);
- As God, he presents the Church to himself (Eph.5:27; Jude 1:24-25);
- Saints live to him as God (Romans 6:11; Galatians 2:19; 2 Cor.5:15);
- Acknowledged by his Apostles (John 2:28);
- Acknowledged by the Old Testament saints (Gen.17:1; 48:15-16; 32:24-30; Hos.12:3-5; Judges 6:22-24; 13:21-22; Job 19:25-27).

CHRIST'S HUMANITY

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- **Jesus was true man in every sense except that he was without sin.**
- **1 Tim.2:5 says, “For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus.”**
- **In order to mediate between God and man, he had to be both God and man.**

CHRIST'S HUMANITY

- **In 1 Cor.15:21 the first Adam brought death; the second Adam, Christ, brought life.**

CHRIST'S HUMANITY

- He was given the human name Jesus which means, “Savior” and “The Lord Saves.”

CHRIST'S HUMANITY

- He was given the title the “Son of Man” which showed his humanity.
- “The Son of Man” is a TITLE meaning “all-inclusive Man.”

CHRIST'S HUMANITY

- **To be human, Jesus had to have a human parent. Mary was that human parent. (Luke 2:7; Galatians 4:4)**
- **(see Virgin Birth coming up in this teaching)**

CHRIST'S HUMANITY

- **Jesus came from the human line of Judah. Jesus came from the line of David.**

CHRIST'S HUMANITY

- Jesus became “flesh” (John 1:14). He had a human nature.

CHRIST'S HUMANITY

Jesus:

**suffered, learned obedience,
increased in wisdom, asked questions,
grew physically, was tempted,
worked as a carpenter, sweated,
was tired, suffered,
hungered, thirsted,
cried, slept,
loved, had compassion,
got angry, was grieved,
groaned, and prayed.**

CHRIST'S HUMANITY

Jesus had a spirit, soul, and body.

His spirit returned to His Father at death, His soul was sorrowful in Gethsemane, and His body was buried in the grave.

CHRIST'S HUMANITY

At the age of 33, Jesus physically died.

He was completely man.

CHRIST'S HUMANITY

Jesus still possesses a body which qualifies him to be our mediator (Luke 24:39; John 20:27; Acts 7:55-56)

NAMES FOR CHRIST

SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

Having troubles? The Bible says that anyone who calls upon the Name of the Lord will be saved. This means salvation.

Of course we have been saved by going to the cross, repenting of our sins, and asking Christ to come into our heart as Lord and Savior. Once we have done this then WE “HAVE BEEN” SAVED. This is our spirit.

But Salvation is also a process as we “work out our salvation with fear and trembling.” This is our day to day walk that we walk with Christ. WE “ARE BEING” SAVED from the devil, the world, and sin. Here we need to call on the Name of the Lord. This is our soul.

Finally, Salvation will be completed when Christ returns to give us our new spiritual body. WE “WILL BE” SAVED.

Here are some Names for Christ to call upon the Lord with.....

SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

- 1. An Advocate (1 John 2:1)**
- 2. Alive for Evermore (Rev.1:18)**
- 3. The All, and in All (Col.3:11)**
- 4. The Alpha and Omega (Rev.1:8)**
- 5. The Altogether Lovely (Songs 5:16)**
- 6. The Amen (Revelation 3:14)**
- 7. The Author of Eternal Salvation (Hebrews 5:9)**
- 8. The Author of our Faith (Hebrews 12:2)**
- 9. The Beginning and Ending (Revelation 1:8)**
- 10. The Blessed Hope (Titus 2:13)**

SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

- 11. The Bread of Life (John 6:35)**
- 12. The Bright and Morning Star (Revelation 22:16)**
- 13. Christ (Matthew 1:16)**
- 14. Christ Come in the Flesh (1 John 4:2)**
- 15. The Christ of God (Luke 9:20)**
- 16. Christ Jesus The Lord (2 Corinthians 4:5)**
- 17. Christ our Passover (1 Corinthians 5:7)**
- 18. Christ Risen from the Dead (1 Corinthians 15:20)**
- 19. Counselor (Isaiah 9:6)**
- 20. The Creator (Romans 1:25)**

SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

- 21. The Door of the Sheep (John 10:7)**
- 22. Emmanuel (Matthew 1:23)**
- 23. The Eternal God (Deut. 33:27)**
- 24. The Eternal Life (1 John 1:2)**
- 25. Faithful and True (Rev. 19:11)**
- 26. The Faithful and True Witness (Revelation 3:14)**
- 27. The First Begotten (Hebrews 1:6)**
- 28. The First Begotten of the Dead (Revelation 1:5)**
- 29. The Word of Life (1 John 1:1)**
- 30. God (Rev. 21:7)**

SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

- 31. God Blessed Forever (Romans 9:5)**
- 32. God manifest in the Flesh (1 Timothy 3:16)**
- 33. God With Us (Matthew 1:23)**
- 34. The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)**
- 35. The Great God (Titus 2:13)**
- 36. That Great Shepherd of the Sheep (Heb.13:20)**
- 37. Our Guide Even Unto Death (Psalms 48:14)**
- 38. The Head of the Body, the Church (Col. 1:18)**
- 39. Heir of All Things (Hebrews 1:2)**
- 40. My Helper (Hebrews 13:6)**

SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

- 41. Thine Holy One (Acts 2:27)**
- 42. Our Hope (1 Timothy 1:1)**
- 43. The Hope of Glory (Colossians 1:27)**
- 44. The Image of the Invisible God (Colossians 1:15)**
- 45. Jesus (Matthew 1:21)**
- 46. Jesus Christ (Hebrews 13:8)**
- 47. Jesus Christ Our Lord (Romans 7:25)**
- 48. Jesus Christ, the Son of God (John 20:31)**
- 49. The Just One (Acts 7:52)**
- 50. The King Eternal (1 Timothy 1:17)**

SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

- 51. King of Kings (Revelation 19:16)**
- 52. The King of Peace (Hebrews 7:2)**
- 53. The King of Righteousness (Hebrews 7:2)**
- 54. The Lamb (Rev. 17:14)**
- 55. The Lamb of God (John 1:29)**
- 56. The Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World (Rev.13:8)**
- 57. The Lamb that was Slain (Rev. 5:12)**
- 58. The Lamb Who Is in the Midst of the Throne (Rev. 7:17)**
- 59. The Last (Isaiah 44:6)**
- 60. The Life (John 14:6)**

SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

61. The Light (John 1:7)

62. The Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God (2 Cor. 4:6)

63. The Light of the World (John 8:12)

64. The Lord (John 13:13)

65. The Lord and Saviour (2 Peter 1:11)

66. Lord God Almighty (Revelation 16:7)

67. The Lord God of the Holy Prophets (Rev. 22:6)

68. Lord God of Truth (Psalms 31:5)

69. Lord Jesus (Romans 10:9)

70. Lord Jesus Christ (James 2:1)

SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

- 71. The Lord of Glory (1 Corinthians 2:8)**
- 72. Lord of Lords (1 Timothy 6:15)**
- 73. The Man Christ Jesus (1 Timothy 2:5)**
- 74. Messiah (Daniel 9:26)**
- 75. Messiah the Prince (Daniel 9:25)**
- 76. A Name Above Every Name (Philippians 2:9)**
- 77. The Omega (Revelation 22:13)**
- 78. His Only Begotten Son (John 3:16)**
- 79. The Prince of Life (Acts 3:15)**
- 80. The Prophet (John 7:40)**

SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

- 81. A Prophet Mighty in Deed and Word (Luke 24:19)**
- 82. The Propitiation for Our Sins (1 John 2:2)**
- 83. My Redeemer (Job 19:25)**
- 84. The Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25)**
- 85. The Salvation of God (Luke 3:6)**
- 86. Saviour (Titus 2:13)**
- 87. The Seed of Abraham (Galatians 3:16)**
- 88. The Seed of David (Romans 1:3)(2 Timothy 2:8)**
- 89. The Seed of the Woman (Genesis 3:15)**
- 90. My Shepherd (Psalms 23:1)(Isaiah 40:11)**

SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

- 91. The Shepherd of Israel (Psalms 80:1)**
- 92. The Son of Abraham (Matthew 1:1)**
- 93. The Son of David (Matthew 1:1)**
- 94. The Son of God (John 1:49)**
- 95. The Son of Man (John 1:51)**
- 96. That Spiritual Rock (1 Corinthians 10:4)**
- 97. The Tabernacle of God (Revelation 21:3)**
- 98. The True Bread from Heaven (John 6:32)**
- 99. The True Light (John 1:9)**
- 100. The True Vine (John 15:1)**

SOME NAMES FOR CHRIST

101. The True Witness (Proverbs 14:25)

102. The Truth (John 14:6)

103. undefiled (Hebrews 7:26)

104. The Upholder of All things (Hebrews 1:3)

105. The Way (John 14:6)

106. The Wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24)

107. The Word (John 1:1)

108. The Word of God (Revelation 19:13)

OVER “500” NAMES FOR CHRIST

Advocate; An Alien; Alive for Evermore; The All and in All; The Almighty; The Alpha and Omega; An Altar; The Altogether Lovely; The Amen; The Angel of God; The Angel of His Presence; The Angel of the Lord; The Anointed; The Apostle of our Profession; The Ark of the Covenant; The Arm of the Lord; The Author of Eternal Salvation; The Author of our Faith; The Balm of Gilead; A Banner to Them that Fear Thee; The Bearer of Glory; The Bearer of Sin; Before All Things; The Beginning; The Beginning of the Creation of God; The Beginning and Ending; The Beloved; My Beloved Son; The Bishop of Your Souls; The Blessed and Only Potentate; The Blessed for Evermore; The Blessed Hope; The Branch; The Branch of the Lord; The Branch of Righteousness; The Bread of God; The Bread of Life; The Bridegroom; The Bright and Morning Star; The Brightness of His Glory; The Brightness of thy Rising; Our Brother; A Buckler; The Builder of the Temple; A Bundle of Myrrh; The Captain of the Host of the Lord; The Captain of Their Salvation; The Carpenter; The Carpenter's Son; The Chief Cornerstone; The Chief Shepherd; The Chiefest Among Ten Thousand; A Child Born; Child of the Holy Ghost; The Child Jesus; The Chosen of God; Chosen out of the People; Christ; The Christ; Christ Come in the Flesh; Christ Crucified; The Christ of God; Christ Jesus; Christ Jesus The Lord; Christ a King; Christ the Lord; Christ our Passover; Christ Risen from the Dead; A Cleft of the Rock; A Cluster of Camphire; The Comforter; A Commander of the Peoples; Conceived of the Holy Ghost; The Consolation of Israel; The Corn of Wheat; Counselor; The Covenant of the People; The Covert from the Tempest; The Covert of Thy Wings; The Creator; The Creator of the Ends of the Earth; A Crown of Glory; My Darling; The Day; The Daysman; The Day Spring from on High; The Daystar to Arise; His Dear Son; My Defense; My Deliverer; The Desire of all Nations; Despised by the People; A Diadem of Beauty; The Door of the Sheep; Dwelling Place; Mine Elect; Emmanuel; The End of the Law; The Ensign of the People; Equal with God;

OVER “500” NAMES FOR CHRIST

The Eternal God; That Eternal Life; The Everlasting Father; An Everlasting Light; An Everlasting Name; Thy Exceeding Great Reward; His Excellency; The Excellency of Our God; Excellent; The Express Image of His Person; The Face of the Lord; The Fairer than the Children of Men; Faithful; Faithful and True; The Faithful and True Witness; A Faithful Creator; A Faithful High Priest; A Faithful Priest; The Faithful Witness; A Faithful Witness Between Us; A Faithful Witness in Heaven; The Finisher of the Faith; The First Begotten; The First Begotten of the Dead; The First Born; The Firstborn Among Many Brethren; The Firstborn From the Dead; The Firstborn of Every Creature; Her Firstborn Son; The First Fruit; The Firstfruits of Them That Slept; Foreordained before the Foundation of the World; The Forerunner; Fortress; The Foundation Which is Laid; The Fountain of Life; The Fountain of Living Waters; The Friend of Publicans and Sinners; A Friend that Sticketh Closer than a Brother; The Fruit of the Earth; The Fruit of Thy Womb; The Gift of God; A Glorious High Throne from the Beginning; A Glorious name; Glory; My Glory; The Glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father; The Glory of God; The Glory of His Father; God; God Who Avengeth Me; God Blessed Forever; God Who Forgavest Them; Our God For Ever and Ever; The God of Glory; The God of My Life; God in the Midst of Her; God manifest in the Flesh; God of My Righteousness; God of My Salvation; God of My Strength; God With Us; A Good Man; Good Master; The Good Shepherd; The Governor Among Nations; Great; The Great God; A Great High Priest; A Great Light; A Great prophet; That Great Shepherd of the Sheep; Greater; A Greater and More Perfect Tabernacle; Greater Than Our Father Abraham; Greater Than Our Father Jacob; Greater Than Jonah; Greater Than Solomon; Greater Than the Temple; Guest; Our Guide Even Unto Death; The Guiltless; The Habitation of Justice; Harmless; The Head of all Principality and Power; The Head of Every Man; The Head of the Body, the Church; The Head of the Corner; The Heir; Heir of All Things; My Helper;

OVER “500” NAMES FOR CHRIST

The Helper of the Fatherless; The Hidden Manna; My Hiding Place; A Hiding Place from the Wind; The High and Lofty One Who Inhabiteth Eternity; An High Priest; An High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek; An High Priest Forever; My High Tower; The Highest Himself; Holy; The Holy Child Jesus; Thine Holy One; The Holy One and Just; The Holy One Of Israel; That Holy Thing Which Shall be Born of Thee; Holy to the Lord; Our Hope; The Hope of Glory; The Hope of His People; The Hope of Israel; The Hope of Their Fathers; The Horn of David; The Horn of the House of Israel; An Horn of Salvation; An House of Defense; Her Husband; I Am; The Image of the Invisible God; Immanuel; Innocent Blood; The Jasper Stone; Jesus; Jesus Christ; Jesus Christ Our Lord; Jesus Christ, the Son of God; Jesus of Galilee; Jesus of Nazareth; Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews; A Jew; Joseph's Son; The Judge of All the Earth; The Judge of the Quick and the Dead; The Just One; This Just Person; Thy Keeper; The Kindness and Love of God; The King Eternal; The King Immortal; The King in His Beauty; The King Forever and Ever; The King Invisible; The King of All the Earth; The King of Glory; The King of Heaven; The King of Israel; King of Kings; The King of Peace; The King of Righteousness; King of Saints; The King of Salem; King of the Jews; The King Who Cometh in the Name of the Lord; The Kinsman; The Lamb; The Lamb of God; The Lamb Slain from the Foundation of the World; The Lamb that was Slain; The Lamb Who Is in the Midst of the Throne; The Last; The Last Adam; The Lawgiver; A Leader; The Life; The Lifter-Up of Mine Head; The Light; The Light of Men; The Light of the City; The Light of the Glorious Gospel of Christ; The Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God; The Light of the Morning; The Light of the World; A Light to Lighten the Gentiles; A Light to the Gentiles; The Lily among Thorns; The Lily of the Valleys; The Lion of the Tribe of Judah; The Living Bread; The Living God; Lord;

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Lord also of the Sabbath;. My Lord and My God; The Lord and Saviour; Lord Both of the Dead and the Living; The Lord from Heaven; Lord God Almighty; The Lord God of the Holy Prophets; Lord God of Truth; Lord God Omnipotent; The Lord God Who Judgeth Her; The Lord, Holy and True; Lord Jesus; Lord Jesus Christ; The Lord of Glory; The Lord of the Harvest; Lord of Lords; Lord of Peace; The Lord of the Vineyard; The Lord of the Whole Earth; The Lord's Christ; The Lord's Doing; Lowly in Heart; Magnified; Our Maker; The Man; A Man Approved of God; A Man Child; The Man Christ Jesus; The Man Whose Name is the Branch; The Man of Sorrows; The Man Whom He Hath Ordained; Manna; Marvelous in Our Eyes; Your Master; The Mediator; The Mediator of a Better Covenant; The Mediator of the New Covenant; The Mediator of the New Testament; Meek; Melchizedek; A Merciful and Faithful High Priest; His Mercy and His Truth; The Messenger of the Covenant; Messiah; Messiah the Prince; Mighty; The Mighty God; The Mighty One of Jacob; A Minister of the Circumcision; The Minister of the Heavenly Sanctuary; A More Excellent Name; The Morning Star; The Mouth of God; The Mystery of God; A Nail Fastened in a Sure Place; A Name Above Every Name; A Nazarene; An Offering and a Sacrifice to God; The Offspring of David; Ointment Poured Forth; The Omega; His Only Begotten Son; The Only Begotten of the Father; Only Potentate; The Only Wise God; An Owl of the Desert; Our Passover; A Pavilion; Our Peace;. A Pelican of the Wilderness; A Perfect Man; The Person of Christ; Physician; A Place of Refuge; A Plant of Renown; A Polished Staff; Poor; My Portion; The Portion of Jacob; The Portion of Mine Inheritance; The Potter; The Power of God; Precious; Precious Corner Stone; Preeminence; A Price; The Price of His Redemption; A Priest Forever; The Priest of the Most High God;

OVER “500” NAMES FOR CHRIST

A Prince and Saviour; The Prince of Life; The Prince of Peace; Prince of Princes; The Prince of the Kings of the Earth; The Prophet; A Prophet Mighty in Deed and Word; The Prophet of Nazareth; A Prophet Without Honour; One of the Prophets; The Propitiation for Our Sins; Pure; A Purifier of Silver; Of Quick Understanding; A Quickening Spirit; Rabbi; Rabboni; Rain Upon the Mown Grass; A Ransom for All; A Ransom for Many; My Redeemer; Redemption; The Redemption of Their Soul; A Refiner's Fire; Our Refuge; A Refuge in Times of Trouble; A Refuge for the Oppressed; A Refuge from the Storm; Our Report; A Reproach of Men; Their Resting Place; The Resurrection and the Life; Reverend; A Reward for the Righteous; Rich; The Riches of His Glory; Right; The Righteous; A Righteous Branch; My Righteous Servant; The Righteous Judge; A Righteous man; Righteousness; The Righteousness of God; A River of Water in a Dry Place; The Rock; The Rock that is Higher than I; The Rock of Israel; A Rock of Offence; The Rock of My Refuge; The Rock of His Salvation; The Rock of Our Salvation; The Rock of Thy Strength; The Rod; A Rod out of the Stem of Jesse; The Root of David; A Root of Jesse; A Root out of Dry Ground; The Root and Offspring of David; The Rose of Sharon; A Ruler; The Sacrifice for Sins; A Sacrifice to God; My Salvation; The Salvation of God; The Salvation of Israel; A Samaritan; The Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever; A Sanctuary; A Sardine Stone; The Saving Strength of His Anointed; Saviour; The Saviour of All Men; The Saviour of the Body; The Saviour of the World; The Scapegoat; The Scepter of Israel; The Scepter of Thy Kingdom; Secret; The Secret of Thy Presence; The Seed of Abraham; The Seed of David; The Seed of the Woman; The Sent One; Separate from His Brethren; Separate from Sinners; The Serpent in the Wilderness; My Servant; A Servant of Rulers; My Servant the Branch; A Shadow from the Heat; The Shadow of the Almighty; The Shadow of a Great Rock; A Shelter; My Shepherd; The Shepherd of Israel; Our Shield; Shiloh; A Sign of the Lord; Siloam; Sin; A Snare to the Inhabitants of Jerusalem;

OVER “500” NAMES FOR CHRIST

The Son; His Son from Heaven; A Son Given; The Son of Abraham; The Son of David; The Son of God; The Son of Joseph; The Son of Man; The Son of Mary; The Son of the Blessed; The Son of the Father; The Son of the Free Woman; The Son of the Highest; The Son of the Living God; The Son of the Most High God; A Son over His own House; The Son who is Consecrated for Evermore; My Song; A Sower; A Sparrow alone upon the Housetop; That Spiritual Rock; A Star out of Jacob; My Stay; A Stone Cut out of the Mountain; A Stone Cut without Hands; The Stone of Israel; A Stone of Stumbling; The Stone which the Builders Refused; The Stone which the Builders Rejected; The Stone which was Set at Nought; A Stranger; My Strength; The Strength of Israel; The Strength of My Life; A Strength to the Needy in Distress; A Strength to the Poor; A Strong Consolation; A Stronghold in the Day of Trouble; A Strong Tower; A Strong Tower from the Enemy; A Stumbling Block; The Sun of Righteousness; A Sure Foundation; The Sure Mercies of David; A Surety of a Better Testament; A Sweet Smelling Savour; A Tabernacle for a Shadow; The Tabernacle of God; A Teacher Come from God; The Temple; A Tender Plant; The Tender Mercy of God; The Testimony of God; This Treasure; A Tried Stone; The True Bread from Heaven; The True Light; The True Vine; The True Witness; The Truth; Undefined; Understanding; The Unknown God; The Unspeakable Gift; The Upholder of All things; Upright; The Veil; The Very God of Peace; Very Great; A Very Present Help in Trouble; The Victory; The Vine; The Voice; A Wall of Fire; The Wave Offering; The Way; The Weakness of God; A Wedding Garment; The Well of Living Waters; The Well of Salvation; Wisdom; The Wisdom of God; A Wise Master Builder; My Witness; A Witness of God; A Witness to the People; Wonderful; The Word; The Word of God; The Word of Life; Worthy; That Worthy Name; Worthy to be Praised; The Yokefellow; The young Child; The Zeal of the Lord of Hosts; The Zeal of Thine House

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

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God is higher than our natural laws.

He supersedes all natural laws by manifesting Himself supernaturally through miracles.

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

In John 2:1-10 we read about Jesus turning the water into wine.

In verse 11 it says, “This, the first of his miraculous signs, Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee. He thus revealed his glory, and his disciples put their faith in him.” Jesus “revealed his glory.”

This is a proof of His Deity; that Jesus Christ was God.

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

Throughout the Bible we see many men performing miracles. God worked miracles through these men. But Jesus used His own power to perform miracles.

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

When John the Baptist's disciples came, Jesus tried to prove to them that He was the Christ by the signs and miracles He had done (Matt.11:3-6).

These were signs that a Jew would recognize the Christ by.

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

In John 12:37 it says, “Even after Jesus had done all these miraculous signs in their presence, they still would not believe in him.”

Miracles were to lead people to faith in Christ. Miracles do not save people; faith in Christ's death and resurrection do.

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

God has not changed (Heb.11:8). God still does miracles today.

In the past God used miracles to prove that He was God.

Now we have the inspired Word of God to prove Jesus is God

Whatever means God uses to bring people to saving faith in Jesus Christ is God's business. We should not put God in a box. God knows what each person needs.

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

If the Bible says a certain miracle happened, we should believe it by faith.

If you are having trouble believing it is a good idea to go to God and ask Him to “enlighten” you to the truth of God’s Word. If you diligently seek God, He will show you that His Word is absolute truth.

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

Colossians 1:17 says, “For by him all things were created, things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him.”

One of Jesus' greatest miracles was creation. Evolutionists tell wonderful theories of how we got here. Jesus proclaims in Mark 10:6, “But at the beginning of creation God made them male and female.” Remember, Jesus is “Eternal Life”. He not only states that He did it but He was there to witness His actions. True science observes and witnesses a theory. Jesus is the Faithful Witness (Rev.1:5)

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

John rightly puts it,

“Jesus did many other things as well. If everyone of them were written down I suppose even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.” (John 21:25)

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

- **Jesus changed water to wine (John 2:1-11)**
- **Jesus fed 5,000 men plus women and children (Matt. 14:13-21; John 6:1-14)**
- **Jesus walked on the water (Matt.14:22-27; John 6:15-21)**
- **Jesus fed 4,000 men plus women and children (Matt. 15:32-39)**
- **Caused the fig tree to wither (Matt.21:18-22)**

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

- Peter found the coin in the fish's mouth just like Jesus said (Matt.17:27)
- Miraculous catch of fish (Luke 5:1-11)
- Miraculous catch of fish (John 21:6)
- Calmed the winds and the sea (Matt. 8:26-27)
- Cast out demons (Matt. 8:16,17; 8:28-32; 8:32-33; 15:22-28; 17:14-18; Mark 1:23-27)

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

- Cured the Centurion's servant who was paralyzed and suffering terribly (Matt.8:5-13; 9:6)
- Cured a man who had difficulty moving (John 5:9)
- Cured a shriveled hand (Matt.12:9-13)
- Cured a spirit of infirmity (Luke 13:12)
- Cured a flow of blood (Matt.9:20-22)

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

- Cured dropsy (Luke 14:2)
- Healed a fever (Matt.8:15)
- Gave speech to the dumb and sight to the blind (Matt. 9:27-33)
- Gave sight to a man blind from birth (John 9:1-38)
- Cured deafness & blindness, healed lameness, cured leprosy, raised the dead (Matt.11:5)

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

- Cured leprosy (Matt.8:3; Luke 17:19)
- Cured a paralytic (Matt.9:6-7)
- All the sick who touched Him were healed (Matt.14:34-36)
- Healed every disease and sickness among the people.
Cured those with severe pain, demon possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed. (Matthew 4:23-25)

CHRIST'S MIRACLES

- **Raised the ruler's dead daughter from the dead (Matthew 9:18-19, 23-26)**
- **He raised Jairus' daughter from the dead (Luke 7:12-15)**
- **He raised the son of the widow of Nain from the dead (Luke 7:12-15)**
- **He raised Lazarus from the dead (John 11:43-44)**
- **He raised Himself from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:4; Romans 1:4)**

CHRIST'S CHARACTER

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1) Jesus left us an example to follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21).

Romans 8:29 says, “For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.”

“Being conformed to the likeness of Jesus” **means that we should become more and more like Jesus in our character.**

CHRIST'S CHARACTER

2) Jesus was and is loving.

We can think of:

how He died for us (John 15:13);

how He loves the Church (Ephesians 5:25);

how He loves sinners (Luke 19:10; Matt.9:13);

how He loved his enemies (Luke 23:34);

how He loved children (Mark 10:13-16);

**how He continues to loves us (Matt.11:28,29; Matt.6:33;
2 Cor.8:9).**

“God demonstrated his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners Christ died for us.” (Romans 5:8)

CHRIST'S CHARACTER

3) Jesus was:

Holy (Luke 1:35; Luke 4:34; 1 Pet.2:21,22; 1 John 3:5; Hebrews 4:15; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 John 3:3; Acts 4:27,30; Rev.3:7);

Righteous (Isa.53:11; Heb.1:9);

Good (Matt.19:16);

Faithful (Isa.11:5; 1 Thess.5:24);

True (John 1:14; 7:18; 1 John 5:20);

Just (Zech.9:9; John 5:30; Acts 22:14);

Guileless (Isa.53:9; 1 Pet.2:22);

Sinless (John 8:46; 2 Cor.5:21);

Spotless (1 Pet.1:19);

CHRIST'S CHARACTER

Jesus was:

Innocent (Matt.27:4);

Harmless (Heb.7:26);

Resisted temptation (Matt.4:1-10);

Obedient to the Father (Psalms 40:8; John 4:34; 15:10);

Zealous (Luke 2:49; John 2:17; 8:29);

Meek (Isa.53:7; Zech.9:9; Matt.11:29; 12:20; 1 Cor.4:21);

Lowly in heart (Matt.11:29);

Merciful (Heb.2:17);

Patient (Isa.53:7; Matt.27:14);

Long-suffering (1 Tim.1:16);

CHRIST'S CHARACTER

Jesus was:

Compassionate (Isa.40:11; Luke 19:41; John 11:35; Mark 6:34; John 6:5; John 9:1-38; Luke 4:41; Luke 5:12-15);

Benevolent (Matt.4:23,24; Acts 10:38);

Loving (John 13:1; 15:13);

Self-denying (Matt.8:20; 2 Cor.8:9);

Humble (Luke 22:27; Philippians 2:8);

Resigned (Luke 22:42);

Forgiving (Luke 23:34);

Subject to his parents (Luke 2:51);

Altogether lovely (Song of Songs 5:16);

CHRIST'S CHARACTER

Jesus was:

Prayerful (Hebrews 5:7; Luke 6:12; Mark 1:35; Luke 3:21; John 6:15; Matt.14:19; Matt.6:9-13; Matt.26:42; John 17:9,20; Matt.14:13; Luke 9:28; Luke 22:39-46; Luke 23:46);

Loving towards lost souls (Luke 19:41,42; Luke 15:5-7,24; Luke 15:4; John 3; John 4; John 1:37-40,42-43,47; John 10:16)

Lord God, I want to be more like Jesus. Come and fill me with Your Holy Spirit. Come and purge me of all that is not of You. Come indwell me, empower me, and change me. Forgive me for not making You first. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

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Jesus Christ's teachings were not God-inspired but were the "actual" teachings of God Himself.

Christ's teachings were divine, supernatural, and spoken with the authority of God.

CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

No other teacher has impacted the world like Jesus Christ.

People worldwide testify to how Christ's teachings have changed their lives, families, societies, and countries.

CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

Jesus' teachings on human worth and personal rights have impacted not only individuals but societies.

For in Christ there is neither male or female, slave or free" (Galatians 3:27)

CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

Christ's teachings have impacted laws regarding health care, education, child labor, social reform, business, science, governments, arts and culture, etc.

CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

Jesus' teachings on "sin" show us the reason why we have wars, divorce, violence, a personal battle inside of us, hatred, dissension, etc.

CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

Jesus' teachings on "His shed blood at the cross and His resurrection" give us a way out of our sin problem.

CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

Jesus' teachings on "heaven and hell" show us the truth about our future.

CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

Christ's teachings teach us how we got here (through God's creative act), our sinful condition and separation from God, God's plan of salvation, and God's plan for us for all eternity.

PEOPLE'S REACTIONS TO CHRIST

- 1) **In Matt.2:11, the Wise Men** “bowed down and worshipped him.”
- 2) **In Matt.7:28-29,** “When Jesus was finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teachings, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.”

PEOPLE'S REACTIONS TO CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

- 3) In **Matt.8:27**, after he quieted the storm it said, “The men were amazed and asked, “What kind of man is this? Even the winds and the waves obey him!”

- 4) In **Matt.9:31** “But they went and spread the news about him all over that region.”

PEOPLE'S REACTIONS TO CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

- 5) In **Matt.9:33**, “The crowd was amazed and said, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel.”

- 6) In **Matt.12:14**, **after he restored the man's hand**. “But the Pharisees went out and plotted how they might kill Jesus.”

PEOPLE'S REACTIONS TO CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

- 7) In **Matt.13:2**, “Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore.”

- 8) In **Matt.13:54**, “Coming to His hometown, he began teaching the people in their synagogues, and they were amazed.”

PEOPLE'S REACTIONS TO CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

- 9) In **Matt.14:33**, after He walked on the water. “Then those who were in the boat worshipped him saying, “Truly, you are the Son of God.”

- 10) In **Matt.15:31**, “The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.

PEOPLE'S REACTIONS TO CHRIST'S TEACHINGS

- 11) In Luke 4:22, “All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his lips.”

- 12) In Luke 4:32, “They were amazed at his teaching because his message had authority.”

CHRIST'S SERMON ON THE MOUNT

- **In the Sermon on the Mount, Christ first enumerated the eight progressive steps by which men reach the higher attitudes of spiritual life.**
 - 1) Humility (Matthew 5:3)**
 - 2) Penitence (Matthew 5:4)**
 - 3) Meekness (Matthew 5:5)**
 - 4) Spiritual Hunger (Matthew 5:6)**
 - 5) Mercifulness (Matthew 5:7)**
 - 6) Inward Purity (Matthew 5:8)**
 - 7) Peacemaking (Matthew 5:9)**
 - 8) Sacrificial Suffering (Matthew 5:10-12)**

CHRIST'S SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Jesus next expounded the fundamental truths of the kingdom of God.

- Influence (5:13-16)
- Law Eternal (5:17-20)
- Self-control (5:21-22)
- Reconciliation (5:23-26)
- Inward Purity (5:27-30)
- Marriage Sacred (5:31-32)
- Speech Guarded (5:33-37)
- Nonresistance (5:38-40)
- Unlimited Service ((5:41)

CHRIST'S SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Jesus next expounded the fundamental truths of the kingdom of God.

- Benevolence (5:42)
- Universal Love (5:43-47)
- Divine Standard (5:48)
- Giving (6:1-4)
- Prayer (6:5-15)
- Fasting (6:16-18)
- Heavenly Investments (6:19-21)
- Spiritual Vision (6:22-23)
- Undivided Service (6:24)

CHRIST'S SERMON ON THE MOUNT

Jesus next expounded the fundamental truths of the kingdom of God.

- Trustfulness (6:25-32)
- Primacy of God's Kingdom (6:33)
- Charitableness (7:1-5)
- Stewardship of Truth (7:6)
- Divine Benevolence (7:7-11)
- Golden Rule (7:12)
- Narrow Way (7:13-14)
- Fruit, Test of Life (7:15-20)
- Obedience, the Rock Foundation (7:21-27)

CHRIST'S SERMON ON THE MOUNT

- The “Sermon on the Mount” was used by Christ to teach Jews that it was impossible to work their way to heaven. Christ’s teachings in the sermon are impossible to keep and were used to reach their self-righteous hearts.
- In Matt.5:20, He told the people their righteousness had to surpass the Pharisees and the teachers of the law.
- In Matt.5:28, He says if you even look at a woman lustfully you have committed adultery in your heart.
- In Matt.5:48, He asked the people to be perfect like His Father in heaven.
- Impossible!! But it is possible if we put our faith in “Christ’s perfection” and walk in His Spirit.

CHRIST'S TEACHING ON THE PRODIGAL SON

- **The Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-24) is a type of the redeemed sinner.**
- **[#1 to #7 show his “downward spiral”. #8 to #14 show his restoration process]**

CHRIST'S TEACHING ON THE PRODIGAL SON

Downward Spiral (1-7)

- 1] Self-will (v.12)
- 2] Selfishness (v.13)
- 3] Separation (v.13)
- 4] Sensuality (v.13)
- 5] Spiritual Ruin (v.14)
- 6] Self-abasement (v.15)
- 7] Starvation (v.16)

CHRIST'S TEACHING ON THE PRODIGAL SON

Upward Turn (8-14)

- 14] Rejoicing (23-24)
- 13] Reclothing (v.22)
- 12] Reconciliation (v.20)
- 11] Return (v.20)
- 10] Repentance (v.19)
- 9] Resolution (v.18)
- 8] Realization (v.17)

CHRIST'S PROMISES

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1) If we believe, God promises us:

- eternal life (John 3:16);
- to make us his children (John 1:12);
- salvation for us and our household (Acts 16:31);
- and endless possibilities (Mark 9:23).

CHRIST'S PROMISES

2) If we humble ourselves, God promises:

- greatness in the kingdom of God (Matt.18:4);
- encouragement and a listening ear (Psa.10:17);
- exaltation (Matt.23:12);
- grace (Pro.3:34);
- that he will lift you up (1 Peter 5:6);
- and wealth, honor, and life (Pro.22:4).

CHRIST'S PROMISES

3) If we pray, God promises:

- that we will receive, find, and have the door opened (Matt.7:7-8);
- answered prayer (Isa.30:19; Isaiah 58:9);
- that he will hear our prayer (Isa.65:24; 1 John 5:14-15);
- complete joy (John 16:23-24);
- that our prayers will be powerful and effective (James 5:16);
- reward (Matt.6:6);
- good gifts (Matt.7:11);
- nearness, fulfillment of our desires, help (Psa.145:18-19).

CHRIST'S PROMISES

God promises:

- Joy:

(Isa.55:12; Isa.89:15-16; Psa.126:5-6; Psa.33:1; 1 Peter 1:8; John 16:22)

- Contentment:

(Heb.13:5; Pro.15:15; 1 Tim.6:6; Pro.3:17-18; Pro.14:30)

- God's Protection:

(Pro.18:10; Job 11:18-19; Psa.27:1; Psa.112:7; Psa. 121:7-8; Psa. 91:9-10; Pro.1:33; Psa. 4:8; Isa. 43:1-2)

THERE ARE OVER 7,000 PROMISES IN THE BIBLE

- 1) The Gospel contains God Scriptural promises regarding His Son (Romans 1:2)**

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2) We share God's promises in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 3:6)

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3) We have the promise of LIFE in Christ Jesus (2 Tim.1:1)

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4) The promises were made to:

- Christ (Gal. 3:16,19);
- Abraham (Gen. 12:3,7; Gal. 3:16);
- Isaac (Gen.26:3-4);
- Jacob (Gen.28:14);
- David (2 Sam.7:12; Psa.89:3-4,35-36; Heb.8:6);
- the Israelites (Rom.9:4);
- the fathers (Acts 13:32; 26:6-7);
- all who are called of God (Acts 2:39);
- those who love him (James 1:12; 2:5).

THERE ARE OVER 7,000 PROMISES IN THE BIBLE

5) God's promises are:

- good (1 Kings 8:56);
- holy (Psa.105:42);
- great and precious (2 Peter 1:4);
- confirmed in Christ (Rom.15:8);
- “Yes” and “Amen” in Christ (2 Cor.1:20);
- fulfilled in Christ (Acts 13:23; Luke 1:69-73).

THERE ARE OVER 7,000 PROMISES IN THE BIBLE

6) God's promises are:

- through the righteousness of faith (Romans 4:13,16);
- obtained through faith (Heb.11:33);
- given to those who believe (Gal.3:22);
- inherited through faith and patience (Heb.6:12,15; 10:36);
- performed in due season (Jer.33:14; Acts 7:17; Gal.4:4);
- infallible (Josh.23:14; 1 Kings 8:56).

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7) God is faithful to bring His promises to pass (Heb.10:23).

God remembers His promises (Psa.105:42; Luke 1:54-55)

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8) The results of God's promises are:

- Christ (2 Samuel 7:12-13; Acts 13:22-23);
- The Holy Spirit (Acts 2:33; Eph.1:13);
- The Gospel (Rom.1:1,2);
- life in Christ (2 Tim.1:1);
- a crown of life (James 1:12);
- eternal life (Titus 1:2; 1 John 2:25);
- adoption (2 Cor.6:18; 7:1);
- protection in difficult times (Isa.43:2);
- blessing (Deut.1:11);

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8) The results of God's promises are:

- forgiveness of sins (Isa.1:18; Heb.8:12);
- the law put in our hearts (Jer.31:33; Heb.8:10);
- the Second Coming of Christ (2 Pet.3:4);
- new heavens and earth (2 Pet.3:13);
- rest (Josh.22:4; Heb.4:1);
- lead us to the perfecting of holiness (2 Cor.7:1);
- an inheritance for the saints (Rom. 4:13; Gal.3:18)

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9) God's children:

- are children of the promises (Rom.9:8; Gal.4:28);
- heirs of the promises (Gal.3:29; Heb.6:17; 11:9);
- can have confidence in His promises (Heb.11:11); c
- can expect them to come true (Luke 1:38, 45; 2 Pet.3:13);
- can be tempted to doubt (Psa.77:8,10);
- can plead for the promises in prayer
(Gen.32:9,12; 1 Chr.17:23,26; Isa.43:26);
- can stand firm in his promises (Rom.4:20);
- can wait for them to pass (Acts 1:4).

BIBLE PROPHECY

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No other book contains “fulfilled prophecy”.

This proves again that the Bible is a divine book.

**No other book even tries to use prophecy for their books
would have been discredited by their unfulfilled
prophecies.**

BIBLE PROPHECY

Fulfilled prophecy proves that God is “eternal”.

That He lives in the past, present, and future and that He is not limited to time because He is “above” time.

He is “above time” because He created the sun which is how we base our system of time.

BIBLE PROPHECY

God knew the future regarding Christ's First Coming.

All the prophecies regarding Christ, nations, the Jews, Gentiles, etc. have been fulfilled.

Other prophecies are yet to be fulfilled.

If dozens upon dozens of prophecies were fulfilled; we can rely on the future fulfillment of others (Christ's Second Coming, the restoration of Israel, etc.)

BIBLE PROPHECY

One person can be lucky and predict a coming event.

But in the Bible, God told upcoming events over a period of 1600 years through different people, using different details and events.

Fulfilled prophecy is proof of God's divine inspiration of the scriptures.

That the Bible is not an assortment of books with various authors but "ONE BOOK WITH ONE AUTHOR – GOD"

BIBLE PROPHECY

The greatest way to tell if a person is a prophet or not is to check if his/her prophecies came true.

There are many so-called “prophets” but where are their fulfilled prophecies?

The Jews would stone a prophet to death if he/she were not 100% correct.

BIBLE PROPHECY

Let's study 1 Peter 1:10,11: “Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who spoke of the grace that was to come to you, searched intently and with the greatest care, trying to find out the time and circumstances to which the Spirit of Christ in them was pointing when he predicted the sufferings of Christ (Suffering Servant) and the glories to follow (Glorious King).”

The Jewish people missed Christ's 1st Coming because they were not looking for a “Suffering Servant” but a “Glorious King.”

Christ's 1st Coming was as a Suffering Servant.

Christ's 2nd Coming will be as a “Glorious King.”

BIBLE PROPHECY

Jesus' second coming will be in 2 stages.

First, at the Rapture when He takes home the “dead in Christ” and His church (1 Thess. 4:16-18).

Then at the Revelation (Mal.4:2; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; Matt. 25:31-46) when He sets up His throne of glory on earth after the Tribulation before His 1,000 year Millennial Reign.

BIBLE PROPHECY

FUTURE PROPHECY (To be fulfilled)

- **Christ is to be a Righteous Branch**
(Jeremiah 23:5-8) Jeremiah
- **Christ is to have a Kingdom**
(Daniel 2:44) Daniel
- **Christ is to reign on the Throne of David**
(1 Samuel 7:16; Isa.9:6-7) Samuel / Isaiah
- **Christ will rule the nations with an 'Iron Rod'**
(Psalm 2:6-9) David
- **Christ's reign will be Glorious**
(Psa.72:1-20; Isa.2:1-4; Isa.32:1-4; Isa.32:15-20; Zec.14:16-21)
David / Isaiah Zechariah

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

The prophecies foretold events in detail that were beyond the scope of human speculation

How did the writers or speakers do it?

- a. They attributed it to God!**
- b. And God declared that such evidence was a proof of His existence & superiority over men & all gods**

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

"Present your case," says the LORD. "Set forth your arguments," says Jacob's King. "Bring in your idols to tell us what is going to happen. Tell us what the former things were, so that we may consider them and know their final outcome. Or declare to us the things to come, tell us what the future holds, so we may know that you are gods. Do something, whether good or bad, so that we will be dismayed and filled with fear. But you are less than nothing and your works are utterly worthless; he who chooses you is detestable. (Isaiah 41:21-24)

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

"I am the LORD; that is my name! I will not give my glory to another or my praise to idols. See, the former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you."

(Isaiah 42:8-9)

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

"Remember this, fix it in mind, take it to heart, you rebels. Remember the former things, those of long ago; I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me. I make known the end from the beginning, from ancient times, what is still to come. I say: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please. From the east I summon a bird of prey; from a far-off land, a man to fulfill my purpose. What I have said, that will I bring about; what I have planned, that will I do.

(Isaiah 46:8-11)

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

There are the prophecies concerning Christ

He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms." Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24:44-45)

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

**It has been stated there 332 prophecies fulfilled in Christ -
Henry Liddon**

**The mathematical probability that all could be fulfilled in
one person by chance alone has been calculated as
one in 84 times ten to the 123rd power (84 followed
by 123 zeroes).**

**-- Cf. Introduction To Christian Evidences, Ferrell
Jenkins, pp. 87-107**

For a list of these 332 fulfilled prophecies see:
www.altogetherlovely.org (FREE TEACHINGS)
“Do You Think This Proves Jesus Was the Messiah?”

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

- Christ from the seed of a woman (Gen.3:15: Moses). (Gal.4:4)
- Christ a descendant of Abraham (Gen.12:3: Moses). (Matt.1:1)
- Christ a descendant of Isaac (Gen. 17:19: Moses) (Luke 3:34)
- Christ a descendant of Jacob (Num.24:17: Moses). (Matt.1:2)
- Christ from the tribe of Judah (Gen.49:10: Moses). (Luke 3:33)
- Christ, heir to the throne of David (Isa.9:7: Isaiah). (Luke 1:32-33)
- Christ, anointed and eternal (Ps. 45:6,7 Ps.102:25-27: David). (Heb.1:8-12)
- Christ, born in Bethlehem (Mic. 5:2: Micah). (Luke 2:4,5,7)
- The time of Christ's birth fulfilled to the "day" by the Jewish calendar (Dan.9:25-27: Daniel) (Luke 2:1,2)
- Christ to be born of a virgin (Isa. 7:14: Isaiah) (Luke 1:26-31)

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

- The slaughter of children at this time with no other child surviving but Christ (Jer. 31:15: Jeremiah). (Matt. 2:16-18)
- The family's flight to Egypt to escape (Hosea 1:1: Hosea) (Matt.2:14,15)
- Christ's way prepared (Isa. 40:3-5: Isaiah). (Luke 3:3-6)
- Christ preceded by a forerunner (Isa.40:3-5: Isaiah). (Luke 7:24,27)
- Christ preceded by Elijah (Mal. 4:5,6: Malachi). (Matt.11:13-14)
- Christ declared the Son of God (Psalm 2:7: David). (Matt.3:17)
- Christ is God (Isa.9:6: Isaiah). (John 1:14)
- Christ's Galilean ministry (Isa. 9:1: Isaiah). (Matt.4:13-16)
- Christ; speaking in parables (Psa. 78:2-4: David). (Matt.13:34-35)
- Christ; the prophet (Deut.18:15: Moses). (Acts 3:20,22)

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

- Christ; betrayed for 30 pieces of silver (Zech.11:12: Zechariah). (Matt.26:15)
- Christ forsaken by His disciples (Zech.13:7: Zechariah). (Mark 14:27)
- Christ; accused by false witnesses (Psa.35:11: David). (Mark 14:57-58)
- Christ; silent to accusations (Isa. 53:7: Isaiah). (Mark 15:4-5)
- Christ; spat on and struck (Isa. 50:6: Isaiah). (Matt.26:67)
- Christ; hated without reason (Psa.35:19: David). (John 15:24)
- Christ; to bind up the broken hearted (Isa.61:1-2: Isaiah). (Luke 4:18-19)
- Christ's anointing by the Holy Spirit (Isa.61:1: Isaiah). (Luke 4:18-19)
- Christ; rejected by his own people, the Jews (Isa.53:3: Isaiah). (John 1:11; Luke 23:18)
- Christ; priest after order of Melchizedek (Psa.110:4: David). (Heb.5:5-6)

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

- Christ's triumphal entry on a colt (Zech.9:9: Zechariah). (Mark 11:7-11)
- Christ; adored by infants (Psa. 8:2: David). (Matt.21:15-16)
- Christ; not believed (Isa.53:1: Isaiah). (John 12:37-38)
- Christ; betrayed by a close friend (Psa.41:9: David). (Luke 22:47)
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Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

- Christ's vicarious sacrifice (Isa. 53:5: Isaiah). (Romans 5:6,8)
- Christ; crucified with thieves (Isa. 53:12: Isaiah). (Mark 15:27-28)
- Christ; pierced through hands and feet (Zech.12:10: Zechariah). (John 20:27)
- Christ; sneered at and mocked (Psa.22:7: David). (Luke 23:35)
- Christ; reproached (Psa.69:9: David). (Romans 15:3)
- Christ would be given gall and vinegar (Psa.69:21: David). (Matt.27:34)
- Christ nailed to the cross (Psa. 22:16: David). (Luke 23:33)
- Christ; prayer for his enemies (Psa.109:4: David). (Luke 23:34)
- Soldiers gambled for Christ's clothing (Psa.22:17-18: David). (Matt.27:35-36)
- Christ's intense suffering (Psa. 22:14: David). (Luke 22:44)

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

- Christ; forsaken by God (Psa. 22:1: David). (Matt.27:46)
- Christ; no bones broken or on the Passover Lamb (Psa.34:20: David).
(John 19:32-26)
- Christ; no bones broken or on the Passover Lamb (Ex.12:46: Moses).
(John 19:32-36)
- Christ's side pierced (Zech.12:10: Zechariah). (John 19:34)
- Christ; buried with the rich (Isa. 53:9: Isaiah). (Matt.27:57-60)
- Christ; to be resurrected (Psa. 16:10; 49:15: David). (Mark 16:6-7)
- Christ; to be ascended to God's right hand (Psa.68:18: David)
(1 Cor.15:4; Eph.4:8)

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

CHRIST'S FIRST COMING

- A Suffering Servant
- Christ received a “Crown of Thorns”
- We now look backwards to the “Cross”.
- Provided salvation for our soul (Savior)
- Jesus came “secretly”; born a virgin.
- Jesus came “publicly” to Jerusalem.

CHRIST'S SECOND COMING

- A Glorious King
- Christ will receive a “Crown of Glory”
- We now look forward to the “Crown”.
- Our bodies will be changed (Redeemer)
- Jesus will come “secretly: at the rapture.
- Jesus comes “publicly” at the Revelation

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

There are prophecies by Christ, such as the destruction of Jerusalem foretold in Matthew 24, Mark 13, Luke 21; fulfilled in A.D. 70, when Rome destroyed Jerusalem. As well, Christ “five times” talked of His suffering, death, resurrection.

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

The next time someone tells you that they are following a “Prophet”, ask them to show you the prophet’s “fulfilled prophecy”.

Then ask them to show you how it lines up with the Scriptures.

Many people are following “prophets” and will be deceived by “prophets” but these men/women of God will always “AGREE” with Scripture and “NOT DISAGREE” with it. Jesus always pointed people to the Scriptures.

Fulfilled Prophecies In The Bible

The Bible has God's FULL revelation of God's Plan and Purpose for the Ages.

There is no "new revelation" for Christ is the Prophet that was to come and most Biblical Prophecy points to Christ's First Coming and Second Coming.

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

TYPES IN THE BIBLE

For an extensive teaching on “types” see “TYPES IN THE BIBLE” at:
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TYPES IN THE BIBLE

- In 1 Corinthians 10:1-11 we see Paul teaching the people from Israel's history.
- These were examples from the past written for instruction for this time period now.
- The example of the Israelite people was their bondage in Egypt until they entered into the promised land.
- This was a “type” of the Christian walk for us now.
- In Hebrews 10:1, we see that, “The law is only a shadow of the good things that are coming – not the realities themselves, for this reason it can never, by the same sacrifices repeated endlessly year after year, make perfect those who draw near to worship.”

TYPES IN THE BIBLE

- The Old Testament types are but “shadows.”
- But all shadows have something “real”.
- The reality is now found “in Christ”.
- **Christ says, “Therefore every teacher of the law who has been instructed about the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of its storeroom new treasures as well as old.” (Matthew 13:52)**
- The “old” are “types of the OT and the “new” stand for the New Testament.

TYPES IN THE BIBLE

- The N.T. is enfolded in the O.T.
- The O.T. is unfolded in the N.T.
- Augustine: “The New is in the Old ‘Contained’; The Old is by the New ‘Explained’.”
- Hebrews explains Leviticus, Revelation explains Daniel
- The Four Gospels explain:
 - the Passover
 - Isaiah 53
 - the brazen serpent
 - etc.

TYPES IN THE BIBLE

- Typology is “picture language”.
- They give a picture of the real thing.
- Again, the reality is found in Christ.
- Most types point to Christ.
- Therefore do not let anyone judge you by what you eat or drink, or with regard to a religious festival, a New Moon celebration or a Sabbath day. These are a shadow of the things that were to come; the reality, however, is found in Christ. (Col.2:16-17)

TYPES IN THE BIBLE

- A “Type” is some person, event, or ceremony (structures, furniture, colors, numbers, etc.) that is recorded to “foreshadow” some future person, event, or ceremony.
- In types, we see the Bible was written by one author; the Holy Spirit for who else could write these kinds of amazing types and antitypes.
- Let’s look at just a few types in the Bible:

TYPES IN THE BIBLE

- Ark of the Covenant (Ex 25:16; Ps 40:8; Isa 42:6)
- Atonement, sacrifices offered on the day of (Lev. 16:15,16; Heb 9:12,24)
- Brazen altar (Ex.27:1,2; Heb.13:10)
- David (2 Sam.8:15; Eze.37:24; Ps 89:19,20; Phil.2:9)
- Eliakim (Isa.22:20-22; Rev.3:7)
- Golden candlestick (Ex.25:31; John 8:12)
- Golden altar (Ex.40:5,26,27; Rev.8:3; Heb.13:15)

TYPES IN THE BIBLE

- Jacob's ladder (Gen.28:12; John 1:51)
- Joshua (Josh.1:5-6; Heb.4:8-9; Josh.11:23; Acts 20:32)
- Laver of brass (Ex.30:18-20; Zech.13:1; Eph.5:26,27)
- Leper's offering (Lev.14:4-7; Rom.4:25)
- Man (Ex.16:11-15; John 6:32-35)
- Mercy-seat (Ex.25:17-22; Rom.3:25; Heb.4:16)
- Morning - evening sacrifices (Ex.29:38-41; John 1:29,36)

TYPES IN THE BIBLE

- Paschal lamb (Ex.12:3-6,46; John 19:36; 1 Cor.5:7)
- Red heifer (Num.19:2-6; Heb.9:13,14)
- Rock of Horeb (Ex.17:6; 1 Cor.10:4)
- Samson (Jud.16:30; Col.2:14-15)
- Scape goat (Lev.16:20-22; Isa.53:6,12)
- Solomon (2 Sam.7:12-13; Luke 1:32-33; 1 Pet.2:5)

TYPES IN THE BIBLE

- Tabernacle (Ex.40:2,34; Heb.9:11; Col.2:9)
- Table and show bread (Ex.25:23-30; John 1:16; 6:48)
- Temple (1 Kings 6:1,38; John 2:19,21)
- Tree of life (Gen.2:9; John 1:4; Rev.22:2)
- Vail of the tabernacle and temple (Ex.40:21; 2 Chr.3:14; Heb.10:20)
- Zerubbabel (Zech.4:7-9; Heb.12:2-3)

CHRIST'S BLOOD

(The Scarlet Thread)

For an extensive teaching on "Christ's Blood" see "THE SCARLET THREAD"

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- The Bible is a book of redemption, of salvation, and of deliverance for mankind. Redemption refers to:
 - 1) deliverance
 - 2) the price paid for that deliverance (ransom).
- Jesus paid the price on the cross. We are redeemed from the penalty of sin, and the power of Satan and evil.
- The Bible shows us the redemptive plan of God. This is called “THE SCARLET THREAD.”

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **After the Fall, Adam & Eve covered themselves with fig leaves to hide their nakedness and shame (Gen.3:7).**
- **But this was not God's way. So God killed an innocent animal (Gen.3:21).**
- **This first blood sacrifice was offered by God Himself.**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **In Gen.3:15, God tells how the “Seed of the Woman” will crush Satan’s head.**
- **It speaks of Jesus at Calvary, His suffering, His “bruised heel”, and the bruising of Satan’s head.**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **Cain and Abel were born to Adam and Eve.**
- **Abel's offering was accepted because it was a blood offering (God creates life) while Cain's offering was the fruit of his own toil (works) (Gen.4:3-4)**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **Cain killed his brother Abel and Abel's blood "cries out to me (God) from the ground."**
- **Christ's sacrifice was acceptable to God.**
- **Man's murder is jealousy, envy, and guilt and totally unpleasing to God (Gen.4:10).**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **The godly seed continued through Seth (Gen.4:25). But Seth's line intermarried with Cain's line.**
- **In Gen.6:1-4, we see wicked spirits marrying the daughters of men. Evil increased greatly and God called Noah to build an ark (Gen.6:5-8).**
- **Noah preached righteousness for 120 years but only 4 men and 4 women survived the flood.**
- **The righteous seed would now pass through Shem.**
- **Note: The Ark is a picture of God's covering us in Christ.**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **Not much later, the wickedness of man was shown again at the Tower of Babel.**
- **God interrupted by “confusing their speech and scattering them over the face of the earth” (Gen.11:1-9).**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- Later God called Abraham.
- In Gen.22, we see the wonderful story of Abraham going to sacrifice Isaac.
- God saw Abraham's obedience and this typified Christ's death on the cross.
- In Gen.22:34, "So Abraham called the place **THE LORD WILL PROVIDE**. And to this day it is said, "On the mountain of the Lord it will be provided."
- That day Abraham killed a ram and shed its blood.
- This typified the shedding of the Lamb's blood on the Mount of Olives.

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **Throughout the Old Testament, altars were built.**
- **The OT points ahead by faith to Christ's crucifixion; Calvary, the altar of the Lamb of God.**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **Isaac gave birth to Jacob.**
- **Jacob gave birth to the 12 patriarchs.**
- **Joseph's 11 brothers tried to kill him because of jealousy.**
- **But God rescued him for a higher calling (Gen.50:20).**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **Moses was born in Goshen, Egypt.**
- **God protected him from death also (Gen.2:1-10) by having him put in a papyrus basket and coating it with “tar & pitch” signifying atonement.**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **God rescued the Israelites from the Egyptians in Exodus Chapter 12 (The Passover).**
- **The lamb was to be without defect and prepared as a total burnt offering.**
- **Some of the blood was to be put on the top and sides of the door (Ex.12:7) and when the Lord saw the blood He “passed over” the Israelites (12:12-13)**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **The story of Israel leaving Egypt and finally entering the Promised Land is the story of salvation.**
- **They were instructed how to live and what “blood offerings” to give the Lord.**
- **It typified Christ’s blood offering to come.**
- **In Lev.17:11 we see, “For the life of a creature is in the blood and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.”**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- After the Israelites crossed the Jordan they began to conquer kingdoms.
- They sent spies to Jericho and Rahab the prostitute protected the spies from death.
- They promised her that if she hung a “scarlet cord” from her window, they would not kill her or the people in the house (Joshua 2:17-20).
- Here again, God saw the “blood” and passed over them.
- The “scarlet thread” of redemption again.

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **The “Scarlet Thread of Redemption” continued with prophecies and types of the coming Lamb.**
- **John the Baptist cried out “Look, the Lamb of God; who takes away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29).**
- **Jesus prophesied his death and resurrection on 5 different occasions (Matt.12:39-40; 20:17-19; 26:30-32; Luke 18:31-33; John 2:19-22).**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **The altar (cross of Calvary) was prepared.**
- **The Lamb (Jesus) was prepared.**
- **God's redemptive thread was coming to a close.**
- **The blood was shed, God's wrath was appeased, and the sacrifice was perfect.**
- **The Scarlet Thread of Redemption was now completed.**
- **The Veil was torn in two from TOP to BOTTOM (signifying God coming from heaven down to earth as well as access to God now opened).**

IT IS FINISHED.

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **Now we have forgiveness through the redemptive price of Christ's death; justification which gives us a restored position of favor with God; and final redemption of our bodies at Christ's Second Coming.**
- **In glory we'll see the saints who've washed their robes and made them white in the precious blood of the Lamb.**

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

NOTE on the LAMB:

- Abel's lamb (first lamb) – one lamb for one man.
- At the Passover - one lamb for one family.
- On the Day of Atonement - one lamb for one nation.
- At Calvary - one "LAMB" for one world.

CHRIST'S BLOOD: The Scarlet Thread

- **“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.” (Eph.2:13)**
- **Hebrews 9:14, “How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God.”**
- **1 Peter 1:19, “but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect”.**
- **Romans 5:8-9, “Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”**

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THE END TIMES

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THE END TIMES

- **Let's do a study comparing the first three chapters in the Book of Genesis with the last three chapters in the Book of Revelation.**
- **Genesis is the Book of Origins showing us the creation of man, man's fall, God's promised Redeemer.**
- **Genesis gives us types and promises of God's Redemption.**
- **The Book of Revelation is, in verse one, "The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show his servants what must soon take place."**

THE END TIMES

- Many people feel that Revelation is impossible to understand and they go flipping through it.
- Yet the “cults” take people who have little knowledge about the Bible and use this very book to lead them into hell.
- I would pray that you would ask God to speak to you, to lead you into proper teachings, and that you will be open to His Word today.

THE END TIMES

- **In Rev.1:3, it says, “Blessed is the one who reads the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it because the time is near.”**
- **God has promised to bless you if you just read the words of this prophecy. And a further blessing to those who hear it and take to heart what is written.**
- **Now the key verse in Revelation is Rev.1:19, “Write therefore, what you have seen, what is now, and what will take place later.”**
- **Today we will see God’s original workings with man contrasted with how He is going to restore man in the last three chapters of Revelation.**

THE END TIMES

- **In Genesis 1:1 it says,** “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
- **In Rev. 21:1 it says,** “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.”
- **This was foretold in Isaiah 65:17,** “Behold, I will create new heavens and new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.”

THE END TIMES

- **In 2 Peter 3:7,** “By the same word the present heavens and earth are reserved for fire, being kept for the day of judgment and destruction of godly men.”
- **Then in 2 Peter 3:13,** “But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, the home of righteousness.”
- **The earth (present form) is passing away. Heaven and earth will pass away but my words will never pass away.**

THE END TIMES

- **In Genesis 1:5,** “God called the darkness night.”
- **In Rev.21:25,** “for there will be no night there.”

THE END TIMES

- **In Gen.1:16**, “And God made two great lights – the greater light to govern the day (sun) and the lesser light to govern the night (moon). He also made the stars”.
- **Rev. 21:23**, “The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and the Lamb is its lamp.”

THE END TIMES

- **SIDE NOTE: Proofs that God wrote the Pentateuch through Moses**

“Moses then wrote down everything the Lord had said.” (Exodus 24:4)

“When the Lord finished speaking to Moses on Mount Sinai, He gave him the two tablets of the Testimony, the tablets of stone inscribed by the finger of God”. (Exodus 31:18)

THE END TIMES

“The tablets were the work of God; the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets.” (Exo. 32:16)

“At the Lord’s command Moses recorded the stages in their journey.” (Numbers 33:2)

“After Moses finished writing in a book the words of this law from beginning to end.” (Deut.31:24)

THE END TIMES

LET'S CONTINUE COMPARING Gen.1-3 with Rev.20-22.

“but you must not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die.” (Genesis 2:17)

- **Death entered the world.**

Rev.21:4, “He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death, or crying, or mourning, or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Rev.21:4)

- **No more death.**

THE END TIMES

“Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made.” (Gen.3:1)

- **Satan appears to deceive man.**

“And the devil who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night forever and ever.” (Rev. 20:10)

- **Satan disappears.**

THE END TIMES

“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.” Shown a garden into which defilement entered. (Gen.3:6-7)

“Nothing impure will ever enter it, nor will anyone who does what is shameful or deceitful, but only those whose names are written in the Lamb’s book of life.” (Rev.21:27)

- Shown a city into which defilement will never enter.**

THE END TIMES

▪ **Let's compare these two verses:**

“For everything in the world –

the cravings of sinful man,

the lust of his eyes

and the boasting of what he has and does

– comes not from the Father but from the world.” (1 John 2:16)

“When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was

good for food

and pleasing to the eye,

and also desirable for gaining wisdom,

she took some and ate it.”

Shown a garden into which defilement entered. (Gen.3:6-7)

THE END TIMES

“Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.” (Gen.3:8-10)

- **Walk of God with man interrupted.**

“And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.” (Rev.21:3)

- **Walk of God with man resumed.**

THE END TIMES

“Then the Lord God said to the woman, “What is this you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me and I ate.” (Gen.3:13)

- **Initial triumph of Satan.**

“And the devil who deceived them, was thrown into the lake of burning sulphur, where the beast and the false prophet had been thrown. They will be tormented day and night for ever and ever.” (Rev.20:10)

- **Ultimate triumph of the Lamb.**

THE END TIMES

“To the woman he said, “I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” (Gen.3:16)

- **Sorrow multiplied.**

“He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.” (Rev.21:4)

- **No more sorrow.**

THE END TIMES

“To Adam he said, “Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, “You must not eat of it.” “Cursed is the ground because of you, through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.” (Gen.3:17)

- **The ground is cursed for our sake to show us our need for God.**

“No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city and his servants will serve him.” (Rev.22:3)

- **No more curse. Let's look at the curse....**

THE END TIMES

“Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” (Galatians 3:13)

“you must not leave his body on the tree overnight. Be sure to bury him that same day, because anyone who is hung on a tree is under God’s curse.” (Deut.21:23)

THE END TIMES

“Now the Lord God had formed out of the ground all the beasts of the field and all the birds of the air. He brought them to the man to see what he would name them; and whatever the man called each living creature, that was its name.” (Gen.2:19)

- **Man given dominion.**

“By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return. (Gen.3:19)

- **Man’s dominion broken in the fall of the first man, Adam.**

THE END TIMES

“They will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. (Rev.22:5)

- **Man’s dominion restored in the rule of the new man Christ.**

“To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father – to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen. (Rev.1:5b-6)

- **We will reign with Him.**

THE END TIMES

“So the Lord God banished him from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.” (Gen. 3:23)

- **First paradise closed.**

“On no day will its gates ever be shut, for there will be no night there.” (Rev.21:25)

- **New paradise opened.**

“Like water spilled to the ground which cannot be recovered, so we must die. But God does not take away life, instead, he devices ways that a banished person may not remain estranged from him.” (2 Samuel 14:14)

THE END TIMES

“After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life” (Gen. 3:24)

- **Access to the tree of life disinherited in Adam.**

“Blessed are those who wash their robes, that they may have the right to the tree of life and may go through the gates into the city.” (Rev.22:14)

- **Access to the tree of life reinstated in Christ.**

THE END TIMES

“After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life” (Gen.3:24)

- **They were driven from God’s presence.**

“They will see his face, and their names will be on their foreheads. (Rev.22:4)

- **They shall see His face.**

THE END TIMES

The Bible is a great book for its author is God.

We don't need a fortune teller, astrologist, or any futuristic spiritist filled with lying, familiar spirits telling us our future. We have the Word of God.

We may have been curious about what the end of this book says but what God revealed to Moses in Genesis is right in line with what God revealed to John in Revelation.

Jesus is Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, and the Beginning and the End.

THE END TIMES

In Hebrews 11:1, it says, “Now faith is the substance of things hoped for...”

We don't have to have faith in some wishy- washy statement but we can rest our lives life on the promises of the Bible.

Jesus is coming back. He wants to take a bride home with Him. He is preparing a place for us in His Father's house. He will never leave us or forsake us. He is with us to the ends of the world.

The truths in Revelation are substance truths that we can put our faith in.

THE END TIMES

- **Let's turn to Titus 2:11-14,**

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men (justification). It teaches us to say “NO” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, (sanctification) while we wait for the blessed hope – the glorious appearing of our Great God and Savior, Jesus Christ” (glorification).

- **Past (at the cross): justification**
- **Present: sanctification**
- **Future (at Christ's return): glorification**

THE HOLY SPIRIT

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THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

- The Holy Spirit possesses divine attributes of God:
 - He is eternal (Heb.9:14);
 - omnipresent (Psa.139:7-10);
 - omnipotent (Luke 1:35; Gen.1:2; Job 26:13);
 - omniscient (1 Cor.2:10,11; John 14:26; John 16:12-13);
 - holy for in the words “Holy Spirit” the word “Holy” describes His character and essence (Luke 11:13);
 - truth (1 John 5:6);
 - good (Neh.9:20);
 - communes with us (2 Cor.13:14).

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

The Holy Spirit:

- creates (Job 33:4; Psa.104:30);
- justifies (1 Cor.6:11);
- seals us for the day of redemption (Eph.1:13);
- gives life (John 6:63);
- is the author of the new birth (John 3:5-6);
- prophecies (2 Peter 1:21);
- convicts (John 16:8-11);
- speaks (Isa.6:8-10; Acts 5:3-5).

THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

- **Is associated with the Father and the Son.
(Matt.28:19; 2 Cor.13:14; John 14:16).**
- **A Jew would never associate someone with God unless He was God for they had an awestruck reverence and fear of God that would not allow them to even pronounce the word “Jehovah”.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PERSONALITY

- **The Bible uses “personal pronouns” to describe the Holy Spirit. (John 15:26; 16:8; 16:13; 16:14; Romans 8:16; 8:26; etc.)**

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PERSONALITY

The Holy Spirit is a person because He has certain characteristics:

- Will power (1 Cor.12:11);
- Intelligence (Neh.9:20; Romans 8:27);
- Grieves (Eph.4:30);
- Loves (Romans 15:30);
- Power (Acts 1:8);
- Knowledge (1 Cor.2:10-12).

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PERSONALITY

The Holy Spirit does the same things that a person does:

- He speaks (Rev.2:7);
- cries out (Gal.4:6);
- intercedes (Rom.8:26);
- testifies (John 15:26);
- teaches (John 14:26);
- leads and directs (Rom.8:14);
- commands (Acts 16:6,7);
- calls people (Acts 13:2; Acts 20:28);
- is a missionary (John 15:26);
- searches the deep things of God (1 Cor.2:10).

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PERSONALITY

The Holy Spirit has emotions:

- He is grieved (Isa.63:10);
- can be insulted (Heb.10:29);
- can be lied to (Acts 5:3);
- can be blasphemed (Matt.12:31-32).

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PERSONALITY

- **The Holy Spirit is a person because He has intellect, emotions, will, knowledge, and actions.**
- **He is not an “it” but a living person.**

THE HOLY SPIRIT'S PERSONALITY

The Holy Spirit:

- can be fellowshiped & communed with,
- can cure the broken heart & comfort us,
- can guide us & lead us,
- can teach us & lead us into all truth,
- can empower people's witnessing and preaching,
- gives life,
- takes away fears,
- is with us wherever we go,
- comes alongside us (Greek word – Parakletos).

EMBLEMS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **Voice: (Isaiah 6:8; Isaiah 30:21; Matt.10:20; Heb. 3:7-11; John 16:7-11)**
- **A Seal: (Rev.7:2; Eph.4:30; John 6:27; 2 Cor.1:22; Eph. 1:13-14)**
- **A Dove: (Matt.3:16; Matt.30:16; Galatians 5:22)**
- **Rain & Dew: (Psalm 72:6; Mark 4:26-29; Psa.68:9; Psa. 133:3; Ezek.34:26-27)**

EMBLEMS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **Oil: (Psa.45:7; Ex.29:7; Luke 4:18, 10:34; Isa.61:3; Heb. 1:9; Matt.25)**
- **Wind: (John 3:8; 1 Kings 19:11; Acts 2:2; Ezek.37:9-10,14; John 3:8; 1 Cor.12:11)**
- **Fire: (Matt.3:11; John 5:35; Isa.4:4; Mal.3:2-3; 1 Cor.2:10)**
- **Water: (John 3:5; 7:38-39; 4:14; Psa.1:3; 46:4; Isa.41:17-18; 55:1; Rev.22:17; Eph.5:26)**

NAMES FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **Holy Spirit. (Luke 11:13)**
- **Spirit (John 3:6)**
- **Oil of Gladness (Hebrews 1:9)**
- **Comforter (John 14:26; 15:26)**
- **The Eternal Spirit (Heb.9:14)**
- **Spirit of Glory (1 Pet.4:14)**
- **The Spirit of the Lord (Isaiah 11:2)**

NAMES FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **Spirit of Jehovah (Isaiah 61:1)**
- **Spirit of the living God (2 Cor.3:3)**
- **Spirit of Christ (Romans 8:9)**
- **Spirit of His Son (Gal.4:6)**
- **Spirit of Jesus.(Phil.1:19; Acts 16:7)**
- **Spirit of Burning (Isaiah 4:4)**
- **Spirit of Holiness (Romans 1:4)**

NAMES FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

- **Holy Spirit of Promise (Eph.1:13)**
- **Spirit of Truth (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13)**
- **Spirit of life (Romans 8:2)**
- **Spirit of wisdom and understanding (Isaiah 11:2)**
- **Spirit of counsel and might (Isaiah 11:2)**
- **Spirit of Knowledge (Isaiah 11:2)**
- **Spirit of grace (Heb.10:29)**

THE HOLY SPIRIT

- As Jehovah (Exodus 17:7; Hebrews 3:7-9; Numbers 12:6; 2 Peter 1:21)
- As Jehovah of hosts (Isa.6:3,8-10; Acts 28:25)
- As Jehovah, Most High (Psa.78:17,21; Acts 7:51)
- Being invoked as Jehovah (Luke 2:26-29; Acts 4:23-25; Acts 1:16,20; 2 Thess.3:5)
- As called God (Acts 5:3-4)
- As joined with the Father and the Son in the baptismal formula (Matt.28:19)
- As eternal (Hebrews 9:14)

THE HOLY SPIRIT

- As omnipresent (Psalms 139:7-13)
- As omniscient (1 Cor.2:10)
- As omnipotent (Luke 1:35; Romans 15:19)
- As the Spirit of glory and of God (1 Pet.4:14)
- As Creator (Gen.1:26-27; Job 33:4)
- As equal to, and one with the Father (Matt.28:19;
2 Cor.13:14)
- As Sovereign Disposer of all things
(Dan.4:35; 1 Cor.12:6,11)

THE HOLY SPIRIT

- As Author of the new birth (John 3:5-6; 1 John 5:4)
- As raising Christ from the dead
(Acts 2:24; 1 Pet.3:18; Heb.13:20; Rom.1:4)
- As inspiring Scripture (2 Tim.3:16; 2 Pet.1:21)
- As the source of wisdom
(1Cor.12:8; Isa.11:2; John 16:13; 14:26)
- As the source of miraculous power
(Matt.12:28; Luke 11:20; Acts 19:11, Rom.15:19)
- As appointing and sending ministers (Acts 13:2,4; 9:38; 20:28)

THE HOLY SPIRIT

- As directing where the gospel should be preached
(Acts 16:6-7,10)
- As dwelling in saints (John 14:17; 1 Cor.14:25; 3:16; 6:19)
- As Comforter of the Church (Acts 9:31; 2 Cor.1:3)
- As sanctifying the Church (Eze.37:28; Rom.15:16)
- As the Witness (Heb.10:15; 1 John 5:9)
- As convincing of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment
(John 16:8-11)

THE TRINITY

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THE TRINITY

Many have come against the Christian doctrine of the Trinity.

In these last days before Jesus returns we need to know what we really believe.

The essence can be, and is, at once, three persons and one personal being.

Three persons but one essence.

Three eternal distinctions in the one divine essence.

The Tri-personality of God.

The triune God.

THE TRINITY

The Athanasian Creed says,

“We worship one God in the Trinity, and the Trinity in unity; we distinguish among the persons, but we do not divide the substance The entire three persons are coeternal and coequal with each other so that one can worship complete unity in Trinity and Trinity in unity”.

THE TRINITY

If there were no trinity, there could be no incarnation for God is Holy and had to become man.

There could be no objective redemption for the Father was in Heaven while the Son was on the cross; therefore no salvation for there would be no one capable of acting as Mediator between God and man (1 Tim.2:5-6).

THE TRINITY

**The doctrine of the trinity is not a truth of natural theology,
but of revelation.**

THE TRINITY

The Trinity is indeed the threefold persons of God and yet God in ESSENCE one.

THE TRINITY

What a beautiful thing it is to right now to have our Father reigning in Heaven, Jesus our Risen Savior seated at His right hand praying for us right now as our High Priest, and the Wonderful Counselor, indwelling us, empowering us, loving us, and changing us.

THE TRINITY

We don't have to understand it in my mind but accept it by faith that my God has everything covered.

He is able to save us to the uttermost.

THE TRINITY

The number “3” is considered the “Divine Number” in Scriptures because it is mentioned often as dealing with Holy Things.

It speaks of the Trinity of God – Father, Son, Holy Spirit.

THE TRINITY

Man is a three part being – spirit, soul, and body.

“And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground (body), and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (spirit); and man became a living soul (soul)” (Genesis 2:7).

We are made in the image of God.

THE TRINITY

“May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and He will do it.”

(1 Thess.5:23)

Here, we see spirit, soul, & body.

THE TRINITY

The Three Great Feasts;

- the Passover,
 - Pentecost,
 - and Tabernacles
- (Leviticus Ch. 23).

THE TRINITY

The threefold character of the Baptismal Formula

**“baptizing them in the name
of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit.”**

(Matt.28:19)

THE TRINITY

The Apostolic Benediction:

**“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
(2 Cor.13:14)**

THE TRINITY

In Matt.3:13-17, we see God the Father speaking from heaven,

“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

God the Son, Jesus Christ, was being baptized.

God the Holy Spirit descended like a dove and alighted on the Savior.

THE TRINITY

In the creation of man in Genesis 1:26, we see plural terms being used.

“And God said, Let US make man in OUR image, after OUR likeness; and let them have dominion.”

THE TRINITY

The number Three is prominent in nature.

The primary colors of solar light are Blue, Yellow, Red.

The Sun manifests Light, Heat, Chemical Rays.

Nature has Three Kingdoms: Animal, Vegetable, Mineral.

Matter exists in three forms: Gas, Liquid, Solid.

The great forces of nature are Gravity, Light, Electricity.

THE TRINITY

The Three Temptations of Christ (Matt.4; Luke 4)

THE TRINITY

Christ's Three Prayers in Gethsemane

(Matt.26:36-46; Mark 13:32-42; Luke 22:39-46)

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Peter's "3" Denials

(Matt.26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72; Luke 22:54-62;
John 18:15-18, 25-27)

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Christ's Restoration of Peter with Three Questions and Three Charges. (John 21:15-18)

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The “Restoration of Israel” on the “third” day. (Hosea 6:1-2)

THE TRINITY

Jonah's three days inside the belly of the whale.

(Jonah 1:17, Matt.12:38-40)

THE TRINITY

Jesus is spoken of as

'He which

"is"

and "was"

and "is to come".

(Rev.1:8; 4:8)

THE TRINITY

We see Christ's threefold ministry as

1. the Faithful Witness (Prophet)
2. First Begotten from the Dead (Priest)
3. the "Prince of the Kings of the Earth" (King).

He is "Prophet", "Priest", and "King".

As Prophet, He is God's Word.

As Priest, He is God's Lamb.

As King, He is God's Lion.

(Rev.1:5)

THE TRINITY

In Rev. 16:13 we see the dragon, false prophet, and beast – manifested during the tribulation.

In Rev.20:10 see the dragon, false prophet, and beast before Christ's 1,000 year earthly reign.

“And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.” (2 Cor.11:14).

If Satan believes in the Trinity and counterfeits it, why shouldn't we believe?

THE TRINITY

**The four “Living Creatures” chant “Holy, Holy, Holy”.
He is three times “Holy” (Rev.4:8) and they give Him
“Glory”, “Honor”, and “Thanks”. (Rev.4:9)**

THE TRINITY

His Works are the Works of God. Jesus was made alive by the Spirit.

“For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit.”

(1 Peter 3:18)

THE TRINITY

“For the Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 15:17)

THE TRINITY

“For in Him we live, and move, and have our being”.

(Acts 17:28)

THE TRINITY

**“For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.”
(Romans 11:36)**

THE TRINITY

“His good, pleasing, and perfect will” is seen in Romans 12:3.

THE TRINITY

In Acts 17:32-34, we see that people respond to the Gospel in 3 different ways.

“When they heard about the resurrection of the dead,

(1) some of them sneered

(2) but others said, ‘We want to hear you again on this subject.’ At that, Paul left the Council.

(3) A few men became followers of Paul and “believed.”

“Sneered”, “want to hear you again”, or “believed”.

THE TRINITY

Here is a simplistic way to understand the Trinity.

In a business, the company may be called “Jones and Company”.

John Jones, Jim Jones, and Peter Jones may be the heads of three different departments in the company.

The three work together in unison, yet it is one company.

Three persons working together in unison, yet one company.

THE TRINITY

**Water comes in three forms. Liquid, ice, and steam.
Yet it is still only water.**

THE TRINITY

A Shamrock is a three-leaved plant.

It is one leaf but three distinct sections.

THE TRINITY

John Clarke.

John is a husband, father, and teacher.

He is one person but functions in three different roles at the same time.

THE TRINITY

Light has three different rays. It has:

1. red heat rays

(invisible like the Father),

2. yellow light rays

(seen giving us a picture of the Son),

3. blue chemical rays

(seen by their effects giving us a picture of the Holy Spirit).

THE TRINITY AND THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

In the Holy Spirit we see God Almighty in that the same attributes attributed to the Father and Jesus are spoken about the Holy Spirit.

His attributes affirm personality and deity.

THE TRINITY AND THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Attribute: Omnipresent (all-present)

God the Father:

Jeremiah 23:24_

God the Son:

Matthew 18:20

God the Holy Spirit:

Psalms 139:7

THE TRINITY AND THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Attribute: Omniscient (all-knowing)

God the Father:

Jeremiah 17:10

God the Son:

Revelation 2:23

God the Holy Spirit:

1 Corinthians 2:11

THE TRINITY AND THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Attribute: Omnipotent (all-powerful)

God the Father:

1 Peter 1:5

God the Son:

2 Corinthians 12:9

God the Holy Spirit:

Romans 15:19

THE TRINITY AND THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Attribute: Eternal

God the Father:

Psalms 90:2

God the Son:

Revelation 1:8,17

God the Holy Spirit:

Hebrews 9:14

THE TRINITY AND THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Attribute: Holy

God the Father:

Revelation 15:4

God the Son:

Acts 3:14

God the Holy Spirit:

Luke 1:15

THE TRINITY AND THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Attribute: Truth

God the Father:

John 7:28

God the Son:

Revelation 3:7

God the Holy Spirit:

1 John 5:6

THE TRINITY AND THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Attribute: Benevolent

God the Father:

Romans 2:4

God the Son:

Ephesians 5:25

God the Holy Spirit:

Nehemiah 9:20

THE TRINITY AND THE ATTRIBUTES OF GOD

Attribute: Communion

God the Father:

1 John 1:3

God the Son:

1 John 1:3

God the Holy Spirit:

2 Corinthians 13:14

**DOES A “GOOD” GIRL
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Does a sweet, good little four year old girl that dies who has never heard the Gospel go to hell?

Let's respond to this:

**DOES A “GOOD” GIRL WHO DIES
WHOSE NEVER HEARD THE GOSPEL GO TO HELL?**

First, that “good” girl is not God.

The Bible says “God is good”.

We have this idea that children are sweet and innocent.

Remember, we see things in our finite way but God knows

Who He is GOD is holy!!

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Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. (Psalm 51:5)

"the heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure." (Jeremiah 17:9)

We inherited sin from Adam! Scripture does not support the idea that we need to reach a certain age before we are declared "sinful". So, throughout the Bible we see that man is sinful (Adam, Eve, Cain, Noah's time, Sodom/Gomorrah, Moses, Jericho (only Rahab's family saved), Saul, David (Absalom, Bathsheba, etc.), etc.

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But Christ said,

Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those who brought them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there. (Matthew 19:13-15) (see Luke 9:47-48)

DOES A “GOOD” GIRL WHO DIES WHOSE NEVER HEARD THE GOSPEL GO TO HELL?

Some people believe that Christ has a special love for little children. Why He associates children with the Kingdom of Heaven is because it is the place of the innocent, the blameless. It would appear that Jesus sees children in this light. The whole trend of Scripture seems to teach that the innocents who are too young to sin and too young to accept Christ intelligently (with understanding!), are safe in the arms of a just and holy God.

We need never fear about God being unjust. He cannot be. His mercy and justice are from everlasting to everlasting.

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In summary, I think we can conclude the following:

First, that there is some period of "grace" afforded the young before they have developed an understanding to fully comprehend the gospel message and its implications for their lives.

Second, there seems to be good scriptural support that all infants, like David's little son, go immediately, in their innocence, into the arms of the Lord.

**DOES A “GOOD” GIRL WHO DIES
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Third, that we are not saying children younger than this "accountability age" commit no sin (as sinful tendencies and acts occur quite early in children), and because of their fallen nature, they do these things spontaneously, things which they have definitely NOT learned from their parents or their friends.

What we are saying is that up to the point when they reach clear understanding, they do not come under the judgment of the Law.

**DOES A “GOOD” GIRL WHO DIES
WHOSE NEVER HEARD THE GOSPEL GO TO HELL?**

FINALLY, if you are not sure, it is still no reason to “go away from the Gospel”.

It is all the more reason to become motivated to reach the lost for the world.

It is all the more reason to become motivated to share the Gospel.

God is JUST. We have seen His justice at the cross. Jesus took “our sin” upon Himself.

In the end, a Just God will decide “EVERYTHING”. HE IS A JUST GOD AND WE CAN TRUST ALL THINGS INTO HIS HANDS.

WE NEED TO “LET GOD BE GOD”

**HOW CAN A LOVING
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For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. (Romans 1:20)

God has made Himself known. We are responsible to “receive His gift of salvation” and “to make HIM known”. There is a responsibility for those who have heard the news to make God known to their children and their children’s children.

Historically, this has been the problem. Mankind has not followed God’s command to share the Word with their children and pass the message on to the generations after.

HOW CAN A LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?

What side do you want to err on?

If the Gospel is true, TODAY is the day of salvation.

Or would we prefer to call God “unjust” after taking our sins upon Himself on the cross and then look for another way to conquer death and have a bodily resurrection?

HOW CAN A LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?

Where we make our error is that we need to be “looking ahead” and “not looking back”.

Lot’s wife looked back to Sodom – became a pillar of salt.

The Israelites looked back to Egypt – died in the desert.

You can’t plow a field & look back – the furrow isn’t straight.

You see, Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem. He looked “AHEAD” to the cross and the joy it would bring afterwards. For after the cross came the “resurrection” – life!!!

We need to “look back” only at the cross and receive God’s gift of salvation. Then we need to “look ahead” to those who need Christ.

HOW CAN A LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?

It is God's grace if "one" person gets to heaven because "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

People comment, "How can a loving God send people to hell? I don't want anything to do with a God like that."

The problem is that God does not send people to hell as much as God made a way for people NOT TO HAVE TO GO TO HELL by dying on the cross and rising from the dead.

Unfortunately, instead of choosing heaven, many choose to go to hell and take loved ones and others with them.

There is even a large group of people who are "hostile" to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and are against Him.

HOW CAN A LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?

Wouldn't it be better to see a loving Savior with His arms open wide on the cross Who wants "all to be saved".

To see a Savior in the Garden Who knew the pain He was going to endure saying, "Yes, Father" for a dying world.

Serving Jesus gives true purpose and meaning in life.

Jesus is the ONLY JUST JUDGE.

It was HE Who took our sin upon Himself on the Cross.

It was HE Who you to get saved, to share His love story with the world, and to spend eternity in heaven with Him.

HOW CAN A LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?

Look historically throughout the Bible.

- Adam and Eve sinned in a perfect environment.**
- Cain sinned by killing his brother.**
- Only 8 were saved in the ark after Noah preached for 40 years and God waited for them to repent.**
- After the ark; Shem, Japheth, Ham went their own way and most of these nations that were born did not follow God.**
- At the tower of Babel we see the people trying to “get to gods”.**

HOW CAN A LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?

- Abraham lied about his wife “twice” as did Isaac.
- Jacob was deceitful.
- Jacob’s sons treated Joseph wrongly.
- many other people other than Jews went out with the Israelite people when they left Egypt. Yet, even after seeing all God’s miracles, many “STAYED” in Egypt.
- Only Rahab and her family were saved in Jericho. This is amazing as everyone had heard about God’s miracles.
- We could continue. Saul, David (Bathsheba, Absalom), the prophets, Peter, Paul, etc.

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Let's continue with Romans 3:10-18,

As it is written: "There is no one righteous, not even one;
there is no one who understands, no one who seeks God.
All have turned away, they have together become worthless;
there is no one who does good, not even one."

"Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice
deceit."

"The poison of vipers is on their lips."

"Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

"Their feet are swift to shed blood; ruin and misery mark
their ways, and the way of peace they do not know."

"There is no fear of God before their eyes."

HOW CAN A LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?

Again, it is God's grace if "one" person gets to heaven because "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

We need to not focus so much on "what if" as "what now."

God says to go into "all the world", preach the good news, and He promises His Holy Spirit to be with us.

Salvation is the one time we need to be "selfish" and make sure we are "saved."

HOW CAN A LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?

When we get home to heaven, I believe we'll be surprised. God knows those who are HIS!!

We may not totally understand, but we can understand that Jesus died for the world for their sins, that He rose from the dead, and that we should preach repentance in His Name.

God is JUST. I would not want to make the decisions God will make. But I'm so blessed to know a JUST God!! Would I rather stand before a human court or a JUST GOD with nail marks in His hands!!

HOW CAN A LOVING GOD SEND PEOPLE TO HELL?

Father God, thank You for sending Jesus to die for my sins. I deserve hell. Yet, You a Holy God, loved me so much that You sent Your Son, Jesus to die for my sins and rise from the dead so I could have eternal life. Father, I realize what kind of a life Jesus led on earth sharing the message of Your love. I have read about Jesus' love for us in Your Word. I have never heard of such a love that a Holy God would die for a race of people who have cursed and rejected Him. Father, thank You for the privilege to be a co-worker now with Christ. To go to the ends of the world to share this wonderful love story. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

CHRIST'S POWER

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We need power in our lives.

Power over sin.

Power over death.

Power over temptation.

Power over our everyday life.

CHRIST'S POWER

Philosophy sounds so wonderful.

Wonderful, flowery words!!

But does it give us any power?

CHRIST'S POWER

When Jesus promised to send His Holy Spirit He said it would be better for us if He went so that He would send the Holy Spirit.

If Jesus had just stayed on earth then there would only be “one” of Him (remember how many saw His miracles and still didn't believe.)

God's plan was to send the Holy Spirit to indwell, empower, guide, lead, comfort, heal, convict, love, etc. God's children.

CHRIST'S POWER

Let's look at Christ's Power:

**As the Son of God, is the power of God:
(John 5:17-19; 10:28-30)**

**As man, is from the Father:
(Acts 10:38)**

CHRIST'S POWER

Described as

Supreme: (Eph.1:20-21; 1 Peter 3:22)

Unlimited: (Matt.28:18).

Over all flesh: (John 17:2)

Over all things: (John 3:35; Eph.1:22).

Glorious: (2 Thess.1:9)

Everlasting: (1 Tim.6:16)

Is able to subdue all things: (Philippians 3:21)

CHRIST'S POWER

Exhibited in

Creation: (John 1:3,10; Col.1:16)

Upholding all things: (Col.1:17; Heb.1:3)

Salvation: (Isa.63:1; Heb.7:25)

His teaching: (Matt.7:28-29; Luke 4:32)

Working miracles: (Matt.8:27; Luke 5:17)

CHRIST'S POWER

Exhibited in

Enabling others to work miracles:

(Matt.10:1; Mark 16:17-18; Luke 10:17)

Forgiving sins: (Matt.9:6; Acts 5:31)

Giving spiritual life: (John 5:21,25-26)

Giving eternal life: (John 17:2)

Raising the dead: (John 5:28-29)

CHRIST'S POWER

Exhibited in

Raising himself from the dead: (John 2:19-21: 10:18).

Overcoming the world: (John 16:33)

Overcoming Satan: (Col.2:15; Heb.2:14)

Destroying the works of Satan: (1 John 3:8)

Ministers should make known: (2 Peter 1:16)

CHRIST'S POWER

Saints ("US" AS BELIEVERS)

Rests upon saints: (2 Cor.12:9)

Present in the assembly of saints: (1 Cor.5:4)

**Shall be specially manifested at his second coming:
(Mark 13:26; 2 Pet.1:16)**

Shall subdue all power: (1 Cor.15:24)

The wicked shall be destroyed by:

(Psa.2:9; Isa.11:4; 63:3; 2 Thess.1:9).

CHRIST: “I AM”

**The following Biblical Meditations
use the words “I AM”
spoken by Christ .**

CHRIST: "I AM"

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

He trusts in God. Let God rescue him now if he wants him, for he said, 'I am the Son of God.' " (Matthew 27:43)

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)

CHRIST: "I AM"

Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!"

(Mark 1:41)

I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." (Luke 24:49)

CHRIST: "I AM"

Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. (John 6:35)

At this the Jews began to grumble about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." (John 6:41)

I am the bread of life. (John 6:48)

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." (John 6:51)

CHRIST: "I AM"

Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, "Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own, but he who sent me is true. You do not know him, but I know him because I am from him and he sent me." (John 7:28-29)

When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me. (John 8:16)

I am one who testifies for myself; my other witness is the Father, who sent me." (John 8:18)

CHRIST: "I AM"

But he continued, "You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. I told you that you would die in your sins; if you do not believe that I am the one I claim to be, you will indeed die in your sins." (John 8:23-24)

So Jesus said, "When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me. (John 8:28)

I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you do what you have heard from your father. " (John 8:38)

Can any of you prove me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe me? (John 8:46)

CHRIST: "I AM"

"I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "before Abraham was born, I am!" (John 8:58)

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." (John 9:5)

Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep." (John 10:7)

I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. (John 10:9)

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. (John 10:11)

"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— (John 10:14)

CHRIST: "I AM"

what about the one whom the Father set apart as his very own and sent into the world? Why then do you accuse me of blasphemy because I said, 'I am God's Son'? (John 10:36)

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" (John 11:25-26)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6)

CHRIST: "I AM"

Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you are not just my own. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the miracles themselves. I tell you the truth, anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. (John 14:10-12)

On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. (John 14:20)

CHRIST: "I AM"

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. (John 15:1)

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

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

"Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world. (John 17:24)

CHRIST: "I AM"

Jesus, knowing all that was going to happen to him, went out and asked them, "Who is it you want?" "Jesus of Nazareth," they replied. "I am he," Jesus said. (And Judas the traitor was standing there with them.) When Jesus said, "I am he," they drew back and fell to the ground. (John 18:4-6)

"You are a king, then!" said Pilate. Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." (John 18:37)

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." (John 20:21)

CHRIST: "I AM"

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty." (Revelation 1:8)

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last." (Revelation 1:17)

I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades.
(Rev. 1:18)

CHRIST: "I AM"

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

He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." (Revelation 21:5)

He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life. (Revelation 21:6)

CHRIST: "I AM"

"Behold, I am coming soon! Blessed is he who keeps the words of the prophecy in this book." (Revelation 22:7)

"Behold, I am coming soon! My reward is with me, and I will give to everyone according to what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 22:12-13)

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to give you this testimony for the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, and the bright Morning Star." (Revelation 22:16)

He who testifies to these things says, "Yes, I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus. (Revelation 22:20)

**JUST
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- The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.
- Under same management for over 2000 years!
- Soul food served here.
- Satan subtracts and divides. God adds and multiplies.
- Don't wait for the hearse to take you to church.
- Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.
- Tithe if you love Jesus! Anyone can honk!
- Worry is interest paid on trouble before it is due.

JUST FOR FUN!!

- **Wal-Mart isn't the only saving place!**
- **Prevent truth decay. Brush up on your Bible.**
- **It's hard to stumble when you're on your knees.**
- **What part of "Thou Shalt Not" don't you understand.**
- **A clear conscience makes a soft pillow.**
- **Life has many choices. Eternity has two. What's yours?**
- **The wages of sin is death. Repent before payday.**

JUST FOR FUN!!

- **Never give the devil a ride. He will always want to drive.**
- **Forbidden fruit creates many jams.**
- **Christians, keep the faith...but not from others!**
- **Can't Sleep? Try counting your blessings.**
- **Don't let other's littleness bring out your littleness.**
- **God answers knee-mail.**
- **Try Jesus. If you don't like Him, the devil will take you back.**

FAMOUS QUOTES

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**A little faith will bring your soul to heaven,
but a lot of faith will bring heaven to your soul.**

– Dwight L. Moody –

**As sure as God puts His children in the furnace of affliction,
He will be with them in it.**

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon –

**He became what we are that He might make us what He is.
- Athanasius - (speaking of Jesus of Nazareth)**

FAMOUS QUOTES

Isn't it amazing that almost everyone has an opinion to offer about the Bible, and yet so few have studied it?

- R.C. Sproul –

There are more sure marks of authenticity in the Bible than in any profane history.

- Sir Isaac Newton -

Not only has the Bible received more veneration and adoration than any other book, but it has also been the object of more persecution and opposition.

- Bancroft –

FAMOUS QUOTES

**I have a thousand questions to ask God;
but when I met Him they all fled and didn't seem to matter.**

- Christopher Morley -

**Christianity is not a theory or speculation, but a life;
not a philosophy of life, but a living presence.**

- Samuel Taylor Coleridge -

**The reason people are down on the Bible
is that they are not up on the Bible.**

- William Ward Ayer -

FAMOUS QUOTES

Anyone can devise a plan by which good people go to heaven. Only God can devise a plan whereby sinners, which are His enemies, can go to heaven.

- Lewis Sperry Chafer –

Men ought to seek with their whole hearts to be filled with the Spirit of God. Without being filled with the Spirit, it is utterly impossible that an individual Christian or a church can ever live or work as God desires

- Andrew Murray -

FAMOUS QUOTES

I believe that it is impossible for any Christian to be effective either in his life or in his service unless he is filled with the Holy Spirit, Who is God's only provision of power.

- Henrietta C. Mear –

Eternity is not something that begins after you are dead. It is going on all the time. We are in it now.

- Charlotte Perkins Gilman –

If we seek God for our own good and profit, we are not seeking God.

- Johannes Eckhart -

FAMOUS QUOTES

If Jesus Christ were to come today people would not even crucify him. They would ask him to dinner, hear what he has to say, and make fun of it.

- Thomas Carlyle -

Beginning the day with a devotional Bible and prayer equips a man for the day's fight with self and sin and Satan.

- John R. Stott –

If Darwin's theory of evolution was correct, cats would be able to operate a can opener by now.

- Larry Wright -

FAMOUS QUOTES

Only a Christ could have conceived a Christ.

- Joseph Parker -

Make sure the thing you're living for is worth dying for.

- Charles Mayes –

I refuse to believe I am a piece of dust scuttering through uncaring space. I believe I count -- that I have work to do

- -that there is need of me...

With my last breath, I sing a psalm.

- Rita Duskin –

FAMOUS QUOTES

**There are times when God asks nothing of His children
except silence, patience, and tears**

- Charles Seymour Robinson -

**The Lord is my shepherd,
that's all I want.**

- Small child misquoting the Bible's 23rd Psalm -

**The Christian church is not a congregation
of righteous people. It is a society of those
who know they are not good.**

- Dwight E. Stevenson -

FAMOUS QUOTES

Read the biographies of God's men and you will discover that each one sought and obtained the induelement of power from on high.

One sermon preached in the anointing is worth one thousand in the energy of the flesh.

- Oswald J. Smith -

Christians are as guilty for not being filled with the Holy Spirit as sinners are for not repenting.

They are even more so, for as they have more light, they are so much the more guilty.

- Charles Finney -

FAMOUS QUOTES

**Our lives are a manifestation
of what we think about God.**

- Anonymous -

I believe in the sun even when it is not shining.

I believe in love even when I am not feeling it.

I believe in God even when He is silent.

- Anonymous Jewish holocaust victim -

FAMOUS QUOTES

**He who would try to understand the Trinity fully
will lose his mind.**

But he who would deny the Trinity will lose his soul.

- Lindsell and Woodbridge -

**The Spirit-filled life, that life that permits
His fullness in a sustained overflow,
is the only life that can please God.**

- Norman B. Harrison –

Above all – always respond to every impulse to pray.

- Martyn Lloyd-Jones -

SOME CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

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- **Amen:** “Yes, this is true.” / “Let it be so”
- **Lord:** “Master”
- **Christ:** “Anointed” / “Chosen One” / “Messiah”
- **Manna:** “What is it?”
- **Gospel:** “Good News”
- **Maranatha:** “Come, O Lord”
- **Hallelujah:** “Praise the Lord”
- **Psalms:** “Song”

SOME CHRISTIAN VOCABULARY

- **Satan:** “Enemy”
- **Immanuel:** “God with us”
- **Tabernacle / Tent of Meeting:** “Dwelling Place”
- **Israel:** “He struggles with God”
- **Tithe:** “A tenth”
- **Jesus:** “Savior” / “The Lord Saves”
- **Worship:** “To Bow Down”

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