

**“Wholly Holy!”**  
**I Thessalonians 5:23**  
**#1 “The Essence of man” 10/15/23**

**I. Let us make man in our own image. Genesis 1:26, 27,**

Man: A three-fold being: **Genesis 2:7,**

1. *Formed of the dust of the ground,* **body.** Visible; corresponds to God the Son.
2. *Breathed into him the breath of life,* **spirit.** Invisible; corresponds of the Holy Spirit.
3. *And man became a living .....* **soul.** Invisible; corresponds to God the Father.

**The Body**: the living *visible* house, for the *invisible* inner man.

Death: **Genesis 35:10, The soul** departs the body. **James 2:26, The spirit** departs the body.

**II. The Three-fold Essence of Man.**

**The Spirit**: **I Corinthians 2:11, God -Conscious**: Ability to know & understand, reason & communicate.

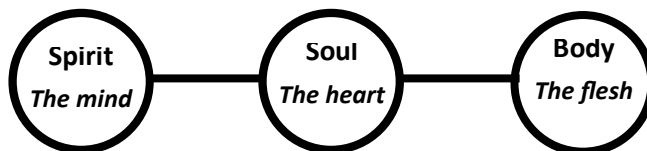
As the spirit of man enables us to *know* another man, so the Spirit of God enables us to *know* God.

**The Soul**: **Genesis 2:7, Self-Conscious**: Our individual identity, character and personality.

4 aspects: 1. *The heart*; 2. *The conscience*. 3. *Our emotions*. 4. *Our will & volition*.

**The Body**: **Genesis 3:6-8, World -Conscious**: The 5 senses, and all the different internal systems.

**I Corinthians 12:12, As the body is one, and hath many members.**



**III. The Two Perspectives:**

The World View: **Ephesians 2:2,3, Desire and self-oriented**, according to the course of this world.

**I Thessalonians 4:5, As other Gentiles who know not God.** Also **Ephesians 4:17-19.**

**I John 2:15-17, Lust of flesh**; (soul), *Lust of eyes*; (body), *Pride of life*; (spirit).

**James 3:15, Earthly, sensual, & devilish.**

The Divine View: **I Thessalonians 5:23, Each set apart unto God blameless!** Grace motivated!

**I Corinthians 6:20, Glorify God in spirit, & body.** The will (soul) makes the choice!

**II Corinthians 7:1, Cleanse ourselves from flesh and spirit.**

**I Thessalonians 4:3-5, Possess our vessel in sanctification and honor, not as other Gentiles ...**

**IV. Our Responsibility. I Thessalonians 5:23,**

To care for and maintain each wholly holy unto the Lord!

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**#2 “the spirit of man” 10/22/23**

#1. *Spirit* → Soul → Body

**I. The Spirit & Soul Are Different & Distinguishable.**

**I Thessalonians 5:23**, Your whole *spirit* (1<sup>st</sup>), and *soul*, and *body* ... (Our spirit can be blamed!)

**Hebrews 4:12**, The dividing asunder of *soul* & *spirit*, (by the sword of the Spirit!).

The *spirit/soul* is often contrasted: with *the flesh*, (the carnal, natural & physical):

**Romans 1:11, 7:14, I Corinthians 3:1, 5:5, 12:1, 15:44-46, II Corinthians 7:1, Ephesians 1:3, Philippians 3:3,**

**II. *the spirit of man* is the point of contact with God! (Not the *soul* or the *body*!)**

**John 4:24**, They that worship God, must worship Him *in spirit* and in truth!

**Romans 8:16**, His Spirit beareth witness with *our spirit*! :26,27, according to the will of God.

**Philippians 3:1-3**, Worship God *in the spirit*, and have no confidence in the flesh. *Count it all dung!*

**I Corinthians 2:11-13**, We have received *the spirit which is of God*; so we might **know** the things of God!

The Spirit of God teaches us through *the truth* of God in His word, i.e. His word (*rightly divided*) to us **today**!

**I Corinthians 2:15,16**, He that is *spiritual*, judgeth all things. We are to judge *all things* with our spirit.

**I Corinthians 5:3,4**, Paul judges in *his spirit*, **Romans 12:3**, Paul's grace is *the measure of faith*.

**Ephesians 3:4**, We can read, compare *spiritual things* with *spiritual*, and understand the will of God!

**III. *the spirit of man*; “The mind,”** **Romans 12:1,2**, ... transformed by the renewing of our mind,

The renewed mind is the believer's spirit adjusted by the word of God, then *transforming* the heart and life!

**I Corinthians 2:11-16**, *The spirit of man* which is in him. *Know; reason & communicate: vocabulary.*

We now have the mind of Christ! **Philippians 1 & 2**, *Let your love abound in all knowledge and all judgment.*

*Let this mind be also in you, which was also in Christ Jesus. Be like minded, of one mind, with one spirit!*

We've received (not the spirit of the world) *the Spirit which is of God*! He can teach us the deep spiritual things!

**Ephesians 1:17, Colossians 1:9**, God desires us to have *the spirit* of all wisdom and understanding!

*“I would not that ye should be ignorant, brethren!” “He that is spiritual judgeth all things.”*

**The spirit:** Ability to know & reason & process information. Analyze: thinks, understands, & discerns. ]

**I Corinthians 14:2-4, :13-16**, To know: understand & communicate. (The *soul* does too, on a different level.)

**Also the way we think:** **Acts 20:22-24**, bound in the spirit, with calculated resolve & determination!

Bad thinking in our spirit:

Haughty & proud,

**Proverbs 16:18,**

Good thinking in our spirit:

or Humble, **Proverbs 16:19**, spirit of meekness, **Galatians 6:1**

Hasty in spirit,

**Proverbs 14:29**

or Patient in spirit, **Ecclesiastes 7:8**

Slothful,

**Romans 12:11**

or Fervent in spirit, **Romans 12:11**

Slumber,

**Romans 11:8**

or Readiness of mind, **Acts 17:11**

Carnally minded,

**Romans 8:5,6**

or Spiritually minded!

Wisdom of the world,

**I Corinthians 3:18,**

or Love in spirit, **Colossians 1:8, 2:3** = wisdom in Christ!

Broken spirit,

**Proverbs 17:22**

or A sound mind, **II Timothy 1:7**, (not spirit of fear!)

**IV. We Are To Control Our Spirit:** **Proverbs 16:32** *He that ruleth his spirit ...*

Our thought life is to be governed the Word of God, and by our will, and by choice!

**Romans 8:5,6**, To be carnally minded is death, but to be *spiritually minded* is life and peace.

**II Corinthians 7:1**, Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and *spirit* ...

**II Corinthians 10:6**, Bringing every thought (of the mind!) captive to the obedience of Christ.

**Philippians 4:8**, Whatsoever things are true ... think on these things!

**Ephesians 4:22,23**, Put off the ... old man ... and be renewed in *the spirit* of your mind;

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*The mind    The heart    The flesh*

### **#3 “The Soul of Man” 10/29/23**

#### **I. The Soul of Man: “The Heart” Psalms 84:2, “Man became a living soul” Genesis 2:7**

Our *spirit* is the point of contact with God’s Spirit! Our *soul* responds to God.

**4 aspects:** The soul is our personal identity & character.

1. **The heart** = mentality of the soul, (*thoughts of the heart*). **Proverbs 23:7**, Defines us; who we are!
2. **The conscience** = our values and standards of right & wrong, **John 8:9, Romans 2:15-18**
3. **The will** = the ability to choose and decide. **Deuteronomy 4:29, 11:13, 30:10**,
4. **The emotions** = feelings & responses to life. **Romans 9:1,2**, sorrow, **Jeremiah 15:16**, joy, etc

#### **II. The Soul - Heart: I Samuel 16:7, Proverbs 4:20-23, “Out of it are the issues of life”**

Our Heart: The Mentality of the Soul. **Proverbs 23:7**, *As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.*

**The heart thinks & understands on a deeper level than the spirit.**

Is the source of our words, actions & behavior: (good & bad), **Matthew 12:34, 15:18,19, Luke 6:45**,

Seat of motives & plans: (good & bad), **Genesis 6:5, Esther 6:4-12, II Corinthians 9:7, Hebrews 4:12,13**

*Imagination* comes from the heart: **Jeremiah 7:24, 9:14, 13:10, II Corinthians 10:4,5**

Seat of desire, love & affection: **Psalms 37:4, 119:36, Matthew 6:20 ,21, Romans 10:1, Colossians 3:22,23**

We store God’s words in our heart! **Proverbs 3:1-8**, *Write them upon the table of thine heart.*

**Proverbs 1:1-4, 2:1-11, Psalms 119:11, Deuteronomy 6:6, 11:18**, Without God’s word it can be deceived!

**Romans 6:17**, Faith: *Obedied from the heart that form of doctrine*, **10:9,10**, *With the heart man believeth*,

Our Conscience: Values & standards. **Romans 2:15,18, I Kings 3:9**, Discernment, **I John 3:20**,

**I Corinthians 8:7-12**, *weak conscience, wound & offended*, **10:25-29**, *exercise liberty considering others*

**Our core values & convictions of right & wrong; priorities of what is vital & important!**

Pure & good conscience: fortified by God’s Word! = *good heart!* Defiled conscience: **Error!** = *evil heart!*

**I Timothy 1:5 & 19, 3:9, Hebrews 13:18**,

**I Timothy 4:1,2, Titus 1:15, Hebrews 10:22**

Tender: **Ephesians 4:32**

Hard: **Romans 2:5**

Honest: **Luke 8:15**

Deceitful: **Jeremiah 17:9**

Wise: **Proverbs 2:10, discretion!**

Foolish: **Romans 1:21, darkened!**

Upright: **Psalms 7:10**,

Perverse: **Proverbs 12:8**

Our Emotions: Feelings & responses to life. Worry, despair, shame, confidence, peace & joy!

Emotions are triggers which cause us to stop, feel & think, but are not to be controlling thought & actions!

**Matthew 26:38**, sorrow; **Romans 9:1,2**, heaviness & sorrow, **Jeremiah 15:16**, rejoice! **Psalms 35:9**, soul,

Our Will: The seat of choice, faith and belief. **John 3:16-18**, *Whosoever believeth*,

Faith: **Acts 8:37**, *If thou believest with all thine heart*. Unbelief: **Hebrews 3:8-12**, = *a hardened heart* **Romans 6:17**,  
*obeyed from the heart*, **10:8-10**, *with the heart man believeth*, **Deu. 30:14-20, Luke 24:25**

**We can control the condition & character of our heart by choice through faith in God’s word!**

#### **III. God Tries The Hearts of Men. I Samuel 16:7, *God looketh upon the heart*,**

**A. In Israel’s program by the Law:** **I Chron. 28:9, Psalms 139:2, Proverbs 17:3, Jeremiah 17:9**

**B. The lost according to Paul’s gospel** (faith alone), the heart issue is first: **Romans 2:5-9, 16**,

**C. The Body of Christ according to Paul’s gospel:** **I Corinthians 3:10-15, 4:5, I Thessalonians 2:4**

**D. We are to try our hearts with God’s rightly divided word:** **II Corinthians 13:5, I Thessalonians 5:20,21**,

**Christ: “dwell in your hearts by faith” Ephesians 3:17. Let His word dwell richly, Colossians 3:16!**

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#### #4 “The Body of Sin” 11/12/23

##### I. The Body of Dust. Genesis 2:7

**The body:** *God formed man of the dust of the ground – The outward man, earthly, physical & visible.*

*The skin* = outer shell, internal organs: heart, lungs brain, liver, spleen, etc.

*The members* = arms & hands, legs & feet, eyes, ears, nose & mouth.

*The internal systems:* skeletal, muscular, digestive, nervous, circular, immune, reproductive, etc.

God puts life inside! (*The inner man*- spirit & soul!) The body (flesh) is the vehicle for inner life expression.

##### II. The Physical Body = Members = *instruments!* *The flesh is the outer man.*

**Romans 1:3,** *Jesus: the seed of David according to the flesh. 2:28, outward circumcision in the flesh,*

**I Corinthians 15:39,** *Different kinds of flesh.*

*The flesh* = The human body; **II Corinthians 12:7,** *A thorn in the flesh.* (animals also, **Genesis 7:21**)

The human race; **Matthew 24:22,** *No flesh shall be saved.*

A human being; **Matthew 16:17,** *Flesh and blood hath not revealed this unto thee.*

Kinfolk; **Romans 9:1-3, Genesis 37:27,** *Joseph’s brothers; He is our brother and our flesh.*

**Matthew 26:41,** *The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.*

##### III. The flesh: inner man life! Also, is the natural human (*inner man*) nature and make up of man.

**Romans 5:12,** *sin* (not sinning) *entered by Adam, sin and death passed upon all. Sin* is a fallen human nature.

**Romans 6:2 & 6,** Paul calls “*sin*” *the old man, Ephesians 4:22, Colossians 3:10.*

**Romans 7:14,** *I am carnal* (fleshy), *sold under sin.* We have an inner nature we received from Adam.

**Romans 7:18-20,** *For I know that in me, that is in my flesh, dwelleth no good thing!*

**John 8:34**

**Romans 6:17, 8:3,** *Infirmity of the flesh, The law was weak through the flesh.*

(*servants of sin*)

**Romans 13:14, Galatians 5:24,** *The flesh has affections & lusts! I John 2:16,*

**bond-slaves!**

**Galatians 5:16-18,** *The flesh vs. the Spirit, There is a struggle between our old man & our new life in Christ.*

**Galatians 5:19-21,** *The works (out - ward) of the flesh: adulteries, fornication, murder, & inner attitude sins.*

**Matthew 15:18,19,** *The heart (soul) is the inner source: adulteries, fornication, murder, & inner attitude sins.*

##### IV. The Body: The Flesh = **Our problem!** We are all kin to Adam!

**Romans 6:19,** *The infirmity of your flesh.* The weakness of our humanity!

**Romans 6:20,** “... Ye were the servants of sin...” **John 8:34, Romans 7:14,** “Sold under sin,

**Ephesians 2:1-3,** “we were ... dead in sins ... walked according to the lusts of the flesh ... by nature ...”

The fallen human nature; **Romans 7:25,** *With the flesh – serve the law of sin. But now - are dead to sin!*

**Romans 5:12,** *For by one man sin entered, and death passed upon all men.*

**Romans 5:19,** *By one mans’ disobedience many were made sinners.*

**Romans 7:14,** *I am carnal, sold under sin. 7:18-25, in my flesh = law of [indwelling] sin, “the body of this death”*

**Romans 8:13,** “live after the flesh” (die) “mortify the deeds of the body” (live!)

**Freedom!**

##### V. The Body of Sin = **The old man.** **Galatians 2:20,** *I am crucified with Christ! Liberty in Christ Jesus!*

**Romans 6:3-6,** *Baptized into Jesus Christ, into his death ... that the body of sin might be destroyed,*

Buried (sin put away) & raised **with Him** to walk in newness of life, as a new creature! His Spirit and life now lives in me!

**Romans 6:7-13,** *He that is dead is freed from sin! Sin no more dominion! Reckon yourselves to be dead to sin!*

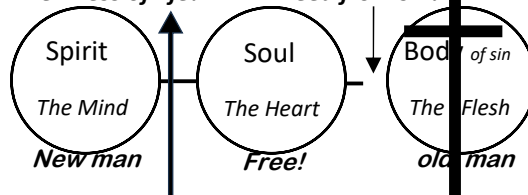
**Colossians 2:10-13,** *A Spiritual Circumcision ... putting off of the body of the sins of the flesh, forgiven all!*

**Romans 8:13 & Colossians 3:5,** *Mortify the deeds of the flesh (old man) by walking in the Spirit under grace!*

Baptized into Jesus Christ = **Newness of life!**

Christ liveth in me!

**Freed from sin!**



Sin is **not** dead, but we **are** dead to it!

**Rom. 6:11,** “... reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ ... !”

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**#5 “The New Man” 11/19/23**

**I. Man Before The Fall: Genesis 1 & 2, “Innocence” Had not sinned.**

**Spirit:** intellect & reason, communing with God, naming animals, receiving instructions from God.

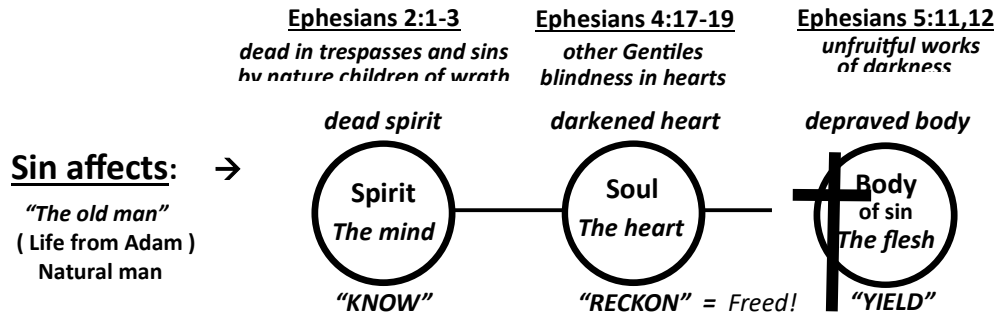
**Soul:** volition, will, conscience & emotions; understands God’s instructions, “do’s & a don’t.”

**Body:** naked; yet clothed in light in God’s likeness, **Psalms 104:2**, 5 senses active and doing God’s will.

**II. Man After The Fall: Romans 5:12-19, “Sin enters and death passed upon all” Made sinners!**

**5 kinds of death:** All apply to Adam and his descendants.

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| 1. <i>Physical;</i>     | <b>Genesis 3:19</b> , body to dust, <i>soul</i> , <b>Gen. 35:18</b> , body w/o the spirit, <b>Jam. 2:26</b> . |
| 2. <i>Spiritual;</i>    | <b>Ephesians 2:2,3</b> , condition & state, <i>man becomes a sinner &amp; death sentence passed!</i>          |
| 3. <i>Functional;</i>   | <b>Romans 4:19</b> , functions no longer as designed. Man’s spirits’ function hindered.                       |
| 4. <i>Experiential;</i> | <b>Ephesians 4:17-19</b> , <i>alienated from the life of God</i> , <b>Romans 7:9-13</b> , Dead experience.    |
| 5. <i>Second;</i>       | <b>Revelation 2:11, 20:6,14, 21:8</b> , <i>a place: the lake of fire, final sentence carried out!</i>         |



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| <p><b>Salvation:</b> →</p> <p><i>Put on the New Man!</i><br/> <i>A New Creature</i><br/> <i>New life in Christ!</i></p> | <p><b>Quicken: regeneration!</b><br/> <b>Not I, but Christ!</b> →<br/> <i>Renew our mind!</i><br/> <i>Strength by His Spirit!</i><br/> <i>Sound doctrine!</i></p> | <p><b>Light in hearts!</b><br/> <b>Dwell in hearts!</b><br/> <i>By faith! Walk</i><br/> <i>in freedom &amp;</i><br/> <i>liberty by love!</i></p> | <p><b>Members of righteousness!</b><br/> <b>Yield ye your members</b><br/> <i>as those alive from the dead!</i><br/> <b>Yield our members unto God!</b><br/> <i>Fruit unto holiness!</i></p> |
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**III. Man After Salvation: Ephesians 2:8-10, 4:24, “The New (inner) Man!” Made a new creature!**

**Salvation:** By grace God has affected all 3 aspects of man: *Put on the new man!*

God now *lives out* His life in our **inner man** through His Word as we believe it and are transformed!

**Spirit:** **Titus 3:5**, regeneration; *Quickened with Him!* **I Corinthians 2:12**, Spirit of Christ Lives in us!!

We now can know and receive the deep things of God. **Ephesians 1:13,14**, His Spirit is given to us!

**Soul:** **II Corinthians 4:3-6**, *Light of the gospel shines in our hearts!* **Galatians 4:19**, *Christ formed in us!*

*The eyes of our understanding enlightened!* **Ephesians 3:16,17**, Christ dwells in our hearts **by faith**.

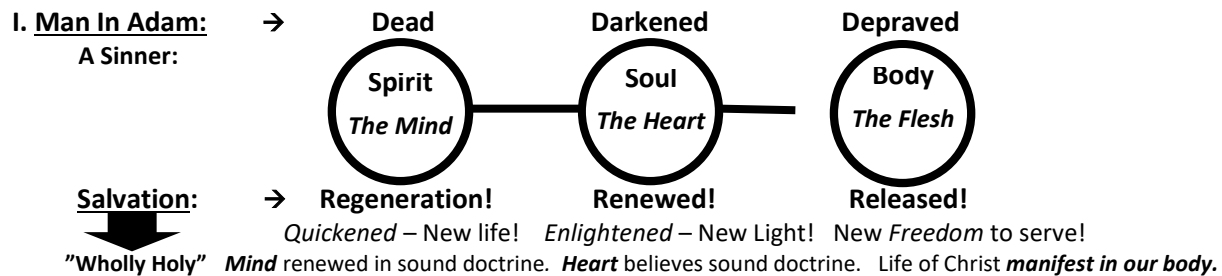
*Sound doctrine* can now be stored in our hearts. **Romans 6:11,12**, Reckon self dead - freed from sin.

**Body:** **Romans 6:6-8**, **Freed** from sin! *Old man is crucified*, **Colossians 2:11**, *body of sin circumcised*.

**Romans 6:22**, We can now yield our members as instruments of righteousness and fruit unto holiness!

We are new creatures, created in righteousness and true holiness. **Live and walk in newness of life!**

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**#6 “Godly Edifying” 11/26/23**



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**Spirit:** Titus 3:5, *regeneration*, I Corinthians 2:12, *We have received the spirit which is of God!*

*We now can know and receive and understand the deep things of God. Ephesians 1:13,14, His Spirit is given to us!*

**Soul:** II Corinthians 4:3-6, *Light of the gospel shines in our hearts!* Ephesians 3:16,17,

*Christ dwells in our hearts by faith. Galatians 4:19, Christ formed and manifest in us!*

*The word can now be stored and used in our hearts. Romans 6:11,12, Reckon self dead - freed from sin.*

**Body:** Romans 6:6-8, **Freed** from sin! Old man crucified, Colossians 2:11, *body of sin circumcised.*

Romans 6:22, *We can now yield our members as instruments of righteousness and fruit unto holiness!*

**III. Godly Edification:** Ephesians 4:11-16, Men *given at the beginning* of the age of grace;

1. For the perfecting of the saints; *to equip and thoroughly furnish the saints.*

2. For the work of the ministry; *to fulfill the purpose for the body of Christ. God's will = what he is doing!*

3. For the **edifying** (Strong's #3619) of the body of Christ; *to teach and instruct believers in the truth.*

*Edifying: the act of building, Matthew 7:24-29, Wise man built his house upon a rock. (Strong's # 3618)*

*Edification* then, is building a **house of doctrine for the inner man** to live in, when storms of life come.

**IV. The End of the Commandment:** I Timothy 1:3,4, *Godly edifying* → *Established and built up in the faith.*

→ Romans 1:11,12, *The end goal is for the saints to be established and comforted together in the mutual faith*

I Thessalonians 5:11, *Wherefore, comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*

Paul's Pattern For the Establishment of The Believer: Romans 16:25,26, *3 levels of truth.*

Given to Paul *according to the commandment of the everlasting God* to be made known to all nations!

**“My gospel:”** I Corinthians 15:3,4, 1:18, 2:1,2, *The preaching of the cross, Christ and Him crucified.*

Paul fed them with milk (*babes*) and laid the foundation, I Corinthians 3:1-10, *as a wise masterbuilder.*

Romans: Doctrine **The Cross:** *Salvation & living under grace based on (I & II Corinthians & Galatians).*

**“The preaching of Jesus Christ according to the revelation of the mystery;”** Ephesians 3:1-11,

*Hidden wisdom (meat) to mature saints, I Corinthians 2:6-10, ordained before the world to our glory.*

Ephesians: Doctrine of **The Church** and its glory in the heavenly places. (Philippians & Colossians)

**“The scriptures of the prophets:”** *Scriptures compiled by the New Testament prophets, also the OT.*

Paul established saints in the details of our blessed hope (the rapture) as separate from Israel's program.

Thessalonians: Doctrine of **His Coming:** Both the Rapture & Revelation, I Thess. 1:10, 4:13-18, 5:1-9, II Thess. 2

**“According to the commandment of ... God.”** I Timothy 1:1-11, Paul; an apostle *by the commandment of God.*

→ **The Pastoral Epistles:** *Godly edifying by no other doctrine;* the scripture *rightly divided* – in local churches.

Initially this work was done by men given as **spiritual gifts.** I Corinthians 12-14, Ephesians 4:11,12,

I Corinthians 13:8-10, *But when that which is perfect (the written word of God was complete) is come,*

*then that which is in part (the spiritual gifts) shall be done away.* Now the work is done by perfected saints!

The local church is for the *godly edifying* and *perfecting* of the saints *for the work of the ministry.*

*Sound doctrine building up → spiritual maturity → others saved & built up in the faith.*

A glorious gospel and **form of sound words** committed to his trust, to be committed to faithful men.

II Timothy 1:13,14, 2:1,2,15. Now all scripture thoroughly perfects and edifies the saints for all good works!

II Timothy 3:16,17. I Timothy 3:14-16, Great is **the mystery of godliness! God manifest in the (our) flesh!**

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#### #7 “A More Excellent Way” 12/3/23

“Wholly Holy” **Mind:** ( The spirit ) *Our mind receives and renewed by sound doctrine.*

**Heart:** ( The Soul ) *In faith our heart believes & our will yields to sound doctrine. Godly edifying!*

**Members:** ( The Body ) *The Life of Christ is manifest in our flesh. Philippians 1:20, Magnified in my body!*

**I. Godly Edification:** I Timothy 1:3,4, *Godly edifying → Established and **built up** in the faith. No other doctrine.*  
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II Corinthians 4:10,11, *The life also of Jesus might be made manifest ... Christ manifest – in our house-hold!*

→ This work initially was done by men given as *spiritual gifts.* I Corinthians 12-14, Ephesians 4:11,12,

**II. A More Excellent Way!** I Corinthians 12:31, Two things: 1. Full - *knowledge*, & 2. *Charity!* Chapter 13,  
I Corinthians 13:8-13, Full – *Knowledge & Charity!*

→ Roman 14:15 & 19, 15:1-3, *Charity seeks the good and edification of others, not to please ourselves.*

Ephesians 4:11,12, The gifts were for *the perfecting* of the saints and edification of the body.

The saints are perfected and edified by sound doctrine, for the work of the ministry.

I Corinthians 13:1-7, But the gifts without *charity* can be just noise and unprofitable.

I Corinthians 13:8-10, The gifts were associated with childhood: *know in part.* Full knowledge is coming!

I Corinthians 13:10-13, The gifts will cease, *Charity is the greatest!*

**III. Prophecy:** *Follow after Charity, and to Prophecy (edification) is the best gift. Brings Fruit – Results!*

→ I Corinthians 8:1, *Charity edifieth! Knowledge alone puffs up.* (Not tongues!)

Prophecy will cease when full – knowledge comes. While the gifts operated, *prophecy* was the best gift!

I Corinthians 14:1-2, Follow after **charity** (one-another’s good!) and *the gift of prophecy for edifying!*

*Godly edifying:* ( edification – the building of that house of doctrine in the soul, )

I Corinthians 14:3, *Edification* with the word: to *exhortation:* consolation & comfort - - - - -

Ephesians 3:16, *His Spirit strengthens inner man!* & *comfort:* calm, encourage & console.

Philippians 4:13, *Jesus Christ strengthens me!* Christ is *magnified in my body!*

Galatians 4:19, *Christ be formed in you!* So He can live His life through you!

I Corinthians 14, “*prophecy*” (12xs), “*edifying*” (7xs), “*understand*” (9xs), “*un-known*” (9xs), “*un-learned*” (5xs),

I Thessalonians 4:18, *Comfort* one another with these words. ( as in a time of mourning )

I Thessalonians 5:11, *Comfort* yourselves together, ( to call to one’s side be near, ) and *edify* one another ...

I Thessalonians 5:14, *Comfort* the feeble minded, ( to calm and console the weak. ) Ephesians 4:15,16,

→ Today the work is done by; *Elders, deacons, and perfected saints in the local church,* I Timothy 3:16,

**IV. A Challenge To Us:** I Corinthians 14:12, ... *seek that **ye may excel** to the edifying of the church,*

I Corinthians 14:20, *Brethren, be not children in understanding: ... but in understanding be men.*

I Corinthians 14:26, *When **ye come together** ... let all things be done unto edifying, :40, ... decently and in order.*

I Corinthians 16:13, ... *quit you like men, :14, Let all your things be done with charity.*

I Corinthians 16:15, ( ... *they have addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints.* )

I Corinthians 16:16, *I beseech you brethren ... helpeth ... and laboureth. :18, ... refreshing saints.*

A challenge to our congregation - in **2024** and beyond!

Acts 20:20 Vision: ... *but have showed you, and taught you publicly, and from house to house.*

I Thessalonians 5:11, *Comfort **yourselves together**, and **edify one another**, even as also ye do.*

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### #8 The Believer in the Flesh: Religion (1)

#### I. Minds [“spirit”] Corrupted From The Simplicity In Christ, II Corinthians 11:3,4

A. As the serpent beguiled Eve; he used the word of God and tempted her human (*flesh*) nature.

The serpent also approached the Lord Jesus, using the *scripture* and tempting His human (*flesh*) nature!

B. So our minds can be corrupted; By he that cometh preaching the word of God, tempting our flesh!

**Preach another Jesus;** The Lord Jesus *after the flesh*, II Corinthians 5:16, henceforth know we Him no more!

**Receive another spirit;** The *spirit of bondage*, Romans 8:14, is the Law (performance based acceptance).

**Accept another gospel;** The *gospel of the kingdom / circumcision*, Galatians 1:6-9, Israel's Law program.

C. II Corinthians 11:12-23, False ministers of righteousness, glorying after the flesh (:18) abusing the Corinthians.

Religious men preaching good works out of Israel's' program, putting them back in bondage. Colossians 2:8-10,

The Bible not *rightly* [but wrongly!] *divided!* A biblical message: but - *subverting the souls!* Acts 15:24

Their “souls” were being subverted!

I Corinthians 3:9,10

#### II. The Same Problem In Galatia! Galatians 1:6-9,

They were not following the *master-builder!*

I Timothy 1:3-5, Teach *no other doctrine!* = *godly edifying!* Building the wrong house of doctrine in their soul!

A. Some came perverting Paul's gospel and moved them away from the grace of Christ! **Preaching good works!**

Galatians 1:6, soon removed from him (Paul) that called them *into the grace of Christ*, **unto another gospel.**

Galatians 2:14-17, Some men came in using Israel's Law program for the practical walk. **Live as do the Jews?**

B. Paul's rebuke: Galatians 3:1-3, Foolish thinking! *Who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth?*

They were following the Bible, but *not the truth* of Paul's gospel! They **did not rightly divide the word of truth.**

:3, Having *begun in the Spirit* (in Paul's grace gospel walking after the Spirit), (by the **doing**???)

*are ye now made perfect* (brought to maturity) **by the flesh** “**body**” (the law program - in your own strength)?

The Law is a **performance based** system of **acceptance**, but is *weak through the flesh*, Galatians 4:9, Romans 8:3,

The Law produces *human* righteousness that is not accepted by God, Isaiah 64:6, Romans 10:3, Philippians 3:9,

To live under the Law is to *walk after the flesh*. Galatians 4:21-31, God *rejects* the fruit of the flesh!

Galatians 5:3,4, To be *justified* (in our walk by the law) is to *fall from grace!* Galatians 1:6, removed from grace,

Galatians 5:18, *Led of the Spirit*, is to *not* be under the Law, but *under grace*. The Spirit won't lead us under Law!

C. Galatians 6:12-13, Those troubling the Galatians wanted to make *a show in the flesh*, & glory in added numbers!

They don't want to acknowledge the finished work and sufficiency of the cross!

D. Galatians 6:14,15, The cross and **the new creature** is all that counts with God! 5:6, **Faith** working **by love!**

The Galatians had moved to *another gospel* other than Paul's. Thus, living in the energy of *the flesh*, not the Spirit.

#### III. A Tale: 2 Husbands; Romans 7:1-6, Mr. Law (*flesh*) Perfectionist! & Mr. Grace (*Spirit*) Unconditional love!

A. Mr. Law: A good man! Romans 7:7, knows right and wrong, :12, is holy, and just, and good! :14, is spiritual!

*Our first husband before faith came*, Romans 7:5, 3:20, Galatians 3:23-25, A school master. **A perfectionist!**

Exodus 19:5,6, a performance based system. *If we perform* and do → *blessing!* *If we disobey* and don't → *curse!*

Romans 7:14-22, The problem is with **me!** I am carnal, sold under sin. In *my flesh* dwells no good thing! *I don't do!*

Romans 7:5 & 8, The Law sets sin in motion! I Corinthians 15:55, It strengthens sin! Acts 15:24, subverts soul!

Romans 7:9-11, The Law revives sin and works **death!** Romans 4:15, Works wrath, Romans 5:20, sin abounds!

II Corinthians 3:7-9, Is glorious, but *works condemnation and death*. :14-16, *Blindness of heart* in reading the O.T.

Romans 7:23-24, O wretched man that I am! Mr. Law makes *me focus on my flesh* and I'm a captive to sin in me.

Romans 7:4, Our first husband has died, so now we are free to marry another!

B. Mr. Grace: A better man! Romans 6:1-14, Knows right and wrong, paid for it and sets us free!

*Our new husband: a gift system*, gives eternal life & perfect standing & righteousness. Romans 3:24, 5:1,2, 17,

Romans 7:6, But now ... delivered from that husband, *to serve in newness of “spirit!”* :25, Christ delivered us!

C. A new way of thinking, soberly *under grace* in a new marriage, one with Jesus Christ! **Unconditional acceptance!**

Romans 8:1-4, *No condemnation* when we walk after the Spirit *under grace!* ( **After the flesh** = *condemnation!* )

Romans 8:5,6, Carnally (*Law thinking*) minded, (*me focused*) is death, (**Our mind corrupted from simplicity!**)

But *to be spiritually* (grace thinking) minded, [Christ & new creature focused] **After the Spirit** = *life and peace!*

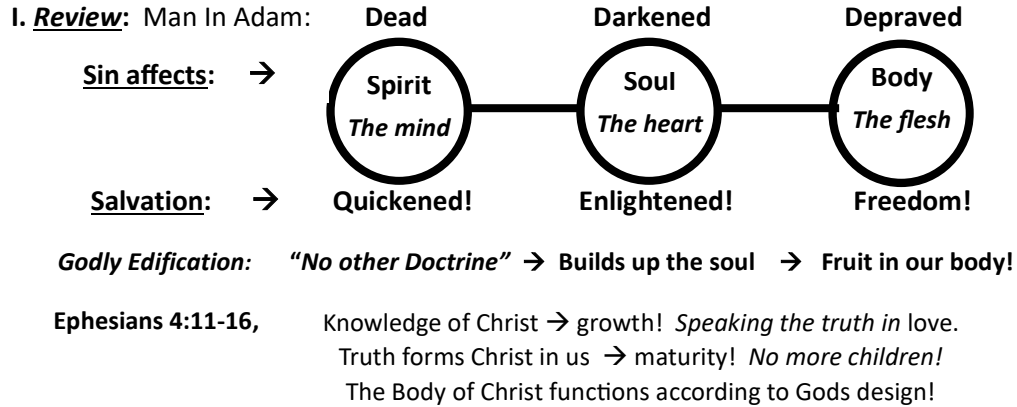
*We are to live with this new husband, not thinking about life as we did before! Serve in newness of spirit!*

Walking **after the flesh** is to live under the law program – in our own strength.

Walking **after the Spirit** is to live under the new grace program – in **His strength!**

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### #9 A Believer In Reversion! (A Believer In The Flesh 2)



### II. “Reversion:” Ephesians 4:17-19, Walk not as **other Gentiles**, who know not God! I Thessalonians 4:5 A believer can walk in reverse! Living just like the **other Gentiles!**

| Carnal:                                                                                                                                                         | <u>Spirit:</u> mind | & | <u>Soul:</u> heart                                                                                                                    | & | <u>Body:</u> flesh                                                                                        |
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| :17, in the <b>vanity</b> of their mind,<br>... through ignorance in them,<br>... alienated from the life of God,<br>... a <b>dead</b> and lifeless experience, | →                   |   | :18, <b>blindness</b> of their heart,<br>their understanding darkened,<br>Being past feeling,<br>a hardened & callused <b>heart</b> , | → | :19, <b>work</b> all uncleanness<br>with greediness!<br>given themselves over,<br><b>sinful behavior!</b> |

**Romans 1:17-32, How did the heathen get that way? They hold the truth in unrighteousness. Negative toward God!**  
 :19, God hath revealed himself, shewed himself, :20, Being known and understood,  
 :21, They knew God! Refused to glorify Him as God, neither were they thankful! They rejected light and truth!

| Carnal:                                                                                  | <u>Spirit:</u> mind | & | <u>Soul:</u> heart                                               | & | <u>Body:</u> flesh                                                                                                                                |
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| :21, they became <b>vain</b><br>in their imaginations ...<br>:22, Professing to be wise! | →                   |   | and their foolish<br><b>heart</b> was darkened,<br>Became fools! | → | :24, God gave them up to <b>uncleanness</b> ,<br>:26, God gave them up to vile <b>affections</b> ,<br>:28, Given over to a reprobate <b>mind!</b> |

**Fashion:** Their own God, **Exodus 32:4**, their own wisdom, their own worship, their own morality, & their own truth!  
**Romans 1:29-32**, The results of the *vanity of the mind* = a *darkened heart* is a self-oriented lifestyle of destruction.  
**Ephesians 4:17-19**, A believer rejecting truth & light, creates a void in the mind, that is then replaced by error & human viewpoint, resulting in *darkness and hardness of heart*, which leads to a *self-gratifying* & sinful lifestyle, *alienated from the life of God*, and a *walk as other Gentiles*.

### III. Godly Edification: Ephesians 4:20-24, But ye have not so learned **Christ!**

:21, Heard Him & taught **by Him**. Acts 20:10-24, Showed and taught publicly **by the apostle Paul!**  
 :22, Taught to **put off the old man**, it's corrupt and deceitful! (We still have it!)  
 :23, Taught to be **renewed in the spirit of your mind**; (to be edified in the truth and grow up!)  
 :24, Taught to **put on the new man!** Yield unto God as **new creatures**, and **walk in newness of life!**

The other Gentiles walk in the vanity of their mind, negative and *unthankful* toward God and his word. They live a self – centered, self – oriented life. We too can become unthankful, selfish and apathetic! We must be **positive toward God and his word**, and **thankful** for all we have in Christ, *letting His Word dwell in us richly and edifying our inner man, growing up and forming Christ in us – by faith!*

**Wholly Holly**  
**# 10 I Thessalonians 5:23**  
***The Believer Restored!***

**I. The Answer To The Flesh; *Three R's, Paul's 3 step recovery program.***

Repentance: Spirit, A change of mind and ( **Know** ) thinking process! Behavior comes later!

Recovery: Soul, A change in the heart! ( **Reckon** ) The conscience and values changed!

Restoration: Body, The change in behavior ( **Yield** ) and *proper function once again!*

**II. A Believer & The Flesh: *Our nature is our own worst enemy!***

Religion: **II Corinthians 11:3,4**, *Beguiled* from the simplicity that is in Christ! Truth perverted!

*Minds* corrupted by another Jesus → another spirit → another gospel. **Galatians 1:6-9**

*Souls* subverted by the law program, **Acts 15:24**, frustrating grace, **Galatians 2:21**, Christ of no effect!

Religious *externalism* & good works produce a fair shew in the flesh of human good, **Galatians 6:12,13**

Reversion: **Ephesians 4:17-19**, *Walk not as other Gentiles*, **Romans 1:18-32**, Light rejected!

*Vanity of the mind* → *Darkness of the heart* → *work all uncleanness with the body*,

**III. II Corinthians 7:1-11, Intervention with *the truth!* Repentance & Restoration!**

:1, A three-fold appeal based upon grace for personal holiness. Appeals to the will and heart!

*Let us* (the will-soul) *cleanse ourselves from all the filthiness of the flesh (body) and spirit*,

**Self examination**: **II Corinthians 13:5**, A decision to take inventory!

:4-8, Problems at Corinth addressed by Paul. They *acknowledged the truth* in Paul's rebuke!

:9, They *sorrowed* (soul) → to "*repentance*"; *change of mind* (spirit) *after a godly manner*,

:10, *Godly sorrow* → works **repentance** → *salvation* = **Restoration!**

( *worldly sorrow* → *death*, = shame, self condemnation, avoidance, blame-shifting, & excuse making.)

:11, *Godly* (grace) *sorrow* → **repentance** → *in all things approved themselves clear in this matter!*

*what carefulness*: earnestness and diligence to address the problem.

*what clearing*: to *answer* for ones' self, as for a crime, **Acts 25:16**, total accountability!

*what indignation*: vexed about it, really upset!

*what fear*: reverential respect as a wife has reverence for her husband, **I Peter 3:2**

*what vehement desire*: earnest desire as in :7,

*what zeal*: excitement of the mind,

*what revenge*: vengeance, *an eye for an eye* balance, made the situation right!

**IV. II Timothy 2:22-26, Intervention with *the truth!* Repentance & Recovery!**

:22, *youthful lusts*, The human nature with the natural impulses and instincts we all possess.

:24, **Intervention**: We must *not strive*, but *be patient* and *gentle* as we present **the truth!**

:25, In meekness, A sense of humility, considering our own nature & past, **Galatians 6:1, Titus 3:2 & 3**

A patient and soft – spoken approach makes **the truth** the main issue! God works through his word!

The Will is negative toward truth!

**Instructing those: Truth** to those that oppose themselves, **Acts 18:5,6**. Acting against their own best interests!

The *sword of the Spirit* confronts the *mind* and thinking, and the *will* must make a decision.

**Ephesians 6:17 & Hebrews 4:12, John 12:36-40**, Rejection hardens the heart!

The Will becomes positive toward truth. The truth renews the mind.

:26, God gives **repentance** (a change of mind) as **they acknowledge the truth**.

The snare of the devil is pride and self will. Their will yields and **they** [can] **recover themselves!**

The key is the *inner man* and the will yielding to the word of God and *the goodness* and grace of God.

Repentance: Spirit: The will - yields to *the truth* . . . (**Know**) of the word of God *changing our mind* and thinking.

Recovery: Soul: Heart - choice believes *the truth* (**Reckon**) we *recover ourselves* from the snare of pride.

Restoration: Body: Salvation from the flesh, (**Yield**) and *our members as instruments of righteousness*.

Renewing *the mind* with sound doctrine → Light and spiritual life *in the heart* → Fruit *in our walk!*

We are sanctified **Wholly Holy**: *in spirit*, (the mind) *soul* (the heart) **and body** (our members)!