

## CHAPTER I

### SPIRIT...SOUL...BODY

What is man? – a question almost as old as man, himself.

“Who am I? What am I? Where did I come from? What is the meaning of life, if indeed there is meaning? Am I just another animal in the animal kingdom who received evolutionary fate? Am I one particular animal who has succeeded in evolving higher up the selective ladder than any other? Am I one among all other life forms who has received the capricious tap of blind fate, thus causing me to rise from protoplasm and strain toward paradise? Could I have fallen from paradise back into the almost-proto-plasmic chaotic confusion of a world in rebellion against its Creator?”

The world would normally opt for some form of the first explanation, while the Bible emphatically states the latter! It is, therefore, important to note that man’s mind, when unaided, draws conclusions opposite those revealed by God in the Bible!

When it comes to the nature of man, most people see the species *Homo sapiens* in a dual dimension: a material part called the body and a not-material part called the soul or Spirit. However, I believe that the Bible reveals man to be the reflection of his Creator in that he has a triune aspect to his being. In a theologian’s phraseology he is tripartite, or threefold: Spirit, Soul and Body. This I believe, is clearly set forth in I Thess. 5:23, where the Apostle Paul prays under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit:

**“May the God of peace Himself sanctify you wholly; and may your Spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless...”**

Now I fully realize that there are sincere Christians who do not hold to this type of clear-cut tripartite view of man. I do not wish to debate the issue at this point. One has every right to voice his own interpretation of the Scriptures, and it is certainly not something over which to break fellowship. I will only say that I believe the Bible clearly teaches this viewpoint, and I have found it to be great help to me personally. For a long time in my Christian life, I did not clearly see the difference between the soul and spirits. I confused the two often and used the terms interchangeably. Later, through closer study and reading, I came to believe that this interchange represented a confusion of terms, which the Bible never made! Once I understood their distinct nature and function, much of the Bible took on new meaning for me. Not only has this distinction helped me to understand many scriptural passages better, it has given me a clearer understanding of much contemporary, non-biblical phenomena, each masquerading as spiritual and, therefore, calling itself Christian. (We will take a

closer look at this in later sections.) I will, therefore, leave you the reader, to carefully study this book in light of the Scriptures and then you may draw your own conclusions. Fully realize whatever your conclusions that you are a creature made in the likeness of God, regardless of what you understand that likeness to be. Even though this image (dieu) was greatly marred by the Fall of man, we still retain enough of our Creator's image to make us the objects of His love and redemption! Needless to say, this is an affection which we in no way deserve and is perhaps the greatest example of God's Divine humility – that He would “stoop to conquer” us by His love in the face of our rebellion, sin, fallen nature and depravity. God's love and personal concern for man were sources of amazement to the Psalmist to other Biblical writers, and anyone else with a true assessment of the nature and condition of man as revealed historically and contemporaneously! David questions in these beautiful lines:

**“When I look at thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and start which thou hast established; what is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou dost care for him?” (Ps. 8:3-4)**

Job was also amazed at this divine affection:

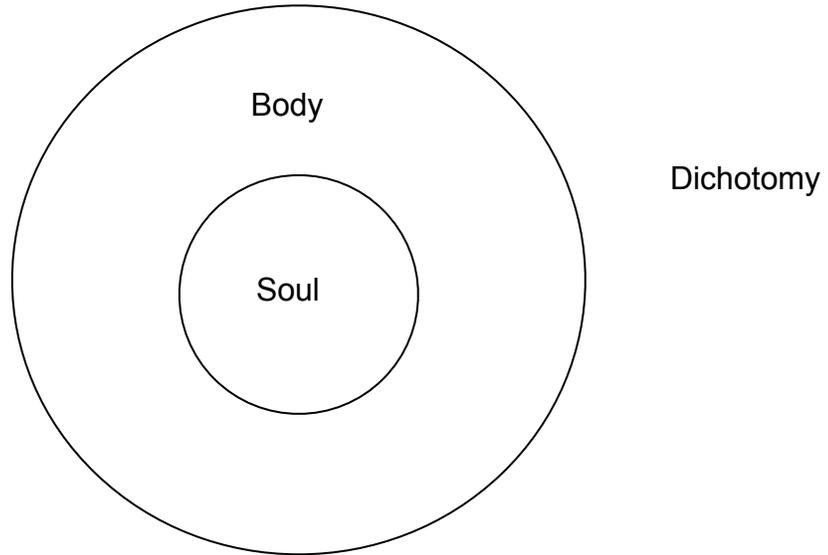
**“What is man, that thou dost make so much of him, and that thou dost set they mind upon him, dost visit him every morning, and test him every moment?” (Job 7:17)**

Possessing a realistic assessment of my own unworthiness, I also, am amazed that I am the object of such eternal, perfect love! I hope you share my feelings; and this booklet will broaden your understanding of man as God originally created him, what he became after the Fall, and what he now is, unless regenerated by God's Holy Spirit. Above and beyond everything else, I pray that it will stimulate you who already believe into mature manhood – **“the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”** (Eph. 4:13).

## ILLUSTRATION

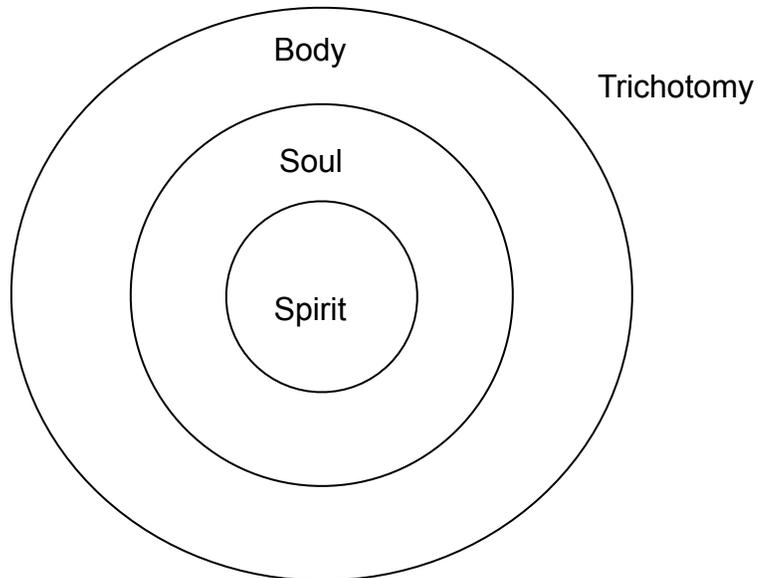
Worldly View is Dualistic

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Scriptural View of Tripartite

We are supposed to live on a three-dimensional plane of life.



Hebrews 4:12 speaks of the “division of the Soul and Spirit” of man. To fail to make this distinction, I believe, is fatal to spiritual maturity. A lack of this basic understanding causes most Christians to live their Christian lives in a “soul,” or carnal state, rather than a spiritual one.

If we believe that the Bible is the inspired word of God, then, we must conclude from these verses in Hebrews, and the one previously quoted from II Thessalonians that man is truly triune in nature. The use of the words, Spirit, Soul and Body were not just casually thrown in at random, but were used to describe the nature of man from God the Holy Spirit. According to the Bible, then, the Soul and the Spirit are two totally different things. One belongs to God, the spirit, and the other belongs to man, the soul. And the body is distinct from both of these.

But where did the soul come from? What is its origin? What is its purpose? The Bible tells us that all created things have their origin in God.

**“Then the Lord God formed man (physical body) out of the dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (Spirit) and man became a living soul.” (Gen. 2:7, ASV)**

**“The Spirit of God has made me, and the breath of the Almighty gives me life.” (Job 33:4, RSV)**

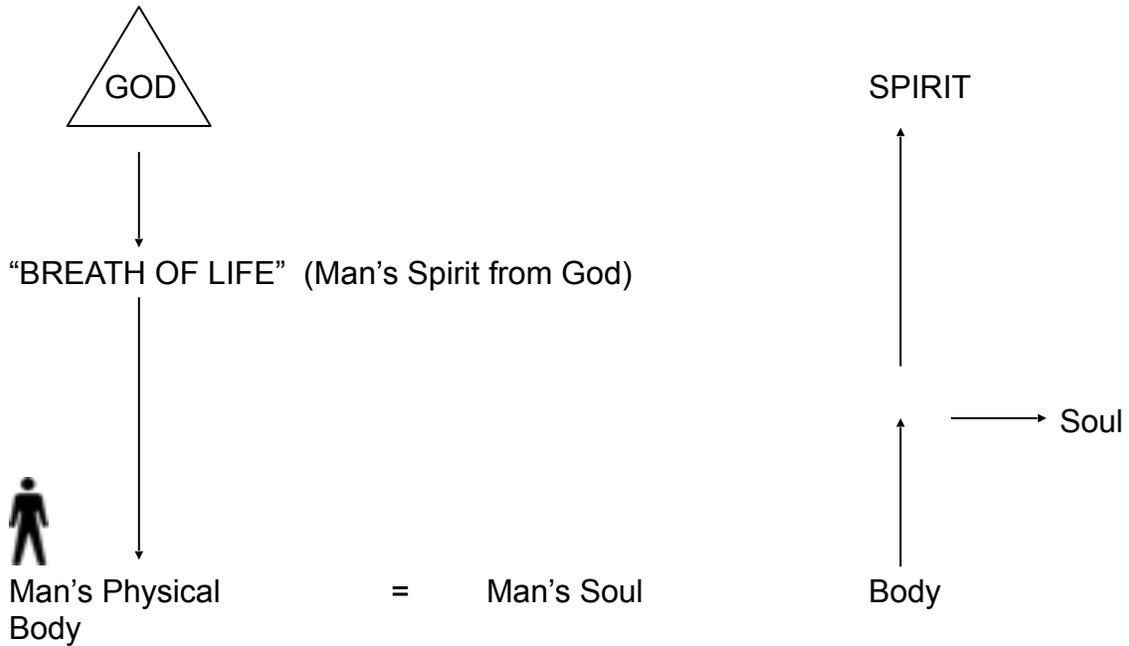
**“All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.” (Jn. 1:3, RSV)**

**“Thou, Lord, didst found the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of thy hands;” (Heb. 1:10, RSV)**

**“Of old thou didst lay the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of thy hands.” (Ps. 102:25, RSV)**

Therefore, the soul of man, like his spirit and body, has its origin in God.

## ILLUSTRATION – CREATION OF MAN



When the breath of life (spirit) came into contact with man's physical body, the soul was produced. Please realize that we are not equating the human spirit of man with God's Holy Spirit. The human spirit is from God and is that part of man which is created by God in His likeness (Gen. 1:26); therefore, it is the only part of man capable of being indwelt by God. So, man's human spirit, because it is from God and like him in nature, was to be the human cradle for the divine nature.

### CREATION FORMULA

**"Then the Lord God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Gen 2:7)**

Spirit		Body		Soul
Breath of Life	+	Dust from the ground	=	Living Soul

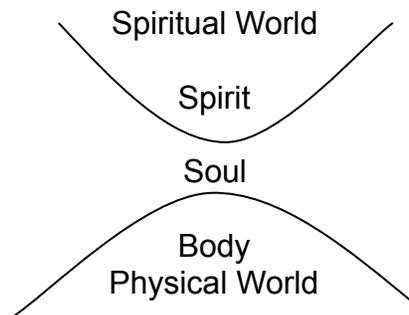
God, thus, created man's spiritual dimension by breathing into his nostrils the breath of life. Therefore, when the spirit of man entered the body of man he **"became a living soul."** (Gen 2:7) Thus, the union of the spiritual dimension of man created a third, the soul, neither Spirit nor body, but a common ground between the two. The soul, then, is spiritual-physical, the interacting point between the world of the spiritual and the physical! It was to become that communication point where we might say the nerve endings of the body received

the spiritual impulses of the spirit. So, without the soul there would have been a “mixing” of incompatible elements, like oil and water. The physical body could never enter into the purely spiritual realm, nor could the spiritual express itself in the physical realm. Through the medium of the soul, though, the physical side of man could sense and experience the spiritual realm of God Himself; just as through the souls the immaterial spiritual dimension of man expresses itself in physical form! That is a part of what the scriptures mean which say of Christ: **“The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us...”** (John 1:18). The Bible says that **“no one has ever seen God; the only Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he has made him known”** (Jn. 1:18). Through Jesus, the invisible God gave physical, visible expression of Himself. As Paul said: **“For in Him (Jesus) the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily...”** (Col. 2:9). Therefore, because of Jesus, and only because of Him, John could confidently say **“...we have beheld His glory”** (Jn. 1:14). Not only that, he could also say: **“That which was from the beginning, which so have heard, which we have been with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands... the life was made manifest, and we say it...testify to it...proclaim it...the eternal life which was with the Father...was made manifest to us”** (I Jn. 1:1-2). So through Jesus man can, if he desires, experience God. In like manner, the soul makes the Spirit available to the body, and the body the Spirit! Man’s Spirit and body merge to become a LIVING SOUL. The soul, then, is the **meeting point** of the Spirit and Body.

## A MEMBER OF TWO WORLDS

The soul stands between the spiritual world and the physical world. It is not the exclusive resident of either, but the common participant in both.

### ILLUSTRATION



The Spirit cannot act directly upon the body, nor the body directly upon the spirit; thus, we could say that the soul is the “medium” between the two. Through the soul, the Spirit is able to subdue, direct, and control the body; and through the soul, the body in turn, can draw the spirit into loving contact with the world. The soul, then, makes it possible for the spirit and body to cooperate with each other.

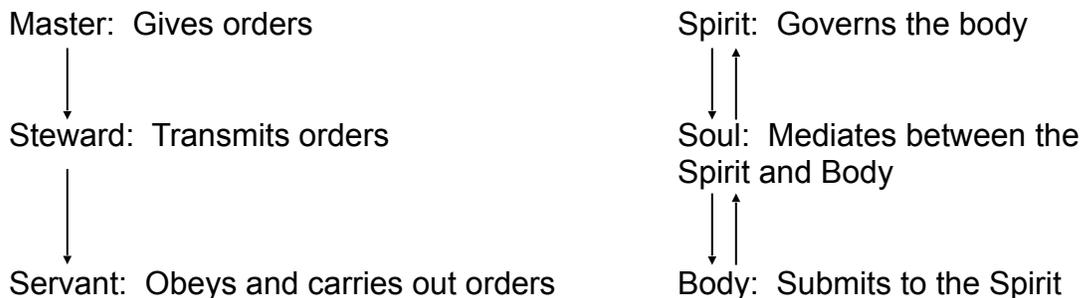
### SUMMARY

In conclusion, we find that the soul’s function is to keep the spirit and body in proper order and relationship to each other. That relationship is this:

- A. The lowest (outermost), or the “body,” is subject to the spirit; and,
- B. The highest (innermost), or the “spirit,” is to govern the body.

Both functions are carried out by the soul, acting as the intermediary.

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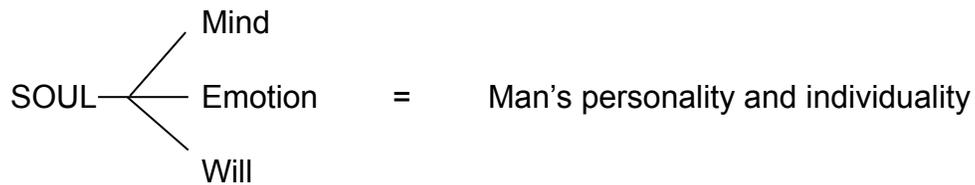
## CHAPTER II

### SOUL

Let us turn now to a more specific and detailed look at the soul of man. Man's soul is composed of his mind, his emotions, his will. Therefore, the function of the soul is to give man his self-consciousness. It is through his soul that man becomes conscious of his own existence. As Descartes put it:

"I think, therefore I am." Because our self-consciousness is derived through our will, we are each able to speak in the first person and to use personal possessive pronouns: "I...me...my." Since the soul of man is composed of the mind, emotion and will, they combine to form what is called man's personality – for nothing can be said to have personality that does not have mind, emotion, and will. It is also the soul, then, that gives man his individuality. In other words, our personality or soul, distinguishes us from all other individuals. We each have different mental endowments, emotional makeup and intensity of wills – as well as different physical features, fingerprints, and vocal graphs.

#### ILLUSTRATION



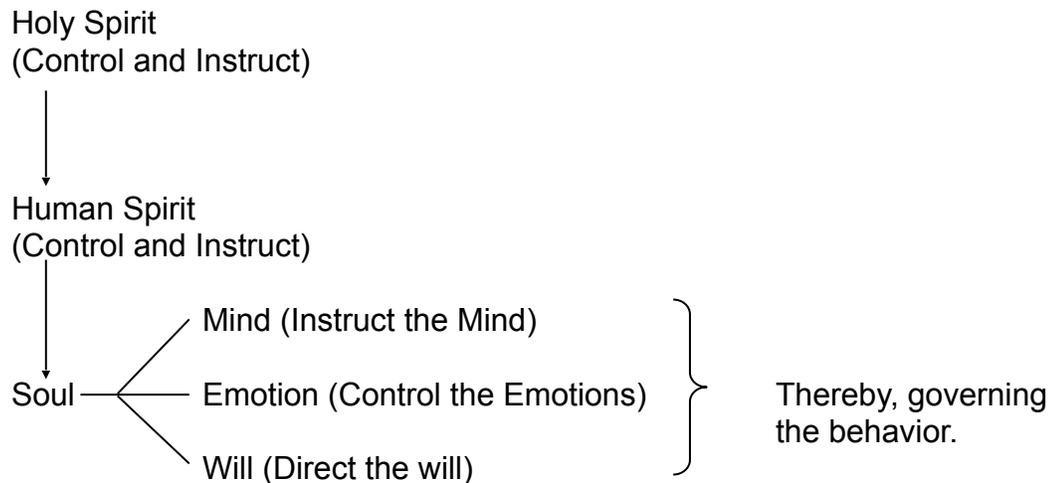
Let's look for a moment at the various functions of our mind, emotions, and will. Your mind is "the instrument of learning." This is the seat of man's intellect, which makes thought, knowledge, reasoning and wisdom possible. It is called nous in Greek and stands for man's faculty of knowing. So without your mind, you would be incapable of any mental process. Later in this session we will look at the consequences of the fall on the mind of man.

Your emotion is "the instrument of your affection." Man's emotional sensitivity makes it possible for him to express likes and dislikes. So, this part of the soul, often called the heart in the Scriptures, is the seat of all your emotional expression: love, hate, joy, anger, happiness, sadness, etc. [7] Emotions were also damaged by the Fall, as we shall shortly see.

Finally, your will is "your instrument of decision." This is man's faculty of choice; therefore, it gives him his power to choose. It is the seat of his willingness..."I will," and his unwillingness..."I won't." As a result of the Fall, there is a conflict of wills, as we will note later.

## GOD'S ORIGINAL ROLE FOR THE SOUL

It was God's original purpose that the soul dimension of man forever be in submission to God's Holy Spirit through the instrumentality of man's human spirit. God's Holy Spirit could, then, work through the human spirit and out from it into soul dimension of man and instruct his mind, control his emotions, direct his will and, thereby, govern and control his behavior. So, God's original purpose for man was that He alone would be the highest object of man's love and affections; and He alone would be the one to whom man's will would always bow in humble submission. God's will always to be the executor of man's will! This would be a creature well pleasing to His Creator because the creature would always be responsive and submissive to the Creator, for whose fellowship and pleasure he had been created! Let's summarize and illustrate this relationship as follows:



It is obvious, then, that if God's Holy Spirit is to be able to direct the soul through the human Spirit, the soul, must give us its consent through its will. Otherwise, the Spirit is helpless to regulate the soul and, thus control the body. As previously state, God's original intent was that the soul should always remain humble and submissive to the Spirit. If the soul exercises its will against the Spirit and rebels, the Spirit is helpless because God will not reduce us to puppets by either taking our wills or overriding them and rendering them inoperable. The soul is, therefore, the seat of man's free will. This is one of the areas that separated man from all lower forms of life – we have human free will, as opposed to “animal instinct,” which automatically causes responses in repetitive ways. By the exercise of his free will, though, man can either obey God, or obey Satan. Neither God nor Satan can do his work in and through man's life without first obtaining the consent of his free will.

We can see that God originally created man with the purpose of his soul always being responsive and submissive to the Holy Spirit through the human Spirit. His desire is that man will always look to his Creator for knowledge; that He, Himself,

would be the primary and highest object of man's love; and that man's will always remain submissive and obedient to God's will. Man, living in this state of loving submission to His Creator, was to constantly enjoy fellowship with his God, and maintain that same order in the physical creations. God thus said to him: **"be fruitful...multiply...fill the earth...subdue it...have dominion over...every living thing that moves upon the earth"** (Gen 1:28). What power, responsibility and stewardship God could give to these first creatures who bore his unmarred image! This was a plan that pleased His and He called it **"...very good"** (Gen 1:31). What an example these obedient human creatures were to become to the ones who, under the leadership of Lucifer, has previously rebelled against the Creator. (Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:1-10)! But alas, man soon listened to the wrong source --- Lucifer, rather than God – and soon he also feel and, thus, the whole human family was plunged into darkness and brokenness – the Bible calls it death! Since Adam was the head of the human race, in this Fall all of us likewise fell. As the Scriptures say: **"Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all men sinned"** (Romans 5:12). **"So...in Adam all die"** (I Corinthians 15:22). However, God was not content to leave man in this hopeless condition of depravity and death. Just as He had taken the initiative in creation – He took the initiative in re-creation! Thus, He sent His only begotten Son, the "Second Adam," who was perfect – unlike the first Adam. Jesus' Spirit, soul and body were always under the complete control of the Father. He never in any way acted independent from God. As Jesus said: **"My food is to do the will of Him Who sent me, and to accomplish His work"** (John 4:34).

So Jesus' earthly life was one of continuous perfect obedience to God – a life that always, under every circumstance and condition, said: **"...not my will, but thine be done"** (Lk. 22:42). So, for the first time since Adam fell, God could look down and see a man living perfectly as He had originally created him to do. A man in complete obedience to God, enjoying unbroken fellowship with Him! Therefore, look at Jesus, God always could say: **"...with thee I am well pleased"** (Lk. 3:22)! Thus, this Second Adam could take our place and become for us what we could never become alone. So Paul contrasted Adam and Christ in this way:

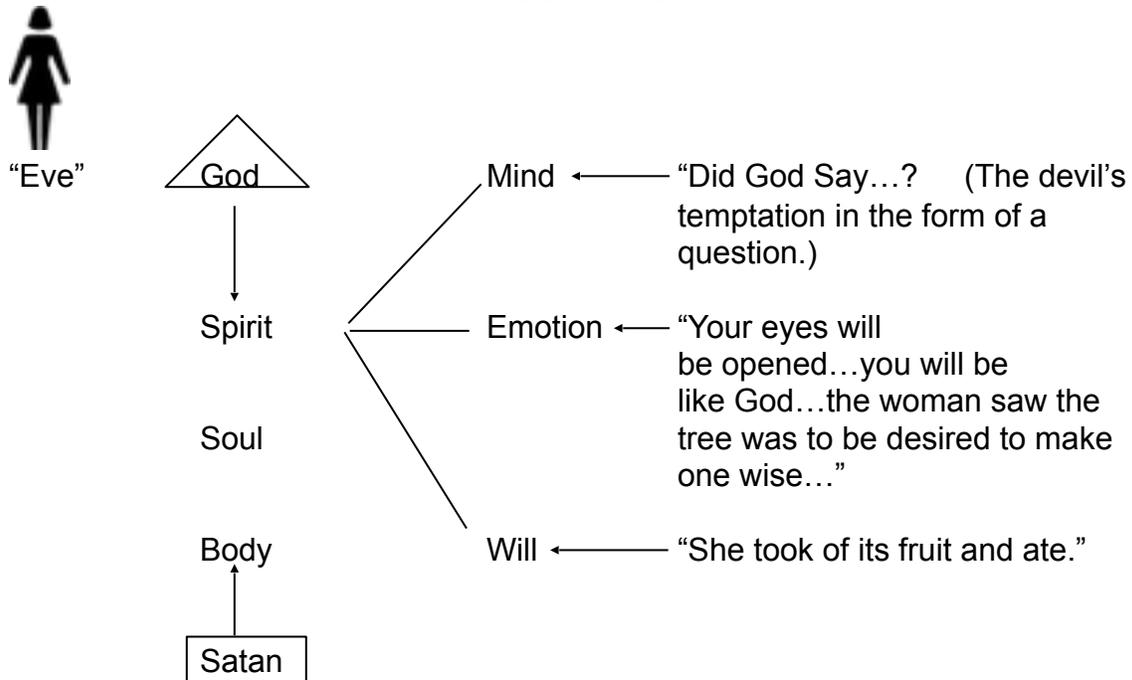
**"The first man, Adam, became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit"** (I Cor. 15:45).

So Jesus, as God's "life-giving Spirit" can give new spiritual life where there once was only spiritual death. This is regeneration, or being **"born of the spirit"** (Jn. 3:5). So the "soul life" of man is his natural life – inherited at physical birth and his "spiritual life" is the supernatural life – inherited from Christ at rebirth.

## THE FALL OF MAN

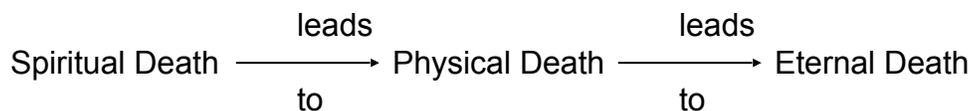
It is both interesting and instructive to note at the beginning that Eve was tempted by Satan with a question: “Did God say...?” This question aroused a thought in her mind – only because her mind was not completely attentive to the spirit and under the spirit’s control. She, then, exercised her free will for the devil, rather than for God, and at that moment she fell into sin.

### ILLUSTRATION



Now God is building a new race of redeemed and regenerated men who people a new society, or community, called the Church. Their constant prayer, like that of their Lord and Master, is **“Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven”** (Matt. 6:10). God’s Kingdom personally and collectively, then, becomes a reality wherever His will is done. This collective new community of the ransomed and redeemed is to daily flesh out the Kingdom, just as Jesus fleshed it out for 33 Years. This is a bear witness to those rebellious fallen angelic creatures; both of the ultimate triumph of God’s initial, original plan for man, and certain judgment and dooms. That’s why Paul wrote of the church and said: **“...through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to principalities and powers in heavenly places”** (Eph. 3:10)! What a thought! With a brief overview of creation, the Fall and redemption of man, let us turn back now to a more specific and detailed study of the fall of man, and its consequences on his spirit and soul. Also, notice how the temptation was posed to Eve, in the form of a question and Satan specifically designed it that way so as to get Eve to question and then doubt the goodness of God! Satan well knows that man will never affirm the will of a God whose goodness and

beneficence he doubts! Please remember that basic principle! Satan, therefore, always seeks to make us question God's will, motive, and plan for us: "Did God say...?" We must constantly remember that the role of the Christian is not one of questioning, debating, and informing God of the things He needs to know or trying to change God's mind, but one of Christ—like obedience! The Christian life and walk can be summed up in that one word: OBEDIENCE! Paul said in Philippians that Jesus **"humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross"** (Phil. 2:8). So, if obedience is the essence of Christianity, then, disobedience is likewise the essence of SIN! Therefore, if Satan can get us to question and debate the goodness or wisdom of God's will, he will soon have us disobeying it! His temptation was, therefore, twofold in thrust: First it was directed toward Eve's mind in an effort to persuade her to mentally question God's will; coupled with this internal aspect, he also succeeded in convincing her to covet and desire the fruit. **"So when the woman saw that the tree was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, She took of its fruit and ate"** (Gen 3:6). Satan well knew that if he could get Eve to mentally question and emotionally desire, he would soon cause her to physically act! Mind and emotions acted together upon her will, which was subsequently changed about God's command: **"but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat"** (Gen. 2:17). As a result, she used her free will against God and for Satan, and sin entered her life. All of this occurred in the realm of her soul, acting independently of her spirit. Her will was totally influenced by her mind and emotions, rather than by her spirit. The moment she willfully shifted control from her spirit to her soul, she sinned and at that moment sin entered her life, the Holy Spirit departed from her human spirit and she died spiritually. That is exactly what God meant when he said: **"...in the day that you shall eat of it you shall die"** (Gen. 2:17). Reference to eating, here, represented a direct disobedience of creature against his creator – which is sin! The center letter of SIN is "I" and so the heart of sin is EGO – or the BIG "I." Independence also begins with "I", and independence of man apart from God always means death! That is what Paul meant when he wrote: **"the wages of sin is death"** (Rom. 6:23). Remember that when God and the Bible speak of death here, they are initially speaking of spiritual death; however, as grave as spiritual death is in and of itself, that is not the whole story! Spiritual death immediately set into motion a process of spiritual decay leading eventually to physical death and ultimately to eternal death, or eternal death as the Bible refers to it (Rev. 20:14). So, the second or eternal death is nothing more or less than the extension into all eternity of the consequences of separation from God brought about by the first death! How exceedingly grave are the consequences of man's disobedience and fall. Perhaps we could suggest the following Biblical summary in the form of a formula:



But the good news of the Gospel is that this death lock on man can be broken, but we will discuss that more later! Had Eve permitted her human spirit to be guided and controlled by God's Holy Spirit, she would not have succumbed to Satan's temptation and this whole deadly injection would never have entered the life of man! Now, before further discussing the ploys of Satan's temptation techniques, we need to carefully note two things for our spiritual instruction: First, "Why did God place a prohibition around this one particular tree," and second: "How could Eve have resisted this temptation?" Now why had God said to man: **"...of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat"** (Gen. 2:17). Basically, what He was saying was that He, alone, was to be their source of knowledge and information, especially in the relationship of good and evil. God knew that man had no need to know some things, indeed was better off without knowing, and evil was one of the things. God would personally give then any necessary instruction they needed concerning the nature and consequences of evil; they were to seek this information in a source no less than God Himself. This way, man could have received instruction concerning evil, while remaining experientially naïve. This is still God's desire for man – that he be absolutely infantile experientially – and, therefore, innocent when it comes to evil! That's what Paul meant when he said: **"Brethren, do not be children in your thinking; yet in evil be babes, but in your thinking be mature"** (I Cor. 14:20). Likewise, to the Christians at Rome, he similarly said: **"I want you to be wise in what is good, and innocent in what is evil"** (Rom. 16:19). Obviously, the world has perverted this to the degree that it has become popular, or "cool," to be wise about evil. The more you have experienced of the things of the world, the more "in" you are the more you are admired by others. So, "worldly wisdom" is based on the experience of evil, whereas God's wisdom is to be found in a heart "innocent in what is evil." We should seek to be wise about truth and goodness, and as innocent as newborn babes as to our experience of evil!

Also, there was the matter of free will. If man's will is really free, then, there must be the potential for exercising it. If there had been no potential choices set before man, the possibility of choice would not have been real and, therefore, his free will only an illusion I cannot make a choice unless I have something to choose between, and God gave me just that choice. Second, "How could Eve (and consequently you and I) resist these tempting mental onslaughts of Satan?" Paul gives the key in II Cor. 10:5: **"take every thought captive to obey Christ."** You can't keep Satan from putting thoughts in your mind, but you can determine how long they remain there! So, it is with Satan's thought out temptations! You can't 100% keep him from slipping one in on you, but you can greatly reduce the number, frequency and duration – by the response of your will!

**Remember: YOUR BEST DEFENSE IS A STRONG OFFENSE!**

There are several things you **MUST DO** to guard you mind against Satan's attacks:

1. Recognize that one of the rights of your spiritual rebirth is to the **“mind of Christ”** (I Cor. 2:16). Appropriate and utilize it by faith, for with it we have the privilege of thinking the Very thoughts of God!
2. Keep your mind guarded and protected by the **“Helmet of Salvation”** (Eph. 6:17).
3. Guard what you look at and listen to because the eyes and ears are the windows of the mind and portholes of the soul. Remember that your brain is like a computer – it feeds on, digests and stores in its memory bank what it is given! David said: **“I will...fix my eyes on thy ways”** (Ps. 119:37). Since man can only have one focus at a time. David knew he could not fix his eyes on God’s ways, unless he first turned ways from looking at evil – so he said:

**“Turn my eyes from looking at vanities”** (Ps. 119:37). The Bible has much to say about the way your physical view influences your soul and spirit. (Study Job 31:1; Matt. 5:29-30); 6:22-23)

4. Next, feed your mind with God’s truth, rather than the garbage of the world! As Paul said: **“Finally brethren, Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good report, if there if any excellence and if anything Worthy of praise, let your mind DWELL on these things”** (Phil. 4:8).
5. Finally, if Satan should slip in a tempting thought, or attitude at an off-guarded moment, immediately **“take it captive to obey Christ”** (II Cor. 10:5). Allow no disobedient thought to linger in your mind!

Now let us return to Satan’s temptation to Eve for other lessons to learn. Next, I want you to notice that the first target of temptation was a mental doubt concerning the physical side of man’s nature. Satan made it seem that God had put unreasonable prohibitions of the flesh:

“Did God say you shall not eat...”

It is always his intention to make man think that God is against the drives and desires of the flesh! Next, after appealing to the flesh, Satan made his appeal to the soul dimension: “your eyes will be opened.” He was suggesting that new knowledge and understanding – unnecessarily withheld to Eve, by God – would become available to her. The possibility of that was more than she could stand, so she acted! At that moment, her soulish eyes were opened and simultaneously the eyes of her spirit were closed and the darkness of sin entered the human spirit, closing out the illuminating, instructive light of God! It is important to note that just as God always approaches man on his highest plane, his spirit, so the

devil always approaches man on his highest plane – the body or flesh. Satan always uses the things of the flesh to entice man’s soul to sin. When man succumbs, his spirit descends into utter darkness because he has willfully opted out of the light of God’s glorious presence into the inglorious darkness of Satan! That’s why the Bible divides man into two categories: the “**children of darkness**” and “**children of light**” (Lk. 16:8; Jn. 12:36; Eph. 5:6-11; I Pet. 2:9; Phil. 2:15). Satan’s working order is always from the outside (body) to the inside (spirit); God’s works from the inside to outside. By this simple principle, we can always distinguish the works of God from those of Satan! One needs to ask: “Is this appeal directed toward my Spirit or my flesh?!” If it appeals only to the flesh and caused a quenching of the spirit, it is from Satan! On the other hand, if it comes from the spirit and radiated out until the body is caught up in its celebration, it is from God! It is also important to note the difference between Eve’s sin and Adam’s sin concerning the Fall. Eve sinned by being deceived: “...**the serpent did beguile me...and I ate**” (Gen. 3:13). Adam, however, sinned deliberately “**the woman you gave me...I ate**” (Gen. 3:12). Eve’s will was tricked into making a wrong choice – Adam, however, made a wide-eyed, willful choice: He loved and obeyed Eve more than God; he, therefore, was guilty of making her his idol. So, Adam’s reason was dominated by his emotional affections – as is often the case in love! My counseling experience shows that the heart, conscience and reason, usually are forced to take a backseat! As one person said: “Who will enthrone reason in the brain where desire is already king?” So, Eve was mentally and emotionally deceived – but Adam was willfully disobedient. (Expound this point as to why Bible traces to Adam as head of race – Stott. Man Made New)

Also note how Satan misquoted God in tempting Eve! Compare what God really said to what Satan intimated:

God:            **“You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat”** (Gen 2:16-17)

Satan:          **“Did God say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree of the garden?’”**  
(Gen. 3:1)

God had made abundant provision for Adam and Eve, and said that they could eat of every tree but one! Satan turned it around – making it sound as though God had forbidden every tree but one! How subtle are his temptations! A few misplaced words, a deceptive rearrangement of emphasis and the whole context is changed! All Satan did was use God’s exact words: “You shall not eat,” and “tree of the garden” – connect these two phrases by the word “any,” rather than “every” and God’s whole message to man was misrepresented! All because of one change of adjective and a little sentence restructuring! That is why we must be very careful in reading and studying God’s Word. Satan also knows it – tragically better than most people – and will misquote it for his own purposes of leading you astray! Remember how he quoted Scripture back to Jesus when he

was tempting Him in the wilderness? (Lk. 4:10). There, too, we can see Satan erroneously using Scriptures. In the second temptation, he tried to persuade Jesus to jump off the pinnacle of the temple as proof of his divine powers. This represented a jump of over 200 feet! Satan was tempting Jesus to win man's attention and allegiance by miraculous, supernatural display of power. To try and entice Christ to adopt this method, Satan quoted a portion of Psalm 91 to Him. The problem was that not only did Satan take Verses 11-12 out of context of the message of the whole Psalm, he left out one little phrase: **"in all your ways"** altogether, that joins verses 11 and 12! What Satan said was this: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here; for it is written, 'He will give his angels charge of you to guard you.'"

Do you see what he did? He conveniently left out the connecting phrase "...in all your ways," and replaced it with and!" What God has promised is Ps. 91:11-12 was that in all of the normal, day-to-day activities of life. He would keep his anointed ones protected by His angels, even to the, seemingly small, degree of bruising one's foot on a stone! However, one could hardly construe jumping off the pinnacle of the temple a part of one's daily life pattern! That is why the Bible also warns us not to test God. Testing God would be like a man jumping from an airplane without a parachute and then asking God to keep him from getting hurt by giving him a safe landing! God does not sanction, or bless, stupidity! We have seen from this study how exceedingly cunning Satan is. That's why Paul said: **"Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the Schemes of the devil"** (Eph. 6:11).

So, we must be very careful of the subtleties of Satan's temptations! Only the human spirit, guided, and detected by the Holy Spirit can keep us from falling for his deceit. Christ destroyed Satan's power over us at the cross – the tempter's power had been broken! But not man in himself is a match for the cunning and deceit of Satan! If we try to stand on the impotent powers of the soul and flesh alone we will surely and swiftly fall his victims! But we can, as Paul said: **"...be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might"** (Eph. 6:10).

We have now seen something of the nature of Satan's temptation and how it resulted in the Fall of man from his state of pristine glory and innocence.

Now let's turn our attention to some of the specific consequences of the Fall upon man's soul. We have seen that it brought death to his Spirit. But how did it affect his soul? What influence has the Fall had upon the mind, emotions, and will of man?

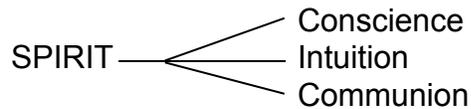
## CHAPTER III

### SPIRIT

(Conscience, Intuition, Communion)

Function: whereas the soul gave man his self-consciousness, the spirit gives man his God-consciousness. It is the spiritual dimension of man that makes it possible for him to have both communication and communion with God. No animal has a God-consciousness – they are unaware of their Creator. They have only souls and, thus, are only conscious of themselves. Therefore, an animal cannot worship God in the true sense of the word. If any worship could be attributed to the animal kingdom, it would just be that they are doing their thing” in perfect obedience to their Creator. However, their obedience is not willful because they have no free will, it is only instinctive. They, therefore, bring no lasting satisfaction to God because their obedience is that of a robot; they have no choice in the matter. Man, on the other hand, has a free will and can choose to worship and fellowship with his Creator, or reject that fellowship and by an act of free will he can cut himself off from that relationship. So, the spirit is the highest and most noble part of man – it is that dimension of his nature created in the likeness of his Creator. The Spirit, therefore, lifts him out of the animal kingdom and opts him into God’s kingdom – if man **CHOOSES!**

#### Three Functions of the Spirit



These three aspects of the Spirit are deeply interrelated and function coordinately.

- Conscience: Discerning Organ – distinguishes right from wrong. It is that “voice of conscience” that convicts us when we are wrong.
- Intuition: Sensing Organ – allows man to know things directly without outside influence. This is what is called “intuitive knowledge” – knowledge that you just have apart from the teaching of the mind, emotion or will. Here we really intuitively know things that our minds help us to understand; called the “teaching of intuitions”
- Communion: Worshipping Organ – through which we worship God. All true worship of God takes place Only through the spirit. That’s why the Bible says that “they that worship God must

worship him in spirit..." as opposed to worship by the soul or body.

**"For God, whom I serve in my spirit in the preaching of the gospel of His Son, is my witness as to how unceasingly I made mention of you..." (Rom. 1:9)**

**"But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in newness of the Spirit and not in oldness of the letter." (Rom. 7:6)**

**"...not tagging behind In diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;..." (Rom. 12:11)**

**"but just as its written, 'Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who Love him.' For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one except the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit of who is from God, that we might know the things freely given to by God." (I Cor. 2:9-12)**

**"But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth; for such people the Father seeks to be His worshippers. God is spirit; and those who worship must worship Him in Spirit and truth." (Jn. 4:23-24)**

**"for we are the true circumcision who worship in the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh," (Phil. 3:3)**

**"I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like the sound of a trumpet." (Rev. 1:10)**

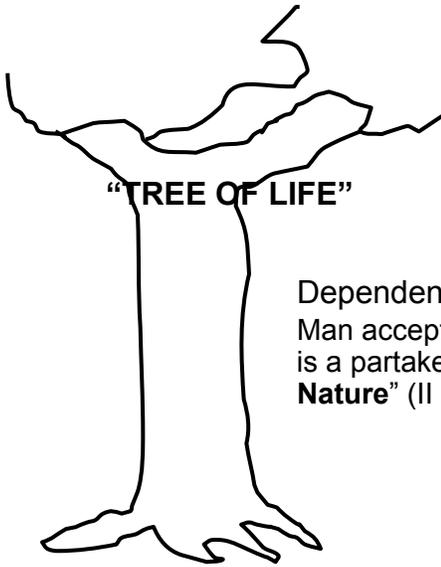
## THE HUMAN SPIRIT AFTER THE FALL

The unregenerate man still has this spiritual dimension, but because the Holy Spirit has been withdrawn from the human spirit, they do not have life in their spirits. (Gen. 2:17: **“on that day you eat you will die.”**) So when the Holy Spirit was withdrawn from the human spirit death entered the life of the first man as an experience and has continued as a state ever since. Therefore, you and I, today, do not die spiritually as a result of our sin; we were born into a state of death. We were born physically alive, soulishly active, but SPIRITUALLY DEAD! That is what the Bible means when it says: **“Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man (Adam) and death (occurred) through sin, and so death (as a state) spread to all men because all men sinned.”** (Rom. 5:12). So when Adam sinned, death first occurred as an experience and at the same time began as a state into which every other human has been born to this very moment! When man willfully sinned, his spirit died and as a result of this his conscience, intuition and communion were all negatively affected. Man’s conscience was seared and deadened, **“by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,”** (I Tim. 4:2). **“How much more will the blood of Christ who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”** (Heb 9:14). His intuition was darkened: **“For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God, or give thanks; but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.”** (Rom. 1:21). **“Being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart”** (Eph. 4:18) and his communion or worship of God turned to worship of evil spirits: **“They sacrificed to demons who were not God, To Gods whom they have not known, New gods who came lately, whom your fathers did not dread.”** (Deut. 32:17) and **“No, but I say that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.”** (I Cor. 10:20) and **“You know that when you were pagans, you were led astray to the dumb idols, however you were led.”** (I Cor. 12:2).

As Major Ian Thomas has said: “The human spirit void of the Holy Spirit leaves the soul of man abandoned as a ship without a rudder on a storm-tossed sea, spiritually bankrupt, dead **“alienated from the God”** (Eph. 4:18), and easy prey to every evil, malicious and malevolent influence of which it may fall foul.” So, prior to the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation the spirit is void of God’s Spirit and, therefore, dead! At rebirth the conscience, intuition and communion are all quickened by the life of the Holy Spirit and once again employed as His instruments of His use.

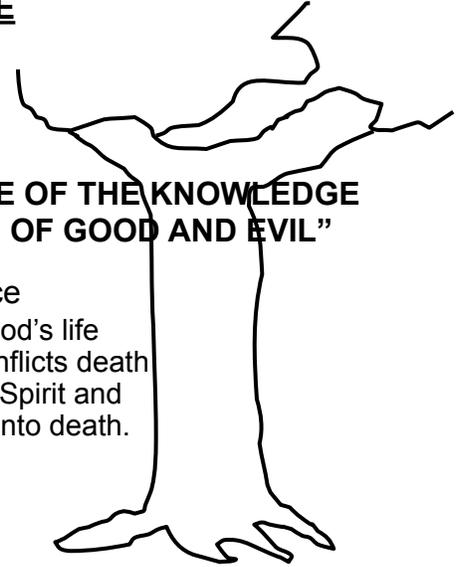
So, when sin entered the human spirit the Holy Spirit vacated the human spirit and it became dead toward God and, thus, no longer controlled by God’s Holy Spirit but by man’s soul.

**THE TWO TREES OF LIFE**



**“TREE OF LIFE”**

Dependence  
Man accepts God's life and is a partaker of the **“Divine Nature”** (II Pet. 1:4)



**“TREE OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL”**

Independence  
Man rejects God's life and thereby, inflicts death upon his own Spirit and opts from life into death. (Gen. 2:17)

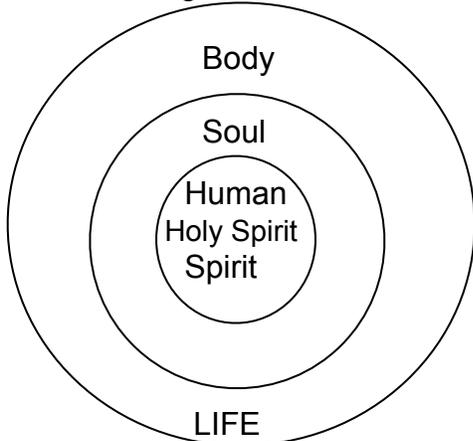


Eating of the Tree of life Spiritual Life. When man exercises his free will and chooses this tree, he becomes a spiritual man, capable of participating in and relating to both the spiritual and physical world.

Man stands between two worlds represented by these two trees. He must decide by his “free will” which world he will choose.

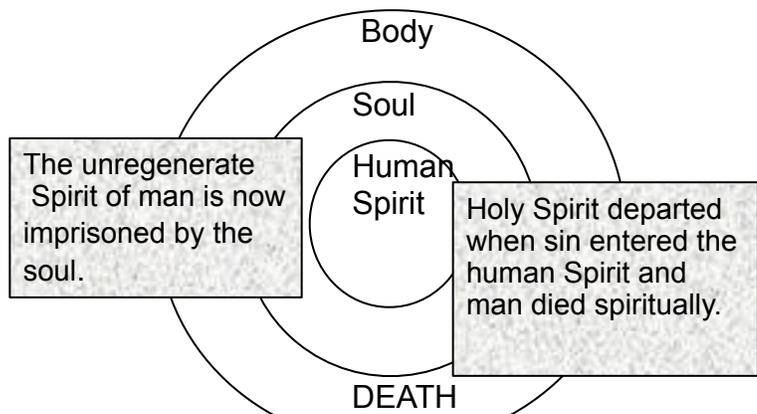
Eating of this tree generates soulish life. When man exercises his free will and chooses from this tree he becomes a soulish man, capable of relating only to the physical, created world. He is dead to the spiritual world. (I Cor. 2:14)

Man's Original Created State



Here the human Spirit was controlled by the Holy Spirit and, thus, the soul governed by the Holy Spirit and the body controlled, directed and Subdued by the Holy Spirit through the The human spirit.

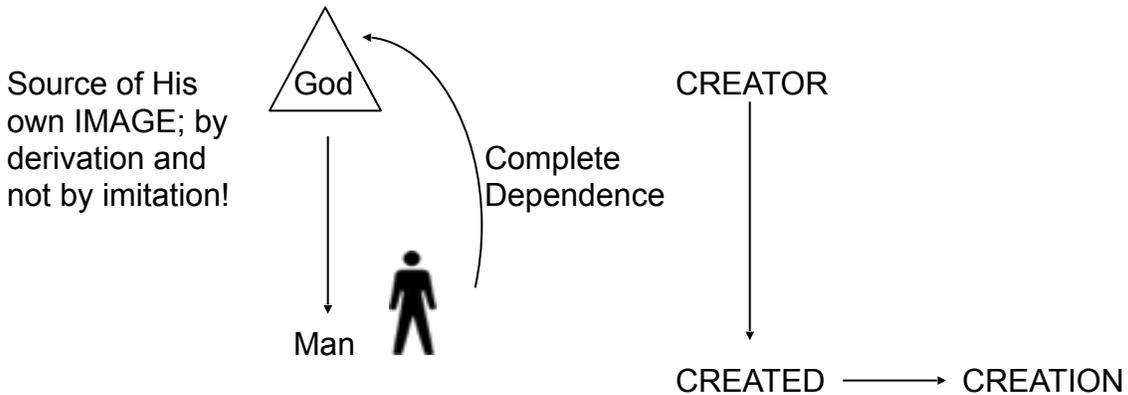
Man's State After the Fall



Here the human Spirit died dead due to the exit of the Holy Spirit with the entrance of sin. The soul and body then became Pre-eminent and Dominant and suppressed and Imprisoned the Spirit of man. So the life of the unregenerate man is almost entirely governed by the soul.

**DEPENDENCE VERSES INDEPENDENCE**

Dependence  
(Original created state by God)



Man was created by God to live in absolute dependence upon Him in such a way that the Creator could be reflected through His created to all of creation. This is why God created man in his image. **“And God said, let us make man in our image, after our likeness.”** (Gen 1:26) So God’s purpose in creating man was that through obedience and dependence upon Him man would be conformed into the perfect moral or spiritual likeness of God. The devil tempted man with a shortcut to achieving that image: **“You shall be as God”** (Gen 3:5). Before the fall man was a Spirit-dominated and controlled creature. His spirit controlled the soul and through it governed the body. After the fall, God speaks of man not a spirit but as **“flesh.”** (Gen. 6:3; 6:12; Ex. 30:32; Rom. 3:20). Now a reverse has occurred; the flesh was dominant and the spirit dormant or “frozen.” The spirit became imprisoned by the soul and body. From that point on man, ignorant or disobedient of the spiritual world and the new birth, sought to release the “latent powers of the soul” as a substitute to spiritual powers. (See further discussion of this in later chapter.)

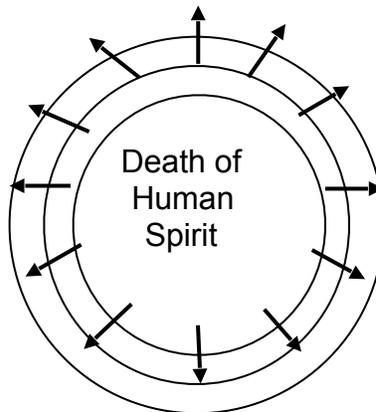
### **THE SATANIC LIE: “HUMAN SELF-SUFFICIENCY”**

Instead of living a dependent relationship with God, man opted for the Satanic lie that he could be fully man without God. At the moment man exercised his free will in the direction of independence as opposed to dependence, he sinned. At the moment of that decision, we have seen already, the Holy Spirit exited the human spirit and man died spiritually. Therefore, ever since that fall every man, woman, boy and girl have been “born dead” – physically alive; soulishly active, but spiritually dead!

What is death? Physical death is the cessation of communication with the environment. Therefore, Spiritual death is the cessation of its communication with God. The spirit has not “died” or ceased to exist, it has simply become void

of God's Holy Spirit, which causes a loss of sensitivity toward God, since the human spirit was the vehicle for all communication and intercourse between man and God via God's Holy Spirit. So, the human spirit is dead toward God; no longer able to commune or communicate with Him. What, again, was the source of this death? Disobedience or independence! Man may still be religious, moral, learned, but he is dead toward God. He may still talk and reason, even preach and witness, about God but he is still dead toward God. He is no longer able to sense the voice of God's Spirit. This death of spirit gradually spread until it reached his body.

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After this the spirit fell under the oppression of the soul and the two became closely united, with the soul ending up dominating the spirits. Therefore, as Hebrews 4:12 says, the soul and spirit must be divided by the Word of God. If they are not divided, then, everything is done according to the dictates of the intellect and emotions. The spirit has lost its power to dominate and direct the soul and body, and, therefore, impotent in so far as communion with God is concerned. The body, or flesh, supported by the soul, then, dominates.

Note: When the soul remains dominant and active, though dead to God's Spirit, these individuals become communicators with the world of evil spirits; thus the rise of sorcerers, witches, mediums, necromancers, etc. (See Col. 4:8)

The spirit has now been stripped of its created position and powers and man is now subnormal. Man has gone from "spirit-control" to "soul-control" to body-control."

## Formula

Spiritual death → Physical death → Eternal death

**“Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body that you should obey its lust.” (Rom. 5:12)**

**“And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of power of the air, of the Spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging in the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even at they rest.” (Eph. 2:1-3)**

## SALVATION OR REDEMPTION

Since all men are born into a state of death,” he desperately needs to receive God’s life again – that life that left him when he sinned. This state of death cannot be “repaired,” or “reformed” by man since death is irreparable. A dead man cannot do anything for himself anymore than a drowning man can save himself. They both must receive “outside” help: Therefore, the sin that put man into this state of death must be judged and dealt with before man can be rescued out of death. This was accomplished by Jesus Christ because His death was a substitutionary death and co-death.

## Christ’s Substitutionary Death

Jesus came and took upon Himself our humanity so that He could take upon Himself the judgment that was due us. Since His life was perfect and sinless, He could take upon Himself our sin, God could judge those sins and, then give life to us on His behalf. The First Adam’s sin passed to all men and the Second Adam’s life, death and resurrection was for all men. Therefore, since God judged our sin in Christ we who believe in Him are freed from this and shall be judged no more (John 5:24).

## Christ’s Physical Sufferings

Since man enjoys in his body the temporary pleasures of sin, the body must accordingly be the recipient of God’s judgment and punishment. Thus, Christ’s physical sufferings on the cross (Ph. 22:16; Zech. 12:10). All of those parts of man’s body that love to sin were punished: hands, feet, mouth, brow, etc.

## Christ’s Suffering of the Soul

Since the soul is the organ of self-consciousness, it, too, suffered at the crucifixion. Before being crucified, Christ was offered wine mingled with myrrh as a sedative to alleviate the pain, but He refused it and was unwilling to lose His consciousness. (John 12:27; Matt 26:38; Isa. 53:10-12).

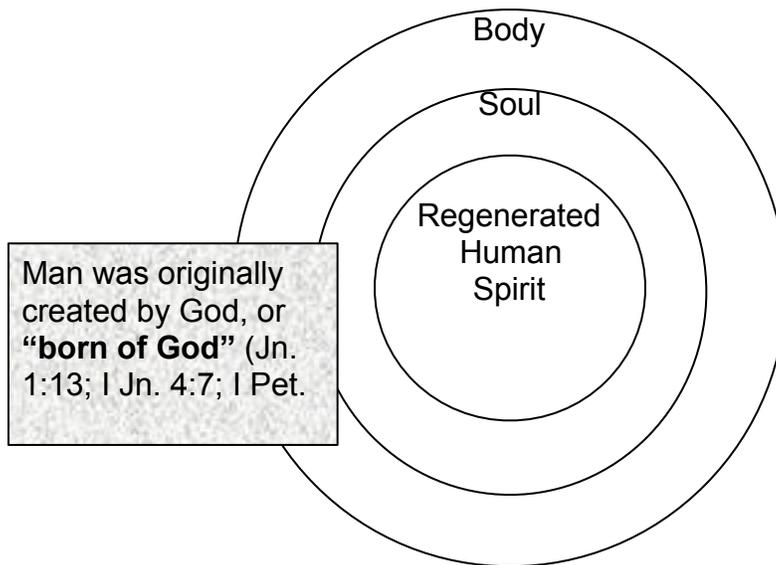
### **Christ's Spiritual Sufferings**

As we have seen previously, the spirit is the organ of man's communion and communication with God. Christ was holy and blameless. Never in His earthly life had He for a second broken that spiritual communion with His Father, which He had maintained through absolute obedience. Christ's spirit and God's spirit had always enjoyed oneness. But on the cross for the first time in His life, He experienced the hell of separation from His Father when the Father turned his face from our sins that were being **"borne in His body on the tree"** (I Pet. 2:24; Ps. 22; 14-15), and Christ cried out, **"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"** (Matt. 27:46). There Christ suffered the separation that we deserved! He suffered out spiritual separation so our spirit could be rescued from sin and death and once again be returned to God. At that awful moment of separation, both God's Spirit deserted Him and all of the evil spirits of Satan attacked Him! There in those three hours when the skies were darkened, Christ suffered sin's bitterest pain and consequence – SEPARATION FROM GOD. That separation from God that every man born into sin experiences in this life – and if left unforgiven will experience for eternity! In His sinless humanity our sinful humanity was judged! All of judgment due our body, soul and spirit was poured out on Him. Now, **"there is, therefore, now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus"** (Rom 8:1).

### **Regeneration**

Even though it is through the death of Christ that we are redeemed; it is through His resurrected life imparted to us that we are regenerated; Man has now passed from death into life. Regenerated means re-created. The new birth that Jesus talked to Nicodemus about is this birth of the Spirit. It is the process whereby the Holy Spirit once again enters the human spirit and man is regenerated, or re-created. He is thus restored to the original purpose of the first creation, that state in which man's human spirit was indwelt and controlled by God's Holy Spirit, thereby, teaching his mind, controlling his emotions, directing his will, and therefore, governing his behavior. Through the miracle of regeneration, God can once again be sovereign, not only in the created universe, but also in man's life! Now, for the first time since Adam fell man is capable of being fully man by letting God be fully God!

### **ILLUSTRATION**



This new birth does not happen in the soul, or body, but only within the Spirit of man. It, then, begins to move out and manifest itself from there. So, once again God's working order is always from inside out. Through this rebirth of the human Spirit by the Holy Spirit, the human Spirit now gains control over the soul and through the soul is able to once again govern the body. And the only basis for this miracle of regeneration is the cross of Christ. (Jn. 3:14-15)

### **Man' Part**

We must exercise faith in what Christ has done in His life, death and resurrection. By believing I am united with Christ and, thereby, I experience everything He has experienced -- co-death and co-resurrection. Every believer "positionally" has been united with Christ's death and resurrection (Rom. 6:5).

"He who is accepted in Christ,  
is acceptable as Christ!"  
(Watchman Nee)

The Christian life, therefore, is the end and the beginning – the cessation of one walk and the beginning of a new one. Our death with Him concluded our sinful walk and His resurrection began our new "**walk by the Spirit.**" (Gal. 5:16). Now we can enjoy His resurrected life (Rom. 5:10) and resurrected power (Phil. 3:10) or "eternal life" which is the life of God now! Since God's life cannot know death, neither can we! Conversely, those who do not have God's life are dead! The Holy Spirit brings about regeneration, which is receiving the resurrected life of the Lord. Resurrected life never dies (Rev. 1:17-18).

## **CHAPTER IV**

## **The Dormant Powers of the Soul**

As we mentioned previously, the spirit of man, controlled by the Holy Spirit, was to be the dominant “organ” of man. However, at the fall, this power of the spirit was lost or immobilized by man’s use of his free will to disobey and rebel from God. When he did this, sin entered man’s life and God’s Holy Spirit departed from man’s human spirit. Without the life-giving presence of the Holy Spirit within the human spirit death entered man’s life and from that point on every man, woman, and child has been born into this state of death (Rom. 5:?)

With the spirit of man rendered impotent by the departure of the Holy Spirit of God, man, then, became a soulish, fleshy creature – dominated either by his soul or flesh. (Flesh is not the biological stuff we are clothed with, but same principle.) Since the fall, in most cases man has been dominated by his flesh and that is why the Bible begins to refer to man after the fall – not as “spiritual” but as “fleshy” (Gen 6:3). From that point, man either ignorant or disobedient to the spiritual world and rebirth, seeks to release the powers of his soul. Since only God can restore life to something dead, man’s spirit, man is incapable of regenerating or quickening his spiritual powers, so he seeks to release his soul powers – mistakenly thinking they are spiritual.

Satan’s purpose, then and now, is to stir up and release those latent or dormant powers of the soul that man will mistake them for spiritual forces. To do this, he must break open this fleshy shell so the soul’s powers can be released and, thereby, he can use these powers to control the man and direct them for his evil and deceptive purposes. For this reason, one can see a great emphasis in most all religions of the world – Islams, Buddhists, Hindus, Taoists, etc., upon releasing these powers of the soul. Found in all religions, and tragically in Christianity too, are elaborate instructions on how to break and subdue the body and release the soul. Some of the methods used are: hypnotism, asceticism, rituals of self-denial, yogi, transcendental meditation, chanting, etc. Nirvana of Buddhism, the breathing of Taoism, various forms of yogi of Hinduism are all done for the purpose of subjugating and subduing the body and releasing the soul’s powers. They often think they are releasing their spirit but since they are ignorant of God’s Word and do not know their spirits are dead and, thereby, they are unable to be released, what they are really releasing is their soul powers. Satan helps them to succeed at this and, thereby, deceives them and their followers into believing that these are truly spiritual phenomena. Therefore, one can see in Ancient Religion, as well as in contemporary ones, a great display of supernatural forces giving rise to miracles, healings, parapsychology, clairvoyance, tongues, telepathy, prediction of future, magic, etc. This explains all “miraculous” happenings outside of Christianity, and much spiritual phenomena in Christianity. So, when Satan is successful in releasing and developing these powers of the soul he is capable of deluding the performer and

followers into thinking they are rich in spiritual powers, when it is nothing but soul powers.

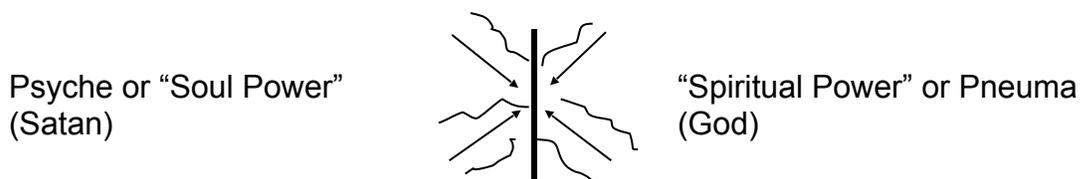
To some degree, much of psychology falls into this category. What is psychology? The words means “psyche,” or soul and “logic,” or discourses. So psychology is “the science of the souls.” This explains why much of psychology hinders rather than helps people because it is designed to let man help himself by looking Within and releasing these latent powers of the soul, rather than looking Without and seeking a regeneration of his spirit by God. It is not insignificant that many of the founding fathers and current leaders of psychology were, and are, atheists or agnostics!

This is why a Christian cannot rely upon it totally; it is man’s attempt to solve man’s problem! (This does not mean all psychology is harmful. Christian psychology and psychiatry can be very helpful and instructive, but be careful with a purely secular approach because of basic presuppositions of humanism, agnosticism and atheism!)

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The difference between Christianity and the others is that all our miracles are performed by God’s Holy Spirit working and ministering through the regenerated human spirit of man. Jesus warned that much “miraculous” phenomena that would take place under His name would not be for Him (Matt. 7). These were only individuals who were operating under the guise of Christianity, but were really operating under the powers of the soul and not by the power of the spirit. God will never energize the soul and work through it, only through the spirit! Our world, today, is experiencing a vast confrontation of spiritual and soul forces:

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This is where the Christian can rejoice. **“Greater is he that is in you (God’s Holy Spirit) than he that is in the world (the devil).”** (I Jn. 4:4)

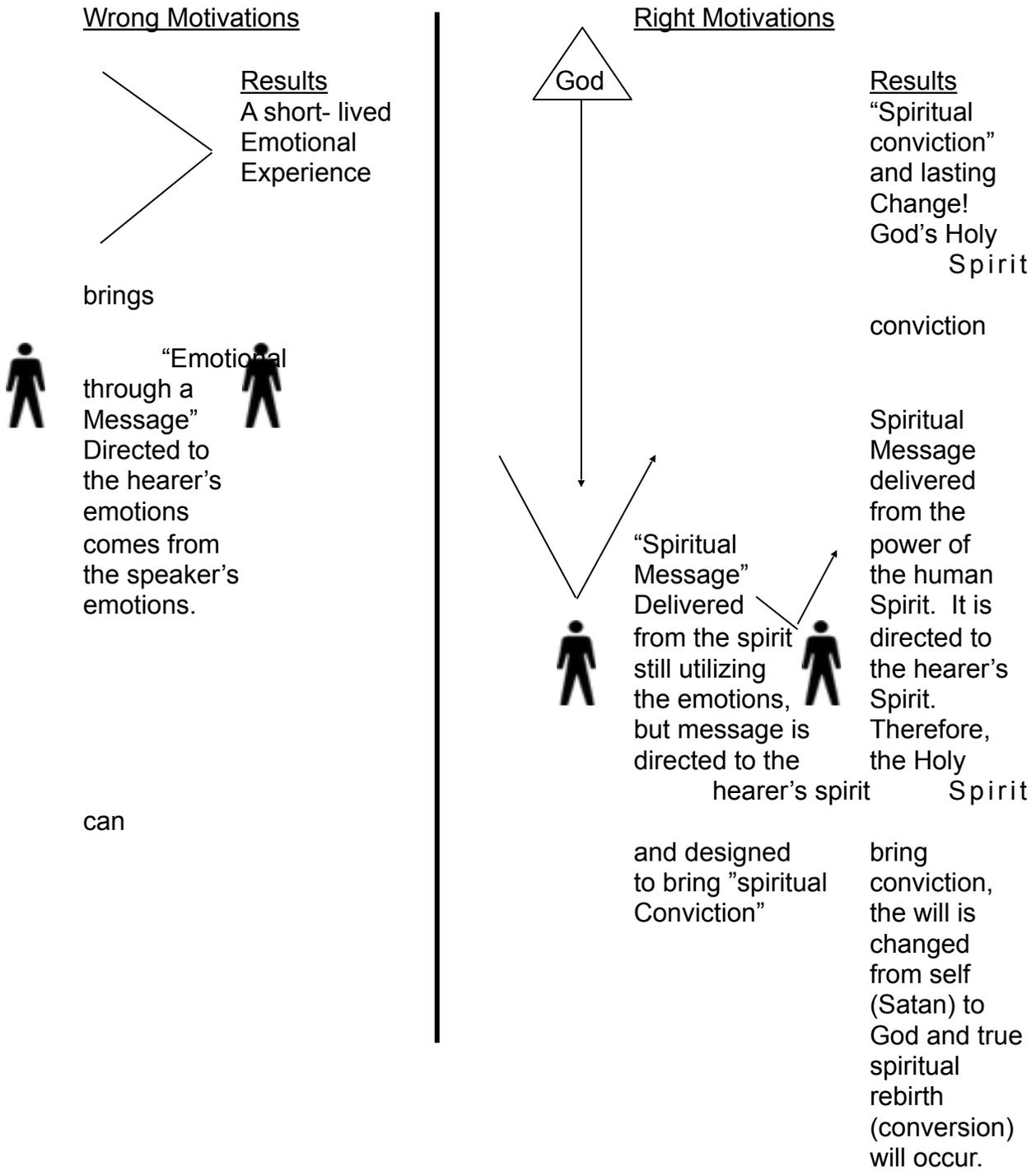
The Bible tells us that all of this display around the world today is but the prelude to the manifestations of the antichrist who will come with **“all power and with pretended signs and wonder, and with all wicked deception...”** (II Thess. 2:9-10). So, before the blessed and glorious return of our Lord there will be an increase of this Satan-directed activity with great displays of powers so as even to deceive many of God’s elect (Matt. 24:24). Every true believer must, therefore, pray that God would bind his “soul forces,” i.e., his own natural powers, so His supernatural spiritual powers can be released in his life. “God only works with His own strength; so we must ask Him to bind our soul, life and strength.” The soul life, then, must die (Jn. 12:24-25). As long as I depend upon my natural abilities, I will not depend upon His supernatural ones. True power, spiritual, is only found on resurrection’s ground (Nee) Key: Jn. 5:19).

Only when soul forces have been bound  
In you, can you detect them in others.

### **Christian’s Ministry**

Every Christian worker must also make sure that his work and ministry are coming from his own Spirit and directed toward another person’s Spirit. Only this type of ministry will last. All others that are directed purely at the emotions will not produce lasting fruit, and Christ said that we should bring forth lasting – not transient – fruit, and Christ said that we should ever employ any method or technique (scary “death stories, much weeping, emotional display,” etc.) that are directed only to the emotions and not to the Spirit. “Emotional conviction” never lasts! This is proven by the fact that most New Year’s resolutions are not kept because most of them are made from our emotions of the moment. Also, the “warnings” related to cancer on cigarette ads have not reduced smoking in this country; nor eating the foods with high cholesterol count relating to heart attacks. Why? Only the emotions of man are influenced! Not until there is a “spiritual conviction” that moves out and causes a change will there be lasting change.

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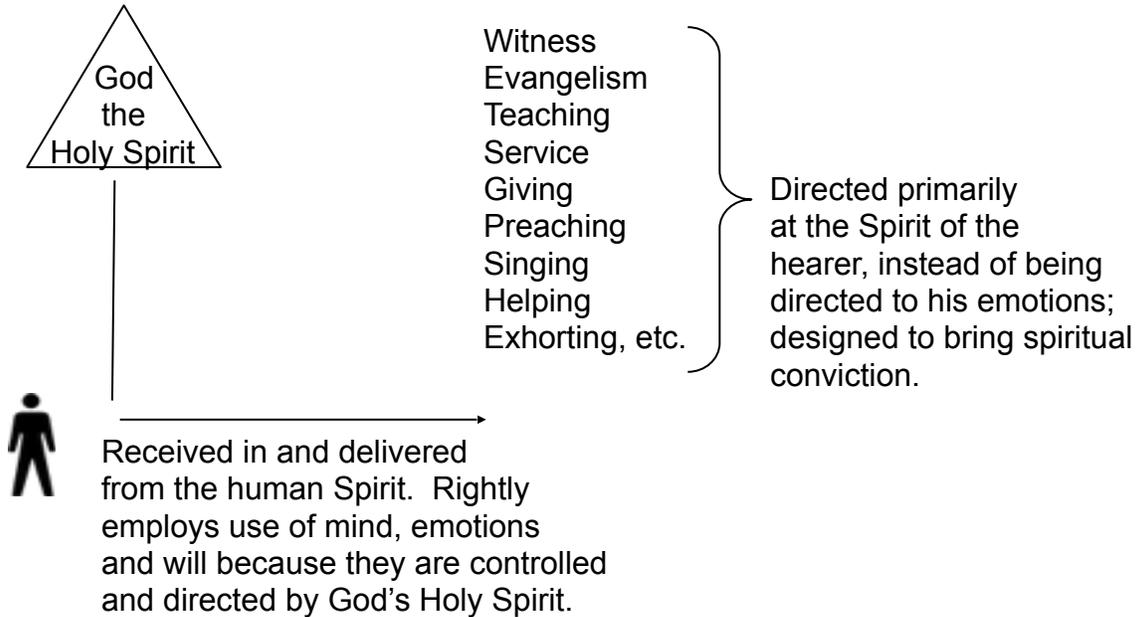


The Holy Spirit inspires the message in the human Spirit of the Christian; who then delivers the message or witness by the power of the Holy Spirit working through the human Spirit, which rightly employs the aid of human emotions. Then, the Holy Spirit can use this spiritually-based message and direct it to the Spirit of the hearer; which Spirit has already been prepared by the Holy Spirit and

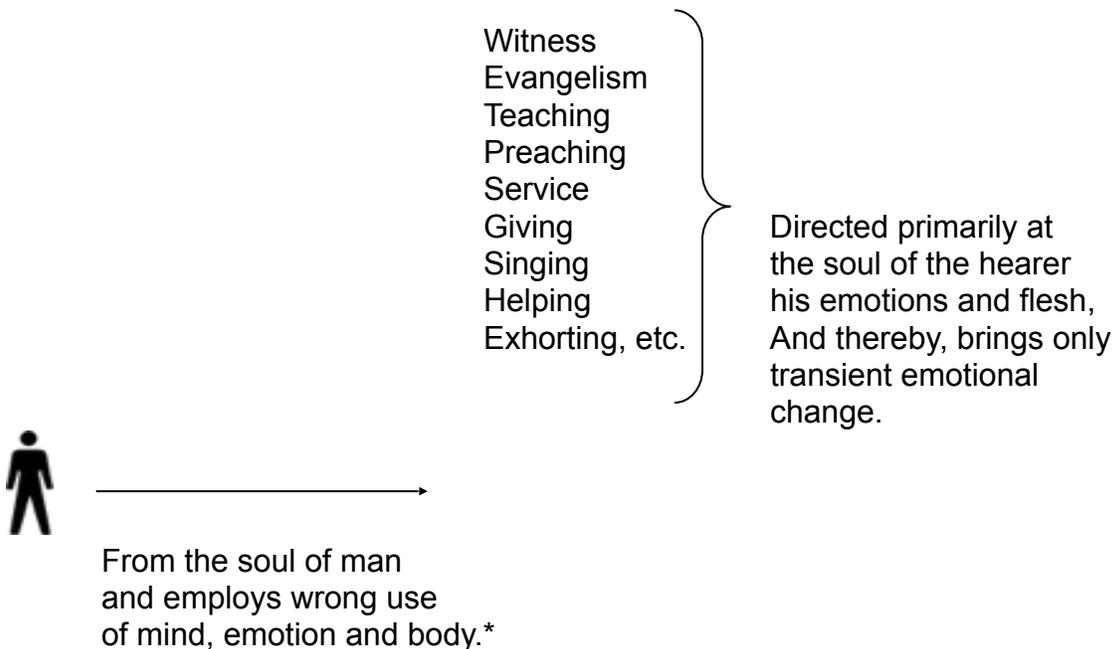
then conviction can occur, which can result in a quickening of the human Spirit by the Holy Spirit and salvation occurs when that quickened human Spirit then acts upon the will and causes it to be changed (repentance) toward God! So, faith comes from what is heard (through the Spirit as opposed to the emotions) and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ (preaching based upon the Holy Spirit and not human emotions.) (Rom. 10:17)

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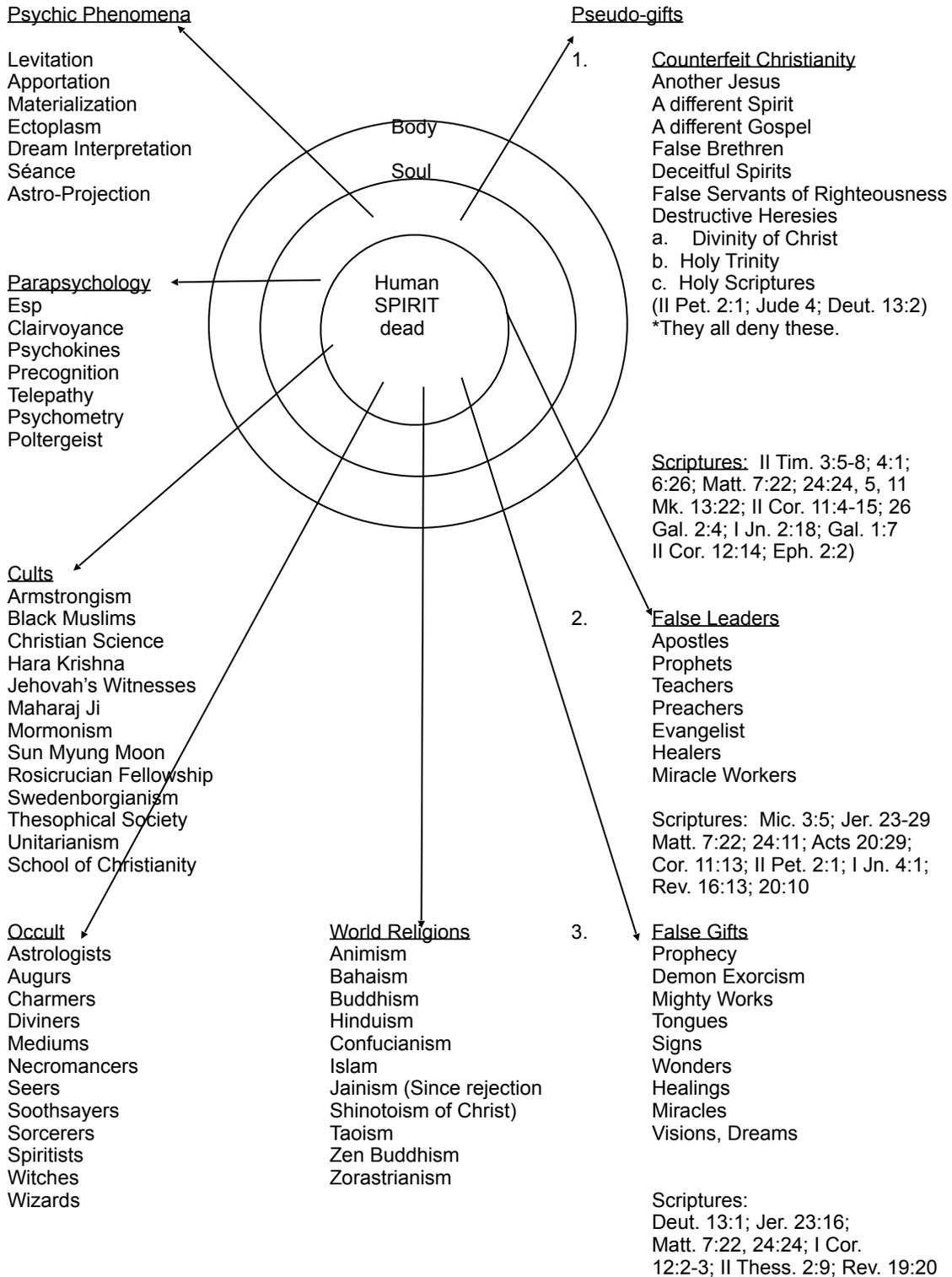
### False Ministry



Wrong Uses: Mind, psychological manipulation  
Emotions, emotional appeals  
Body, flesh appeals

### PSEUDO-SPIRITUAL PHENOMENA

## Inspired by Satan, the "Unholy Spirit"



These “Spiritual Phenomena” are based on deceit; what the Bible calls “**lying wonders**” (II Thess. 2:8-10). Since the Spirit is dead due to sin, Satan must utilize the powers of the soul:

Either the mind, emotions, or will – or  
all three – plus the body, to  
achieve these pseudo-spiritual  
phenomena.

True spiritual powers are not:

Influenced by the environment  
but

Psychic powers are – that is why:

They must have the right “atmosphere”  
Stars aligned in certain order, open spirits (souls), etc.

And

in this area, there is a great emphasis on feelings, external sensations, signs, manifestations, etc.:

Constantly searching for “signs and wonders” as the basis for “faith.”  
Many Christians fall into this category by praying: “Oh God, give me some sign,  
...so I can believe!

ASTROLOGY: “The divination of the supposed influences of the stars upon human affairs and terrestrial events by their positions and aspects.

Condemned in Scripture:

Deut. 4:19; 17:2-3 and 5  
Job 31:26-28  
II Kings 17:16, 18  
Zeph. 1:4-6

Kashaph (Heb) “A Wizard, Sorcerer”

Jer. 27:9	II Chron. 33:6
Ex. 7:11	II Kings 9:22
Dan 2:2	Mic. 5:12 (3:5-7)
Isa. 47:9, 12; 57:3	Nah. 3:4
Ex. 22:18	
Deut. 18:10-12	

Mageia (Gk) “Magic; to use magic”

Acts 8:9, 11; 13:6, 8

Pharmakeia: “Enchantment with drugs”

Rev. 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; 22:15  
Gal. 5:20 “Idolatry, witchcraft”

Gesem: (Heb) “Divination, oath”

I Sam. 15:23

Darash: (Heb) “Necromancer: to inquire at the dead”

Deut. 18:11

Yiddeoni (Heb) “A knowing one, a wizard”

Lev. 19:31; 20:6, 27  
Deut. 18:11  
I Sam. 28:3, 9  
II Kings 21:6; 23:24  
II Chron. 33:6  
Isa. 8:19; 19:3

Nachash (Heb) “To whisper, use enchantment”

Deut. 18:10  
Num. 23:23; 24:1  
II Kings 17:17  
Lev. 19:26  
II Kings 21:6  
II Chron. 23:6

Anan (Heb) “To observe the clouds”

Jer. 27:9

Cheber (Heb) “Joining, charm”

Isa. 47:9, 12

Lachash (Heb) “A chisper, charm, amulet”

Eccl. 10:11

Lat (Heb) “Secret enchantment”

Ex. 7:22; 8:7; 18

Chalam (Heb) “To dream”

Deut. 13:1, 3, 5  
Jer. 27:9

Enupniasomai (Gk) “To dream frequently”

Jude 8

Ashshaph (Heb) “Enchanter, magician”

Dan. 1:20; 2:2; 2:10; 27, 4:7; 5:7, 11, 15

Habar Shamayim (Heb) “To view the heavens”

Isa. 47:13

Migsam (Heb) “Divination”

Eze. 12:24; 13:7

Gasam gesem (Heb) “To divine, divination”

Eze. 21:23  
Num. 23:23  
Josh. 13:22  
Deut. 18:10  
II Kings 17:17  
Jer. 14:14  
Eze. 13:6, 23; 21:21, 22  
Num. 22:7

Puthon (Gk) “Spirit of divination”

Acts 16:16

Gezar (Heb) “Soothsayer: to cut off a down, decree”

Dan. 2:27; 4:7; 5:7, 11

Anan (Heb) “To observe the clouds”

Isa. 2:6  
Mic. 5:12

Manteuomai (Gk) “To divine, use divination

Acts 16:16

PSEUDO – GIFTS

1. False “Spiritual” Leaders

Apostles  
Prophets  
Teachers  
Preachers  
Evangelists  
Healers  
Miracle Workers

Scripture: Micah 3:5; Jer. 23:16; Matt. 7:92; 24:11; Acts 20:29  
II Cor. 11:13; II Pet. 2:1; I Jn. A:I; Rev. 16:13; 20:10

2. False Gifts:

Prophecy  
Demon Exorcism  
Mighty Works  
Tongues  
Signs  
Wonders  
Healings  
Miracles  
Visions  
Dreams

Scripture: Deut. 13:1; Jer. 23:16; Matt. 7:22; 24:24; I Cor. 12:2-3; II Thess. 2:9;  
Rev 19:20

Psychic Phenomena or “Soul Experience”

Levitation: “The capacity of a solid object to defy the laws of gravity.

Apportation: “The moving of a solid object from one area to another.”

Materialization: “A spirit taking on a physical form.”

Ectoplasm: “The process whereby a medium will exude from his/her mouth and nose and from the body, a form or substance of a departed loved one.”

Dream Interpretation: “Someone has a dream, goes to a medium who interprets the dream and it happens as it was interpreted.

Séance: “A spiritual meeting to receive spiritual communication; accompanied by the appearance of departed spirits.”

Astro-Projection: “The process whereby a person in a state of consciousness leaves his physical body and is capable of traveling long distances, observing other people, recording what they are doing and what they are saying; return to the body and confirm what they saw.”

Parapsychology, or Psychical Research: The investigation of psychological or personality phenomena that are so unusual, or apparently supernatural that they are at present difficult to explain in terms of biology or psychology.

Clairvoyance: The power of discerning objects not present to the senses.

ESP: The supposed ability of perceiving things other than (Extrasensory Perception) the five senses.

Psychokinesis: Psycho = soul; kinesic = to move or motion. So, it is the effect of the mind (soul) upon physical matter in such a way that it is caused to move.

Precognition: Foreknowledge or the capacity to predict specific events without any rational means of such prediction.

Telepathy: Apparent communication from one mind or body to another, other than through the channel of the five senses.

Psychometry: The reported ability of some persons to acquire, while holding an object, paranormal knowledge of its history or facts about its present or previous owners.

Poltergeists: (Boisterous Spirit) A noisy usually mischievous ghost held to be responsible for unexplained noises, e.g., rappings.

Methods of Cult & Occult:

Chanting  
Divination  
Dream Interpretation  
Enchantments  
Fortune Telling

Type

Aeromancy  
Aleuromancy  
Aritmonmancy (Numerology)

Axiomancy  
Bibliomancy

Capnomancy

Cotoptomancy  
Chartomancy (Cartomancy)  
Chiromancy (Palmistry)  
Cleidomancy  
Cleramancy  
Ciromancy  
Coscinomancy  
Crystallomancy  
Dactylomancy  
Geomancy  
Graphology  
Hepatomancy  
Hydromancy  
Kypomancy  
Lampadomancy  
Meilomancy

Metoposcopy  
Necromancy  
Nephelomancy  
Nomiology

Method

Air  
Flour  
Number; each letter has a number value, as in a name.  
Axe, floating or turning  
book, usually the Bible – The book is opened at random and the first passage observed is accepted as a divine cue to present or future action. The consultant might also close his eyes and haphazardly lay a finger on a passage. Secular or sacred books can be used.  
Smoke; quality, quantity, direction in which it blows  
Mirrors  
Cards, usually the Tarot  
The hand, lines and mounds  
Keys  
Lots or chances  
Wax  
Sieve  
Crystal gazing  
Pendant ring  
Earth or grains of sand  
Handwriting  
Animal livers  
Water  
Tea leaves in a cup  
Lamps  
Moles; their location, sizes and Number  
Lines on the forehead  
Spirits  
Clouds  
Names

## Methods of Cult and Occult Continued

### Type

Oneiromancy  
Physiagmancy  
Pyromancy (Empyromancy)  
Rhabdomancy

### Method

Dreams  
Face  
Fire  
Rods, such as a diving rod  
indicating presence of water,  
minerals, or oil

Magic (Black and White)

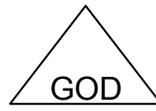
Oracles  
Séance  
Soothsaying  
Sorcery  
Spiritism  
Tarot Cards  
Trances  
Transcendental Meditation  
Voodoo  
Yogi

## Some More Popular Tools of the Cult and Occult:

Amulets  
Charms  
Crystal Balls  
Divining Rods  
Drugs  
Fire  
Horoscopes  
Lots and Chances  
Numbers  
Oils  
Ouija Boards  
Pendant Rings  
Tea Leaves  
Water  
Wax  
Zodiacs

TRUE SPIRITUAL PHENOMENA

Inspired by God, the Holy Spirit



Fruit of Holy Spirit (Gal. 5:22)  
Spirit (I Cor.

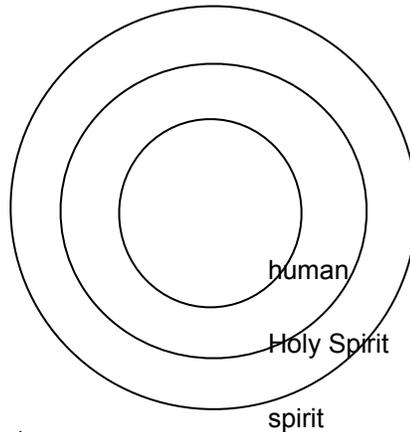
- Love
- 4:10-11)
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Workers of Miracles
- Kindness
- Healers
- Goodness
- Helpers
- Faithfulness
- Administrators
- Gentleness
- Speakers in
- Self-Control
- Tongues

All Gifts of the Holy

12:8; 11; 12:28-30; Rom.

12:4-8;

Eph. 4:7-11; I Pet.



1. Leadership Gifts  
Apostles

Prophets

Evangelist

Teachers

Pastors

Protected by the Whole Armor  
Of God (Eph. 6:10-18)

soul  
body

2. Supportive Gifts  
Wisdom

- Service
- Loins gird with Truth
- Breastplate of Righteousness
- Feet shod with Gospel of Peace
- Helping
- Shield of Faith
- of Mercy
- Helmet of Salvation
- Sword of Spirit
- Praying at all times
- Mark, Signal,

Knowledge Exhortation  
Faith Giving  
Discernment

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3. True Signs (Sign,

Or "Attesting  
Miracles" (Mk. 16:18)

Demons	Casting out
Tongues	Speaking in New
Serpants	*Picking up
Things	Drinking any Deadly
to bring	Laying on of Hands

Healing

\*Lk. 10:19; Acts 28:3

These spiritual phenomena are based on honesty because they spring from the Living Truth (Jesus) and written Truth (Bible). Here the Holy Spirit works through the quickened human spirit and manifests His gifts and fruit. He also rightly employs the mind, emotions, will and physical body under His direct control. So, all works of God are done by the Holy Spirit working through the submitted human spirit. None of God's works ever have their origin in man's soul. Neither are God's spiritual powers influences by outside environment, rather the Holy Spirit controls the environment for His purpose. Here also, one does not look for, or depend upon sensations or manifestations, but honors God by faith in His Word (Heb. 11:6). This type of Christian honors God by his faith and prays something like this:

"Oh, God, I ask you to fill me with your Holy Spirit.  
 I do not care for or seek external sensations.  
 Just fill me with your Spirit and I will be satisfied,  
 with or without feelings or manifestations!"

## CHAPTER V

### Test all Things

Just as God's Word says, we must – by the aid of His Spirit and the gift of discernment – test and try all things. (I Thess. 5:21; I Jn. 4:1; Acts 17:11; Deut. 13:1-3; II Cor. 13:5). We must probe as to their origin; God or Satan; the soul or the spirit. Remember, Satan can duplicate through the powers of the soul whatever God would seek to do through the spirit. He is in the business of counterfeiting – and that trade is based upon deceit. How can we know: I Jn. 4:2-15;

**“By this you know the Spirit of God:  
every Spirit which confesses that Jesus  
Christ has come in the flesh is of God,  
Every Spirit which does not confess Jesus  
is not god...whoever confesses that  
Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in  
him and he in God.”**

...And

**“Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus  
is the Christ?” (I Jn. 2:22)**

You, yourself, must have touched reality at that point in order to be able to judge that situation. The power to discern comes out of what has already been experienced. A judge in any area is usually one who has personally learned and experienced that thing he is judging. That is why he is a judge because he knows that area better than anyone else. That is why St. Paul could write to the Corinthian Christians and correct them on their abuse of tongues. He was no doing it from a vantage point of theory but personal experience.

**I Thank God that I speak in tongues more than  
you all.” (I Cor. 14:18).**

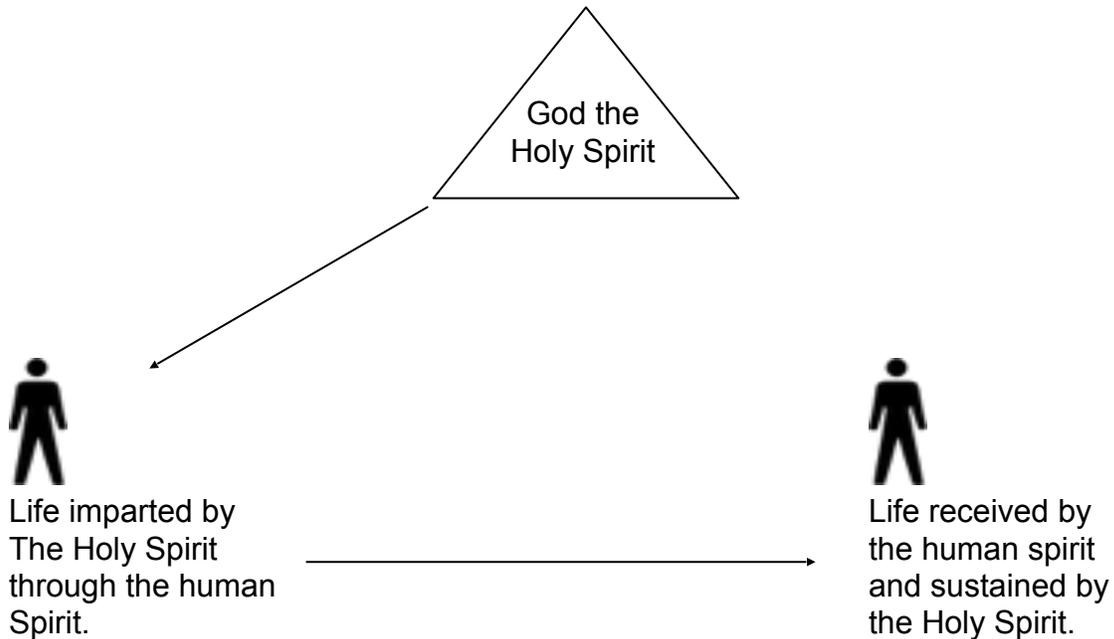
He could likewise give much advice to Timothy on the work of an evangelist because he, himself, was a veteran (I and II Timothy, e.g.). Because he knows spiritual reality in these areas, no one could ever deceive him. A counterfeit just would not witness to his spirit, any more than a jug band would to Arthur Fielder!

**“The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit” (I Cor. 15:45).** Here, then, is the difference: although the soul has life in itself, it is not able to permanently impart it to someone else, That is why “decisions” made through the soul-influence are transient. Regardless of how hard it tries to impart life, the soul cannot do it. (Jn. 6:63). **“That which is born**

**of the Spirit is Spirit”** (Jn. 3). The spirit, on the other hand, not only has life, which has been received from the Holy Spirit, it is capable of imparting that life to others – and it remains (Jn. 15:16).

This is because it is life from the Spirit, through the Spirit, and to the Spirit – and sustained by Him.

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So, from start to finish, it is God’s Ministry: This is a part of what Jesus meant when he said: **“...apart from me you can do nothing”** (Jn. 15:5). He is the origin of Life, the giver of Life, and the sustainer of Life! As the Scriptures say:

**“In Him we live and move and have our being”** (Acts. 17:28).

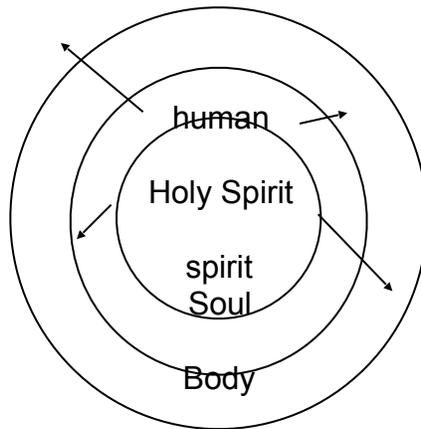
## TWO KINDS OF REGENERATED CHRISTIANS

In I Cor. 3:1, Paul divides all Christians into two classifications:

### SPIRITUAL and CARNAL

Spiritual Christian: One whose spirit, soul and body is controlled and directed by God's Holy Spirit.

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Carnal Christian: One whose spirit has been quickened, but who still follows the soul and body into sin. He has a carnal mind, rather than the mind of Christ.

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