

# Spirit, Soul and Body

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*A study of man's tripartite nature, and how the battle for your soul is won by your spirit / Holy Spirit relationship.*

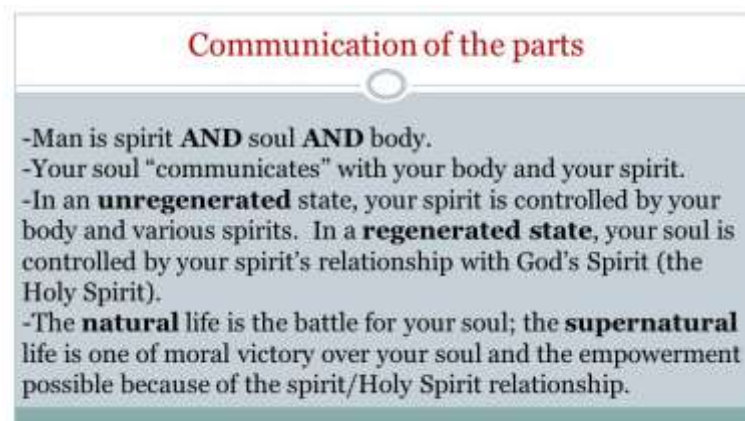
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## 1. Man is Spirit and Soul and Body



We start with the understanding that man is tri-partite, i.e., is composed of three parts – spirit, soul and body. Watchman Nee.

For purposes of illustration, I have chosen a sphere for the spirit (round – no end, green if live, other colors or otherwise changed depending on states other than truly live), a cloud for the soul (who you are, your inner being, but non-physical, nebulous to most?) and Michelangelo's David as the body (one of God's favorites, but one who faltered, suffered consequences, repented and was redeemed – an example of "what I do is not what I should do" (Paul) - someone familiar to you?).



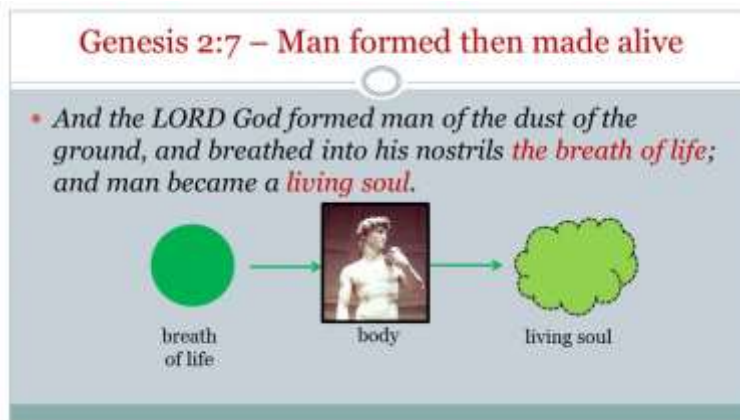
As the slide above states, there is communication between the parts, in fact control issues between the parts. Your soul "communicates" with your body and your spirit. In an unregenerated state, your spirit is controlled by your

body and various spirits. In a regenerated state, your soul is controlled by your spirit's (small s) relationship with God's Spirit (capital S, the Holy Spirit). The natural life is the battle for your soul; the supernatural life is one of moral victory over your soul and the empowerment possible because of the spirit/Holy Spirit relationship. From this short discussion, you can see that victory is for the regenerated soul living the supernatural life. We'll spend more time discussing these issues after we get a better understanding of the roles of each of the three parts.

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John 3:6 "*...that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.***



Gen 2:7- *And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a **living soul** (KJV)...**living being** (NKJV).*

Eze 37:5-8- Ezekiel and the dry bones.

**Life requires the breath of God.**

## 1. Man is spirit and soul and body

THREE IN ONE ?



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-The **natural** life is the battle for your soul; the **supernatural** life is one of moral victory over your soul and the empowerment possible because of the spirit/Holy Spirit relationship.

## Man is Spirit and Soul and Body

- The word of God treats man as tripartite – 3 parts



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soul



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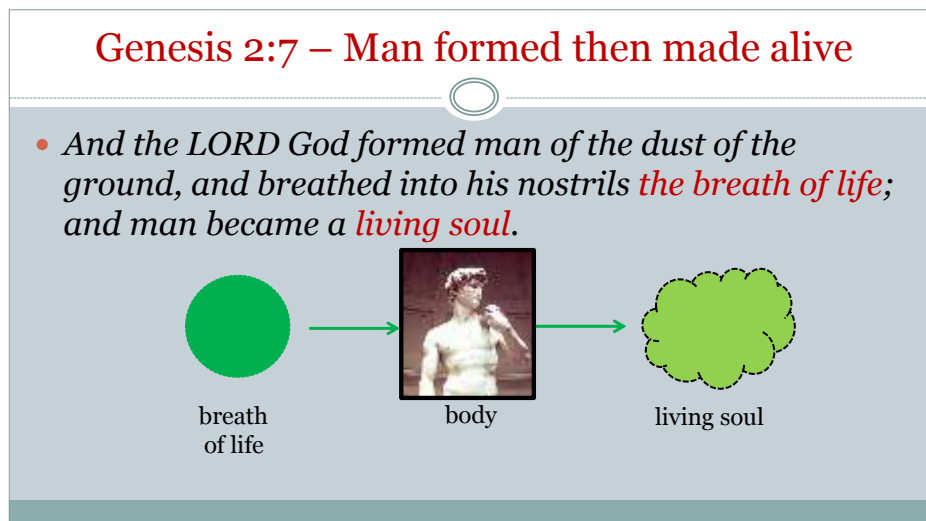
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The soul is created/revived when God (the Holy Spirit) breathes life into the body.



**Ezekiel 37:5-8** Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, **I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live....** lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but there was no breath in them.... ..... and **the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet....**

### The spirit is life

Job 32:8- ... **it is the spirit (your personal spirit) in a mortal, the breath of the Almighty, that makes human insight (your soul) possible.**

Ecc 12:7- **The body is put back in the same ground it came from. The spirit (your personal spirit) returns to God, who first breathed it.**

soul and personal spirit / God relationship

Luke 1:46-(Mary)- My soul magnifies the Lord, and **MY SPIRIT** has rejoiced in God my savior (NKJV).

The soul knows when the spirit is in healthy relationship with God.

The soul **IS ALWAYS CONSCIOUS OF THE BODY, HEALTHY OR NOT.**

This suggests that your personal spirit must be awakened or reborn for a healthy relationship with God. We'll see this now when we discuss personal spirit function and dysfunction.

## Compromised soul

- Yielding to temptation or attention to other spirits will change the balance.
- Your soul is compromised by yielding to body temptation.
- Your personal spirit becomes dysfunctional when corrupted by other spirits or by a compromised soul.

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## "Other" Spirits

- We are also spirits. We live in a spiritual world.
- Other spirits can influence our personal spirits.
- Some spirits are good, some are bad.
- Bad: Spirits (demons) of materialism, hate, violence, confusion, abortion, pride, of corrupt people, etc. ...name some
- Good or bad: other people's spirits (family members, friends, neighbors, teachers); books and movies (contain the spirit of the author); internet; etc. ...name some
- Good: Holy Spirit; Godly men and women ...name some
- Discernment : effect of the Word and relationship with the Holy Spirit on your conscience and intuition (functions of your spirit)

## Functions/Dysfunctions of the Personal Spirit

### GOD-spirit relationship

1. Corporate worship OR ) John 4:23,4- Your worship must engage your spirit in the pursuit of truth...true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. Satisfying private devotions OR hard to comprehend or invest time in bible study.) Isa 40:31- Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles. Num 14:24 "...my servant Caleb...has a different spirit; he follows me passionately. ALSO 1Cor 14:14- If I pray in tongues, my spirit prays.

**3. Your ability to hear God** – (intuitive hunches and revelations OR never happens to you, clueless.) Psa 85:8- *Let me hear what God the LORD will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.* Luk\_8:21- *But he said to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."* 1Sam 3:10- *Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant hears."*

**4. Inspiration** – (creativity, Holy Spirit infusion of ideas, visions OR never creative, need instructions.) Intuition, rhema word, visions, dreams, subconscious revelation, creativity.

**5. Protection from disease** - (never ill or throw off illness quickly OR always ill and long to recuperate) Pro 17:22- *A joyful heart is good medicine, but a broken spirit dries up the bones* Pro 18:14- *A healthy spirit conquers adversity, but what can you do when the spirit is crushed?*

Jesus understood this: *"...your faith (your trust and confidence that spring from your belief in God) has restored you to health."*(Luke 17:19, AMP). **Restoration is possible.**

## Personal spirit consciousness

6. – (understanding time and consequence, being responsible, seeing the big picture OR remorse.)

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- Phil 2:4- do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.
- 1Pe 3:16- *Keep a clear conscience before God so that when people throw mud at you, none of it will stick.*

## Repentance and Remorse

Rom 6:15- MSG)

Pierre: "Hell no!"

- **Morality** (God consciousness) not ethics or law (world consciousness) nor personal gratification should be the compass for your conscience.
- **Once conscience is challenged to change, repentance and resolve (will power) are the keys.**
- **6/11/15**. Repentance **1/1**

8. Communication with others - (easy relationships with others, social and listening skills, easy and productive conversations **1/1** hard to talk with, loner)

9. **OR** outside of marriage) **1/1**

Marital consummation - [bonding for co-creation / for family / healthy spirit](#)

Pre-marital consummation - self-gratification / lust

[Adultery](#) - bonding impaired / transferred / damaged spirit

Promiscuity - [depravity, STD's / near dead spirit](#)

Homosexuality - [unnatural desires / ignorant spirit](#)

[Abortion - murder / against family / unhealthy spirit](#)

[Bonding with the opposite sex](#) - the two shall become one flesh." (Mark 10:8)

If you understand the purposes of sex, its unique God-given nature to bond two spirits to avoids a plethora of sins. We are led by

co-create new beings, then sex only in marriage

society, movies, TV, to believe that such perversions as adultery, promiscuity,

homosexuality, and abortion issues are ethical choices. And, they may be accepted, but they are not acceptable, not moral.

Jdg 17:6-

In those days ... all the people did what was right in their own eyes. Is it different today?

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Lent

What is Lent?

40 days of lent is preparing for Easter.

What is Easter? Why 40 days?

What is Mardi Gras?

This last Wednesday was Ash Wednesday? Why ash?

What is fasting?

Lent – Why and How?

Followers of Christ prepare their hearts by turning their minds (souls) away from the physical (body) to the spiritual (spirit). A time for repentance and renewal. Choice and consequence.

6 P's Of Lent:

overcoming the wants of your body.

Choice 1 - Personal sacrifice and Purity (Fasting) :

Choice 2- : fine tuning your moral compass, acknowledging your

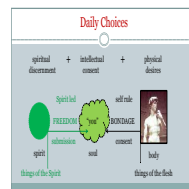
Prayer and Praise  
weakness and His strength in this overcoming effort, help you to know God and His ways.

Presence

Consequence - more of His Power and in your life, overcoming temptation, a renewed spirit.

Battle for Your Soul

Free will of my soul gives me choices.  
Our daily struggles:  
wants vs. needs.  
physical desires vs. spiritual discernment.  
self rule vs. Spirit led



Jesus' Soul

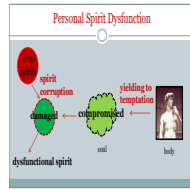
Jesus had (has) a soul.  
What do we know about His soul?  
Clue: mind, will, emotions, thoughts and intentions of His heart

Compromised Soul

Again, your soul is compromised by yielding to body temptation.  
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My way vs. His way  
Let's make it clear.....





Gal 5: 16-26 (MSG) Choose

(NOTE Spirit and spirit)

Gal 5:16 ... Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. Then you won't feed the compulsions of selfishness.

For there is a root of sinful self-interest in us that is at odds with a free spirit, just as the free spirit is incompatible with selfishness. These two ways of life are antithetical, so that you cannot live at times one way and at times another way according to how you feel on any given day.

Why don't you choose to be led by the Spirit and so escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence?

Gal 5: 16-26 (KJV) – Choose your own way

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Some of those words in red are not those we use in everyday English conversations. Let's make them perfectly clear.

Gal 5: 16-26 (AMP) – Choose your own way

they are immorality, impurity, indecency, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger (ill temper), selfishness, divisions (dissensions), party spirit (factions, sects with peculiar opinions, heresies), envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like.

One more translation.....

Gal 5: 16-26 (MSG) – Choose your own way

It is obvious what kind of life develops out of trying to get your own way all the time: repetitive, loveless, cheap sex; a stinking accumulation of mental and emotional garbage; frenzied and joyless grabs for happiness; trinket gods; magic-show religion; paranoid loneliness; cutthroat competition; all-consuming-yet-never-satisfied wants; a brutal temper; an impotence to love or be loved; divided homes and divided lives; small-minded and lopsided pursuits; the vicious habit of depersonalizing everyone into a rival; uncontrolled and uncontrollable addictions; ugly parodies of community.

I could go on. This isn't the first time I have warned you, you know.

If you use your freedom this way, you will not inherit God's kingdom.

## Choose God's Way - Abiding in Him Produces Fruit

John 15:4,5 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it remains in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the Vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, the same brings forth much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.

What kind of fruit?

Gal 5: 16-26 (MSG) Choose God's way - Fruit of the Spirit

But what happens when we live God's way? He brings gifts into our lives, much the same way that fruit appears in an orchard--things like affection for others (love), exuberance about life (joy), serenity (peace). We develop a willingness to stick with things (patience), a sense of compassion in the heart (kindness), and a conviction that a basic holiness permeates things and people (goodness). We find ourselves involved in loyal commitments (faithfulness), not needing to force our way in life (gentleness), able to marshal and direct our energies wisely (self-control).

Legalism (set of rules) is helpless in bringing this about; it only gets in the way.

Gal 5: 16-26 (MSG) Now work it out!

Among those who belong to Christ, everything connected with getting our own way and mindlessly responding to what everyone else calls necessities is killed off for good--crucified.

Since this is the kind of life we have chosen, the life of the Spirit, let us make sure that we do not just hold it as an idea in our heads or a sentiment in our hearts, but work out its implications in every detail of our lives

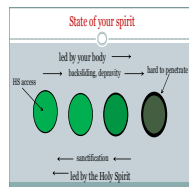
## My Way vs. God's Way

### Doing it MY way

- a root of sinful self-interest that is at odds with a free spirit.
- mindlessly responding to what the world calls necessities

### Doing it GOD'S way

- the life of the Spirit in you produces the fruit of the Spirit
- working out its implications in every detail of our lives



## The two wolves

An old Cherokee told his grandson "My son,  
wolves inside us all.

there is a battle between the two

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, humility, kindness, empathy and truth."

The boy thought about it and asked: "Grandfather, which wolf wins?"

The old man quietly replied: "The one you feed."

Romans 6:16

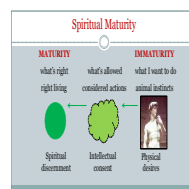
(NKJV) Do you not know that when you present yourselves to someone as slaves for obedience, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin resulting in death, or of obedience resulting in righteousness?

(AMP) Do you not know that if you continually surrender yourselves to anyone to do his will, you are the slaves of him whom you obey, whether that be to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience which leads to righteousness (right doing and right standing with God)?

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#### 4. Spiritual Maturity and Godly Character

Choices  
What's RIGHT  
What is ALLOWED  
What I WANT TO DO



Examples of Learned Behavioral Actions

Graffiti / littering – who is affected?

These are not victimless decisions.

Overeating, inebriation and addictions

Pornographic TV, internet, or R & X movies

Making choices for your children: T or M, PG-13 or R

What is license vs. freedom? Do you have a moral compass?

Are you different when alone than when with others?

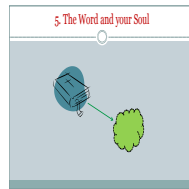
What effect on you and your family?

Godly Character / Behavior Modification

Doing the right *thing*, - Even if it appears victimless (like theft covered by insurance- Even if your mother says it's OK

- Even if required by your job
- Even if.....

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## Genetics and environment

- "Who you are" is shaped by genetics and environment.
- Genetics dictates much of your body (what you are born with - color of your skin/hair/eyes; your height, etc.), but you have choices for your physical and spiritual environment (what you live with and choose to live with – what you read, see, who you hang around with).
- Free will allows you the best environment, a moral one, the one based on the Word, and the workings of the Holy Spirit.  
(Deu 30:19)
- Your personal spirit's functions of conscience, intuition and communion are the channels for this new life, new environment.

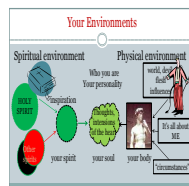
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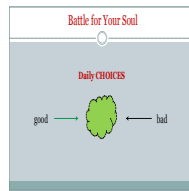
In the Garden of Eden, Man chose to transgress God's command, step out of His Lordship, separate himself from God and become a subject of satan. This is what we are born with – our genetic inheritance. Our personal spirit, unless redeemed, is out of touch with God.

John 1:4 In Him was , and the life was the light of men.

John 8:35-6 ...the Son abides forever. Therefore if the Son shall make you free, you shall be free indeed.

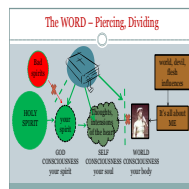
John 1:12-3: But as many as received Him, He gave to them authority to become the children of God, to those who believe on His name, who were born, not of bloods, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but were born of God.





Hebrews 4:12

- What does The Word say on spirit, soul and body?
- For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow (your body), and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart (your soul). (NASB)

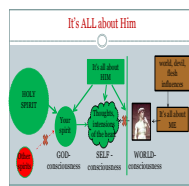
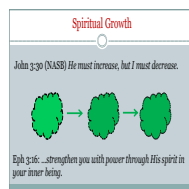


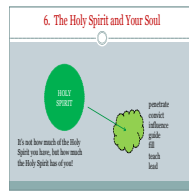
BUT - Matthew 13:22 (MSG)

The seed cast in the weeds is the person who hears the kingdom news, but weeds of worry and illusions about getting more and wanting everything under the sun STRANGLE WHAT WAS heard, and nothing comes of it.

The steady invasion

- We are never free from the recurring waves of this invasion.
- If the frontline of attack is not about clothes and food, it may be about money or lack of money: or friends or lack of friends; or the line may be drawn over difficult circumstances.
- It is one steady invasion.
- And these things will come in like a flood, unless we allow the Holy Spirit to raise up the banner against it.





## John 14 and Pentecost

- The Promise:

John 14:16,17 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you."

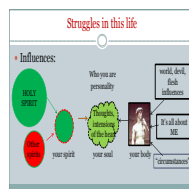
### What the Holy Spirit will do

- John 14:26 "... the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you."
- John 15:26 "... will testify about me."
- John 16:8: "...convict the world of sin, righteousness and judgment..."
- John 16:13: "...will guide you in all truth..."

### *Acts 2 and Pentecost*

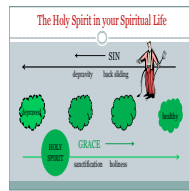
HE came !

Act 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit...



Rom 7:25 (MSG)

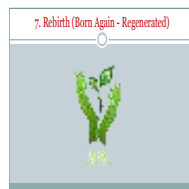
The answer... is that Jesus Christ ...acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind, but am pulled by the influence of sin to do something totally different (MSG).



Eph 6:12

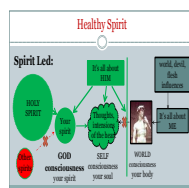
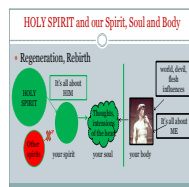
FOR OUR STRUGGLE IS NOT AGAINST FLESH AND BLOOD, BUT AGAINST THE RULERS, POWERS, THE WORLD FORCES OF THIS DARKNESS, AGAINST THE SPIRITUAL FORCES OF WICKEDNESS in the heavenly places.

It's a spiritual battle !



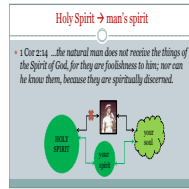
- Jesus' words.....
- John 3:3 "...unless one is born again, he cannot see *the kingdom of God.*"
- John 3:5 "...unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God."
- John 3:6 "...that which is born of the flesh is flesh, and spirit."
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The Spiritual Man and Maturity

## Holy Spirit ( man's spirit



1Cor 2:15 (NKJV).

It takes time to reach the stage described by I Corinthians 2:15 as he that is spiritual. Just as physical development takes time, so spiritual development also takes time. No one is spiritual the day he is born again. It takes time to become spiritual. A key concept in spirituality is maturity

### Maturity

physicalse, maturity can also be used in the sense.

All of us are born physically as babies, and in the course of time, we mature to adulthood. By the same token, all of us are born again as "spiritual babes" or spiritually immature, and it takes time to reach spiritual maturity.

Some people never develop to physical or emotional maturity. Things could also happen to keep a believer from developing to spiritual maturity, but the key concept is maturity. "Spirituality is a grown-up relationship to the Holy Spirit" (Ryrie).

### Maturing in the Holy Spirit

First, a new believer cannot be called "spiritual" because he has not, as yet, had enough time to grow and develop in spiritual knowledge and experience.

A second point is that an older believer may not be spiritually mature because, while he has had the time, he has not allowed the Holy Spirit to control him.

Third, there are stages of growth. Just as in the physical realm there are stages of growth, there are also stages of growth in the spiritual realm. It is a growing grown-up relationship to the Holy Spirit.

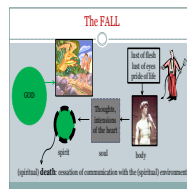
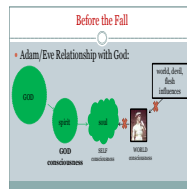
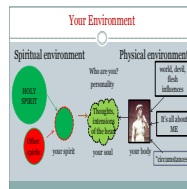
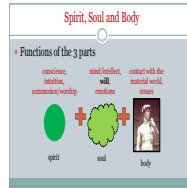
For that reason, a new believer must not be placed in a leadership position in the local church (I Tim. 3:6). Maturity or spirituality cannot be achieved by a sudden, emotional, or an ecstatic experience. Even so, there is always room for further growth and development (I Cor. 13:12; Phil. 3:12-14).

The fourth point is that spiritual life is composed of many areas. It involves your personality, your behavior in family life, your church life, your employment life, and your national life.

The fifth point is that although we are born again as spiritual babes, babyhood need not last long.

In I Corinthians 3:13, we see that Paul expected his readers to have been mature by the time he wrote that letter. Between his evangelization of Corinth and the writing of the Book of I Corinthians, there was a period of four to five years.





## The Wages of Sin

Wages – what you earn by your efforts, or lack of efforts.  
 Rom 6:23 – The wages of sin in death.  
 There is no life in death.

### Romans 6:20-21 (MSG)

As long as you did what you felt like doing, ignoring God, you didn't have to bother with right thinking or right living, or right anything for that matter. But do you call that a free life? What did you get out of it? Nothing you're proud of now. Where did it get you? A dead end.



**BUT**

It stands to reason, doesn't it, that if the alive-and-present God who raised Jesus from the dead moves into your life, he'll do the same thing in you that he did in Jesus, bringing you alive to himself? When God lives and breathes in you (and he does, as surely as he did in Jesus), you are delivered from that dead life. With his Spirit living in you, your body will be as alive as Christ's!

Eph 5:14 - ...Rise from the dead...

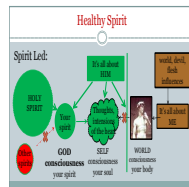
not free from the power of your sinful self, God made you alive with Christ, and He forgave all our sins. He cancelled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules, nailed it to the cross. God stripped the spiritual rulers and powers of their authority. With the cross, He won the victory and showed the world they were powerless.

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## Right Living

Resurrection from and death results in a new life. This new life is always different from the old life.

The new life/new environment:  
 in Christ / indwelling of the Holy Spirit.  
 His righteousness produces right living  
 "It's all about Him" TRUMPS "It's all about me."



## The Sinners' Prayer

How do you get this new life in Christ, led by the Holy Spirit?

= Becoming Born Again

Accepting God's Grace - How?

Evangelism - Leading others to that decision

What is the Sinners' prayer?

What is the Roman Road ?

## The ABC's of salvation



Admit you are a sinner,

Ask God's forgiveness and repent of your sins,

Believe in Jesus,

Become a child of God by receiving Christ, and

Confess that Jesus is Lord

### The Roman Road (NASB)

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

Rom 5:8 ... God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Rom 6:23 ... the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

Rom 10:13 ...



Rom 3:23...we've compiled this long and sorry record as sinners (both us and them) and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us.

But God put his love on the line for us by offering his Son in sacrificial death while we were of no use whatever to him.



Rom 10:9 Say the welcoming word to God--"Jesus is my Master"--embracing, body and soul, God's work of doing in us what he did in raising Jesus from the dead. That's it. You're not "doing" anything; you're simply calling out to God, trusting him to do it for you. That's salvation.

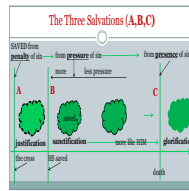
Rom 10:13 "Everyone who calls, 'Help, God!' gets help."

### The Sinner's Prayer

Speak to Him, SAY IT, tell Him:

- you are tired of living the old life, that you understand that you are a sinner, and as a sinner you deserve death;
- you know that, despite that, that He loves you, and that He died a horrible death on the cross so you wouldn't have to;
- that you're willing, if not anxious or even desperate, to turn your life around (repent), to be changed to live a life worthy of Him;
- to come into your life, to help you to change to live that new life;
- that you will walk with Him as a friend from now on;
- that during that walk, with His help, you want to grow and to become the person He created you to be; and,

- that you desire, with His help, for Him to be Lord over your life.



## Baptism of the Holy Spirit

### The Holy Spirit With, In, and Upon Us

With, In, Filled With, On and Upon Us:

The purpose of the Holy Spirit baptism is to be clothed with more power from heaven so that we can be more effective witnesses for Jesus Christ.

Prior to asking for forgiveness and receiving the Lord as our Savior, we have the Holy Spirit with us, drawing us to Christ.

We received the Holy Spirit in us when we first believed, repented and received Jesus Christ as Savior. At that time, we were born again by the Holy Spirit.

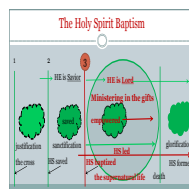
### The Holy Spirit Baptism – 3rd work of Grace

The baptism of the Holy Spirit is in addition to, and separate from, this initial new birth experience.

The baptism of the Holy Spirit comes when the Holy Spirit comes upon (OR on; also filled with) a believer who professes Jesus as Lord and asks Him for this gift.

It is a free gift, like salvation, yours for the asking.

Holy Spirit Baptized = When you're beyond confessing, when your behavior says "Jesus is Lord" and is controlled by the Holy Spirit.



### How He Came

John 14:16,17 "I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you."

upon any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit.

Acts 10:44-46 While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell on and exalting God.

**ACTS 19:5-6** When they heard this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on speaking with tongues and prophesying

### The Father's Promise

Luke 24:49... "And behold, I am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high."

Jesus Baptizes us with the Holy Spirit

John the Baptist:

Mark 1:7-8 And he was preaching, and saying, "After me, One is coming who is mightier than I, and I am not fit to stoop down and untie the thong of His sandals. "I baptized you with water; but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit... Gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait for what the Father had promised, "Which," He said, will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

Jesus said they would receive Power

Jesus:

Acts 1:8 "but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."

Sphere of ministry starts small and grows

He came on Pentecost

Acts 2:1-4 When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a noise like a violent rushing wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire distributing themselves, and they rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance.

The Promise is for us today

Acts 2:17-18, repeats Joel 2:28-29

"It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; and your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions.

"Even on the male and female servants I will pour out My Spirit in those days. And they shall prophesy."

Asking for the Baptism

Luke 11:10-13 For everyone who asks receives. And he who seeks finds. And to him who knocks it shall be opened.

For what father of you, if the son asks for bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a snake for a fish?

Or if he shall ask for an egg, will he give him a scorpion?

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?

If you want it, ask for it!

Yours for the asking. How do you ask? Simple prayers, as bold as you like:

I desire baptism of the Holy Spirit to be empowered to operate in the gifts of the Spirit for the benefit of the body of Christ.

Father, I'm tired of being a spectator, I want to be a player.

I'm ready to be a functioning member of your body.

I want to be more than a sponge. I'm tired of "sitting on my blessed assurances." Help me get out of my church seat and serve you through the overflow of the Holy Spirit.

Overtake me. Change me. Anoint me to your service. "Here I am, send me!"

### Laying on of Hands

...they (Peter and John) began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:17

...and when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them... Acts 19:6

"Laying on of hands" =  
a common method for Holy Spirit baptism

### The Promise is for us today

Acts 2:37-41 ... Peter said to them, "Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. "For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself."

And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, "Be saved from this perverse generation!"

So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.



### Eze 36:26 (MSG)

I'll give you a new heart, put a new spirit in you. I'll remove the stone heart from your body and replace it with a heart that's God-willed, not self-willed.

=Regenerated Spirit produces Fruit of the Spirit

2 Cor 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. ~~Against such things there is no law.~~

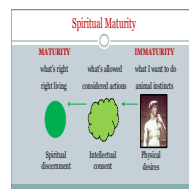
Gal 5:16-7 So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature.

old self -> new attitude -> new self

- Eph 4:22-4 ~~You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self~~, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ~~to~~ be made new in the attitude of your minds; **and to** put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

new self - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

old self - sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.



The Armor of God

It's a daily battle.

How do you keep maintaining the right attitude?

How do you stop slipping into your old ways ?

Put on your armor!

Armor of God – Eph 6:13-18

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness

that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Armor of God – Getting ready for battle

Belt of Truth – truth accepted in your inner parts, an obedient heart, know who the enemy is and how he operates. Know whose side you're on.

Breastplate of Righteousness – mind, conscience is covered with right living.

Feet shod with Gospel of Peace – ready to move, read the book for instruction and nourishment.

Shield of Faith – a strong and lively faith that quenches the darts of the enemy.

Helmet of Salvation – protect your mind with the assurance of victory and the hope of salvation.

Sword of the Spirit – use the Word as an offensive weapon, "it is written".

Pray in the Spirit at all times – keep in touch, Spirit-spirit communication.

Having done all...STAND. Stand guard, be ready, stand with Joy, surmount difficulties, hold out to the end. No retreat. Call in reinforcement.



- Eph 4:22-4 - You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires to be made new in the attitude of your minds and to put on the new self; created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

### Wrong Living

- Eph 4:19 : So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a continual lust for more.
- wrong thinking -> lose understanding -> become separated from God -> heart is hardened -> become ruled by your senses -> never enough -> hooked

### Right Living starts with Right Thinking

1Co 2:14- The unspiritual self, just as it is by nature, can't receive the gifts of God's Spirit. There's no capacity for them. They seem like so much silliness. Spirit can be known only by spirit--God's Spirit and our spirits in open communion.

Remember, you were...created to be like God in true righteousness (right living) and holiness (set apart for Him) (Eph 4:24).

Don't mess with the plan.

### Living as Children of Light

- Eph 4:25-32 : Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a



foothold. He who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with his own hands, that he may have something to share with those in need.

- Eph 4:25-32 : *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

### The Do & Don'ts of Eph 4:25-32

Put off falsehood and speak truthfully.

Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry.

Don't give the devil a foothold.

Must steal no longer, must work, have something to share with those in need.

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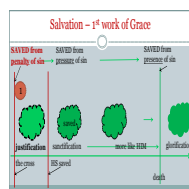
Right living vs. wrong living is a daily battle.  
How do you keep from slipping into your old ways?  
Put on your armor!  
The Holy Spirit in your Spiritual Life

Three works of Grace: Grace is what?

Work of Grace = He gives you the desire, He does the work

1. Salvation -> born again
2. Sanctification -> becoming separate for Him
3. Baptism of the Holy Spirit -> empowerment -> ministering in the gifts

From Spirit saved to Spirit Led to Spirit formed



Sanctification - the [2nd work of Grace](#)

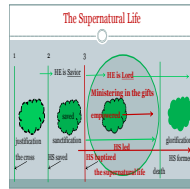
...how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (Heb 9:14)

...we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. (2Cor 3:18)

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### Ministering in the Gifts of the Spirit

If Jesus ever commanded us to do something that He was unable to equip us to accomplish, He would be a liar. The moment we recognize our complete weakness and dependence on Him (that HE is truly Lord in your life!) will be the very moment that the Holy Spirit will exhibit His power.

**2Cor12:9-**

different gifts, according to the grace given us. prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.

If it is serving, let him serve;

if it is teaching, let him teach;

if it is encouraging, let him encourage;

if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously;

if it is leadership, let him govern diligently;

if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully. (NIV)

Everyone HAS A ROLE TO PLAY. Which are you?

### The Five Leadership Gifts (Eph 4:11)

AND TRULY HE GAVE SOME TO BE APOSTLES, AND SOME TO BE PROPHETS, AND SOME TO BE EVANGELISTS, AND SOME TO BE PASTORS AND TEACHERS,..

Apostle  
Prophet  
Evangelist  
Pastor  
TEACHER

Apostles – start new churches, form new congregations, organize and authorize (bishops)  
Prophets- bring new revelation; advance the kingdom, correct misinterpretation, warn of God's wrath

Evangelists- spread the gospel, recruit more members, save the lost

PASTORS- TEACH THE WORD, DISCIPLE THE MEMBERS OF THE BODY, COMFORT THE SPIRITUALLY OPPRESSED, "FEED THE SHEEP"

Teachers- help you understand the Word and your function in the Kingdom

Why The Five Leadership Gifts (Eph 4:12-16)

Eph 4:12 ...for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ. 13 And this until we all come into the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a full-grown man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; 14 so that we no longer may be infants, tossed to and fro and carried about by every wind of doctrine, in the dishonesty of men, in cunning craftiness, to the wiles of deceit. 15 But that you, speaking the truth in love, may in all things grow up to Him who is the Head, even Christ; 16 from whom the whole body, fitted together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of each part, producing the growth of the body to the edifying of itself in love.

### THE FIVE LEADERSHIP GIFTS EQUIP THE BODY OF CHRIST

Equip the people for ministry (12)

Build up the church (12)

UNIFY THE CHURCH AROUND KNOWING CHRIST (12)

BRING US TO MATURITY (13)

BRING US TO FULLNESS (13)

KEEP US FROM ERROR (14-5)

Help us to grow (15)

Release a supply of all the church needs (16)

Cause the church to increase its ministry(16)

The only conclusion from an honest study of these scriptures is that gifted leaders are indispensable to the church.

### The Supernatural Gifts of the Spirit (1 Cor 12:7-11)

But to each one is given the showing forth of the Spirit to our profit.

For through the Spirit is given to one a word of wisdom; and to another a word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; and to another faith by the same Spirit; and to another the gifts of healing by the same Spirit;

and to another workings of powers, to another prophecy; and to another discerning of spirits; and to another kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues.

But the one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing separately to each one as He desires. (NKJV)

### 1 Cor 12:8-11- The Supernatural Gifts of the Spirit

Word of Wisdom- open up Divine truth in its deeper 12-2 principles (revelation) (knowing)

Word of Knowledge -ability to know things not taught or naturally divulged (illumination)(knowing)

Faith- wonder working faith; the type that is confident to move mountains

(empowerment)(doing) Gifts of Healings- of various kinds: physical, emotional, spiritual

(empowerment)(doing) Miracles- perform supernatural acts; signs, wonders, powers

(empowerment)(doing)

Word of Prophecy- Message from God .about things past, present and future; (inspiration)

(speaking) Distinguishing of spirits- supernatural, natural or diabolic (knowing)

Different tongues- ability to speak in unknown languages (speaking) Interpretation of tongues- ability to interpret those languages (speaking)

Speaking - Word of Prophecy, Different tongues, Interpretation of tongues

Knowing - Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge, Distinguishing of spirits

~~DOING~~ - Faith, Gifts of Healings, Miracles

Illumination - Word of Knowledge

Empowerment - Faith, Gifts of Healings, Miracles

Inspiration - Word of Prophecy

Revelation - Word of Wisdom

**Inspiration** - a divine influence or action on a person believed to qualify him or her to receive and communicate sacred revelation

**REVELATION** - an act of revealing or communicating divine truth

Illumination - spiritual or intellectual enlightenment

**EMPOWERMENT** - given official authority

~~ALL GIVEN BY THE HOLY SPIRIT~~

## ~~TONGUES AND PRAYER LANGUAGE~~

Tongues - a supernatural utterance in a language not known to the speaker, either earthly (literally speaking another human language not learned) or ~~HEAVENLY~~

~~FOR HE WHO SPEAKS IN A TONGUE (PRAYER LANGUAGE)~~ speaks to men for building up, and exhortation, and comfort.

The one speaking in a tongue builds up a church.

Prayer Language

Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

1Co 14:2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God. For no one hears, but in spirit he speaks mysteries

Kinds of Tongues

Used to edify and build up the church, when it is accompanied by the , another of the nine, which is the ability given by the Holy Spirit to hear an unknown language and to understand it.

1Co 14:5,6 Now I wish that you all spoke in tongues, but even more that you would prophesy; and greater is one who prophesies than one who speaks in tongues, unless he interprets, so that the church may receive edifying. But now, brethren, if I come to you

speaking in tongues, what will I profit you unless I speak to you either by way of revelation or of knowledge or of prophecy or of teaching?

The Supernatural Life – Doing What Jesus Did

John 14:12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father.

John 14:14 "If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."

Mark 16:17 *"These signs will accompany those who have believed: in My name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."*