

“Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God...”

1 Corinthians 15:34

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“...we preach, warning every man, teaching every man in all wisdom;  
that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.”

Colossians 1:28

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## **PREFACE**

'Sons of God Sin Not' is a personal study guide. It is directed at Christians. Every child of God is called to become a son of God who sins not. This book explains the most basic truths that a babe in Christ must understand, believe and apply if he or she is to mature with the working of the indwelling Holy Spirit.

The contents of this study guide reveals the will of God for His Church. The Gospel of God, the Gospel of Christ, and the process of sanctification explain through diagrams, commentaries and scriptures what God wants from His children.

The student who studies these truths and applies them to his or her daily life, will experience that faith in the scriptures as well as in Christ Jesus increases. As a personal relationship with the Father develops, through the Holy Spirit, he or she partakes of the godly nature of the Son.

May God give you understanding and sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This book is written in such a way that it is easy for the reader to understand.

Every page has two columns:  
On the left is the substance of the book;  
on the right are the scriptures and commentaries  
which prove and explain the corresponding paragraph  
written on the left.

It is our heartfelt desire that you will diligently read your Bible keeping in mind the principles as set out in this book. The Word of God will have a much greater impact on your life – for the better – wherever you may find yourself in this world.

The beginning of each section of this book has a spiritual prayer that you should pray!

# SECTION ONE

## THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

In this section we will show that:

- Sin entered the body of man through Adam;
- Jesus came in a body of sin and overcame Satan & sin;
  - God judged Satan and destroyed the body of sin;
- God created a new body without sin for Jesus to dwell in;
- God made the Holy Spirit available to indwell the body of every person who believes the gospel of Christ.

Pray this prayer taken from Ephesians 1:17-23 frequently:

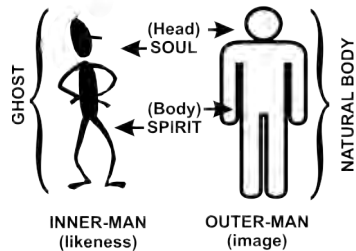
*“...Father of glory, I pray that  
YOU may give unto ME the spirit of wisdom and revelation  
in the knowledge of YOU: The eyes of MY understanding  
being enlightened; that I .....*  
*(Please insert your own name here)*  
*may know what is the hope of YOUR calling,  
and what the riches of the glory of YOUR inheritance in the saints,  
And what is the exceeding greatness of YOUR power to ME who believe,  
according to the working of YOUR mighty power,  
Which YOU wrought in Christ, when YOU raised him from the dead,  
and set him at YOUR own right hand in the heavenly places,  
Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion,  
and every name that is named, not only in this world,  
but also in that which is to come:  
And hath put all things under his feet,  
and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,  
Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”*  
*AMEN.*

## CHAPTER 1

### THE FIRST MAN ADAM

Adam was created in the image and likeness of God. God formed the human body in His own image from the dust of the earth. The natural body is the outer-man and has the shape of God. When God breathed life into the body, the body received a ghost and man became a living being. The ghost is the inner-man who is created in the likeness of God. The inner-man, who consists of a soul and spirit, therefore lives in a natural body of flesh and blood.

Look & Learn!



The inner-man has a soul which is his head, and a spirit which is his body. The dividing of the inner-man into soul and spirit is important because it enables us to explain the three members of man, namely: the soul, the spirit and the body.

#### THE INNER-MAN

The inner-man is a spirit being. He is immortal and exists for all eternity, within or without his physical body. The soul and the spirit cannot be separated, however each member of the unit is subject to its own law.

#### The law of the soul

The soul is the conscious mind and the intellect of the inner-man. It has the ability to reason and make choices according to the knowledge it acquires. The soul has a will of its own; it has the freedom to make choices. As the head of his spirit, the soul is held responsible for the actions of the inner-man.

The soul can also change its mind according to the knowledge it acquires. It can decide to obey either God or Satan; there is no other option. The one it

#### REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

Gen 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**..."

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**."

John 4:24 "God *is* a **Spirit**..."

Matt 27:50 "Jesus, when he had cried again with a loud voice, yielded up the ghost." (See also Acts 12:23)

2 Cor 4:16 "...but though our **outward man** (the body) perish, yet the **inward man** (the ghost) is renewed day by day."

Gen 1:27 "So God created man in his *own* image, **in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them**."

God created man from one body – as a male and a female so that they may multiply. (Mal 2:15)

Because the inner-man who came from God was perfect, the body God created for him had no law in it apart from its human nature. This meant that the inner-man lived in liberty.

What is true of the outer-man is also true of the inner-man. Just as the outer-man is a body with a head, so the inner-man is a spirit with a soul, which is the head. The soul has the mind while the spirit has the emotions/feelings. We come to this conclusion because the brain has no feeling while the body has all the feeling.

1 Thess 5:23 "...and *I pray God* your whole **spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless..."

Just as the head and the body of the outer-man cannot be separated, so the soul and spirit of the inner-man are also inseparable.

1 Pet 3:4 "But *let it be* the **hidden man** of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, *even the ornament* of a meek and quiet **spirit**..."

The inner-man is the life of the outer-man.

James 2:26 "For as **the body** without the spirit **is dead**..."

Just as the head has the brain of the outer-man, so the soul has the mind and reasoning faculty of the inner-man. Because it functions according to knowledge the soul does not have the ability to believe. Faith is of the spirit.

As the head the soul judges according to knowledge, for it has no feelings. Feelings are of the spirit.

The soul does not have a nature, for it functions according to knowledge. Nature is of the spirit.

Rom 6:16 "Know ye not, that **to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey**..."



chooses to obey is its master – that will be the one that it serves.

### The law of the spirit

The nature of the inner-man is seated in his spirit. The spirit desires and acts in accordance with its nature and does not 'think' or 'make choices' like the soul. The nature of the spirit is its 'will' and this 'will' is the subconscious mind of the inner-man.

Because the spirit has the ability to believe, the nature of the spirit changes according to its faith. The nature will become either evil or godly, in accordance with the consciousness of the mind. The change in nature takes place when the spirit believes the conscious mind of the soul. As the nature of the spirit changes, the 'will' of the spirit changes accordingly.

The soul and the spirit of the inner-man – likened to the husband and his wife in a marriage – function as a unit. Each member interacts and influences the other in order to express its own will. But because the spirit functions according to its nature, its 'will' is stronger than the will of the soul that functions according to knowledge.

We can illustrate this principle in the relationship between Adam and Eve. Eve (the spirit) who was supposed to believe Adam (the soul), believed Satan who was not her head. Because nature is stronger than knowledge, Eve took Adam captive to obey her will and he therefore also obeyed Satan.

### THE OUTER-MAN

The natural body is the outer-man. The outer-man is made up of two parts: One, it has a mind – the head. Two, it has a body – this natural body has a human nature. The body is the mortal part of man and the instrument through which the inner-man acts and reacts within the world.

### The law of the natural body

The body that God gave man makes him human. Because of this body the inner-man is a human being with human characteristics. Because God created the body, then breathed the inner-man into it, the nature of the body determines the nature of the inner-man.

The nature of the inner-man is seated in his spirit. We know this for God is holy because His Spirit is the Holy Spirit. Therefore we conclude that the nature of the inner-man is also seated in his spirit. Emotion and desire similarly exist in the spirit.

A change of mind will result in a change of nature. The nature of the spirit is determined by the conscious state of the soul.

1 Pet 2:11 "...abstain from **fleshly lusts** (in the spirit), which **war against the soul** (the mind)."

Eph 5:23 "For **the husband is the head of the wife**, even as Christ is the head of the church..."

Although the 'will' of the spirit is stronger than the will of the soul, the spirit should be in submission to the soul who is the head of the unit. This is God's order of creation. Even in our day we observe that the will of the wife is stronger than the will of her husband. Because God holds the husband responsible for his wife, she must submit to him as the head of the unit. This reversal of authority wherein the spirit dominates the soul is the FALL OF MAN. Take note: It is not the fall of the husband but the fall of the soul who no longer has control of his spirit. This condition is true in both men and women.

1 Cor 11:9 "Neither was the man created for the woman; but **the woman for the man.**"

Eph 5:24 "Therefore as the church is **subject** unto Christ, so *let* the wives *be* to **their own husbands** in every thing."

The body of man did not have immortality for they had to eat of the tree of life in order to live forever.

Gen 3:22 "...lest he put forth his hand, and take also of **the tree of life**, and **eat**, and **live for ever.**"

The nature of the body affects the nature of the inner-man. The mind and nature of the inner-man is human because he is born in a human body. He cannot be anything else but human. The inner-man cannot change the nature of his body. The inner-man, therefore, cannot have the nature of an angel or a dog, because he is not in such a body.

Gender belongs to the outer-man for the purpose of reproduction. The inner-man has no gender. The male body makes the inner-man predominantly soul and the female body makes the inner-man predominantly spirit.

Every kingdom has a territory in which it reigns. Either the kingdom of Satan or the kingdom of God reigns in the natural body of man, which is the country or house in which the inner-man

The natural body can be likened to a country, or a house, in which the inner-man lives. The body of man either belongs to God or it belongs to Satan. When the body is the property of Satan, then the inner-man is in the kingdom of Satan. When the body is the property of God, then the inner-man is in the kingdom of God.

The law that reigns in the body of man affects the mind (soul) and the nature (spirit) of the inner-man.

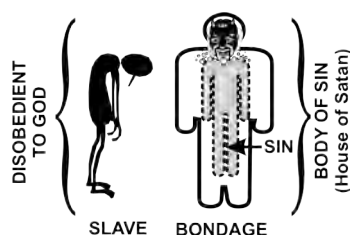
## THE SOUL HAD TO CHOOSE

Adam, the head, had to choose whom he would obey: God or Satan. The one who the soul decided to obey, his law would reign over the inner-man. This meant that the inner-man would become servant to the one he yielded to.

## Satan tempted man to obey him

God told Adam (the soul) not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of 'good & evil', but Satan tempted Eve (the spirit) and she believed Satan. When the soul (Adam), who is the head, submitted to his spirit (Eve), he thus obeyed Satan. The natural body then became the property of Satan. The inner-man who lived in liberty became the slave of Satan. Since then, the law of sin and death reigns in the natural body and the inner-man is the servant of Satan.

Look & Learn!



Because Adam obeyed Satan, the natural body became the body of sin through which Satan reigns over the inner-man. Since then, the inner-man has been in bondage to sin and became the slave of Satan in the kingdom of Satan. Satan now uses the inner-man to do his works through the natural body.

Adam and Eve had no conscience while they obeyed God, but when they received knowledge of 'good & evil' they developed a conscience wherein their

dwells. The inner-man will be influenced by the law that reigns over him.

When South Africa was governed by the National Party, the country was under the law of separate development and this law affected the inhabitants; they accepted racism. Now that South Africa is governed by the ANC, the country is under the law of equality and this law affects the inhabitants; they reject racism.

Two governments cannot reign simultaneously in the same country. There can be only one sovereign government.

Matt 12:29 "Or else how can one enter into a **strong man's house**, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man?..."

Because Adam, influenced by Eve, chose to obey Satan they came under his law.

When Adam and Eve submitted to Satan the body came under the law of sin. They lost their liberty and became slaves to sin. This we know because Israel, who was once free, became slaves in Egypt.

Once the body became the property of Satan, sin could dwell in the body. If sin is able to enter the body of man, then it is also possible for sin to be removed from the body; when the body becomes the property of God.

Rom 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man **sin entered** into the world, and death by sin; and so **death passed upon all men**, for that all have sinned:"

Rom 7:20 "Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but **sin that dwelleth in me.**"

Rom 6:12 "Let not **sin** therefore **reign in your mortal body**, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

Rom 7:17 "Now then it is **no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.**"

As slaves in Egypt, Israel was forced to do things against their will.

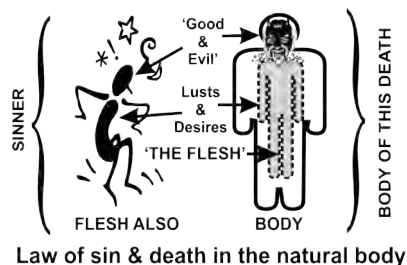
Gen 3:10&11 "So he (Adam) said, **I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.** And He (God) said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? **Hast thou eaten from the tree**, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldst not eat?"

thoughts either excused or accused one another. We see that they hid themselves from God and blamed one another.

### The inner-man also became evil

Sin is a spirit 'person' who has a *mind* of 'good & evil' and a *nature* that lusts and desires. When it indwells the body made of flesh and blood, the spirit of sin is called 'THE FLESH'. The inner-man is therefore in 'the flesh' because the law of sin reigns over him.

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Take note:

For the purpose of this study and to avoid confusion, when we speak of 'the flesh' we refer to the spirit of sin – not to the natural body. The natural body still has its original human nature. It is 'the flesh' (sin in the body) that causes the inner-man to become evil. The body is just the instrument.

'The flesh' is the evil nature of Satan. This evil nature in the body of man is an invisible force, or power, over the inner-man that is contrary to God. 'The flesh' has a mind of 'good & evil' and an evil-natured spirit that lusts and desires. As the inner-man partakes of 'the flesh' he becomes one with it. His soul then has the mind of 'good & evil', and his spirit lusts and desires. The inner-man then uses his body to do 'the works of the flesh'.

It is because he is exposed to 'the flesh' that the character of the inner-man changes. As he partakes of the nature of sin he then also gradually becomes evil, or 'flesh'.

Knowledge of 'good & evil' originated in Satan and this knowledge is the law of sin. The mind that functions according to this knowledge arouses lusts and desires in the spirit. Once the spirit becomes evil-natured, the spirit will dominate the soul to obey Satan.

Gen 4:7 "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. **And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.**"

Eph 2:2 "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit** (sin) that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"

Before the knowledge of 'good & evil', sin did not indwell the body of man. 'The flesh' therefore does not refer to the human body of flesh and blood, but to the mind and nature of Satan.

Rom 7:24 "...who shall deliver me from **the body of this death?**"  
The inner-man who is in 'the flesh' will therefore partake of the evil nature of Satan.

'The flesh' only affects humans because they have the knowledge of 'good & evil' which arouses lusts and desires. 'The flesh' therefore cannot force or influence the inner-man outside of his human limits. 1 Cor 10:13 "There hath no temptation taken you but **such as is common to man...**"

Remember:

The body is the country, or house, and it is not responsible for the temptation caused by 'the flesh'. 'The flesh' is an invisible force, or law, that constantly exerts pressure on the inner-man, just as gravity exerts pressure (attraction) on the outer-man.

Gen 4:7 "If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. **And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.**"

It was not the body of Cain that exerted pressure on his inner-man to hate his brother, but 'the flesh' which is the spirit of sin that dwelled in his body.

Gen 6:3&5 "And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that **he also is flesh...** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and *that every* imagination of the thoughts of his heart was **only evil continually.**"

The fall of Satan took place long before man was ever created. The angel Lucifer was the first heavenly being in whom the knowledge of 'good & evil' originated. He became evil-natured and is known today as Satan. Knowledge of 'good & evil' is the law of the kingdom of Satan. In his kingdom they do both good and evil.

Gen 3:22 "And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as **one of us**, to know good and evil..."

**Take note:** "One of us" refers to Lucifer, and not to one of the Trinity.

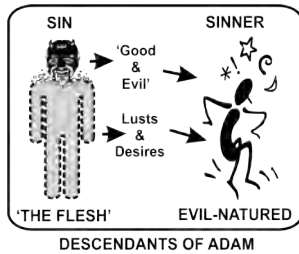
Job 1:6 "Now there was a day **when the sons of God** came to present themselves before the LORD, and **Satan came also among them.**"

Isa 14:12-15 "How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! How art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, **I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:** I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High.** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit."

## THE LAW OF SIN AND DEATH

All humans share the body of Adam, and are therefore under the law of sin and death. Because man is born in sin, 'the flesh' imparts its knowledge of 'good & evil' to the soul, and therefore also its lusts and desires to the spirit of the inner-man. As the inner-man partakes of the 'the flesh' he becomes a sinner.

Look & Learn!



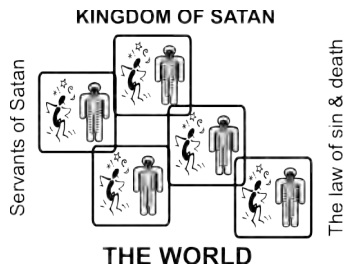
### Sin corrupts humans

Every child born in the body of Adam is in 'the flesh' and experiences his own personal fall just like Adam and Eve. We see how a child begins to cover himself when he discovers that he is naked, for in that day his eyes are also opened to know 'good & evil'. The child is then a sinner of his own accord. The knowledge of 'good & evil' of the soul corrupts the spirit to manifest the 'works of the flesh'.

### The descendants of Adam

The descendants of Adam are the servants of Satan. Collectively they form the world that is the expression of Satan and his kingdom.

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'The flesh' in the body of each individual exerts pressure on the inner-man to do 'the works of the flesh'.

Rom 5:19 "For **as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners...**"

John 3:6 "That which is **born of the flesh is flesh...**"

That which is born of 'the flesh' is devilish... 'The flesh' causes the inner-man to become evil.

John 2:24&25 "But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all *men*, And needed not that any should testify of man: for **he knew what was in man.**"

Eph 2:1 "**And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins;**"

Although the inner-man is an immortal spirit being, he is dead because he sins.

Rom 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man **sin entered** into the world, and death by sin; and so **death passed upon all men**, for that **all have sinned.**"

Rom 3:23 "For all have sinned, and **come short of the glory** of God;"

Ps 51:5 "Behold, I was shapen **in iniquity** (unrighteousness); and **in sin** did my mother conceive me."

The World is not the earth, but the people who dwell on it.

James 3:15&16 "**This wisdom** (of the world) descendeth not from above, but is **earthly, sensual, devilish**. For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work."

The earth is not responsible for unrighteousness, but the people who dwell on it are unrighteous. In the same way, the inner-man is responsible for unrighteousness, not the body.

John 8:44 "**Ye are of your father the devil**, and the lusts of your father ye will do..."

Eph 2:2 "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, **the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**"

Sin, however, is not a demon that can be cast out by man, because it is the law of the kingdom of darkness. Satan reigns over the inner-man through the law of sin.

The 'works of the flesh' manifest as:

Ungodliness, unrighteousness, suppressing the truth, denying God, ingratitude, foolishness, idolatry, uncleanness, worshipping and serving the creation more than the Creator, vile affections, a reprobate mind, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, enviousness, being murderous, debating, deceitfulness, malignancy, whispering, backbiting, hating God, spitefulness, pride, boasting, inventing evil things, disobedience to parents, indifference, covenant breaking, being without natural affection, cruelty, mercilessness, defrauding, adultery, lewdness, abusers of themselves with mankind, thieving, covetousness, lying, intoxication, reviling, extorting, lasciviousness, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulation, wrath, strife, sedition, heresy, etc.

Because of sin the natural body ages and dies, for God cannot allow wicked man to live forever on earth. Therefore a servant of Satan does not have eternal life.

### Religions and Humanism

No form of religion or system of worship, which exists in carnal ordinances or any good works, can deliver the body from 'the flesh'. In spite of all man's rituals and human efforts to better himself, he remains in the kingdom of Satan under the law of sin and death.

If the inner-man cannot stop sinning, what use is his practice of religion? His religion is only dead works that can never deliver him from sin that indwells his natural body. The inner-man serves Satan, irrespective of his religion, because he is in bondage to 'the flesh'.

To save man from 'the flesh' God had to remove sin from the natural body and, in doing so, end the reign of Satan over the inner-man.

Matt 12:34 "O generation of vipers, how can ye, **being evil, speak good things?** for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

John 8:44 "**Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do.** He was a murderer from the beginning..."

#### Scripture references:

Rom 1:24-32  
1 Cor 6:9&10  
Gal 5:19-21  
Eph 5:3-5  
2 Tim 3:1-5

1 Cor 6:10, Gal 5:21 & Eph 5:5. God says that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Death of the natural body cannot save the inner-man from the evil nature he developed. Because the inner-man is evil, he has to be placed in hell together with Satan whom he served.

Gen 3:22 "...lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and **eat, and live for ever:**"

Rom 8:8 "So then **they that are in the flesh cannot please God.**"

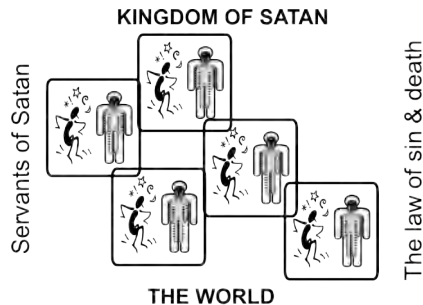
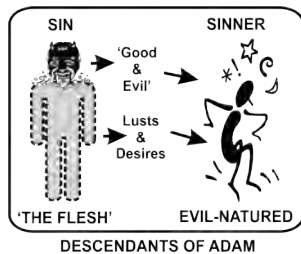
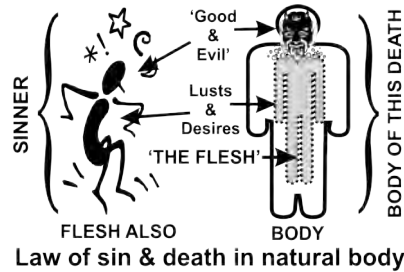
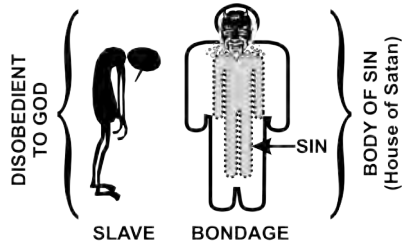
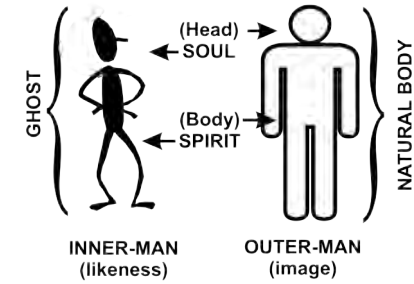
John 8:34 "...Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.**"

They think because they do good that they serve God, but this is not true. In spite of all the good intentions and good works, the 'works of the flesh' do not stop. Good works cannot nullify the sins that they commit.

Rom 6:22 "But now being **made free from sin**, and become servants to God, **ye have your fruit unto holiness**, and the end everlasting life."



## SUMMARY



### **LIBERTY**

God created man. Man had the freedom to reason and make choices according to knowledge. He had to obey his Creator but he chose to obey Satan.

### **SLAVERY TO SIN**

Because man obeyed Satan, sin entered his body and his inner-man came under the law of sin. He was then in the kingdom of Satan and the slave of sin.

### **CORRUPTION**

As sin corrupted the inner-man, he partook of its sinful nature and therefore became evil.

### **SINNERS**

All the descendants of Adam are sinners; because they are born in 'the flesh', they do the 'works of the flesh'.

### **WICKEDNESS**

The whole world lies in the power of the wicked one. They are the servants of Satan because the law of sin and death reigns in their bodies.





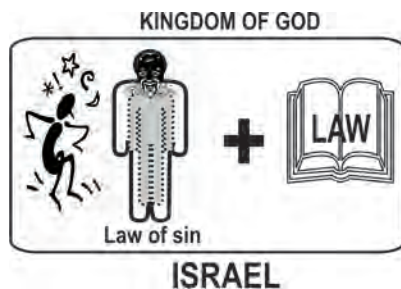
## CHAPTER 2

### THE SECOND MAN – CHRIST

#### THE LAW OF GOD REVEALS SIN

Although the wickedness of man was great upon the earth, God could not judge man because where there is no law there is no transgression. In order to judge man's unrighteousness God gave the law. The law of God revealed sin, and that all men are sinners. Through Israel God proved that man is sinful and that he cannot obey the Law.

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Israel were the people of God, but they could not obey the law of God because of sin in the body. Although they had the Law, they continued to do 'the works of the flesh' just like the rest of the world. The reason for their disobedience was because sin is stronger than knowledge of the Law.

The law of God, therefore, cannot remove sin from the body but actually inflames and strengthens it because 'the flesh' (sin) is enmity against God. It will neither obey nor submit to the Law.

In order to get obedience from man, God had to remove sin from the body. For this purpose God sent His Son Jesus into the world in a body of sin to destroy the body of sin, in order for God to create a new body – without sin – for the inner-man to dwell in.

#### JESUS CAME IN 'THE FLESH'

Because the first man – Adam – disobeyed God, sin and death entered the body of Adam. In the fullness of time God decided to bring an end to the dispensation of sin and start a new dispensation of righteousness.

#### REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

Gen 6:5 "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that **every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**"

Rom 4:15 "Because **the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.**"

Rom 3:19&20 "Now we know that what things soever **the law** (of God) saith, it saith to them who are under the law (of sin): **that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.** Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for **by the law** (of God) is **the knowledge of sin.**"

The law of God and the law of sin are the flip-sides of a coin. The law of God only exists where sin exists.

Matt 12:34 "O **generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things?** for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

John 8:44 "Ye are of *your* father the devil, and **the lusts of your father ye will do...**"

Israel was the experiment which proves that man cannot obey God.

Allegory: You cannot tell a dog to behave as a cat does, because it is against its nature. For the same reason you cannot tell a sinner to live like a saint, because it is against his nature.

Rom 8:3 "For **what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh** (sin), God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned sin in the flesh** (body):"

Gal 4:4&5 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, **made under the law** (of sin), **To redeem them that were under the law** (of sin), that we might receive the adoption of sons."

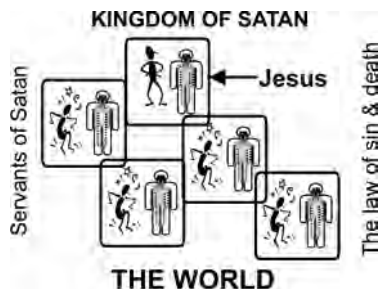
Matt 1:21 "And she shall bring forth a son, and **thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.**"

Rom 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man **sin entered** into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

Rom 5:17 "For if by one man's offence death (sin) reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of **the gift of righteousness** shall reign in life (sin not) by one, Jesus Christ."

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested in the body of Adam.

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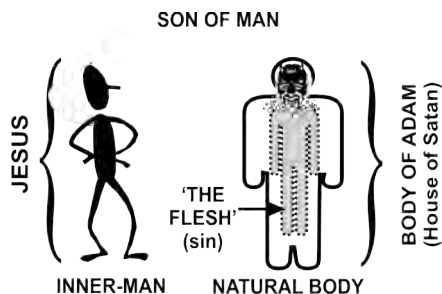


The Son of God became the son of man when Jesus, the Inner-man, was born in the body of sin. The perfect Inner-man was then in the kingdom of Satan under the law of sin and death. This made Jesus the only righteous Inner-man in a body of sin. He was neither a servant of Satan, nor a sinner like other men.

### Jesus had to choose

Jesus, the Inner-man, was perfect just like the inner-man Adam was before he disobeyed God. Because Jesus was born in a body of sin, He was also in 'the flesh' just like all other men.

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Being in the body of Adam, Jesus could now be tempted by Satan and pressured by sin to disobey God. During His life in 'the flesh' Jesus resisted Satan and sin in His body. If He submitted to the lusts and desires of 'the flesh' He would also have become disobedient to God and a sinner like Adam.

Jesus was the last Adam because He came from God, just like the first Adam who also originated from God.

Gal 3:22 "But **the scripture** (the law of God) **hath concluded all** (both Jews & Gentiles) **under sin...**"

Heb 2:17 "Wherefore **in all things** it behoved him to be **made like unto his brethren**, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things *pertaining* to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

Just as Moses had to enter Egypt, judge Pharaoh and deliver Israel from Egypt, so it was also necessary for Jesus to enter the body of sin, judge Satan and deliver the inner-man from the body of sin.

Acts 3:22 "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, **A prophet** shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, **like unto me**; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you."

Although Moses was born as a Jew in Egypt he was never the slave of Pharaoh and Egypt like his fellow Jews. Likewise, Jesus (although born in 'the flesh') was never the slave of Satan and the law of sin.

John 1:14 "And the Word **was made flesh**, and dwelt among us..."

Gal 4:4 "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, **made of a woman, made under the law** (law of sin),"

John 10:1&2 "Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that entereth not by the door** into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same **is a thief and a robber**. But he that **entereth in by the door** is **the shepherd** of the sheep."

Unlike Satan who appeared in the body of a serpent to deceive the inner-man, Jesus was born as a man to deliver the inner-man. Because the body of man is under the law of sin and death, the Son of God was also manifested in a body of sin that could age and die.

Mark 3:27 "No man can enter into **a strong man's house** (house of Satan), and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house."

Heb 4:15 "...but was **in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.**"

Heb 5:8 "Though he were a Son, yet **learned he obedience** by the things which he suffered;"

Heb 5:7 "Who **in the days of his flesh**, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong **crying and tears** unto him that was able **to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;**"

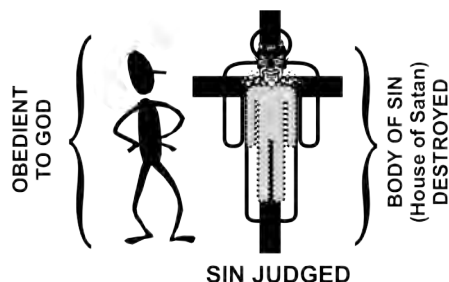
He had to remain faithful to God, for if He sinned once, He would have become the servant of Satan and a slave to sin in His body, just like Adam.

## THE REMOVAL OF THE FIRST BODY

### Sin judged and the body destroyed

Jesus had to remain obedient to God under all kinds of suffering and temptation until God judged that He had overcome Satan and sin. Because Jesus overcame Satan, the body of sin became His property. However, Jesus could not continue to live in the body of sin, for then He would have suffered under the pressures of sin in His mortal body whilst the body ages and eventually dies. This is why His body had to be crucified (destroyed) so that God could create a new body without sin for Him to dwell in.

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On the cross the body of sin was destroyed and so the constant pressure on the Inner-man to sin was ended. When the body of Jesus died the law of sin was made null and void. Death was also overcome in the resurrection of the new body.

## THE CREATION OF THE SECOND BODY

### Liberty from sin

Because Jesus, the Inner-man, never sinned God gave Him a new body without sin. Because the new body is free of sin and death Jesus, the Inner-man, lives in liberty.

The new body is the body of Christ just as the old body was the body of Adam. Just as the old body was the house of Satan, so now the new body is the house of God. Jesus is Christ, the second Man and the

1 Cor 15:45 "...The first man Adam was made a living soul; **the last Adam** (Jesus) *was made* a quickening spirit."

Phil 2:8 "And being found **in fashion as a man**, he humbled himself, and **became obedient unto death**, even the death of the cross."

John 16:11 "Of judgment, because **the prince of this world is judged.**"

Rom 6:6 "...that **the body of sin might be destroyed...**"

2 Cor 5:21 "For he hath **made him to be sin for us**, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."

Rom 8:3 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son **in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:**"

Eph 2:15&16 "Having **abolished** in his flesh **the enmity, even the law of commandments contained** in ordinances (**which revealed sin**); for to make **in himself** of twain (Gentiles & Jews) one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God **in one (new) body** by the cross, **having slain the enmity** (sin) hereby."

1 John 3:8 "...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, **that he might destroy the works of the devil.**"

When the body of sin died, the law of sin ended and in this way the law of God was fulfilled. When the new body came into being, a new law, the law of liberty, took effect.

Heb 10:20 "By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;**"

It is 'the flesh' (sin) that separates the inner-man from God.

Rom 5:10 "For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we **shall be saved by his life** (He is a life-giving spirit)."

Jesus Christ is the 'firstborn from the dead' (Col 1:18) and the Head of God's new creation, just as Adam was the 'firstborn' and head of the old creation. In the new body there is no sin and therefore no death.

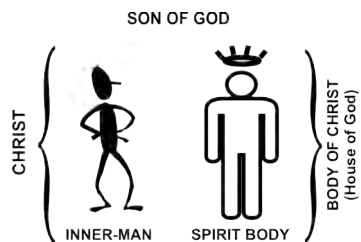
Just as in the beginning when Adam was 'housed' in a natural body, so now Christ the Son of God, is 'clothed' with a spirit body. This new body is the crown of life and eternal life.

Rom 5:21 "That as **sin hath reigned unto death**, even so might **grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life** by Jesus Christ our Lord."

Heb 9:28 "So Christ was once offered... and unto them that look for him shall he **appear the second time without sin...**"

firstborn of God's new creation. The new body is the inheritance and eternal life God promised.

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What went wrong in the first body, God restored by creating a second body. The old body is sinful, and the new body is without sin. The difference between Jesus – the last Adam – and Jesus Christ – the new man – is the body.

## JESUS – THE LORD AND CHRIST

### Obedience

God's working was with His two sons, namely Adam and Jesus. Through disobedience Adam caused his body to become an instrument of unrighteousness; Jesus, through His obedience, caused His body to become an instrument of righteousness.

God now calls all sinners, who dwell in the body of Adam, to be born-again in the body of Christ and become children of obedience through faith in Christ.

John 11:25 “Jesus said unto her, I am **the resurrection, and the life...**”

Eph 4:24 “And that ye put on the new man, **which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.**”

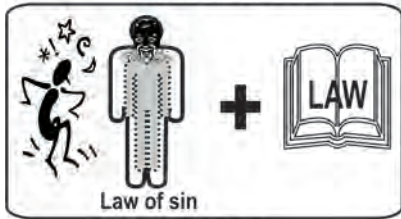
Acts 2:36 “...**God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**”

Rom 6:13 “**Neither yield ye your members** (bodies) **as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin:** but **yield yourselves** unto God, **as those that are alive** from the dead, and **your members (bodies) as instruments of righteousness unto God.**”

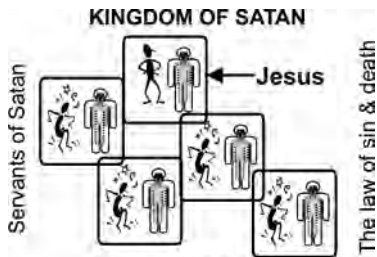
This is the calling of God in Christ to all men.

## SUMMARY

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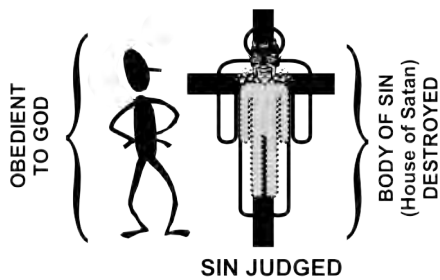
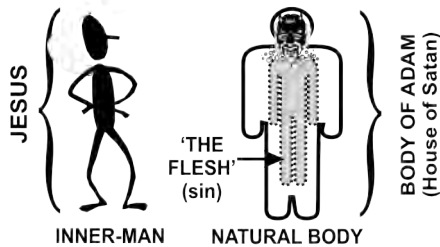


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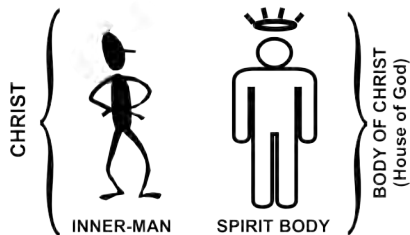


THE WORLD

SON OF MAN



SON OF GOD



## SIN REVEALED

The law of God was given to reveal sin. The law proved to all men that they are sinners and in need of salvation. Keeping of the law does not deliver man from 'the flesh'.

## JESUS CAME IN 'THE FLESH'

Jesus, the Word of God, was born like all men in the body of Adam. He was then in the kingdom of Satan under the law of sin and death. Although He was in a body of sin He did not submit to Satan and sin.

## JESUS IN THE HOUSE OF SATAN

When the Spirit of God came upon Jesus He rose up against Satan and sin. He overcame Satan in the Wilderness and all sin during the three years of ministry. Through His obedience to God, Jesus triumphed over Satan and broke the power of sin in His body.

## BODY OF SIN DESTROYED

When Jesus was crucified, sin was condemned and the house of Satan destroyed.

## BODY WITHOUT SIN CREATED

Once the body of the **first man**, Adam, was destroyed, God gave Jesus a new body without sin. It is the new body that makes Jesus the **second man**, Christ.





## CHAPTER 3

### THE REALITY OF CHRIST

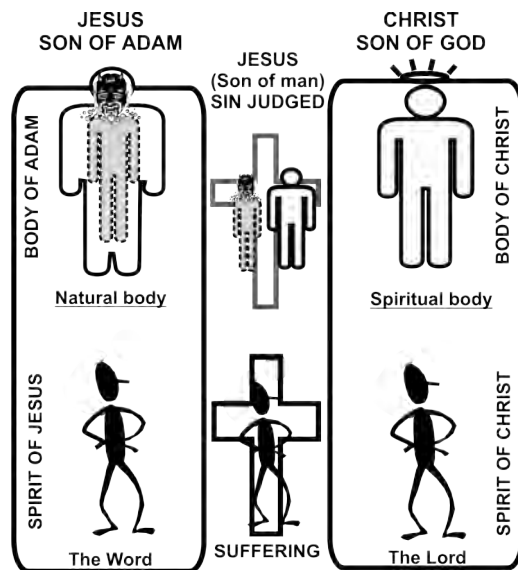
Through Jesus Christ, God ended the dispensation of sin and started the dispensation of righteousness. The reality is that God ended the reign of Satan in the body of Adam and started the reign of God in the body of Christ.

All the descendants of Adam who experience sin can now experience righteousness. When the inner-man is in the body of Adam, he experiences the influence of 'the flesh'. When he is in the body of Christ, he experiences the influence of 'the Spirit'.

#### WHAT JESUS DID FOR GOD AND HIMSELF

Because sin indwells the natural body of Adam, and sin corrupts the inner-man, Jesus was sent in a body of sin to overcome Satan and destroy the body of sin.

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Unlike Adam, the inner-man Jesus through his obedience to God was not corrupted by sin. This justified God to create a new body for Him to dwell in. The natural body of Jesus was mortal but after His resurrection His body became immortal. The new body therefore has eternal life.

#### REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

Rom 5:19 "For as by one man's **disobedience** many were made sinners, so by the **obedience** of one shall many be made righteous."

1 John 3:8 "**He that committeth sin is of the devil**; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might **destroy the works of the devil**."

Heb 2:14 "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him** that had the power of death, that is, **the devil**;"

Heb 10:9&10 "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first** (body of Adam), **that he may establish the second** (body of Christ). By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*."

Rom 6:6&7 "Knowing this, that our **old man** is crucified with *him*, that the **body of sin** might be **destroyed**, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin."

1 Cor 15:53 "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this **mortal** must **put on immortality**."

1 Cor 15:44 "...There is a **natural body**, and there is a **spiritual body**."

Rom 8:3 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned sin in the flesh** (in the body):"

Heb 9:28 "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he **appear the second time without sin** (in the body) **unto salvation** (from death)."

Heb 2:10 "For it became him, for whom *are* all things, and by whom *are* all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain (Jesus) of their salvation **perfect through sufferings**."

Heb 5:8&9 "**Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience** by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto **all them that obey him**;"

Heb 10:5 "Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a **body hast thou prepared me**:"

## THE CROSS

### The Body

Because the body of man was under the law of sin and death, Satan reigned over the inner-man through sin. God therefore distinguishes between the natural body and sin that indwells the body. For this reason, the diagram (see page 15) also shows sin and the body separately on the cross. When the body of sin was destroyed on the cross, two things happened simultaneously: Firstly, sin was judged. Secondly, the body of Jesus was cleansed of sin. God was then justified to raise the natural body of Jesus in immortality, and so death was also overcome.

### The Inner-man

The Inner-man was the Word of God that was manifested as Jesus, in a body of sin. Jesus the Inner-man had to remain obedient to God, and sin not. Although He suffered many trials and tribulations, even death on the cross, He remained obedient. When sin was condemned, the body was cleansed. Because Jesus was found to be perfect in body and in spirit, God made Jesus both Lord and Christ.

No man had any part in God's plan to bring forth the new man. This act of God was between the Father and the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. Christ is therefore the first man of God's new creation, just as Adam was the first man of God's old creation.

## WHAT GOD DID FOR MANKIND

When Jesus ascended up to heaven to be seated at the right hand of God as the Lamb, the Holy Spirit was made available to replace sin in the body of man.

Just as sin reigns unto death, so now grace reigns unto eternal life. Grace is received through faith in Jesus, and not through law keeping or any good works done by man.

## GRACE

### The Holy Spirit

The presence of the Holy Spirit in the body of a believer makes it possible for the inner-man to

Heb 10:10 "By the which will we are **sanctified through the offering of the body** of Jesus Christ once *for all*."

Rom 8:3 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned sin in the flesh** (body):"

See Lev 16:8-10 and 21&22. We read of two goats: The one goat represents sin, (that must be done away with) and the other goat is a holy sacrifice unto God. The goat that is sent into the wilderness carries all the sins of the people. In the same manner the crucifixion of Jesus serves as an offering to God and a sacrifice for sin.

See Lev 14:5-7. We read of two doves: The one dove depicts Jesus as the son of man that had to die, while the other dove depicts Jesus as the Son of God that goes free.

John 1:14 "And **the Word** (Inner-man) was made flesh, and dwelt among us..."

Acts 2:36 "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same **Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**"

John 1:13 "Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, **but of God.**"

Heb 10:9&10 "Then said he, Lo, I come **to do thy will, O God.** He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. By the which **will** we are sanctified..."

Acts 2:33 "Therefore **being by the right hand of God exalted**, and having received of the Father the promise of the Holy Ghost, **he hath shed forth this, which ye now see and hear.**"

Rom 8:2 "For the law of **the Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of **sin** and death."

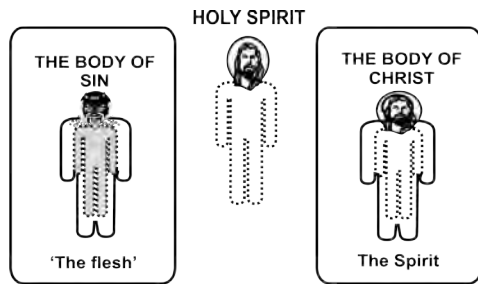
Rom 5:21 "That as **sin hath reigned** unto death, even so might **grace reign** through righteousness unto eternal life..."

Eph 2:8&9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God: **Not of works, lest any man should boast.**"

Acts 2:38 "...Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, **and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**"

understand with his soul, and experience with his spirit, the reality of the body of Christ – that he is born-again.

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When sin indwells the body, the body of man is the kingdom of Satan and when the Holy Spirit indwells the body, the body of man is the kingdom of God. The human nature of the physical body however remains unchanged.

Sin in the body is called 'the flesh' and the Holy Spirit in the body is called 'the Spirit'. 'The flesh' is an evil nature in the body and 'the Spirit' is a godly nature in the body. It is the presence of the Holy Spirit in the body that makes the body of Christ a reality for the inner-man.

The above can be compared to a thorn tree that is changed into a fruit tree by God. The thorn tree cannot bear fruit and the fruit tree cannot bear thorns. Likewise, the inner-man who is in a body of sin, sins and the inner-man who is in the body of Christ sins not.

Although the Holy Spirit changes the body of sin into the body of Christ, the inner-man needs forgiveness for his sins of the past. For the forgiveness of sins, death and blood are required.

### The Lamb

God requires a death for the removal of the body of sin, and a blood offering for the forgiveness of the sins of the inner-man. Jesus is that two-fold sacrifice. He was sacrificed as the Lamb of God to reconcile the body of sin back to God, and to make atonement for the sins of the inner-man through His blood. The inner-man therefore gets a second chance and receives a new beginning.

Heb 10:10 "...we are **sanctified** through the offering of **the body** of Jesus Christ once *for all*."

Heb 10:4 "For *it is not possible* that **the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.**"

The blood of Jesus works forgiveness, but the body of Jesus takes away sin.

Col 1:27 "...which is Christ in you, **the hope of glory:**"

Eph 1:13&14 "In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**, Which is **the earnest of our inheritance** (the new body) until the redemption of **the purchased possession** (the old body)..."

1 Cor 6:19 "What? know ye not that **your body** is the temple of **the Holy Ghost** which is **in you, which ye have of God**, and **ye are not your own?**"

The two bodies can be compared to Egypt and Canaan. In Egypt the law of Pharaoh reigns, and in Canaan the law of God reigns.

The nature of 'the flesh' and the nature of 'the Spirit' only affect the nature of the inner-man and not the human nature of the body.

Rom 8:9 "But ye are **not in the flesh, but in the Spirit**, if so be that **the Spirit of God dwell in you...**"

Luke 6:43&44 "For **a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit**; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. For every tree is known by his own fruit..."

Matt 7:17&18 "Even so **every good tree bringeth forth good fruit**; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither *can* a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

2 Cor 5:17 "Therefore **if any man be in** (the body of) **Christ**, he is a **new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, **all things are become new.**"

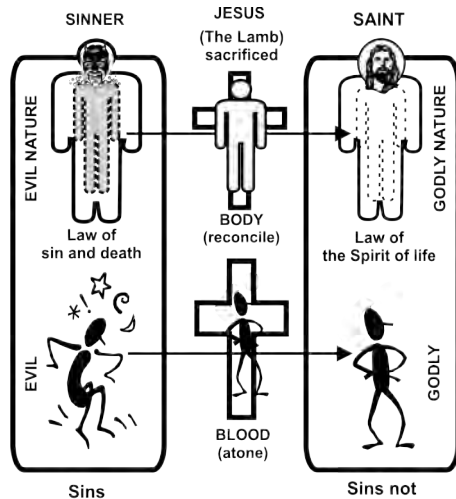
John 1:29 "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold **the Lamb of God**, which **taketh away the sin** of the world."

Heb 9:12 "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but **by his own blood** he entered in once into the holy place, having **obtained eternal redemption for us.**"

Rom 5:11 "And not only *so*, but we also joy in God **through our Lord Jesus Christ**, by whom we have now received the atonement."

1 Pet 1:19 "But with the precious **blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:**"

## Look & Learn!



### The body of Jesus brings about freedom from sin

After God judged sin in the body of Jesus, a body without sin was sacrificed. This sacrifice justifies God to remove sin from the body of a believer and replace it with the Holy Spirit. When the Holy Spirit indwells the body, the body is free from the law of sin and death because the law of the Spirit of life reigns in it. Because of this fact the inner-man experiences that he is born-again. Born-again means that the inner-man is in a body under a new law.

### The blood of Jesus results in forgiveness of sins

The blood of Jesus is His life that He sacrificed. When Jesus was crucified, a righteous Inner-man suffered for the sins of the unrighteous. It is because the Just suffered for the unjust, that the blood of Jesus justifies God to forgive the sinful inner-man his sins of the past. The shedding of His blood atones for the sins of the inner-man.

From the above we can conclude that once the outer-man is cleansed of an evil nature by the Holy Ghost and the sins of the inner-man are forgiven, he should no longer have a guilty conscience.

The person who is born-again is a saint, and a saint sins not. You can experience this reality by believing the truth.

#### Communion:

See 1 Cor 11 :23-26: The unleavened bread refers to the sinless body of Jesus that was sacrificed and the wine refers to the blood (the life) of Jesus that was shed.

1 Pet 1:3&4 "...God ...hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To **an inheritance** (body) **incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away** (eternal life), reserved in heaven for you," (See Heb 9:15)

Eph 1:13&14 "In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**, Which is **the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession...**"

The purchased possession is the body which the believer receives as his eternal inheritance. The Holy Spirit makes the body of the believer the body of Christ here and now – it is a reality.

2 Cor 3:17 "Now the Lord is that Spirit: and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**"

Rom 6:6&7 "Kowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth **we should not serve sin**. For he that is dead is **freed from sin.**"

1 Pet 2:24 "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, **that we**, being dead to sins, **should live unto righteousness**: by whose stripes ye were healed."

Col 1:21&22 "And you, that were sometime **alienated and enemies** in *your* mind **by wicked works**, yet now hath **he reconciled** **In the body of his flesh** through death, **to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:**"

Eph 2:1 "And you **hath he quickened**, who were dead in trespasses and sins;"

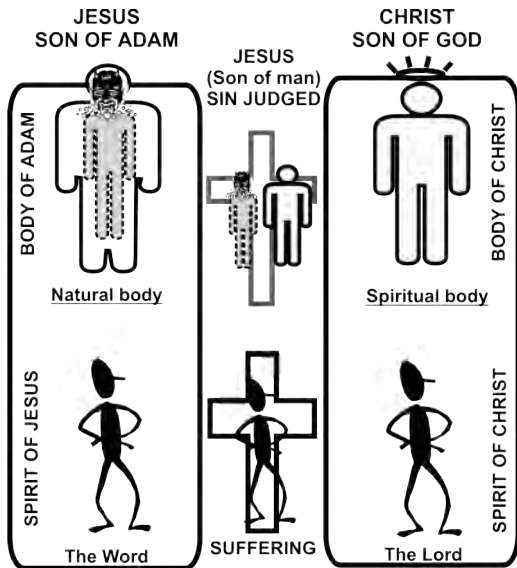
Rom 3:25 "Whom God hath set forth *to be* **a propitiation through faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness **for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;**" (See 2 Pet 1:9)

Acts 3:19 "**Repent** ye therefore, **and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out**, when the times of refreshing shall come from **the presence of the Lord** (the Holy Spirit);"

Heb 10:2 "...because that the worshippers once purged should have had **no more conscience of sins.**"

Acts 20:21 "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, **repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

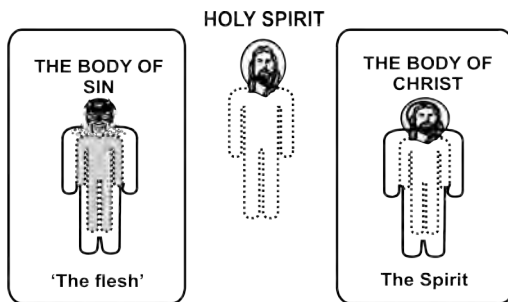
## SUMMARY



### CREATION OF THE SECOND BODY

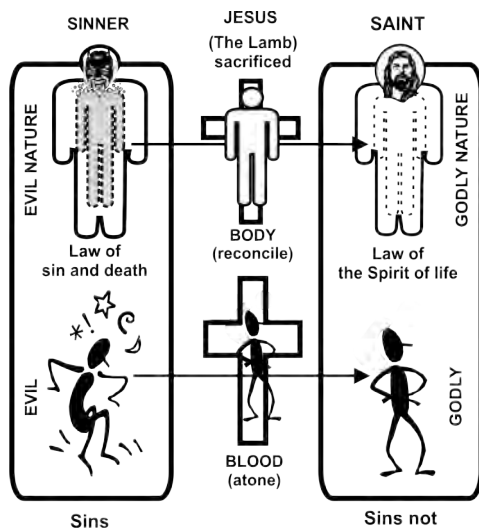
Jesus was born in the body of the first man, Adam. He died on the cross and was raised in a new body as the second man, Christ. The first body died because of sin while the new (second) body has eternal life for there is no sin.

Note: The same inner-man Jesus that was born in the body of Adam, arose in the body of Christ.



### THE SPIRIT OF LIFE

It is the law of the Spirit of life that sets the body free from the law of sin and death. Through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit the body of sin becomes the body of Christ.



### THE BORN-AGAIN EXPERIENCE

The inner-man who was dead towards God because of sin, is now alive towards God because of righteousness.

Note: A sinner is dead because he sins and a saint is alive because he sins not.





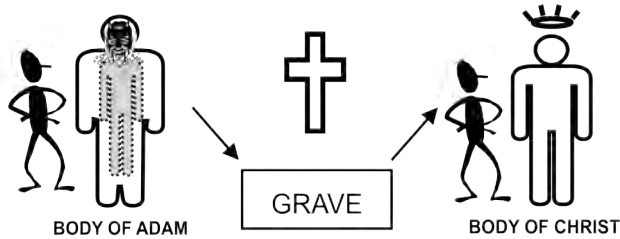
## CONCLUSION

### THE BORN-AGAIN PRINCIPLE

The first man, Adam, sinned. The second man, Jesus Christ, sinned not. God's message to man is that He created a new man.

#### JESUS HAD TO BE BORN-AGAIN

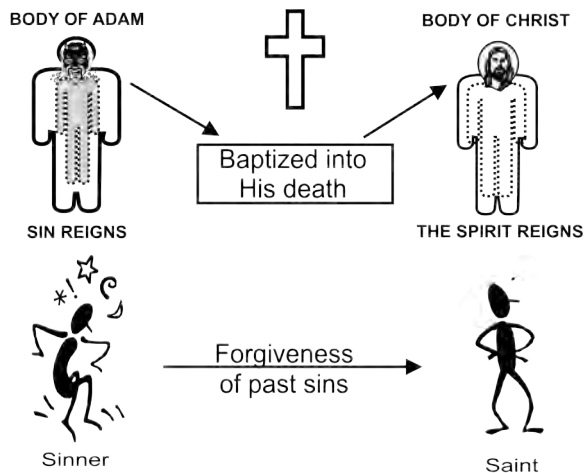
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Jesus had to be born-again in a new body. The Inner-man, Jesus, came into the world in the body of Adam and when his body died, God raised Him from the grave in the body of Christ. Jesus was then in a new body and the firstborn of God's new creation. The same Inner-man who lived in a body of sin now lives in a body without sin.

#### YOU MUST BE BORN-AGAIN

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The Holy Spirit was given to us to make the born-again experience a reality. When the Holy Spirit enters

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Acts 2:36 "...that **God hath made that same Jesus**, whom ye have crucified, both **Lord** (inner-man) **and Christ** (body)."

Take note:

It is the same righteous Inner-man, Jesus, who was raised in the new body. Because Jesus overcame Satan, sin and death, God made Him Lord of all and Christ.

Col 1:13 "Who hath delivered us from the **power of darkness**, and hath translated *us* into **the kingdom of his dear Son**:"

Take note:

Because the Holy Spirit indwells your body, your inner-man is in the kingdom of God under the law of the Spirit of life, and no longer in the kingdom of Satan under the law of sin and death. In the kingdom of God you sin not.

Rom 6:22&23 "But now being made free from sin... **For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**"

Take note:

Once born-again you must live a life without sinning.

Rom 6:6 "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that **the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we** (the inner-man) **should not serve sin.**"

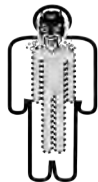
your body, your body becomes the body of Christ. The law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus sets your body free from the law of sin and death.

## EXAMINE YOURSELF

### Have you received the Holy Spirit?

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BODY OF ADAM



SIN

If your answer is, "No," then you need to repent, believe God and accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour – for only then will God forgive you your sins of the past and give you the Holy Spirit. Without the Holy Spirit you are not born-again.

If your answer is, "Yes, I have the Holy Spirit," answer the following question:

### Have you stopped sinning?

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A sinner sins



A saint sins not

If your answer is, "No," then you need to repent and believe God. God says that whosoever is born of God does not commit sin. (1 John 3:9) The only reason for sinning is because the inner-man neither knows nor believes the truth.

If your answer is, "Yes, I have stopped sinning," then you may not commit any sin willfully.

If you are in any way uncertain whether you are born-again or not, we recommend that you start afresh by

Rom 8:2 "For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus **hath made me free** from the law of sin and death."

Acts 19:2 "**He said unto them, Have ye received the Holy Ghost since ye believed?** And they said unto him, We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost."

Many think that they are Christians because they were born and raised in the Christian religion, but are ignorant of the fact that they must receive the Holy Spirit to be born-again.

In John 3:3 Jesus said to Nicodemus: "...**Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**" If you are born-again, the Holy Spirit sets you free from sin and empowers you to sin no more.

2 Thess 2:13&14 "...because **God** hath from the beginning **chosen you** to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, **to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

1 John 3:3 "And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**"

1 John 3:5&6 "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. **Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.**"

If you are born-again but still do 'the works of the flesh', you have to examine yourself because God's Word teaches that those who are in Christ have stopped with 'the works of the flesh'. (Gal 5:24)

1 John 3:10 "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: **whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God**, neither he that loveth not his brother."

Heb 10:26&27 "**For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins**, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries."

John 3:3 "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"

speaking to God and committing your life to Him.  
Remember: God cannot lie! Whatever you ask Him in prayer, believing, you shall receive!

## **PRAYER FOR SALVATION FROM SIN**

### Heavenly Father,

*I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who died on the cross for my sins. I believe that You raised Him from the dead and that He is seated at Your right hand. Father, forgive me all my sins and give me the Holy Spirit to free me from sin.*

### Lord Jesus,

*I regret that I have lived and directed my own life, having no respect for You. I ask You now to be the Lord of my life and to direct me through the Word.*

### Holy Spirit of God,

*You are the glory and power of the living God, come and fill my life with Your presence. Teach me in Your wisdom and help me to become obedient to God.*

### Father,

*By faith I now receive Your mercy and grace. In Jesus name. Amen.*

## **God cannot lie.**

What you have asked for, you have received. Your sins are forgiven and the Holy Spirit indwells your body!

Go and tell two or three people that you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Saviour. Tell them that you are born-again by the Holy Spirit.

## **If you believe, you will tell everyone.**

*“For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness;  
and  
with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”  
(Rom 10:10)*

It is actually very simple to understand, because faith without works is dead.

The Lord Jesus bless you and keep you!!!

Eph 2:8-10 “For by grace are ye **saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: it is **the gift of God**: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, **created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.**”

Rom 10:11&13 “For the scripture saith, **Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.**”

2 Cor 3:17 “Now **the Lord is that Spirit**: and **where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.**”

Luke 11:13 “...how much more shall *your* heavenly **Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?**”

Deut 19:15 “...at the mouth of **two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established.**”

2 Cor 5:7 “For **we walk by faith**, not by sight:”

Isa 7:9 “...If ye **will not believe**, surely **ye shall not be established.**”

# SECTION TWO

## THE GOSPEL OF YOUR SALVATION

### In this section we will show:

- The steps needed to change a sinner into a son of God;
- That the salvation of man is based on a certain pattern;
- That faith in, and obedience to, the gospel is needed before the inner-man will experience rest from sinning.

### Pray this prayer taken from Ephesians 3:14-21 frequently:

*“For this cause I .....*  
*(Please insert your own name)*  
*bow my knees unto the Father of MY Lord Jesus Christ,*  
*Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,*  
*That YOU would grant ME, according to the riches of YOUR glory,*  
*to be strengthened with might by YOUR Spirit in MY inner man;*  
*That Christ may dwell in MY heart by faith;*  
*that I, being rooted and grounded in love,*  
*May be able to comprehend with all saints what is*  
*the breadth, and length, and depth, and height*  
*(the measure of His indwelling);*  
*And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge,*  
*that I might be filled with all the fulness of God.*  
*Now unto YOU that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all*  
*that I ask or think, according to the power that worketh in ME,*  
*Unto YOU be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages,*  
*world without end.”*  
*AMEN.*

## CHAPTER 4

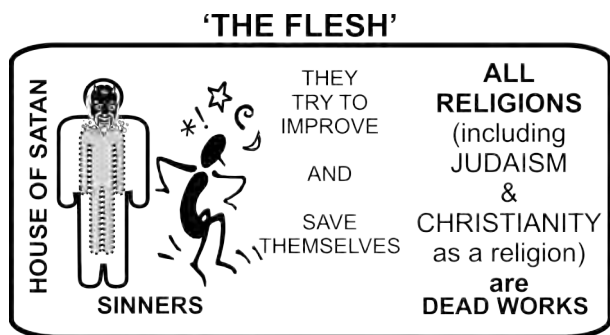
### THE WAY OF SALVATION

The salvation of man is based on the pattern God established when He delivered Israel from Egypt, through the Wilderness of Sin, and into Canaan. The same steps are needed to change a sinner, who is a son of Satan, into a son of God. God cannot, and will not, deviate from this pattern.

#### THE WORLD

Every inner-man who is born in a body of sin is in 'the flesh' and in bondage to Satan and sin. From childhood, the inner-man develops as a sinner because the law of sin reigns over him. Being in the house of Satan from birth, the inner-man is subjected to the evil nature of sin. In this manner, the inner-man also becomes evil-natured as he partakes of 'the flesh'.

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The inner-man who is in 'the flesh' is a sinner who does 'the works of the flesh'. He is a prisoner, and the slave of Satan, as long as he is in the body of sin. Because the inner-man has knowledge of 'good & evil', he can do good as well as evil. However, the good that he does, does not prevent him from also doing evil, and this makes him deceptive and untrustworthy. He is a sinner, just like Satan, for he cannot be anything else in the kingdom of Satan.

#### The futility of religion

Because the inner-man knows 'good & evil' his desire is for good but because he cannot escape evil, he turns to religion and good works for salvation.

#### REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

1 Cor 10:11 "Now **all these things happened unto them** (Israel) **for ensamples**: and **they are written for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

1 Tim 1:16 "Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me (Paul) first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, **for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe** on him to life everlasting."

Rom 1:18 "For **the wrath of God** is revealed from heaven **against all** ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who hold the truth** in unrighteousness;"

Note: 'The truth' was revealed in Chapter 3 but the world does not believe God and does not accept the truth.

Because of the knowledge of 'good & evil' the whole world resides in the power of Satan. Whether they do either good or evil, they are servants of Satan. The good they do has nothing to do with God because they are not in His kingdom. If they would do evil only, it would have been better, but being able to do good as well as evil makes them wicked.

Humanism and human rights are based on the knowledge of 'good & evil' which is the way the kingdom of Satan functions. This wisdom is earthly, sensual, devilish, and only leads to envy, strife, confusion, selfishness and all evil work. In the kingdom of Satan no agreement exist among men and the outcome brings only destruction.

No good works can remove sin. Will giving to the poor remove sins or caring for the sick deliver the sinners from their sinful nature? If they stop lying, does that cancel out other sins? All the good they do, is for Satan and all the evil that they do is also for Satan. As slaves of Satan they build his empire and nothing that the sinners do, can deliver them from sin in the body.

Rom 8:7&8 "Because **the carnal mind** (knowledge of 'good & evil') is enmity against God: for it **is not subject** to the law of God, **neither indeed can be**. So then **they that are in the flesh cannot please God**."

John 8:44 "**Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do...**"

1 John 3:8 "**He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning**. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

Rom 3:19 "Now we know that what things soever the law (of God) saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and **all the world may become guilty** before God."

Rom 1:32 "**Who knowing the judgment of God**, that they which commit such things **are worthy of death...**"



The sinner believes that he can better himself through law keeping, good works, positive thinking and abstinence. Although he improves himself, the inner-man remains the servant of sin whilst in the kingdom of Satan. All the improvements of the inner-man are dead works, for they cannot deliver him from sin in his body. This also applies to Judaism and Christianity as religions because although they know the judgment of God, they continue to do 'the works of the flesh' which proves that they are also the slaves of sin.

### Freedom from Satan and sin is a reality, not a religion

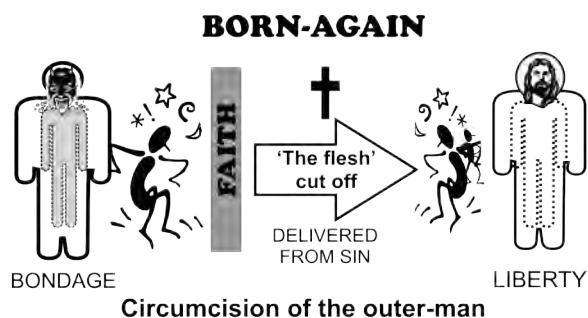
We saw in the previous chapter that God has already delivered man from Satan and sin, when God, in Jesus, destroyed the body of sin and created a new body without sin. All that is required of the individual is to accept this fact, for there is no salvation from sin outside of Jesus Christ. That is why the gospel of Jesus Christ must be preached unto all men.

Anyone who believes the message of God, repents of his sins and accepts Jesus Christ as his Lord, will experience the reality of the new birth in his outer-man and the sanctification of his inner-man.

### THE NEW BIRTH

The inner-man experiences the new birth when the Holy Spirit enters his body and replaces sin in his outer-man.

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When the sinner believes and accepts Jesus as his Lord and Saviour, God forgives the inner-man his sins of the past and gives him the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit then replaces the spirit of sin and so the body of

The Christians who are not born-again, busy themselves with religion and not with the reality of Christ. These believers grow up as Christians, but do not have the Spirit of God and are therefore not born-again. They may be religious and do good works, yet they are in 'the flesh' just like the rest of the world.

Because God gave His Son to deliver man from sin, no one may come to Jesus for any other reason but to be delivered from sin. Any person who accepts Jesus for success and prosperity's sake, seeks God for the wrong reason.

**Matt 1:21 "And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins."**

1 John 2:2 "And **he is the propitiation for our sins**: and not for ours only, but also **for the sins of the whole world.**"

1 Tim 1:15 "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ **Jesus came into the world to save sinners...**"

Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: **for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.**"

Acts 20:21 "Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks (the world), **repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

John 3:3 "Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**"

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

Acts 2:38 "...**Repent, and be baptized every one of you** in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Luke 17:21 "...behold, **the kingdom of God is within you.**"  
These words are fulfilled when you receive the Spirit of God.

Col 1:13&14 "Who hath **delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son**: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:"

Col 2:11 "In whom also ye are circumcised with the **circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body** of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:"

Col 2:13 "And you, being **dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh**, hath he **quicken**ed together with him, having **forgiven you all trespasses;**"

Rom 7:6 "But now we are delivered from **the law** (of sin), that being dead **wherein we were held**; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not *in* the oldness of the letter."

sin then becomes the body of the Lord. The Holy Spirit is God's promise of the new body which is kept in heaven. The inner-man is then no longer under the law of sin and death, but under the law of the Spirit of life. This deliverance of man is a sovereign act of God and cannot be accomplished through man's own efforts and/or religion.

The inner-man who was in 'the flesh' is now in 'the Spirit'. This removal of sin from the body is the circumcision of the outer-man. The outer-man is then a holy body because the Holy Spirit indwells it. Because the body now has a holy nature, the inner-man is enabled to become holy also.

The inner-man who is forgiven and delivered from sin, is quickened, but discovers that his own fleshly nature still causes him to do 'the works of the flesh'. The inner-man then finds that he is of two minds. He is a child of God because he is born-again, but his behavior is still that of a sinner.

Because the nature of the inner-man was formed in 'the flesh' his old nature is stronger than the new nature he experiences in 'the Spirit'. The same principle can be seen in the Old Testament between Ishmael and Isaac. Ishmael, who was the son of the slave woman Hagar ('the flesh'), persecuted Isaac who was the son of the free woman Sarah (the promise). This was also the case between Esau and Jacob who were twins. Esau, who was born first, was fleshly; Jacob, who was born second, was spiritual for he sought the things of God.

Although the inner-man is in a holy body and quickened, he still lacks sanctification. That is why God commands him to perfect holiness.

## SANCTIFICATION

Sanctification is the circumcision of the inner-man whereby his old fleshly nature is removed.

The inner-man who is in 'the Spirit' has the power to partake of the holy nature of the Holy Spirit, and also become spiritual. In order to become godly, the inner-man has to deny his old carnal nature which still causes him to mind the things of 'the flesh'.

### Take note:

Faith, the new birth and the process of sanctification were already revealed by God in the lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:

- A. Abraham depicts **faith** in the calling of God to **come out of his land of birth to another land** which God will show him.
- B. Isaac depicts the **new birth** when the old Isaac became the new Isaac because a ram was supplied as a substitute sacrifice by God.
- C. The new Isaac who had twins depicts **sanctification**. **One seed brought forth two sons**. Esau, the firstborn despised his birthright while Jacob, the second born, desired the birthright. Eventually **it was the second born and not the firstborn who obtained the blessing**, with the help of his mother – she depicts the Holy Spirit. So it was Jacob who inherited the Holy Land and not Esau.

The above are allegories, and reveal A. faith, B. the new birth, and C. sanctification (Firstborn is rejected – second born is accepted).

- A. God calls everyone who is in a body of sin to another body without sin. Only through **faith** can a person act on the calling of God.
- B. Through faith in Jesus, the Lamb of God, the person receives the Spirit of promise and is **born-again** (new birth). He is then in the body of Christ and no longer in the body of sin.
- C. The inner-man who is quickened, discovers that he is divided in himself and needs **sanctification**. Just like Esau and Jacob, who were twins, the inner-man experiences in himself a duality of character. The old self born in 'the flesh' is rejected and must be mortified. The new self born in the Spirit is accepted by God.

1 Cor 6:19&20 "What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and **ye are not your own?** For ye are bought with a price: therefore **glorify God in your body, and in your spirit** (inner-man), which are God's."

The firstborn inner-man is carnal, like Esau, and cannot inherit the kingdom of God because the kingdom belongs to the second born inner-man who is spiritual like Jacob. It is therefore essential that the inner-man deny his old self in order to grow in his new self. This is the work of faith he must do which brings an end to 'the works of the flesh'.

Heb 12:14&16 "Follow peace with all *men*, **and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord**: Lest there *be* any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who... sold his birthright."

Rom 6:22 "But now **being made free from sin, and become servants to God**, ye have your fruit unto holiness (the Holy Spirit), and the end everlasting life (the new body)."

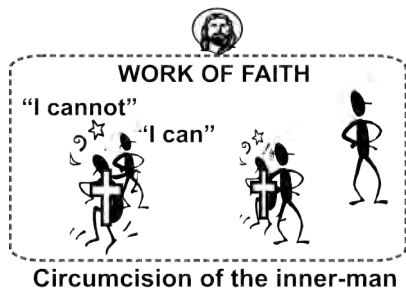
1 Thess 4:7&8 "For **God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness**. **He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God**, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit."

Eph 4:30 "And **grieve not the holy Spirit of God**, whereby ye are **sealed unto the day of redemption** (of the body)."

Matt 16:24 "...If any *man* will come after me, **let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me**."

Titus 2:12 "Teaching us that, **denying ungodliness and worldly lusts**, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;"

## SANCTIFICATION



Circumcision of the inner-man

God commands the inner-man to perfect holiness, and sin not. If he says, "I cannot," he is disobedient to God and to the faith. He who says, "I cannot stop 'the works of the flesh' in this life," actually resists the Spirit of grace by accommodating sin in his life. Such an inner-man, although he is in the Spirit, will not inherit the new body because he disobeys God.

It is God's will that the inner-man enters His rest. He who believes God and says, "I can," must start by denying himself, and mortify the 'works of the flesh'. In doing this he will experience much suffering while his old fleshly nature is crucified. It is in the denying of his old self that he is made perfect by the Holy Spirit. The suffering will continue until the fleshly nature of the inner-man is dead, and then 'the works of the flesh' will stop.

It is through faith in Jesus that the Holy Spirit delivers the outer-man from sin, and through obedience to the truth the Holy Spirit saves the inner-man from his sins. The inner-man then experiences rest from his sinful nature because he has become a partaker of the divine nature of the Holy Spirit. The changed nature of the inner-man is the rest that God promised to all who obey Him.

### ETERNAL LIFE

The natural body, which is still mortal because it ages and dies, will be changed into an immortal spirit body at the second coming of Christ. The inner-man is in the Spirit of promise until his natural body dies or is changed into a new body at the coming of Christ. On that day the Holy Spirit departs because the inner-man is in the glorified body of Christ Jesus.

Eph 5:5 "For this ye know, that **no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man**, who is an idolater, **hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.**"

2 Thess 2:13&14 "...because God hath from the beginning **chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth**: Whereunto he called you by our gospel, **to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

Rom 5:10 "For if, when we were enemies, we were **reconciled to God** (the Father) **by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, we **shall be saved by his life** (the Holy Spirit)."

Heb 3:17-19 "But **with whom was he grieved forty years?** was it not **with them that had sinned**, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to **them that believed not?** So we see that **they could not enter in because of unbelief.**"

1 Cor 10:11 "Now all **these things happened unto them** (the Jews) for ensamples: and **they are written for our** (the Believers) **admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come."

1 Tim 6:12 "**Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life** (the new body), whereunto thou art also called..."  
Note: Every sin that you mortify strengthens your hold on eternal life.

Heb 4:10&11 "For **he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works**, as God *did* from his. **Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest**, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief (as Israel)."

It is important to note that 'the rest' is not the body, because the inner-man is already in a holy body. The rest is 'the condition' of the inner-man whose nature is changed. When he has completed the work of faith he has rest from his sins.

Gal 5:24 "And **they that are Christ's have crucified** the flesh with **the affections and lusts.**"

Rom 2:29 "But he *is* a Jew, which is one inwardly; and **circumcision is that of the heart** (the inner-man), **in the spirit**, and not in the letter; whose praise *is* not of men, but of God."

Eph 1:13&14 "In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were **sealed with that holy Spirit of promise, Which is the earnest** (guarantee) **of our inheritance** (the new body) **until the redemption of the purchased possession** (the old body), unto the praise of his glory."

Look & Learn!



The inner-man who has perfected holiness in obedience to God, is worthy to be clothed with the spirit body. Only then will he have eternal life as something permanent. The glorified body is the inheritance that God has promised. It is the crown of life God will give to them who perfected holiness in this life.

Phil 3:20&21 "For **our conversation is in heaven**; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: **Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body...**"

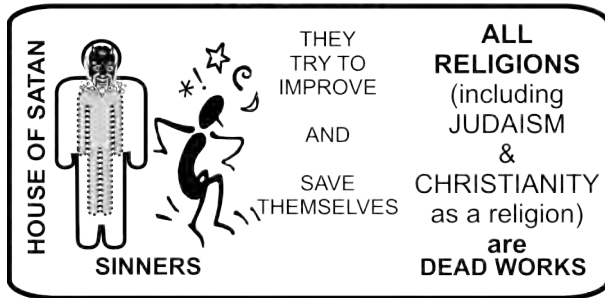
1 Pet 1:3&4 "...God ...hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, **To an inheritance (the glorified body) incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,**"

Rev 3:21 "**To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne**, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne."

James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that **endureth temptation**: for **when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised** to them that love him."

## SUMMARY

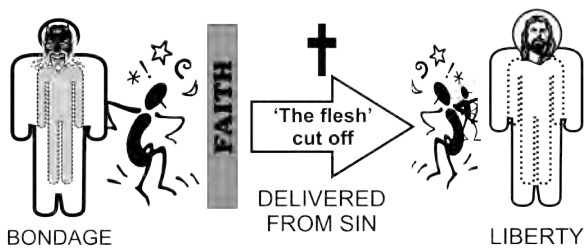
### 'THE FLESH'



### MAN IS A SINNER

The body of a sinner belongs to Satan. The inner-man who lives in the house of Satan cannot escape. No form of religion, self discipline, or good works can deliver the inner-man from the hold of Satan.

### BORN-AGAIN



Circumcision of the outer-man

### FAITH IN JESUS

When a sinner believes God, repents of his sins and accepts Jesus as Lord and Saviour, he receives the Holy Spirit who delivers him from sin. The body is then the house of God.

### SANCTIFICATION



Circumcision of the inner-man

### IN THE SPIRIT

The inner-man who is delivered from the spirit of sin must learn obedience to God. Through the power of the Spirit the 'works of the flesh' that he still does, must be mortified.



### OBEDIENCE

In obedience to God, the inner-man who has perfected holiness, must keep himself pure and not conform to the world again. Such a believer is worthy of the new body of Christ which is eternal life with God.



## CHAPTER 5

### THE PATTERN OF SALVATION

The deliverance of Israel from slavery in Egypt, their journey through the Wilderness of Sin and the occupation of the land promised, is the Gospel of God. God's dealing with the Jews is an allegory, or example, that reveals God's way of salvation. The history of Israel's deliverance from Egypt into Canaan sets the pattern for our salvation.

Jesus, the Inner-man, also had to follow each step of the pattern to be delivered from the body of sin and into the body of Christ. Because Jesus understood God's calling and faithfully followed the steps set out in the pattern, God raised Him in a new body.

Since the resurrection of Jesus Christ in a new body, the Gospel of God is called the Gospel of Christ. The Gospel of Christ is God's message to the world that He, in Christ Jesus, has destroyed the body of sin and created a new body without sin for man to dwell in. The new body is promised to mankind just as Canaan was promised to the Jews. The pattern of salvation – out of the body of sin and into the body of Christ – is the same pattern that was followed to save the Jews: Out of Egypt and into Canaan.

No person who believes and accepts God's calling may deviate from the pattern God has established, as in the salvation of Israel. The same pattern was also followed and confirmed in the deliverance of the Inner-man, Jesus; from His old body – with sin – into His new body – without sin.

The inner-man cannot be delivered from sin unless he is taken out of the body of sin and relocated into the body of Christ. No person can be saved from sin by any other teaching, or in any other way.

### BONDAGE IN EGYPT

Because of Joseph, Jacob and his sons went to live in Egypt under the reign of Pharaoh. This meant that all descendants of Jacob were born in Egypt. They were all Egyptian-Jews, but Pharaoh reigned over them. As time passed the Jews became the slaves of Pharaoh in Egypt.

### REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

1 Cor 10:11 “Now all these things happened unto them (the Jews) **for ensamples** (pattern): and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come.”

Heb 4:2 “For unto us was the gospel preached, **as well as unto them** (the Jews): but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard it.”

Jesus understood that He was born in a body of sin (Egypt). Led by the Holy Spirit in the Wilderness (Wilderness of Sin), He was tempted by Satan and overcame. Now that He had power over demons, He had to live a sinless life (in Canaan). Although tempted and ridiculed, He sinned not once and was found worthy of a new body as an eternal inheritance.

In His death on the cross, Jesus became the Lamb and High Priest of God for all who believe the Gospel of Christ and follow in His steps.

Because Jesus carefully followed the steps in God's pattern of salvation He was born-again in a new body. Since then, the body of Christ exists and God calls the sinner who is in the body of sin (the allegory is Egypt), to be born-again in the body of the Lord (the allegory is Canaan) and sin no more.

Jesus answered Nicodemus: John 3:3 “Except a man be born again, **he cannot see** (understand) the kingdom of God.”

Because all mankind is in a body which is under the law of sin, they must be born-again in a body that is under the law of the Spirit. This is God's way for us to be delivered from sin!

The pattern of salvation has three steps:

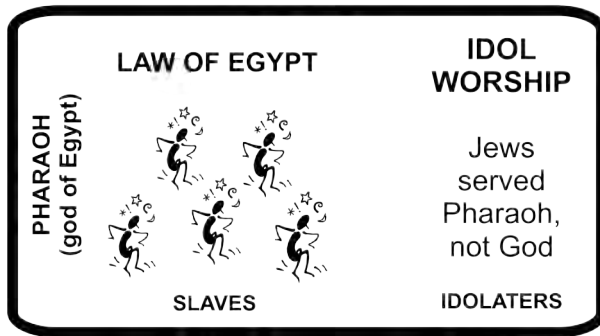
- Deliverance from Egypt;
- Learn obedience to God in the Wilderness; and
- Then reign in Canaan.

Gal 1:8&9 “**But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.** As we said before, so say I now again, **If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.**”

Ex 2:23 “And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt (who knew Joseph) died: and the children of **Israel sighed by reason of the bondage** (under another Pharaoh), and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage (in Egypt).”



## EGYPT



After 430 years in Egypt they knew only idolatry, just like the Egyptians. In their ignorance the Jews worshipped their God in the same manner as the Egyptians worshipped their gods. They were idolatrous; we see that after they were delivered from Egypt they immediately created a golden calf in honour of God.

The Jews were powerless and could not deliver themselves from their slavery in Egypt. God had to intervene to set them free from their bondage to Pharaoh. Moses was called by God and sent to overcome Pharaoh and deliver them from Egypt.

Although Moses was a Jew, he was raised in the house of Pharaoh. Unlike the other Jews he was never a slave of Pharaoh like his fellow Jews. Because of these facts Moses was called to rise up against Pharaoh to deliver the Jews from Egypt.

### THE STAGES OF SALVATION

#### Stage one: Deliverance from Egypt

Through many signs, and wonders, performed by Moses, God judged Egypt and ended Pharaoh's reign when the angel of the Lord killed his firstborn. Once Pharaoh was defeated, Moses led the Jews out of Egypt. All the Jews had to do was to believe that God had chosen Moses to deliver them.

Because all the Jews were born in Egypt their firstborn also had to die; but for them the blood of a lamb turned away the wrath of God.

Jesus had to be born in a body under the law of sin in order to correlate with a Jew under the law of Egypt.

Heb 2:14&17 "Forasmuch then as the children (Jews) are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise **took part of the same**; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; Wherefore **in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren...**"

The Jews enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt correlates to the inner-man who is enslaved to Satan in the body of sin. Jesus was also a Jew in a body of sin, but just as Moses was never a slave of Pharaoh in Egypt, Jesus likewise was never the slave of Satan in His body of sin.

Acts 7:39-41 "To whom our fathers would not obey, but thrust *him* (God) from them, **and in their hearts** (spirit) **turned back again into Egypt**, Saying unto Aaron, Make us gods to go before us: for *as* for this Moses, which brought us out of the land of Egypt, we wot not what is become of him. **And they made a calf in those days, and offered sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.**" (See Ex 32:1-8)

The same is also true of the inner-man for he cannot deliver himself from the body of sin. Jesus was called and sent by God to overcome Satan and deliver the inner-man from the body of sin, just as Moses delivered the Jews from Egypt.

Acts 2:22 "Ye men of Israel, hear these words; Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God among you **by miracles and wonders and signs, which God did by him** in the midst of you..."  
This correlates with Moses, through signs and wonders in Egypt.

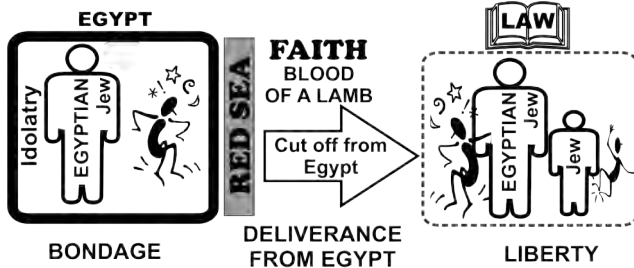
Acts 7:37 "This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, **A prophet (Jesus) shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren**, like unto me (Moses); him shall ye hear."

The reign of Pharaoh over the Jews ended when his firstborn was destroyed. Likewise, the reign of Satan ended when the body of the first man, Adam, was destroyed on the cross.

Jesus overcame Satan. All man has to do is to believe that God has chosen Jesus Christ to deliver them from the body of sin.

Jesus is the Lamb of God that was sacrificed to turn away the wrath of God from all sinners who are in the body of sin because they deserve to be put to death for their sins.

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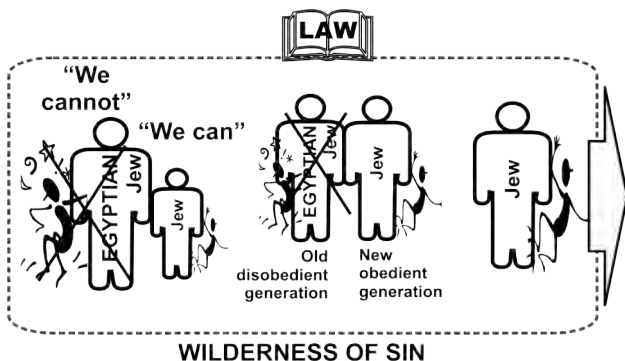


When the Jews passed through the Red Sea they were delivered from Egypt. Once Egypt was cut off, the Jews came under the law of God in the Wilderness of Sin. They were baptized into Moses (the Law); in the sea (water) and in the cloud (spirit).

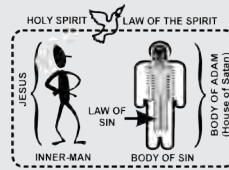
### Stage two: Sanctification in the Wilderness

The Jews then found among themselves two kinds of Jews. On the one hand the Egyptian-Jews who were born in Egypt under the law of Egypt, and on the other hand the Jews born under the law of God in the Wilderness. The Jews who were born in Egypt could not obey God because they were fixed in the ways of Egypt, while the Jews who were born in the Wilderness could obey because they were raised under the law of God. The new generation of Jews had no knowledge of idolatry, and therefore not idolatrous as the old generation.

Look & Learn!



The old generation disobeyed God's command to enter into Canaan and said, "We cannot," so God rejected them because of their unbelief. Because God requires obedience, the new generation could not enter Canaan before the disobedient Egyptian-Jews had died.



Just like God hid Moses from Pharaoh in the house of Pharaoh, so God hid Jesus in the house of Satan from Satan. Jesus was only revealed to Satan once He was baptized and received the Holy Ghost.

John the Baptist was in the Wilderness when God called the Jews to repent and be baptized for the forgiveness of sins. Jesus understood the pattern and went out to be baptized. His water baptism correlates with the Red Sea and that is why the Holy Spirit came over Him just as the cloud came over Moses and the Jews.

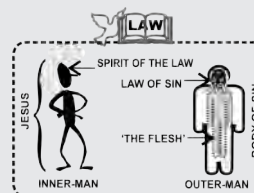
Luke 3:21&22 "...it came to pass, that Jesus also being baptized, and praying, the heaven was opened, **And the Holy Ghost descended in a bodily shape like a dove upon him**, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son; in thee I am well pleased."

Jesus was then under the spirit of the law and not under the letter of the law like the other Jews.

1 Cor 10:1&2 "...I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all **baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea;**"

Heb 3:16-19 "For some, **when they had heard, did provoke:** howbeit not **all that came out of Egypt** by Moses. But with whom was he grieved forty years? was it **not with them that had sinned**, whose carcases fell in the wilderness? And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to **them that believed not?** So we see that they could not enter in because of unbelief."

Num 14:23&24 "Surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: **But my servant Caleb, because he had another (different) spirit with him, and hath followed me fully**, him will I bring into the land..."



The Holy Spirit led Jesus into the Wilderness to be tempted by Satan. Mark 1:13 "And He was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan..."

Satan tempted Adam & Eve to disobey God's Word, but Jesus knew that if He obeyed Satan He would also become the slave of sin just like the other Jews.

Satan tempted Jesus just as the Egyptian-Jews tempted God in the Wilderness. The Jews tempted God in spirit when they worshipped the golden calf, in soul when they disobeyed, and in body because of food and water.

Heb 3:9 "When **your fathers tempted me, proved me**, and saw my works forty years."

Likewise, Jesus was also tested in body (when hungry), in soul (to disobey God), and in spirit (to worship Satan). Because Jesus did not sin He was endowed with power by the Spirit. (Luke 4:1-13)

Of all the Jews who came out of Egypt, Joshua and Caleb obeyed and said, "We can enter," because they did not fear. They obeyed God's command to enter the Promised Land because they did not have an idolatrous spirit like their fellow Jews. This proves that God is faithful to fulfill His promise to Jews and Gentiles who believe and obey Him.

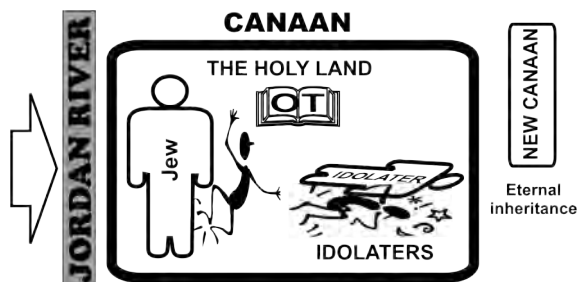
During the 40 years in the Wilderness, under the law of God, the spirit of the Jews was changed. The Jews who entered the Promised Land had a different spirit to the Jews who came out of Egypt. They were a sanctified people who entered Canaan because the unbelieving Egyptian-Jews had been removed.

Judgment came upon the old generation who disobeyed God's command to cross over the Jordan. Because they feared death more than God, they disobeyed Him. The Jordan River is a 'river of death' for it is at this point that the disobedient are rejected. The Jordan River separated the believers from the unbelievers.

### Stage three: The Holy Land

Because the law of God was given to the Jews and the old ungodly generation was removed, they were a holy nation. The Jews were now sanctified because at the Red Sea they were delivered from Egypt, and in the Wilderness of Sin the idolatrous Egyptian-Jews were removed.

Look & Learn!



The victory Joshua had over the kings of Canaan gave the Jews control of the land. The only requirement God had, was that the Jews would reign in the land according to the law of God. Because the law forbade them to have any fellowship with idolatry, they had to destroy all the idolaters.

Luke 4:14 "And Jesus returned **in the power of the Spirit** into Galilee..."

Moses interceded for the Jews who said, "We cannot enter," and asked God's forgiveness.

Num 14:20&21, 23 "And the LORD said, **I have pardoned** according to thy word: **But** as truly as I live... Surely they shall not see the land which I swear unto their fathers, **neither shall any of them** (Egyptian-Jews) **that provoked me see it:**"

Rom 2:28&29 "**For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly**; neither *is that* circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But **he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart**, in the spirit (of the Law), *and* not in the letter (of the Law); whose praise *is* not of men, but of God."

Heb 4:1-3 "**Let us therefore fear, lest**, a promise being left us of entering into his rest, **any of you should seem to come short of it**. For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but **the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith** in them that heard *it*. For we which have believed do enter into rest..."

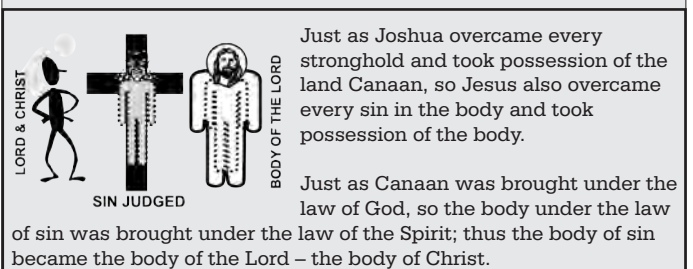
John the Baptist preached the Gospel of God when he called the Jews into the Wilderness to repent of their sins and be baptized in the Jordan River. John then commanded the Jews who were baptized to go back and sin no more. Jesus was also baptized in the Jordan but because He was the only Jew who then lived a life without sin, God raised Him in an eternal body.

After the Jews passed through the Jordan, God commanded them to be circumcised a second time as a sign that the Egyptian-Jews were removed from them. In other words, they were finally cleansed of Egypt and the ungodly Egyptian-Jews.

Josh 5:9 "...**This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you...**"

Matt 20:16 "So the last shall be first, and the first last: **for many be called, but few chosen.**"

All the Jews were called out of Egypt, but only the sanctified few were chosen to enter Canaan.



Rom 8:3 "For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, **God** sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned sin in the flesh:**"

After Jesus arose from the dead in a new body, He ascended up to heaven and the Holy Spirit was made available to all. When a person believes and receives the Holy Spirit, the law of sin in his body is replaced by the law of the Spirit and then his inner-man is in the body of the Lord.

The Jews were the only nation born and raised under the law of God, and therefore had a different spirit from all other nations on earth. Being raised in Judaism, they were not idolaters like the rest of the world who served other gods.

Because the Jews were cleansed of idolatry in the Wilderness, they had to keep themselves pure and not allow themselves to become idolatrous again, like their fathers were. They, however, did not destroy the idolaters, but enslaved them and allowed them to dwell among them. As time passed they became idolatrous again. It was because of their disobedience to God that they eventually lost their land, for they were not worthy of the land that God had given them.

In all of God's dealings with the Jews until Jesus appeared, only a remnant was saved because they remained obedient to God. It is this remnant of Jews who will inherit the heavenly Canaan, Israel, as their eternal dwelling place on the new earth.

Josh 23:11-13 **"Take good heed therefore unto yourselves**, that ye love the LORD your God. Else **if ye do in any wise go back**, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, *even* these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you: Know for a certainty that the LORD your **God will no more drive out any of these nations from before you**; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your eyes, **until ye perish from off this good land** which the LORD your God hath given you."

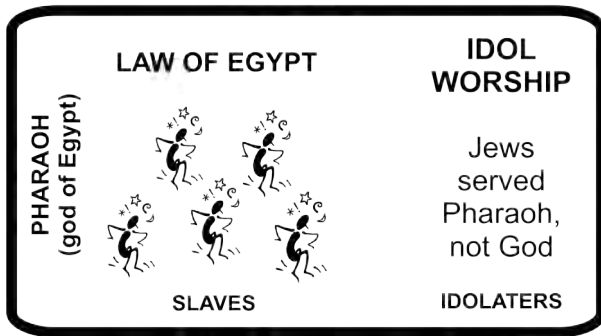
Josh 24:14 "Now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and **put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood** (river in the wilderness), **and in Egypt**; and serve ye the LORD."

The allegory teaches Christians not to make the same mistakes as the Jews, for if God did not spare the disobedient among them, He will also not spare the disobedient Christians who are in the body of the Lord.

Rom 11:20&21 "Well; **because of unbelief they were broken off**, and thou standest by faith. **Be not highminded, but fear**: For if God spared not the natural branches, *take heed* lest **he also spare not thee**."

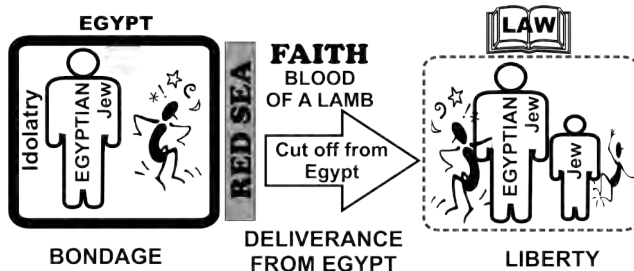
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## EGYPT



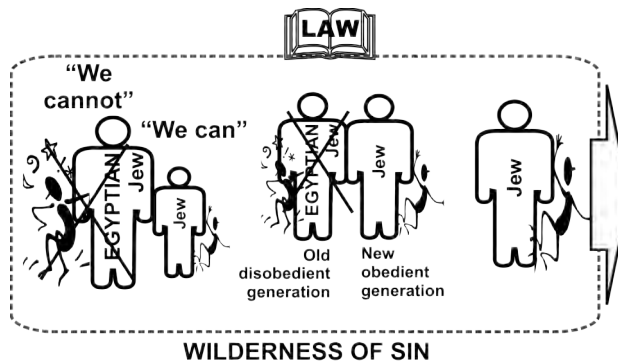
### IDLATRY

Born and raised in Egypt, they served Pharaoh because they were under the law of Egypt. After 430 years in Egypt the descendants of Jacob were idolaters and had no knowledge of God.



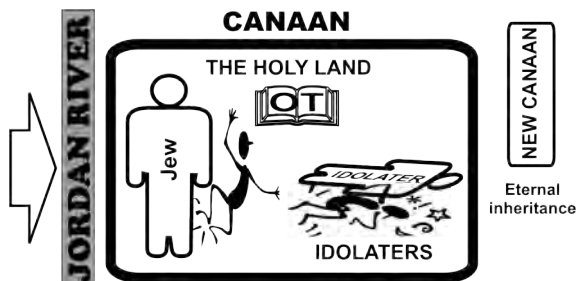
### DELIVERANCE FROM EGYPT

Once delivered from Egypt the Jews were under the law of God. They had to serve God and not idols.



### WILDERNESS OF SIN

While the Jews were in Egypt they could not sin against God. But when they came under the law of God their disobedience became sin. The penalty for sin is death.



### THE HOLY LAND

Once in the Holy Land the Jews had to obey God and not again become disobedient and turn to idolatry like their fathers, the Egyptian-Jews.



## CHAPTER 6

### FAITH AND OBEDIENCE

The Gospel is the message that, in Christ, God has saved man from sin. The person who believes God must understand that salvation follows a certain pattern and that the working of the Holy Spirit is in accordance with the steps set out in the pattern.

The pattern was revealed by God in:

1. The deliverance of the Jews from Egypt;
2. The removal of the disobedient Jews in the Wilderness;
3. The entrance of the obedient Jews into Canaan.

The same three steps apply to the person who believes God, and accepts Jesus as Lord and Saviour:

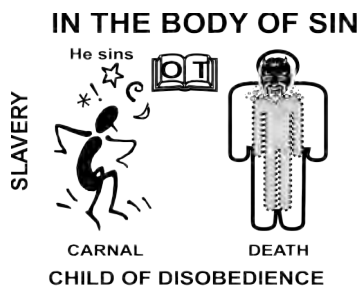
1. The deliverance of the inner-man from the body of sin;
2. The sanctification of the inner-man in the Spirit;
3. Entrance of the obedient inner-man into the body of Christ.

The emphasis is on the inner-man. He must be delivered from the body of sin and learn to be obedient to the Spirit before he can enter into the body of Christ.

### IN THE BODY OF SIN

The inner-man who is born in the body of sin is in the kingdom of Satan and the servant of sin. Such an inner-man has an evil nature because he was formed by 'the flesh'. He is a sinner for he has both the mind and sinful nature of his father, the devil; and the lusts and desires of his father he will do. Because he is a child of disobedience he cannot obey God or His law.

Look & Learn!



### REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

Rom 6:17 "But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart **that form of doctrine** (pattern and steps) which was delivered you."

The pattern has certain steps that cast the inner-man, who was formed in the body of sin, into the body of Christ. This process can be compared to gold that is first refined by fire before it can be poured into a certain mould or shape.

All the Jews were delivered from Egypt but only the obedient Jews entered Canaan.

2 Tim 2:5 "And if a man also strive for masteries, *yet* is he not crowned, **except he strive lawfully.**"

John 3:5 Reads as follows: "...except man be  
1. **born of water** (in the outer-man) and  
2. **of the Spirit** (in the inner-man), he cannot  
3. **enter** into (the body of Christ), the kingdom of God."

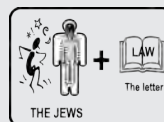
The inner-man is a slave to sin in his body. Because the spirit of sin is stronger than the letter of the law, the inner-man will do what sin desires, which is the 'works of the flesh'. Although he wants to obey the law of God he will serve sin. That is why God sent Jesus in a body of sin to deliver the inner-man from sin.

Rom 8:7 "Because **the carnal mind** is enmity against God: for it is **not subject to the law of God**, neither indeed can be."



The Jews were held in captivity by Pharaoh in Egypt just as the inner-man is held captive by Satan in the body of sin. The land Egypt therefore corresponds to the body of sin.

The Jews were of the opinion that they were different from the Egyptians, but when God gave them His law, they discovered that they were idolaters, just like the Egyptians.



Rom 3:9 "What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise, for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin."  
Rom 7:14 "For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin."

Rom 7:24 "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from **the body of this death?**"

Because the Jews are also in a body of sin, just like the heathen, they are also the slaves of sin and cannot obey the law of God.



The inner-man, who is born and raised under the law of sin, is carnal. His soul has a mind that functions according to the knowledge of 'good & evil', and this consciousness of mind arouses lusts and desires in his spirit. These lusts and desires then find their expression in the 'works of the flesh'.

The inner-man cannot escape from sin unless God delivers him from the body of sin. No other god, religion, or any good works can deliver the inner-man from sin in his body. The sinner may better himself, but he remains in the kingdom of Satan.

If the inner-man dies while in the body of sin he will, on the day of God's judgment, be cast into hell together with Satan whom he served. The eternal bondage of the sinner in hell is the second death. That is why Jesus was sent so that God may deliver the sinner, who believes in Jesus, from sin.

## Faith

Faith in Jesus affects the believer in two ways. God first forgives the inner-man all the sins that he committed in the body of sin, and then delivers the inner-man from the body of sin when He gives the believer the Holy Spirit to dwell in him.

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When the Jews came out of Egypt they were baptized in the sea and in the cloud. Likewise, when the inner-man comes out of the body of sin, he is baptized into the Holy Spirit and also in water.

## IN THE SPIRIT

We see that the Jews who came out of Egypt were not in Canaan but in the Wilderness of Sin. Here they first had to learn obedience to God before entering Canaan. The same is true for the inner-man who is in the Spirit. He is neither in the body of sin, nor in the body of Christ, but in a wilderness of sins. It is in the Spirit, under the law of the Spirit, where he will have to learn obedience to God.

Rev 21:8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death."

Acts 4:12 "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved (from sin)."

Eph 2:8&9 "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Rom 6:6 "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with *him*, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

Heb 9:26 "...but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

John 19:34 "But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water."

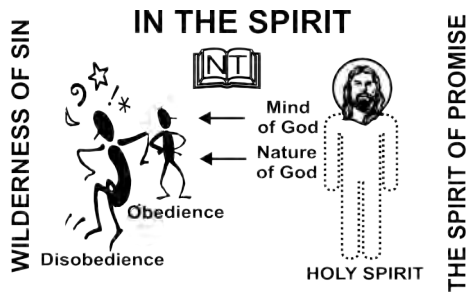
Note: The healing of a sinner is illustrated in Lev 14:1-7. One dove had to die to set the other dove free. The dove that is set free is baptized in water, as well as the blood of the dove that is sacrificed.

Acts 2:38 "Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized (in water) every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."

Just as the Jews were no longer in Egypt after they passed through the Red Sea, so water baptism signifies that the inner-man is no longer in the body of sin. Just as the Jews were taken out of Egypt, so the inner-man is taken out of the body of sin.

This deliverance from the power of Satan and sin is the grace of God, received through faith in Jesus and cannot be achieved through man's own efforts.

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Because the inner-man does not know how to serve God, and is unaware that he still lives his life hankering after 'the flesh', he turns to religion. He involves himself in all kinds of church activities because he does not know that to serve God is to obey the Spirit. We see this same principle among the Jews: Before they received the law of God, they created and worshipped a golden calf in honour of God because they were idolatrous.

It was the law of God that divided the Jews into the obedient and the disobedient. In the same manner the law of the Spirit causes the inner-man to discover that in himself he has a duality of nature. He is now both fleshly and spiritual. On the one hand he still does the 'works of the flesh' but on the other hand he desires to obey God.

This duality can also be seen in the seed of Isaac. His seed produced twins, namely Esau and Jacob. As twins they were born of one seed but Esau, who was born first, desired the things of the world while Jacob, who was born second, desired the things of God. In them God revealed His will, namely, that He rejects the son who is carnally-minded and chooses the son who is spiritually-minded.

Although Esau was the firstborn to whom the promise of the land belonged, Jacob, with the help of his mother, obtained the blessing of the Promised Land. The same is true of the inner-man: The Holy Spirit will help him to shrug off his old fleshly nature in order to become obedient and enter into the body of Christ.

In the Spirit the inner-man experiences in himself much suffering. This suffering exists because the

Rom 8:2 "For the law of the **Spirit of life** in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of **sin and death.**"

Rom 8:9 "But **ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you...**"

Eph 1:13 "...in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,**"

"We cannot"

"We can"

The disobedient Egyptian-Jew and the obedient Jew, who was born in the Wilderness of sin under the law, reveal the carnal state of the inner-man who is under the law of the Spirit.

Just as the disobedient Egyptian-Jew had to die in the Wilderness of sin before the obedient Jew could enter into Canaan, so all disobedience of the inner-man must also be put to death before he can enter into Christ.

Luke 6:46 "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"



Rom 8:6&7 "For to be **carnally minded is death**, but to be **spiritually minded is life and peace**. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is **not subject to the law of God**, neither indeed can be."



Rom 8:13 "For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify **the deeds of the body** ('the works of the flesh'), ye shall live."

The Holy Spirit will guide the inner-man to lay hold of the inheritance which is the new body. Just as Israel was neither in Egypt nor in Canaan, but in the Wilderness, so the inner-man also experiences his own wilderness of sins.

The Jews could not enter before all the Egyptian-Jews had died. The same applies to the inner-man. He cannot enter into the body of Christ before his old sinful life after 'the flesh' is mortified.



John 11:16 "Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus (the Twin), unto his fellowdisciples, **Let us also go, that we may die with Him.**" (NB! If you want to follow Jesus you will also have to lose your life in order to find it.)

Mal 1:2&3 "...Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob, And I hated Esau..."

**Take note:** Just as Rebecca helped Jacob, the second born, to inherit the promised land, so the Holy Spirit helps the second born inner-man to inherit the promise of the body of Christ.

We see this principle in the sons of Abraham. Ishmael was born of a slave woman and Isaac born of a free woman. Although Ishmael was Abraham's firstborn, the promise belonged to Isaac the second born.

Take note: Ishmael born of Hagar – 'the flesh'– persecuted Isaac born

older nature after 'the flesh' is stronger than the younger nature after the Spirit. It is because his fleshly nature wars against his godly nature that the inner-man struggles to obey God.

We see this same principle in the Wilderness of Sin: The new generation Jews born under the law of God could not enter into Canaan before the disobedient Egyptian-Jews had died. Therefore, the new generation had to endure the Wilderness until the old generation was removed.

The same is true of the inner-man who is in the Spirit. He cannot enter into the body of Christ because of his disobedience. His fleshliness is the cause of his disobedience. The inner-man will therefore endure his personal wilderness of sin until all 'the works of the flesh' that he does, are dead.

'The works of the flesh' are as follows:  
Suppressing the truth, denying God, ingratitude, foolishness, idolatry, impurity – dishonouring the body, worshipping and serving the creature more than the Creator, having vile affections, having a reprobate mind, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness, enviousness, being murderous, debating, deceitfulness, malignancy, whispering, backbiting, hating God, spitefulness, pride, boasting, inventing evil things, disobedience to parents, indifference, covenant breaking, being without natural affection, cruelty, mercilessness, defrauding, adulterous, abusers with themselves with mankind, thieving, intoxication, reviling, extorting, lasciviousness, witchcraft, hatred, emulation, wrath, strife, sedition, heresy, envy, reveling, filthiness, fooling around (jesting), whoremongering, an unclean and covetous person is an idolater, loving of self, blaspheming, being unholy, truce-breaking, false accusing, incontinence, fierceness, despising those who are good, traitorousness, recklessness, high-mindedness, love of pleasure more than love of God, having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof, duplicitousness, lying and many other hidden sins of the heart.

The inner-man who believes the gospel will crucify the 'works of the flesh'. During this suffering his faith increases as he learns obedience until it is made perfect. When his faith equals that of Abraham, who sacrificed Isaac, God reckons his faith unto

of Sarah – 'the Spirit'. This was so because Ishmael was 14 years older and therefore stronger than Isaac.

Gen 21:10 "Wherefore she (Sarah) said unto Abraham, Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for **the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac.**"

Take note: The Holy Spirit will also remove the firstborn inner-man (who is after 'the flesh') and help the second born inner-man (who is after 'the Spirit') to inherit the body of Christ.

The duality of the inner-man places him in his own wilderness of sins, for when he was in 'the flesh' and a child of disobedience, scriptures did not speak to him. But now that the Holy Spirit reveals his sinful condition to him, he realizes the need to be saved from his fleshly nature.

Jude 1:5: "I will therefore put you in remembrance... how that **the Lord, having saved the people** out of the land of Egypt, **afterward destroyed them that believed not.**"

Just as disobedience prevented the Jews from entering Canaan, so disobedience prevents the inner-man from entering into the body of Christ because he does not believe the Gospel.

Heb 12:5-8 "...My son, despise not thou **the chastening of the Lord**, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him: For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and **scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons**; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? **But if ye be without chastisement**, whereof all are partakers, **then are ye bastards**, and not sons."

Heb 4:1&2 "**Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest**, any of you should seem to come short of it. For unto us (Christians) was the gospel preached, as well as unto them (Jews): but the word preached did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith** in them that heard it."

Rom 2:16 "In the day when **God shall judge the secrets of men** by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."

Gal 5:24 "And **they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh** (fleshly nature of the inner-man) with the affections and lusts."

James 2:21&22 "Was not Abraham our father (of faith) **justified by works, when he had offered Isaac** his son upon the altar? Seest thou how **faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect?**"

Abraham believed that God could raise the dead; the believer must also believe that if he mortifies his old self, the new self will be made alive. This is the work of faith that the inner-man must do in order to become perfect.

righteousness and then the inner-man partakes of the divine nature. The godly nature of the inner-man comes alive as the sinful nature dies.

## Obedience

Obedience to the faith affects the inner-man in two ways. The inner-man is sprinkled with the blood of Jesus and cleansed from an evil conscience. God then gives him entrance into the body of Christ.

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After all the disobedient Jews had died, the obedient Jews passed through the Jordan into the Promised Land. Likewise, when all disobedience is dead, the Holy Spirit baptizes the obedient inner-man into the body of Christ.

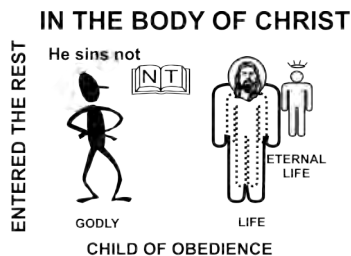
## IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

The inner-man who is in the body of Christ, has entered the rest that God promised to all who obey Him. Such an inner-man is spiritual because he was transformed in the Spirit. Because he has the mind and nature of the Holy Spirit, he is born of God.

## A son of God sins not

Once the inner-man is transformed, he has the spirit of Christ (is Christ-like) and is heir to the promise. The child of God who used to sin, became a son of God who sins not.

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The Jordan was a spirit baptism for the Jews. Those who feared for their lives disobeyed God and forfeited Canaan.

Heb 3:18&19 "And to whom sware he that **they should not enter** into his rest, but to **them that believed not** (disobedience)? So we see that **they could not enter in because of unbelief.**"

The same is true for the inner-man who is afraid of losing his sinful life. Because he resists Spirit baptism, he cannot enter into the body of Christ.

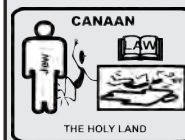
1 Thess 4:7&8 "For **God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.** He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit."

Titus 2:11&12 "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**"

John 3:5 "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water (Red Sea) AND of the Spirit (Jordan River), he cannot enter into the kingdom of God (Canaan).**"

Rom 8:1 "**There is therefore now no condemnation to them** which are in Christ Jesus, **who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.**"

2 Cor 5:17 "Therefore **if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature:** old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."



The obedient Jews that entered into Canaan reveal the inner-man who has entered into the body of Christ. Just as the disobedient Egyptian-Jews were removed, so the inner-man born of 'the flesh' was also removed.

Israel was circumcised when they left Egypt and again after they passed through the Jordan. In the same manner the believer was circumcised in the outer-man when the body of sin was cut off, and again in the inner-man, when his sinful nature was cut off.

Josh 5:9 "And the LORD said unto Joshua, **This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you...**"

To be in Christ is to be in the body of Christ which is also called the Church. The Church therefore corresponds to Canaan. Just as the Jews had to remove all idolaters from Canaan, so the obedient believers must remove all disobedient believers from amongst themselves.

The inner-man is obedient because after he suffered unto death against his sins; he was made alive through Spirit baptism. Such a believer is in the consciousness of God and has a godly nature.

This believer is now born of water in the outer-man and also born of Spirit in the inner-man. He is in the body of Christ and bears the fruit of the Spirit which is: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance. Because he knows the will of God he keeps himself blameless from the world, and the wicked one has nothing on him.

The Gospel of Christ called the inner-man to obtain the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. Now that the inner-man is free from his old sinful nature and a servant of righteousness, he can be sure of eternal life. He will receive the crown of life when his mortal body is changed into an immortal body.

1 Pet 5:10 "But the God of all grace, who hath **called us unto his eternal glory** by Christ Jesus, **after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**"

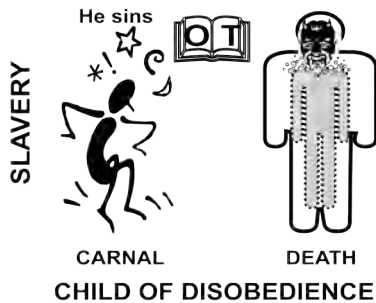
Heb 4:9-11 "There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God. For **he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works**, as God *did* from his. **Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest**, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief."

1 John 5:18-20 "We know that **whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.** And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that **we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ...**"



## SUMMARY

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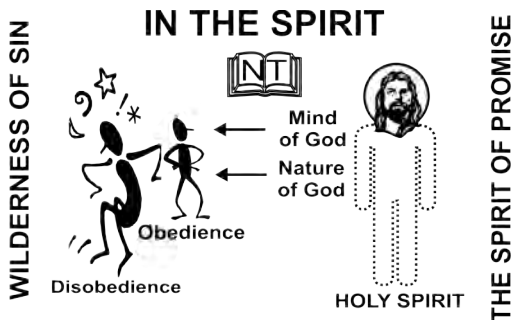
### IN THE BODY OF SIN

Sinners (the World) know what is right and therefore have no excuse for their transgressions. They accept disobedience (sin) as a part of life. Not only are they themselves disobedient, but they also accommodate those who transgress. The righteous judgement of God is that everyone who sins is unworthy and deserves death.



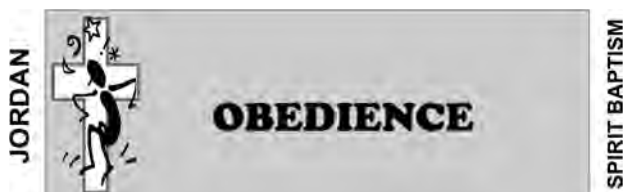
### SIN DESTROYED

Through faith in Jesus a sinner can escape death because Jesus is the substitute sacrifice for his sins of the past.



### IN THE SPIRIT

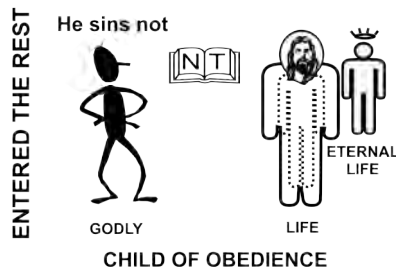
When the inner-man is in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit teaches the transgressor obedience by revealing the truth.



### FLESHLINESS REMOVED

Through obedience to the faith the fleshly nature is mortified by the Spirit in order that the inner-man may enter the body of Christ.

### IN THE BODY OF CHRIST



### IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

The inner-man knows what is right and does not accept disobedience as a part of life. The righteous judgment of God is that the saint is worthy of eternal life.





## CONCLUSION

### THE CHURCH

We have shown that God calls sinners who are in the body of Adam to be saints in the body of Christ. Together the sinners constitute the World, and together the saints constitute the Church. The World is the kingdom of darkness because it is governed by the knowledge of 'good & evil'. The Church, on the other hand, is the kingdom of light because it is governed by the knowledge of God.

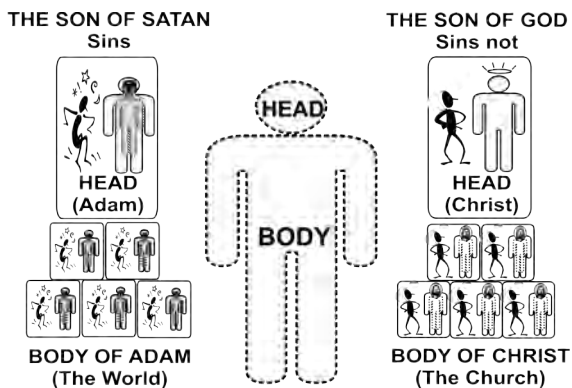
#### The Church (Canaan)

Canaan was the kingdom of God on earth because the law of God reigned in it. We saw that in Canaan there were those who obeyed the law of God, as well as idol worshippers who did not obey the law of God. Because the law allows no idol worshipping, the obedient Jews had to remove all idolaters from the land.

Likewise, the Church is the kingdom of God in the world. However, just as it was with Canaan, so we find the godly as well as the ungodly in the Church. Because the law of the Spirit reigns in the Body of Christ, sin is not allowed in the Church. For this reason the ungodly have to repent of their sins and become godly. If they do not repent and change they must be removed because they are anti-Christ.

The true Church therefore judges sin and keeps himself pure and blameless.

Look & Learn!



## REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

Eph 2:1&2 "And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past **ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience (sinners)."

Col 1:13 "Who hath **delivered us from the power of darkness**, and hath translated us into the **kingdom of his dear Son**:"

The world has many faiths and religions. The Church, on the other hand, is a reality and not a religion because of the Holy Spirit.

Josh 24:20&23 "**If ye forsake the LORD, and serve strange gods, then he will turn and do you hurt, and consume you**, after that he hath done you good. Now therefore **put away**, said he, **the strange gods** which are among you, **and incline your heart unto the LORD** God of Israel."

We know that the Jews did not heed Joshua's warning, but a remnant always remained faithful.

1 Kings 19:14&18 "And he (Elijah) said... **the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant...** I only, am left... Yet I (the Lord) have left **me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal**, and every mouth which hath not kissed him."

1 Cor 5:11-13 "But now I have written unto you **not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother** be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; **with such an one no not to eat**. For what have I to do to judge them also that are without? **do not ye judge them that are within?** But them that are without God judgeth. Therefore **put away from among yourselves that wicked person**."

1 Tim 6:3&4 "If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to **wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ**, and to the **doctrine which is according to godliness**; He is proud, knowing nothing..."

Eph 5:23&27 "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as **Christ is the head of the church**: and he is the saviour of the body. **That he might present it to himself a glorious church**, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be **holy and without blemish**."

Eph 3:8-10 "Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should **preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ**; And to make all *men* see what *is* the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent **that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God**,"

## The Church is the body of Christ

The diagram above shows that, because the body of Christ is without sin, the Church should also be without sin. Only those who have perfected holiness are members of His body. This is so because scripture teaches us that: "...as He is, so are we in this world." (1 John 4:17)

Adam became the son of Satan because of disobedience, and Jesus became the Son of God because of obedience. Each man is the head of his own body. Adam is the head of sinners and Christ is the head of saints. A person is therefore either in the body of Adam, or in the body of Christ.

The World consists of a body of people who sin and the Church consists of a body of people who sin not. Because the body of Christ consists of saints, the new converts to Christianity must become saints. In order to be a saint he or she must repent of their sins and become obedient to the Spirit.

The reader must not confuse the churches of our day with the Church of Jesus Christ. The true Church is not visible because the churches of our day have conformed to the world in that they accommodate sin and sinners.

If we want sons of God to manifest, then the false teachings of our day must stop because only the truth in Christ shall make the members free to be saints.

### Examine yourself

Remember! To change your denomination or church will not make you free to be a saint. You have to change yourself, with the help of the Holy Spirit, and support of likeminded believers who love the truth and reject the lie.

Communion is God's instrument that compels the believer to examine himself or herself in order to perfect holiness. The one who eats and drinks of the bread and wine declares that he or she has communion with the body and life of the Lord.

Every believer must therefore consider his own life as well as that of his fellow believers, for individually and together they are the body of the Lord. Since the body

1 Tim 3:15 "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to **behave thyself in the house of God, which is the church** of the living God, **the pillar and ground of the truth.**"

1 John 3:2&3 "Beloved, **now are we the sons of God**, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but **we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him**; for we shall see him as he is. And **every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**"

Rom 5:19 "For as by **one man's disobedience** many were made sinners, so by the **obedience of one** shall many be made righteous."

1 John 3:10 "In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: **whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God**, neither he that loveth not his brother."

Eph 4:20-24 "But ye have not so learned Christ; **If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him**, as the truth is in Jesus: **That ye put off** concerning the former conversation the old man (Adam), which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**; And **that ye put on** the new man (Christ), which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."

1 Cor 3:3&4 "For ye are yet carnal: **for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men** (the world)? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?"

1 Cor 15:34 "**Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God**: I speak *this* to your shame."

2 Cor 13:5 "**Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith**; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, **except ye be reprobates?**"

1 Cor 5:6-8 "Your glorying *is* not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveneth the whole lump? **Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump**, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us: Therefore let us keep the feast (communion), not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened *bread* of sincerity and truth."

1 Cor 11:27, 29, 31&32 "Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink *this* cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. **For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself**, not discerning the Lord's body. **For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged**. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, **that we should not be condemned with the world.**"

of the Lord is holy, all believers must purify themselves because the Church must also be holy. Anyone who accommodates sin in his life eats and drinks damnation unto himself and will be condemned along with the world by God, unless he or she repents and turns from such ungodliness.

Rev 3:16 "So then **because thou art lukewarm**, and neither cold nor hot, **I will spue thee out** of my mouth."

## SECTION THREE

### GOD'S ETERNAL PURPOSE

#### In this section we will show that:

- God revealed Himself as three persons;
- Man is a trinity who has a soul, a spirit and a body;
- Disobedience corrupted the godly order of the inner-man before sin could enter the body;
- Jesus is Lord, because He overcame Satan through His obedience to God and destroyed sin in the body;
  - The Holy Spirit sets the believer free from sin and helps the inner-man to become godly again.

#### Pray this prayer taken from Philippians 1:9-11 frequently:

*“FATHER this I ..... pray,  
(Please insert your own name here)  
that MY love may abound  
yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;  
That I may approve  
things that are excellent;  
that I may be sincere and without offence  
**till the day of Christ;**  
Being filled with the fruits of righteousness,  
which are by Jesus Christ,  
unto the glory and praise of God.”  
AMEN.*

## CHAPTER 7

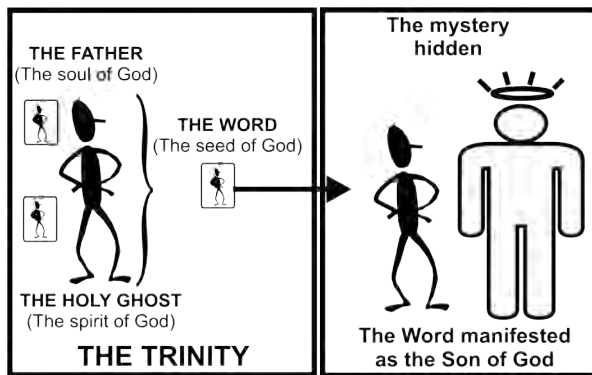
### GOD REVEALED IN MAN

The eternal purpose of God is that according to His own will He determined to adopt sons for Himself through His Son Jesus Christ. Because of this will we are predestined and chosen to be adopted as sons of God. Through Jesus Christ, God revealed to man that a son of God sins not. That is why God calls us to be holy and without blame (perfect) before Him.

In the dispensations *before Christ*, the inner-man could not stop sinning because of sin in the body. It is for this reason Jesus, the Son of God, appeared in a body of sin to destroy sin so that God could create a body without sin for the sons of God to dwell in.

### GOD REVEALED HIMSELF AS THREE PERSONS

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God is spirit, and revealed Himself to us as three persons. This invisible God revealed Himself as the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost. Although God is one, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost are separate persons and each one functions in His own capacity as God.

The Father is the SOUL of God; the Holy Ghost is the SPIRIT of God and the Word, manifested in a body, is the SON of God. Because the Word is the seed of God, the fullness of God is revealed in the Son.

#### The Father

The Father is the SOUL and the mind of God. The will of God therefore lies with the Father and He makes the

#### REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

Eph 1:4&5 "According as he hath chosen us in him **before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: **Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children** by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,"

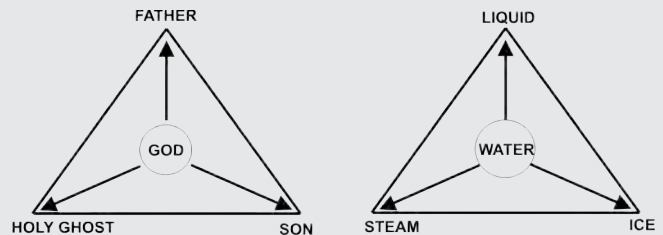
1 John 4:17 "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: **because as he is, so are we in this world.**"

Luke 24:39 "**Behold my hands and my feet**, that it is I (Jesus) myself: **handle me, and see**; for a spirit (a ghost) hath not flesh and bones, (a body) as ye see me have."

1 John 1:1&2 "...**which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled**, of the Word of life;... and shew unto you **that eternal life**, which was with the Father, and **was manifested unto us.**"

When the inner-man, Jesus, was in the body of sin, the body did not have eternal life for it aged and died. The new body, without sin, cannot age or die, for it has eternal life.

God is a trinity as illustrated in the diagram below.



The Father is the **soul** and head of the Trinity. The Holy Ghost is the **spirit** of the Trinity and the Son is the **body** of the Trinity. Hence man was created with a soul, a spirit, and a body.

1 John 5:7 "For **there are three** that bear record in heaven, **the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost**: and these three are one."

Matt 28:19 "Go..., and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of **the Father**, and of **the Son**, and of **the Holy Ghost**:"

Col 2:9 "For in him (the Son) dwelleth **all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.**"

1 John 5:20 "And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, **that we may know him** (God) that is true, and we are in him that is true, **even in his Son Jesus Christ**. This is **the true God, and eternal life.**"

James 4:12 "There is **one lawgiver** (the Father), who is able to save and to destroy..."

Heb 12:28&29 "...we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear: For our God is **a consuming fire.**"



decisions. As the head of the trinity, the Father has the authority to judge.

## The Holy Ghost

The Holy Ghost is the SPIRIT of God. The nature of God lies with His spirit which is holy. The Holy Spirit is in submission to the head. As the spirit of the trinity, the Holy Ghost has the power to execute and bring forth the will of the Father.

Together, the Father and the Holy Spirit are the 'father' and the 'mother' of the Son.

## The Word

The Word of God is the One through whom God created the visible worlds. The Word does the works of the Father by the power of the Holy Spirit.

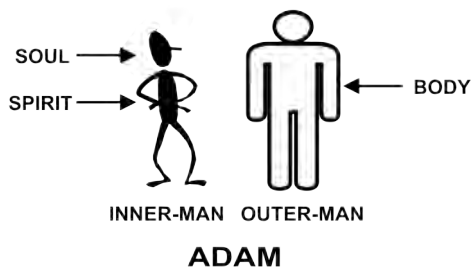
God predetermined before the creation of the worlds that the Word would one day dwell in a BODY as the Son of God.

## THE CREATION OF MAN

The mystery that was hidden through the ages is that God would one day reveal Himself in man. When the first man was created, God initiated the process to create a body wherein the Word would eventually dwell.

God therefore created Adam based on "the mystery hidden" as illustrated in the diagram on the previous page and therefore called Adam the son of God.

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Because God exists as three persons, He created man with a soul, a spirit and a body. The soul and spirit are the inner-man and the natural body is the outer-man.

Heb 10:31 "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God (the Father)."

John 16:13 "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he (the Holy Spirit) shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear (from the Father), that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."

Acts 1:8 "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you..."

Rom 15:19 "Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God..."

*El Shaddai* means 'breasty one'. One who blesses, nourishes, supplies and satisfies. See Gen 17:1&2 and Gen 28:3.

Eph 5:27 (NKJV) also refers to the Church as "HER". The Church and the Holy Spirit bring forth children for God the Father.

Heb 1:1-3 "God (the Father)... Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son (Jesus), whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power (the Spirit)..."

1 Tim 3:16 "And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh (in the old body), justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory (in the new body)."

Gen 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image (the outer-man), after our likeness (the inner-man)..."

**Take note:** The word 'Our' also refers to the Trinity of God.

Luke 3:38 "Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God."

1 Thess 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Cor 11:7 "For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image (outer-man) and glory (inner-man) of God: but the woman is the glory of the man."

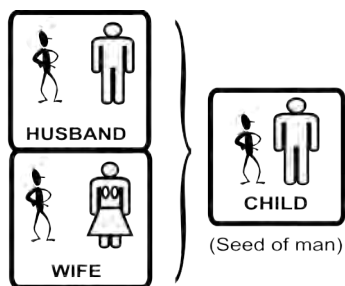
The soul is the head of the inner-man like the Father. The spirit is the body of the inner-man like the Holy Spirit. The body is like the Word.

The concept of a family also exists in God. Because the family consists of a father, a mother and a child, God created the human body male and female in order to produce a child. As the Creator, God could have created many people, but chose to produce children through the husband and wife in marriage.

## THE CREATION OF A FAMILY UNIT

Because the concept of a family exists in God, He created the human in two parts, a male and a female so that they could produce offspring. Accordingly, the father, mother and child reveal the trinity of God who is the Father, the Holy Spirit and the Son.

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THE GODHEAD IS REVEALED IN THE FAMILY

The diagram above illustrates the trinity of man which can only be seen in the family unit. The husband with his wife depicts the inner-man while the child depicts the outer-man. The husband and the wife in marriage represent the soul and the spirit of Adam. The child represents the body of Adam.

Because the soul and the spirit of the inner-man are one, they cannot be separated. For this reason the husband and the wife are also one. They are one body because the woman was taken out of the man. The seed of the husband in the wife manifests a child, and in the child we can see that the two again become one. The fullness of man (soul, spirit and body) is reproduced in the child who is the seed for the next generation.

The inner-man was created in the likeness of God and for this reason the soul is the head of the spirit. The body was created in the image God envisioned for the Son. That is why Adam is also called the son of God.

A husband and wife without children do not constitute a family. After their first child is born, the husband becomes a father and the wife a mother. Only then are they a family unit.

Malachi 2:15 "And did not he make **one**? Yet had he the residue of the spirit. And wherefore one? That he might seek a **godly seed...**"

Luke 3:8 "...for I say unto you, That **God is able of these stones to raise up children** unto Abraham."

Gen 2:23&24 "And Adam said, This *is* now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because **she was taken out of Man**. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: **and they** (the two) shall be **one flesh** (in the child)."

God created man and then created the woman out of him. These two are actually one because God **the Father** and God **the Holy Spirit** are one. The husband and wife God created could now produce a child in their own image and likeness. It is the child who represents the third person in the Trinity. The child is also the seed of man just as the Word is the Seed of God.

1 Cor 11:8 "For the **man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man.**"

1 Tim 2:13 "For **Adam was first formed**, then Eve."

1 Pet 3:1&5 "Likewise, ye **wives**, be **in subjection to your own husbands...** For after this manner in the old time the **holy women** also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, **being in subjection** unto their own husbands:"

**Take note:** Holy means the Spirit of God is pure, perfect, without sin and in submission to the Father. If the spirit is not in submission to the soul then the spirit of man is a wicked spirit.

The above principle reveals God's perfect will for man regarding marriage. The state of most marriages of this day and age are contrary to the counsel of God and therefore sinful.

**Take note:** Gay and lesbian relations do not exist in the revelation of God. Because such relations cannot produce a child, they do not represent the Godhead. Relationships between people of the same sex are a violation of God's perfect order because they cannot produce children. It is the children who are the seeds for the next generation. If humans do not have children then the human race will become extinct.

Rom 1:26&27 "...for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, **burned in their lust** one toward another; men with men **working that which is unseemly...**"

Man was created in the likeness and image of God so that every individual as well as the family unit may be a visible expression of the Godhead.

### The relation between husband, wife and child

In the family unit the husband is the soul and head just like God the Father. The wife is the spirit and is subject to her head, just like God the Holy Ghost is subject to the Father. The child is the body and obeys his parents just like God the Son obeys the Father and the Holy Spirit.

### THE CREATED ORDER OF MAN

The relation between the father, the mother and the child in the family unit reveals to us God's principles that govern the soul, the spirit and the body of an individual.

#### The soul of man (The husband)

The soul is the head and mind of the inner-man. God holds the soul (husband) responsible for the well-being of the spirit (wife) as well as the body (child). Because the soul (husband) has the authority he (husband) will be judged by God.

#### The spirit of man (The wife)

The spirit is the spirit-body and nature of the inner-man. Because the spirit (wife) is in submission to the soul (husband) it supports and enforces the will of the soul (husband) on the body (child).

#### The natural body of man (The child)

The natural body is the outer-man. The body (child) obeys and does the will of the soul (father).

### MAN WAS CREATED PERFECT

The relationship between the soul, the spirit and the body of man depicts the three spheres of government in a godly man. The soul makes the decisions. The spirit enforces the decisions, and the body obeys. Perfection therefore means that each member has a designated task to perform and each member functions according to the principle God allocated to it.

1 Cor 11:3 "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and **the head of the woman is the man...**"



Titus 1:6 "If any (man) be blameless, **the husband of one wife**, having **faithful** (obedient) **children** not accused of riot or unruly."

Col 3:18-20 "**Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands**, as it is fit in the Lord. **Husbands, love your wives**, and be not bitter against them. **Children, obey your parents** in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord."

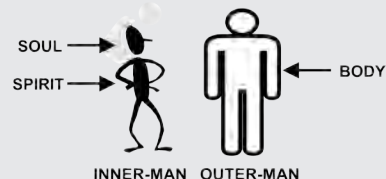
Gen 3:16 "...and thy desire *shall be* to thy husband, and **he shall rule over thee.**"

Eph 5:22&23 "**Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands**, as unto the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife..."

Eph 5:25 "**Husbands, love your wives**, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it (her)."

1 Cor 11:7 "...but the **woman is the glory of the man.**"

Eph 6:1&2 "**Children, obey your parents** in the Lord: for this is right. Honour thy father and mother; (which is the first commandment with promise;)"



1 Cor 11:11&12 "Nevertheless neither is the man (soul) without the woman (spirit), neither the woman (spirit) without the man (soul), in the Lord (the perfect man). For as the woman *is* of the man, even so *is* the man also by the woman; **but all things** (are) **of God.**"

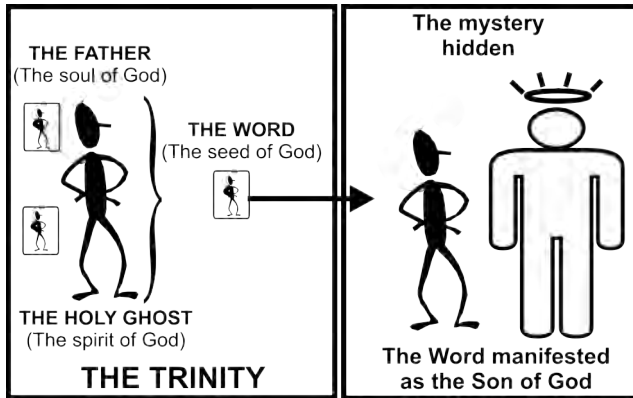
If the perfect order in which each member of man functions is disturbed, man immediately loses the glory of God and becomes a sinner.

All that Satan had to do was to disrupt the godly order. For this reason he bypassed Adam, the head, and tempted Eve to obey him. When Eve submitted to Satan, she was no longer in submission to her head and when Adam submitted to Eve, he was no longer the head of his wife.

The CEO (the soul) of a company takes a decision, the manager (the spirit) enforces the decision made, and sees to it that the worker (the body) does the will of the CEO.

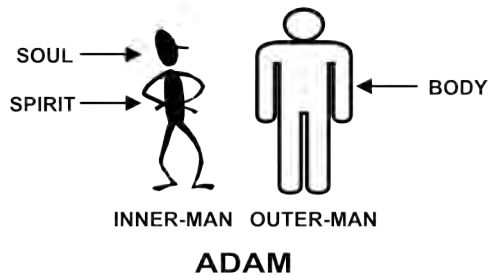
In the family unit, the father is the CEO; the mother is the manager and she sees to it that the child obeys and does the will of the father.

## SUMMARY



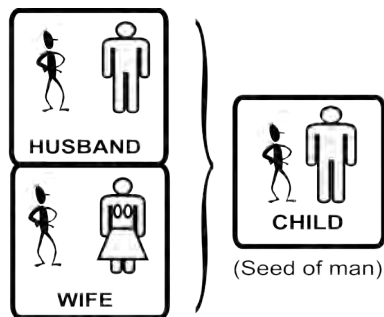
### **THE MYSTERY HIDDEN**

God's intention was that the Word would dwell in a human body as the Son of God and then reign supreme over all that God created through Him.



### **GOD REVEALED IN MAN**

Because God is One, He created one man. Because God is a Trinity, man has a soul, a spirit, and a body. God appointed man to reign over His creation.



THE GODHEAD IS REVEALED IN THE FAMILY

### **GOD REVEALED IN THE FAMILY**

The husband represents God the Father, the wife represents God the Holy Spirit and the child represents God the Son.

God created man in two parts – a husband and wife that can produce a child. The child is the seed of man for the next generation. Man now has the ability to live forever like God.

## CHAPTER 8

### THE FALL OF MAN

God revealed Himself as a trinity – the Father, the Holy Spirit and the Word. The Father is the soul and head of the Holy Spirit who is in submission to Him. The will of the Father is done through the Word with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Perfection therefore means that the soul is the head of the spirit and the body does the work. Together the soul and the spirit form the inner-man while the body is the outer-man and third person in the trinity. Man was a godly being because his soul, his spirit and his body functioned according to their designated orders.

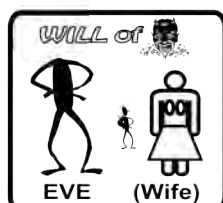
God's principle is that the soul rules over the spirit and that the spirit controls the body. The fall of man took place when the spirit usurped the authority of the soul and caused the body to become disobedient. When God's designated godly order was overturned, man became an unholy being.

#### The fall of the spirit and the soul

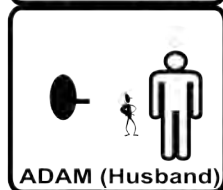
The fall of the perfect man is revealed in the lives of Adam and Eve. The diagram below shows that the spirit usurped the authority of the soul.

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**SPIRIT**  
Second person  
of the trinity



**SOUL**  
First person  
of the trinity



Before Eve was created, God commanded Adam not to eat of the tree of knowledge of 'good & evil'. Eve, on the other hand, received God's command through Adam, her head. God spoke to Adam (soul) and not to

#### REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

The Father, the Holy Spirit and the Word each have their own place in the Godhead and each one functions according to His own principle. Everything that God created has a place and a function. If God's created order is disturbed it becomes ungodly. This is what happened when Satan and his angels departed from the domain that God created for them.

Jude 1:6 "And the angels **which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved** in everlasting chains under darkness **unto the judgment** of the great day."

Matt 5:48 "Be ye therefore **perfect**, even as your **Father** which is in heaven is perfect."

1 Pet 3:5 "For after this manner in the old time the **holy women** also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being **in subjection** unto their **own husbands**:"

Eph 6:1 "**Children, obey** your parents in the Lord: for this is right."

Take note: A perfect man is one whose spirit is in submission to his soul and a body that obeys. A family is also perfect when a wife submits to her husband and the children obey the parents.

If the spirit, however, does not submit to the soul, the body cannot obey the soul. When the wife does not submit to the husband the children will also not obey him.

Eve transgressed the law created for her because she did not remain submissive to Adam, her head. Since then the spirit of man also dominates the soul.

1 Tim 2:13&14 "For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And Adam (the soul) was not deceived, but **the woman** (the spirit) **being deceived** was **in the transgression**."

The result of the fall is that man now lives according to the desires of his spirit (heart) and no longer according to the common sense of his soul (mind).

Tempted by Satan, Eve broke the law. God made women to be the helper but she became the master. That is why the spirit of man dominates his soul.

Satan deceived Eve because he also departed from the order created for him.

Isa 14:13&14 "...I will **ascend** into heaven, I will **exalt** my throne **above** the stars of God: ... I (Lucifer) will **be like** the most High (God)."

1 Cor 11:3 "But I would have you know, that **the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man;** and the head of Christ *is* God."

Note: This is God's order but since the fall this was no longer the case. Since then the wife is the head of the husband and Satan is the head of the wife.

Examples: When Samson submitted to Delilah, God was no longer his head. When Abram submitted to Sarai, Abram disobeyed God and Ishmael instead of Isaac was born.

Gen 2:16-18 "And the LORD **God commanded the man** (Adam), saying, ...But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou



Eve (spirit) but Satan violated God's principle and spoke directly to Eve (spirit) who was not the head of the unit.

Satan knew that knowledge of 'good & evil' creates lusts and desires in the spirit and that because the nature of the spirit is stronger than the soul, Eve would take Adam captive to disobey God. That is why Satan chose to reveal knowledge of 'good & evil' to Eve.

The following diagram illustrates the fallen state of the inner-man.

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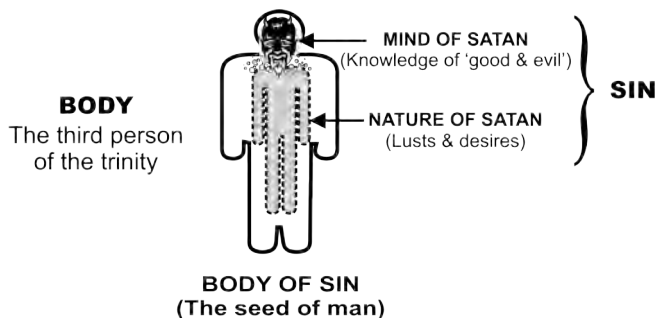
The soul discovers that it is powerless to execute its own will because the spirit dominates it and the desires of the spirit will be done.

Because the divine order of the inner-man was overturned, the outer-man (body) became the property of Satan and the dwelling place of demons.

### The fall of the body

When Adam and Eve obeyed Satan the body became the property of Satan, and the law of sin and death has reigned in it from then on. All three members of man came under the control of Satan. The body was now the body of sin and the instrument through which the inner-man sins.

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shalt not eat of it... And the LORD God said, *It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help* (Eve) meet for him."

Rom 6:16 "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his **servants ye are to whom ye obey**; whether of sin unto death..."

Satan also experienced his own fall when he acquired the knowledge of 'good & evil'. The result was that Satan left the state created for him and made himself equal to God. He could no longer submit to God. In his communication with Eve he gave her knowledge of 'good & evil' and she also could no longer stay in submission to Adam.

Job 2:7, 9&10 "**So went Satan forth... and smote Job** with sore boils... **Then said his wife** unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? **curse God**, and die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh..."

Note: From this scripture you can see that the wife (the spirit) cannot lead because the spirit does not think, it acts on its emotions. Because Job did not submit to his wife, God eventually restored him.

Gen 19:26 "But **his wife looked back** from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt."

Note: Lot (the soul) was commanded not to look back, but his wife (the spirit) looked back. Here again, we see the disobedient nature of the unholy spirit.

James 1:14&15 "But every man is tempted, when he (the soul) **is drawn away of his own lust** (spirit), **and enticed**. Then when lust hath conceived (a woman), it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Only a woman conceives which proves the spirit is like a woman.

Prov 25:28 "**He** (the soul) **that hath no rule over his own spirit** is like a **city that is broken down**, and without walls."

Once a city wall is breached the enemy can enter. This is what happened to the body of man. Demons, as many as a legion, can occupy the human body. (Mark 5:9&15)

When the inhabitants of a country vote for a new government, the law of that new government reigns in that country over them. When Adam and Eve voted for Satan the body became the kingdom of Satan. Sin then indwelt the body and reigns over the inner-man.

Rom 7:20 "Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but **sin that dwelleth in me** (in my body)."

Luke 17:21 "...behold, **the kingdom of God is within you**."

Note: From this scripture we can conclude that the kingdom of Satan is also within the body.



**SIN**

Eph 2:2 "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to **the prince** of the power of the air, **the spirit** (sin) that now **worketh in the children of disobedience**:"

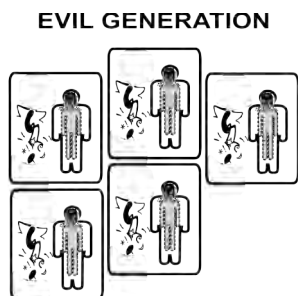
Sin is therefore the spirit or nature of Satan just as the Holy Spirit is the spirit or nature of God. The spirit of sin in the body is called 'the flesh' and it is this evil spirit, not the natural body, that corrupts the inner-man.

Because the body is the house of Satan, sin dwells in the body. Sin has a mind of 'good & evil' and a nature that lusts and desires. Because sin indwells the body, the body ages and dies.

## THE DESCENDANTS OF MAN

Because the body is the seed of man, all the children of man are born in a body of sin and are the slaves of Satan under the law of sin and death.

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## THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE

As children grow up in the body of sin, they receive knowledge of 'good & evil' which causes lusts and desires in the spirit. As the spirit becomes evil-natured it dominates the logic of the soul. Because nature is stronger than knowledge, the spirit takes the soul captive to obey Satan. This ungodly state of the inner-man corresponds to Eve (the spirit), who also took Adam (the soul) captive to obey Satan. This is the fall of man. A sinner is a person who has a disobedient spirit that dominates his soul.

A child is not born as a sinner, but born in a body of sin. His inner-man is not condemned by God because of Adam and Eve, but because he himself becomes a sinner who sins. A sinner lives according to the evil nature of his heart (spirit) and not according to the logic of his mind (soul). Although the sinner may be aware of what is expected of him, he will respond according to the deceitfulness of his spirit. The heart is deceitful because it can do good as well as evil, therefore the sinner does not know what he will do. He is unstable and unreliable in all his ways. He cannot trust himself and neither can he be trusted because he is sinful.

The human body now has an evil nature that indwells it. The human nature of the body was not changed. It is the evil nature that indwells the body that corrupts the inner-man.

**Take note:** The Jews who were born in Egypt were all under the law of Egypt and the slaves of Pharaoh. Likewise, all people born in the body of sin are under the law of sin and the slaves of Satan.

Rom 3:9 "What then? are we (the Jews) better *than they(the Gentiles)*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are **all under sin;**"

Rom 3:12 "**They are all gone out of the way,** they are together become unprofitable; **there is none that doeth good, no, not one.**"

Gen 3:7 "And **the eyes of them both were opened,** and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons."

Note: Just like Adam and Eve, children cover themselves as well once they become **conscious** that they are naked, for then they have also acquired the knowledge of 'good & evil'.

Rom 7:23 "But I see **another law** (the law of my spirit) in my members, warring against the **law of my mind** (my soul), and bringing me into captivity to the **law of sin** which is in my members (my body)."

Rom 7:15 "For **that which I do I** (the soul) **allow not:** for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I."

Ps 51:5 "Behold, I was shapen **in iniquity;** and **in sin** did my mother conceive me."

Prov 16:32 "He that is **slow to anger** is **better than the mighty;** and he (the soul) **that ruleth his spirit** than he that taketh a city."

Prov 25:28 "He (the soul) that hath **no rule over his own spirit** is like a **city** that is **broken down,** and **without walls.**"

Jer 17:9&10 "**The heart** (spirit) *is deceitful* above all *things,* and **desperately wicked:** who can know it? I the LORD **search the heart** (spirit), *I try the reins* (soul), even **to give** every man according to his ways, and **according to the fruit of his doings** (body)."

Apart from man's own sinful nature, the earth was also cursed by God and it produces thorns and thistles. Because the ground does not produce enough, deficiency causes a society that functions in unrighteousness for their survival.

The wisdom of the world is based on the knowledge of 'good & evil' and such wisdom is devilish. Because of the sinful nature of man the whole world with its systems lie in wickedness.

## CONSEQUENCES OF THE FALL

### Knowledge of 'good & evil'

Because the soul of man received knowledge of 'good & evil', the spirit lusts and desires. The effect that knowledge of 'good & evil' has on man can immediately be seen in the lives of Cain and Abel. Both of them brought an offering to God. Both the offerings were good but God preferred the blood offering of Abel. Knowledge of 'good & evil' in his soul gave rise to anger in the spirit of Cain and with his body he killed Abel. It is this knowledge of 'good & evil' that caused Cain to murder his brother. Murder is a work of 'the flesh'.

### Unrighteous Mammon

Because the ground was cursed, deficiencies started to occur and this caused greed and hoarding. It is because of the uncertainty of future provisions that they become unrighteous in their dealing with each other.

Wealth and riches are called Mammon. Mammon is not the devil, but the spirit of money. Just as knowledge of 'good & evil' produces sin, so money produces unrighteousness and idolatry.

As long as man has a mortal body money will have an effect on him. The fear of death (lack of money) is the reason why man trusts money more than God.

Gen 3:17&18 "...Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife... **cursed is the ground** for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth** to thee..."

1 John 2:16 "For **all that is in the world**, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, **is not of the Father**, but is of the world."

Rom 8:7 "Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God**: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be."

A carnal mind functions according to the knowledge of 'good & evil'. Jesus used the following parable to illustrate the effect that knowledge of 'good & evil' has on a person: An employer hired labourers at different times of the day, but then he paid them the same wages at the end of the working day. Those who worked longer hours became upset in their spirit, and complained. The carnal mind could not accept that they all received the same wages. Again we see how knowledge of 'good & evil' leads to the works of 'the flesh'. (Matt 20:8-14)

1 Tim 6:9&10 "But **they that will be rich** fall into temptation and a snare, and *into* many **foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition**. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some **coveted after**, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with **many sorrows**."

Matt 6:24 "**No man can serve two masters**: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon**."

Col 3:5 "...and **covetousness**, which is idolatry:"

Job 2:4 "And **Satan answered the LORD**, and said, **Skin for skin, yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life**."

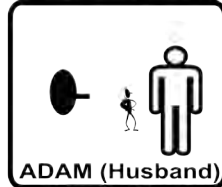
Example: Because of the fear of death people spend everything they have on medication in order to stay alive. Everybody wants to go to heaven but no one wants to die! This is a paradox.

## SUMMARY

**SPIRIT**  
Second person  
of the trinity



**SOUL**  
First person  
of the trinity



SPIRIT



EVE (wife)

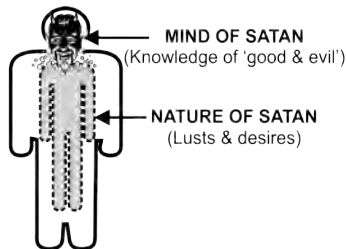
SOUL



ADAM (husband)

UNGODLY INNER-MAN

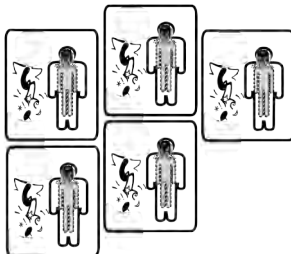
**BODY**  
The third person  
of the trinity



**SIN**

**BODY OF SIN**  
(The seed of man)

**EVIL GENERATION**



**THE CHILDREN OF DISOBEDIENCE**

### **THE FALL OF THE SPIRIT AND THE SOUL**

Because Eve obeyed Satan and Adam obeyed Eve, both were disobedient to God and they came under the control of Satan.

The husband was no longer the head of his wife. This unholy condition is in contrast to God's created order and violates the glory of God.

### **THE GODLY ORDER DISTURBED**

Because of the ungodly state of the inner-man the desires of the spirit dominate the will of the soul.

### **THE FALL OF THE BODY**

The body came under the law of sin and death because of the ungodliness of the inner-man. Because sin now reigns in the body, the body of man is called the body of sin.

### **EVIL GENERATION**

All descendants of man are born in a body of sin and are under the law of sin and death. As they receive knowledge of 'good & evil', they become evil and sinners in their own right.



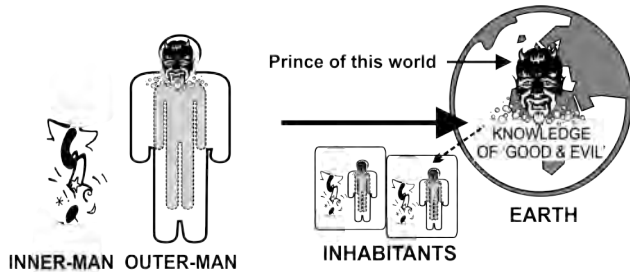
## CHAPTER 9

### THE SAVIOUR OF THE WORLD

#### THE WORLD

The world is the earth and its inhabitants. If we compare the world to man, then earth is the outer-man while the inhabitants are the inner-man.

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When Adam obeyed Satan, he surrendered the authority he received from God to Satan. Satan then became the prince of the world. Satan controls the world through the knowledge of 'good & evil' which is the law of sin.

All the inhabitants on earth have knowledge of 'good & evil' and therefore the nature of Satan. As the soul receives more knowledge of 'good & evil', the spirit of man becomes increasingly wicked. The ungodly inner-man then uses his body to do the works of Satan which can be good and evil.

Human rights, Democracy and Workers Unions seem good but only lead to strife and unruliness, which is evil. All the good that the world does only leads to evil and destruction. The more good they do, the more chaotic the world becomes. All the good that the world does cannot remove evil. Even the good that is done to and for a sinner, will not make him good.

#### JESUS DEFEATED SATAN

Adam brought sin into the world, and Christ had to remove sin from the world. For this reason the Word of God was manifested in the body of sin as Jesus – the Son of Man. In order to save the world, Jesus had to rise up against Satan and overthrow his kingdom.

#### REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

Just as the inner-man dwells in his body, so the inhabitants dwell on earth. And as the law that reigns in the body affects the inner-man, so the law that reigns on the earth affects the inhabitants of earth. We see that the same principle applies to every country. The law of every country governs its citizens.

John 14:30 "...for the **prince** (ruler) of **this world** cometh, and hath nothing in me."

Rom 5:12 "Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) **sin** (knowledge of 'good & evil') **entered into the world**, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

Luke 4:6 "And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: **for that is delivered unto me** (by Adam); and to whomsoever I will I give it."

Rom 7:20&24 "Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but **sin that dwelleth in me**. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from **the body of this death?**"

Matt 12:34 "O generation of vipers, **how can ye, being evil, speak good things?** for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh."

2 Cor 11:14 "...for **Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**"

James 3:15&16 "**This wisdom** descendeth not from above, but *is* earthly, sensual, **devilish**. For where envying and strife *is*, there *is* confusion and every evil work."

Sinners also do good things but they are actually devils like their father. Believers must be careful not to be deceived by all the good works that the World does, for it is actually evil.

Isa 61:1 "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me... to proclaim **liberty to the captives**, and the **opening of the prison to them that are bound** (by Satan and sin);"



We already know from previous chapters that sin is stronger than knowledge of the Word. As the son of man, Jesus had to be empowered by the Holy Ghost to stand against the wiles of the devil. When he was baptized by John the Baptist Jesus, the Son of Man, became the Son of God and the only man with power to overcome Satan.

If the spirit of sin is the power of Satan, then the Holy Spirit is the power of Jesus.

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Satan became the prince of this world and the ruler of mankind because Adam submitted to him. To deliver the world from the power of Satan, Jesus had to rise up against Satan. It is for this very reason that the Holy Ghost led Jesus into the Wilderness to be tempted by Satan.

Jesus, as the Son of God, was supernaturally tempted: via His body, to make bread of stones because He was hungry; via His soul, to jump from the roof of the temple because of the misinterpretation of scripture; and, via His spirit, to worship Satan because he promised Him the world. If Jesus submitted to Satan, He would have become the servant of Satan and a slave of sin just like Adam.

### JESUS DESTROYED THE BODY OF SIN

Because Jesus resisted Satan, God approved and anointed Him. He then returned to Canaan in the power of the Spirit. Although He suffered all the trials and tribulations of living in the body of sin and the temptations and persecutions of men, He sinned not.

However, because Satan still ruled man and the world through sin in the body, Jesus had to destroy the body of sin on the cross; He consequently dethroned Satan as the prince of the world.

Luke 3:22 "And **the Holy Ghost descended** in a bodily shape like a dove **upon him**, and a voice came from heaven, which said, Thou art my beloved Son..."

John 3:34 "For He **whom God has sent** speaketh the words of God: for **God giveth not the Spirit by measure unto him.**"

Acts 1:8 "But ye shall **receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you...**"

Luke 4:5&6 "And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, **shewed unto him all the kingdoms of the world...** And the devil said unto him, All this power will I give thee, and the glory of them: **for that is delivered unto me...**"

The confrontation Jesus had with Satan can also be compared to Moses who had to confront Pharaoh, the king of Egypt. The temptations Jesus experienced during his 40 days in the Wilderness is similar to the 40 years that the Jews wandered in the Wilderness.

Luke 4:2&3 "**Being forty days tempted of the devil.** And in those days he did eat nothing: and when they were ended, **he** afterward **hungered.** ...If thou be the Son of God, command this stone that it be made bread."

\* This temptation was directed at the body of Jesus.

Luke 4:5&7 "And the devil... shewed unto him **all the kingdoms of the world** in a moment of time. If thou therefore wilt **worship me, all shall be thine.**"

\* This temptation was directed at the spirit of Jesus.

Luke 4:9 "And he brought him to Jerusalem, and set him on a **pinnacle of the temple**, and said unto him, If thou be the Son of God, **cast thyself down from hence:**"

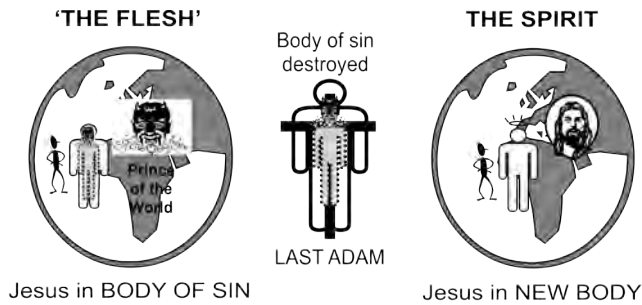
\* This temptation was directed at the soul of Jesus.

Eph 5:23 "...and **he is the saviour of the body.**"

1 John 2:2 "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and **not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**"

John 16:11 "Of judgment, because **the prince of this world is judged.**"

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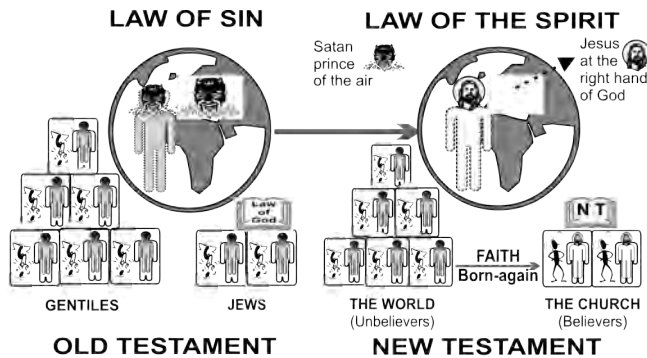


In the Wilderness Jesus overcame Satan, and in the body of sin he overcame sin. When the body of sin was destroyed on the cross, God raised Jesus in a new body and Jesus became the new ruler of the world. Satan was no longer the prince of the world but only the prince of the air.

**JESUS THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND**

Satan reigned in the world through the law of sin. Jesus now reigns in the world through the law of the Spirit. The law of the Spirit reigns through knowledge of the truth (the Word of God) just as the law of sin ruled in the world through knowledge of 'good & evil'.

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The truth of the matter is that since Christ the world is under the law of the Spirit. However, people do not believe the truth and they therefore continue to live in sin. Because sinners are in the majority on earth, it seems as if the world is not delivered from sin. Through their unbelief they continue to serve Satan, although Jesus is the Lord.

John 12:31 "Now is the judgment of this world: now shall **the prince of this world be cast out.**"  
 Note: Because the body of sin (house of Satan) was destroyed Satan only reigns in the air.

John 1:29 "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, **which taketh away the sin** of the world."

John 3:17 "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but **that the world through him might be saved.**"

Acts 5:31 "**Him** (Jesus) hath God exalted with his right hand to be a **Prince and a Saviour** (of the world)..."

Acts 2:36 "...that **God hath made that same Jesus**, whom ye have crucified, **both Lord** (King) **and Christ.**"

Col 1:15 "**Who** (Jesus Christ) **is the image** (body) **of the invisible God**, the firstborn of every creature:"

Acts 17:30&31 "And **the times of this ignorance God winked at**; but **now commandeth all men every where to repent**: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which **he will judge the world** in righteousness **by that man whom he hath ordained**; *whereof he hath given assurance unto all men*, in that **he hath raised him from the dead.**"

Eph 2:2 "Wherein in time past ye walked **according to the course of this world**, according to **the prince of the power of the air**, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:"

1 John 5:19 "**...the whole world lieth in wickedness.**"

Although Satan was defeated and cast out, he and his forces still influence the world and the Church from the air to disobey God. All who disobey God are controlled by Satan and through them he still reigns on earth. When Jesus returns, He will cast Satan, his hosts, and all who obeyed him into hell where they belong. Only then will the true Church be revealed.

Eph 6:12 "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against ...the rulers of the darkness of this world, against **spiritual wickedness in high places** (*in the air*)."

Rom 12:2 "And **be not conformed to this world** (do not live like sinners): but **be ye transformed** (changed) **by the renewing of your mind...**"

Matt 13:38 "The field is the world; **the good seed are the children of the kingdom**; but **the tares are the children of the wicked one;**"

Unbelievers will remain in sin until they believe the truth and accept Jesus as Lord. For this reason the Gospel must be preached to all mankind. Those who believe and accept Jesus as the Lord will be delivered from sin when they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Those who are born-again through faith in Jesus constitute the Church. They are in the Spirit and not in 'the flesh'. As they discover the truth for themselves and grow in the knowledge of God, they sin no more.

1 Cor 1:21 "...it pleased God **by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.**"

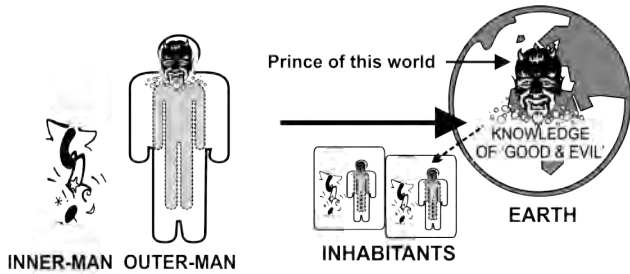
John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them **gave he power (Holy Spirit) to become the sons of God**, even to them that **believe on his name** (Jesus Christ)."

1 Cor 15:34 "**Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God...**"

1 John 2:28&29 "And now, little children, **abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.**"

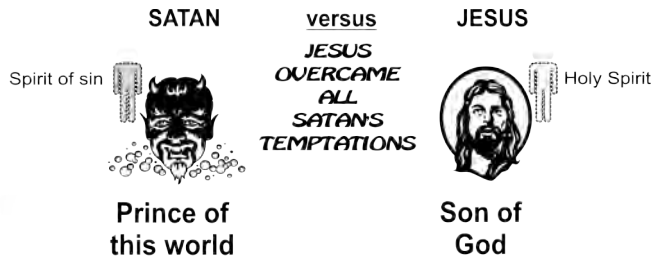
1 John 3:6 "Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: **whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.**"

# SUMMARY



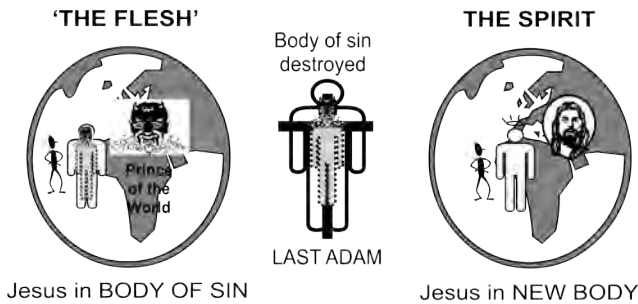
## THE WORLD

It is because of the knowledge of 'good & evil' that sin entered the body of man and so Satan gained control of the inner-man. It is through the sinful inhabitants that Satan rules the world.



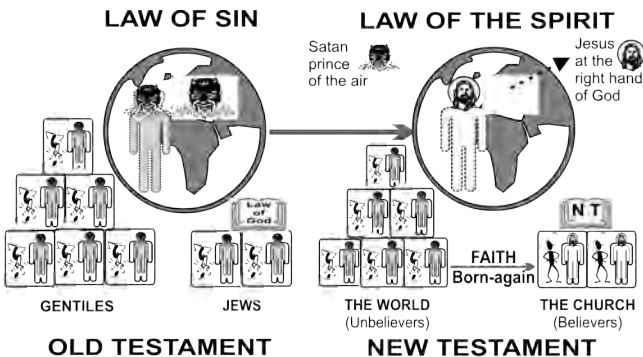
## JESUS DEFEATED SATAN

When the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus, He was led into the Wilderness to confront Satan. Because Jesus overcame all Satan's temptations and sinned not once, He dethroned Satan as the prince of the world.



## JESUS DESTROYED THE BODY OF SIN

Once Satan was overcome, the body of sin was destroyed on the cross. Because the body (house of Satan) was destroyed, Satan now had to dwell in the air. Death cannot hold a righteous man, and for this reason God raised Jesus in a new body. As the firstborn from the dead, Jesus is Lord and the owner of the world.



## JESUS THE SAVIOUR OF MANKIND

Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the law of the Spirit replaced the law of sin on earth. By accepting Jesus as his Lord every individual can receive the Holy Spirit and be delivered from sin. Because he is then born-again in the Spirit, he is a member of the Church and must obey the Lord.



## CONCLUSION

### THE NAME ABOVE ALL NAMES

The will of God was revealed to the world through the man Jesus. His wisdom is the light of the world. People and governments strive toward His principles and in that, they acknowledge His wisdom, but then they go on to deny Him. The wisdom of Jesus is revealed to us through the Bible by the Holy Spirit.

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JESUS



The Word  
of God

### Jesus is Lord of the world

The Bible is the written Word of God. Although the world pursues the principles set out in the Bible, they refuse to acknowledge and believe the person Jesus who is the embodiment of those principles.

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Jesus is Lord and Christ

Only Satan knows the true God and therefore we must see what Satan does, for it will reveal to us who is Lord. The following is proof that Jesus is really the Lord God:

The Bible declares that you shall not use the name of the Lord in vain. The name that is generally slandered is Jesus and this proves that 'Jesus' is the name of the Lord.

It is in the name of Jesus that demons are driven out because they know that He is the Lord.

## REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

John 14:6 "Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life:** no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

Before Jesus, the wisdom revealed in the New Testament was not known to man. Although the world despises Jesus, they still base their laws on His principles and promote a lifestyle that is founded on His teachings. The world has no alternative set of principles that they can promote. That is why the devil also does not have his own bible, but misinterprets the scriptures.

Heb 1:1&2 "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, **Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son**, whom he hath **appointed heir of all things**, by whom also he made the worlds;"

Matt 1:21 "...thou shalt **call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people** (the believers) **from their sins.**"

John 1:14 "And **the Word** was made flesh, and **dwelt among us**, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only **begotten of the Father**), **full of grace and truth.**"

John 17:26 "And I **have declared unto them thy name...**"

Acts 17:30&31 "And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but **now commandeth all men every where to repent:** Because he hath appointed a day, in the which **he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof** he hath given assurance unto all *men*, **in that he hath raised him from the dead.**"

1 John 5:20 "And we know that **the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding**, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, *even* in his Son **Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.**"

Ex 20:7 "Thou shalt not take **the name of the LORD thy God** in vain..."

The name of Jesus is slandered publicly, on television, and in films. Other religions and their prophets are hardly slandered at all when compared to Jesus.

Mark 16:17 "And these signs shall follow them that believe; **In my name shall they cast out devils...**"



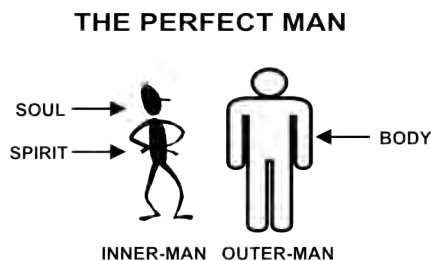
Sinners become agitated when they hear the name Jesus, because they hate God. For this reason it is difficult for believers to speak of Jesus in the presence of sinners because they sense a demonic tension in the air.

No other person was, and is, more exalted in song as the Name of Jesus. Millions of books have been, and will be, written to explain the greatness of Jesus Christ and the inexhaustible wisdom of His words. The fulfillment of the prophecies of Jesus and the declarations made in the Bible can be seen throughout history and also in our day. Jesus is also the only Man who claimed that He is God and proved it by the signs and wonders that He did.

### GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN

Man is the express image and likeness of God. God created man and woman so that they may multiply, and appointed Adam as king to reign over them. God also intended that man should live forever on earth.

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### Destined to live forever

As the king, Adam could eat of the tree of life but was not allowed to eat of the tree of the knowledge of 'good & evil'. The choice the king makes would affect him as well as all his descendants. If he chose to eat of the tree of life, he and his offspring would have remained godly and lived forever, but if he chose to eat of the tree of the knowledge of 'good & evil', he and his offspring would become ungodly and die.

### Destined to be a godly society

God's desire for man was that they would be a godly society who lives a quiet and peaceful life and that they would care for one another as brothers and

Matt 24:9 "...and **ye shall be hated** of all nations **for my name's sake.**"

John 21:25 "And there are also **many other things which Jesus did**, the which, **if they should be written every one**, I suppose that even **the world itself could not contain the books that should be written. Amen.**"

2 Pet 3:13&14 "Nevertheless we, **according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, **be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**"

This scripture proves that God's plan for man is that they should live forever on earth in righteousness.

A perfect man is one whose soul has no knowledge of 'good & evil'; his spirit is in submission to his soul and his body is without sin.

Ezek 18:4, 9&32 "Behold, **all souls are mine... the soul that sinneth, it shall die.** Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he *is* just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord GOD. For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: **wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.**"

Rom 6:23 "For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

If Adam had eaten of the tree of life the Holy Spirit would have dwelt in the body. The Spirit would have taught him and his offspring the ways of righteousness and caused them to be godly-natured. Mankind would have been a godly society with Adam as the prince of the world.

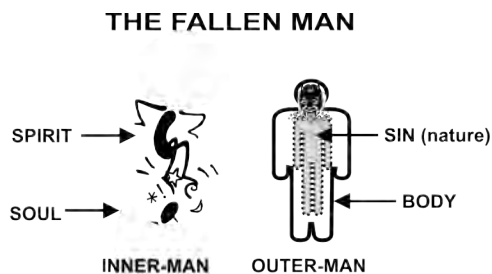
sisters. That is why God told Adam that he may freely eat of the tree of life. The tree of life would have given Adam knowledge of God and an understanding of righteousness. As the head of humanity Adam would have been able to reign over them in righteousness.

Such a godly society would demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit which is: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance.

## THE FALL OF MAN

Satan tempted Eve to eat of the tree of the knowledge of 'good & evil'. When Adam submitted, he sinned and ceded his lordship to Satan. Satan then became the prince of the world and through knowledge of 'good & evil' manifested the spirit of sin in the body.

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### Destined to die

Because of sin the body ages and dies. This means that the inner-man can no longer live on earth forever. Because knowledge of 'good & evil' causes lusts and desires in the spirit, the lusts and desires of the spirit dominates the will of the soul. Man became unholy and a sinful human being.

Not only is the sinner's life cut short in this life, but he will also partake of the second death, which is eternity in hell.

### Destined to be an ungodly society

Knowledge of 'good & evil' in the soul causes the spirit of man to partake of the nature of Satan. Because the spirit is formed through the knowledge of 'good & evil' the spirit can be both good, and evil. This means that

1 Cor 2:9&10 "But as it is written, **Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard**, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love (obey) him. **But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit...**"

Gal 5:22&23 "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance..."

John 12:31 "Now is the judgment of this world: **now shall the prince of this world** be cast out."

**Note:** Satan rules mankind through the nature of sin (law of sin) and demonic influences (demons).

A fallen man is one whose soul has knowledge of 'good & evil', whose spirit dominates the soul, and whose body is indwelt by sin.

Rom 6:12 "**Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it ('him') in the lusts thereof.**"

**Note:** Sin is not something that floats in the air, it is a sinful spirit or an evil nature that indwells the human body. Because the body is the house of Satan demons can also dwell in it.

1 Cor 10:13 "There hath **no temptation taken you but such as is common to man** (the human nature)..."

**Note:** The inner-man is not only influenced by the nature of sin, but also by demons that indwell the body. All temptations of the inner-man are limited to that which is human.

Rom 7:17-19 "Now then it is no more I that do it, **but sin that dwelleth in me**. For I know that in me (that is, **in my flesh**), **dwelleth no good thing**: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do."

**Note:** Because sin indwells the body, Paul described the life and experiences of a sinner before he is born-again. His soul wills to do good, but because the 'will' of his spirit dominates, the soul does not do what he wills.

1 Pet 2:11 "...abstain from **fleshly lusts** (of the spirit), which **war against the soul;**"

Heb 9:27 "And as it is **appointed unto men once to die**, but after this the judgment:"

Rev 21:8 "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and **all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.**"

Matt 25:41 "Then shall he say... Depart from me, ye cursed, **into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**"

**Note:** A person who can be both friendly and rude, honest and dishonest, is an abomination in the eyes of God.

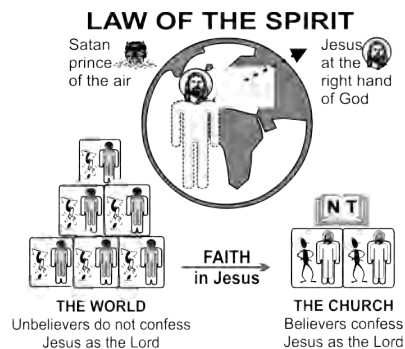
Parable: If plastic had the ability to sometimes conduct electricity and sometimes not it would be untrustworthy. Likewise a person who does both good and evil is also untrustworthy. It is because he is like Satan that he can speak the truth and lie, love and hate, etc.

fallen man is able to do good as well as evil. Such a society is ungodly and evil because they deal with each other in unrighteousness – adultering, fornicating, hating, creating strife, dividing, murdering, cheating, lying, raging, warring, grieving, mourning, suffering and pain, etc. This unrighteousness is their fate in life.

## THE RESTORATION OF MAN

After Jesus defeated Satan and ascended to heaven, the Holy Spirit was sent into the world. The world is now under the law of the Spirit and no longer under the law of sin. But, as long as sinners do not accept the truth they will remain the servants of Satan and slaves of sin.

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The world was in darkness while sin reigned, but since Jesus overcame Satan, the Spirit reigns. Satan is no longer the prince of the world but only the prince of the air. Although the world neither acknowledges Jesus as Lord, nor considers His Holy Spirit, they have no alternative but to follow His teachings. They have nothing of their own to offer.

Because the world does not believe in Jesus, God does not give them the Holy Spirit. Therefore, they remain under the law of sin and the control of Satan. While they preach and strive to live a decent life, their sins continue to destroy all their good intentions.

As long as the world does not accept Jesus as Lord, the wrath of God remains on them. But when they accept Jesus as their Lord, they are reconciled with God once their sins are forgiven. Once they receive the Holy Spirit, they are delivered from sin and become members of the Church of whom He is the head.

1 John 3:8 **"He that committeth sin is of the devil;** for the devil sinneth from the beginning..."

Parable:

If a thorn tree cannot bear fruit and a fruit tree cannot bear thorns, then any person who commits sin is a sinner and not a son of God.

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**"

John 8:34 "Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.**"

Eph 4:17-19 "This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, **that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk**, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, **being alienated from the life of God** through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling **have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.**"

1 Cor 6:19&20 "What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is **in you**, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: **therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**"

Rom 8:9 "But **ye are** not in the flesh, but **in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you.** Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his."

**Note:** After a person receives the Holy Spirit in his body, the inner-man must be changed to be Christ-like. The soul must therefore be in control of his spirit if he is to be like Jesus who sinned not.

Eph 2:2 "Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of **this world**, according to **the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:**"

**Note:** Because unbelievers do not confess Jesus as Lord, they are still under the control of Satan and his powers from the air. It can be compared to a country in which the people do not accept the legitimate government because they are influenced by the opposition party to disobey the ruling party.

Rom 1:28-31 "And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; **Being filled with all unrighteousness**, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, spiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:"

2 Cor 5:20 "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: **we pray** you in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God.**"

Col 1:13&14 "Who hath **delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:** In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:"

Sinners constitute the World and believers constitute the Church. The Church confesses Jesus, but the World cannot confess Him as Lord because they do not have the Holy Spirit. The Church is a godly society because they are in the Spirit.

The Church is the body of Christ and in Him there is no sin. God, in Christ, has restored man back to the original sinless state Adam had before the fall. The fact that individual believers continue to sin does not change what God has done.

### **Examine yourself**

Are you a member of the World or a member of the Church? We understand that the members of the World live in sin, but if you declare that you are a member of the Church, why do you also live in disobedience to the Word? As a member of the Church you are not allowed to sin. You are supposed to be the salt of the earth and a light unto the world.

1 Cor 12: 3 “Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God calleth Jesus accursed: and *that no man can say that Jesus is the Lord, but by the Holy Ghost.*”

1 John 3:5&6 “And ye know that **he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.** Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: **whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.**”

Matt 5:48 “**Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.**”

**Note:** Adam was perfect before the fall and now God commands the Church (believers) to be perfect.

1 John 1:5&6 “This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that **God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**”

1 Tim 3:15 “But if I tarry long, **that thou mayest know how thou oughtest to behave thyself in the house of God** (the body), which is the church of the living God, **the pillar and ground of the truth.**”

Titus 1:16 “They **profess that they know God; but in works they deny** him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.”

## SECTION FOUR

### BE PERFECT FOR I AM PERFECT

#### In this section we will show that:

- The fall of man took place in spirit, in soul and in body,  
but man is saved in body, in soul and in spirit;
  - Faith in Jesus saves man from sin,  
but faith in the truth saves the inner-man from his sins;
  - Understanding the scriptures renews the mind,  
but revelation of the truth transforms the spirit;
  - The body is saved from sin,  
but death is only removed when the mortal body is transformed;
  - Obedience to God keeps you from sinning.

#### Pray this prayer taken from Colossians 1:9-13 frequently:

*“Father I ..... desire that  
(Please insert your own name here)  
I might be filled with the knowledge of YOUR will  
**in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;**  
That I might walk worthy of the Lord  
unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work,  
**and increasing in the knowledge of God;**  
Strengthened with all might,  
according to YOUR glorious power,  
unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;  
Giving thanks unto YOU Father, which hath made ME meet  
to be partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light:  
Who hath delivered ME from the power of darkness,  
and hath translated ME into the kingdom of YOUR dear Son:”  
AMEN.*

## CHAPTER 10

### SALVATION OF THE BODY, SOUL AND SPIRIT

Through the disobedience of Adam sin entered the natural body. Under the law of sin the inner-man became a sinner. It is for this reason the body must first be delivered from sin before the inner-man can stop sinning.

The fall of man took place in the following order: First the spirit, because Eve disobeyed Adam; then the soul, because Adam disobeyed God and then the body, because sin entered the body. The restoration of man, however, starts with the body first, then the soul and then the spirit.

#### The body

Firstly, the body must be delivered from sin. The reason for this is that the inner-man cannot obey God while he is under the law of sin. The inner-man is delivered from the power of sin when the body receives the Holy Spirit. The body then becomes the Lord's body because the law of the Spirit then reigns over the inner-man. Now the inner-man is able to obey God.

#### The soul

Secondly, the soul must be renewed to the law of the Spirit, who now reigns over the inner-man, in order to have the mind of Christ. It is the indwelling Holy Spirit who teaches and reveals the scriptures to the soul. As the soul receives revelation of the truth, his mind is renewed.

#### The spirit

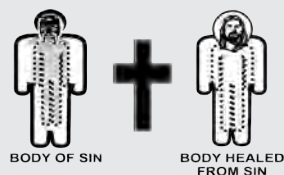
Thirdly, the evil nature of the spirit must be changed to be godly. The Holy Spirit changes the nature of the spirit in accordance with the renewing of the mind. Remember, faith comes before change and as faith increases in the spirit the spirit accepts the truth as fact. The spirit will experience suffering while its ungodly desires are mortified.

Because a sinner sins and a saint sins not, all three members, the body, the soul and the spirit, must be saved.

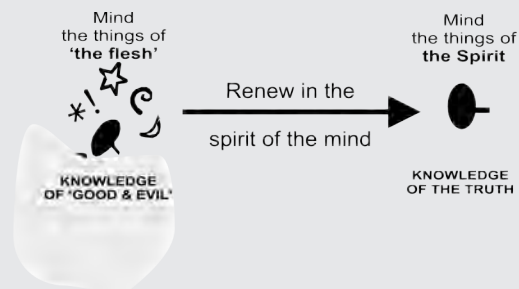
#### REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

God saves man in reverse order. First, the body is set free from sin when the Holy Spirit enters the body. The inner-man is then delivered from the power of sin. Second, the soul that is in the consciousness of 'good & evil' must be renewed through the Word by the Holy Spirit to enter the consciousness of the truth. Third, as the soul is renewed in the spirit of his mind, the fleshly nature of the spirit changes and becomes godly-natured.

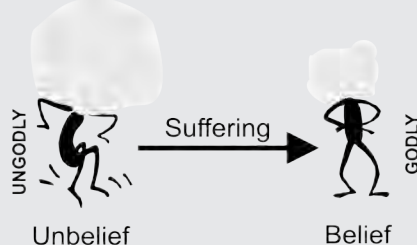
1 Pet 2:24 "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, **that we** (the inner-man), being dead to sins, **should live unto righteousness**: by whose stripes **ye were healed** (from sin)."



Rom 8:5 "For they that are after the flesh **do mind the things of the flesh**; but they that are after the Spirit **the things of the Spirit.**"



Rom 10:17 "So then **faith** cometh (in the spirit) **by hearing** (in the soul), **and hearing by the word of God.**"



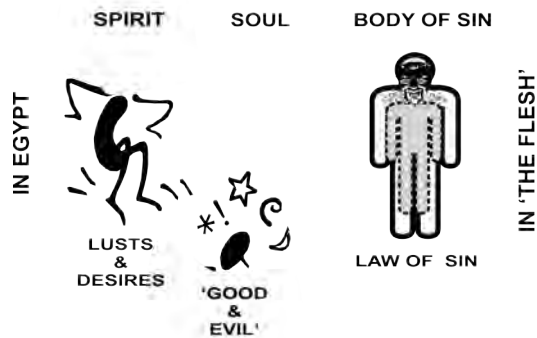


God's pattern of salvation was illustrated when He delivered the Jews from Egypt and led them through the Wilderness into Canaan. In the same manner God today delivers a sinner from 'the flesh', through the Spirit, and into Christ.

### IN 'THE FLESH' (Corresponds to Egypt)

Because of sin in the body, all descendants of Adam are sinners in 'the flesh'.

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A sinner has a mind of 'good & evil' and a spirit that lusts and desires. Because nature is stronger than knowledge, the evil-natured spirit dominates the logic of the soul and therefore the lusts and desires of the spirit will triumph. It is the inner-man who is the sinner. Some of his sins are made manifest through his body, but others are kept secret.

### Salvation of the body

The Jews were only delivered from Egypt when they passed through the Red Sea. That is why Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:5: "...Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God." What Jesus is actually saying is that the outer-man AS WELL AS the inner-man must be saved. Unless the body is delivered from sin, the inner-man cannot be saved.

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1 John 1:8 "If we say that we **have no sin**, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us."  
The world does not acknowledge the existence of sin. However, the truth of the matter is that all people have sin dwelling in their body.

1 John 1:10 "If we say that we **have not sinned**, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us."  
The world also does not accept the fact that they are sinners.

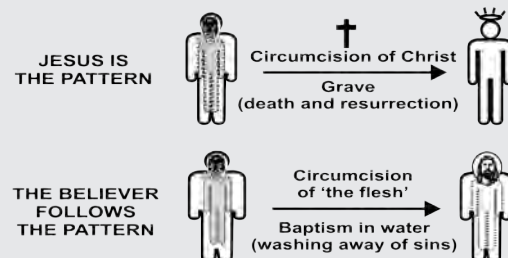
It is because they are sinners that they continually have to create laws in order to control themselves. However, they can neither obey their own laws, nor the laws of God, because they are all under the law of sin.

Because of the law of sin, sinners are in the kingdom of Satan and have the mind and nature of Satan. The works of Satan on earth are obvious for everyone to see. You have to be blind not to see it. Because they have knowledge of 'good & evil', they try to do good and avoid evil, but it cannot deliver them from the law of sin.

1 John 1:9 "If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us **our sins**, and **to cleanse** us from all unrighteousness."

The sinner, who believes God, will confess that he is a sinner and accept Jesus. God forgives his sins and delivers him from sin in his body when He gives him the Holy Spirit.

Col 2:11-13 "**In whom** (Jesus) also ye are circumcised with **the circumcision made without hands**, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh **by the circumcision of Christ**: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with *him* through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you (the inner-man), being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh (body), hath he **quickened** (made alive) together with him, **having forgiven you all trespasses;**"



Acts 22:16 "And now why tarriest thou? arise, and **be baptized**, and **wash away thy sins**, calling on the name of the Lord."

The believer is 'born of water' when the Holy Spirit replaces sin in his body. He is born-again because the nature of his outer-man has been changed through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. The inner-man is then under the law of the Spirit.

The Jews were also 'born of water' when they passed through the Red sea. Once they were delivered from the law of Pharaoh, they were under the law of God.

### IN THE SPIRIT (Corresponds to the Wilderness of Sin)

The inner-man who is delivered from his old life in 'the flesh' has to live a new life in the Spirit.

Although the inner-man is quickened by the Holy Spirit and received forgiveness of his past sins, the soul is not in control of the spirit yet. He tends to live his old life of sin according to the evil nature of his spirit which was formed under 'the flesh'. Now that the inner-man is in the Spirit, the soul must come to the understanding that he is a transgressor of almost all scriptures.

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### Renewing of the mind

The New Testament scriptures reveal the law of the Spirit. However, a mind that is still filled with the knowledge of 'good & evil' is carnally-minded. The soul cannot understand the scriptures unless the Holy Spirit gives wisdom and understanding, because scripture is spiritually discerned.

As the soul receives knowledge of the truth, the carnal mind is renewed and becomes spiritual. This is not

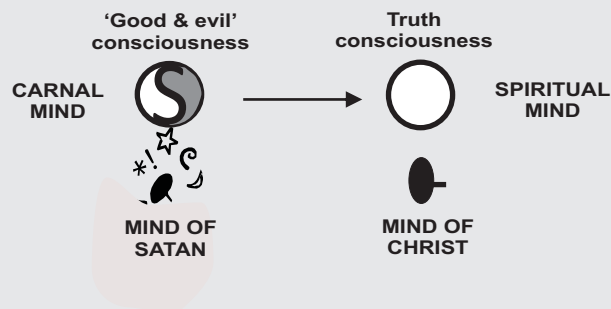
The Constitution (law) of a country must first be changed before the inhabitants can be changed.

The law of God came through Moses in the Wilderness of Sin.

1 Pet 4:17&18 "For the time *is* come that **judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us** (the children of God), what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God? And if **the righteous** (the sons who sin not) scarcely be saved, where shall **the ungodly** (the children of God who continue to sin) and **the sinner** (unbelievers) appear?"

Rom 6:23 "**For the wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Rom 8:6 "For to be **carnally minded is death**; but to be **spiritually minded is life** and peace."



1 Cor 2:13 "...**not in the words which man's wisdom** (the carnal mind) teacheth, **but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.**"

Rom 6:22 "But now **being made free from sin**, and become servants to God, **ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.**"

The Holy Spirit helps the spirit to become holy (submissive).

Eph 1:17&18 "That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may **give unto you** the spirit of **wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him**: The eyes of your **understanding being enlightened**; that **ye may know** what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,"

Heb 8:10 "For this *is* the covenant that I will make... I will put **my laws** (divine principles) **into their mind** (the soul), and **write them in their hearts** (the spirit): and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people:"

**Note:** In this manner the soul is restored as the head of his spirit.

improvement of the carnal mind or the memorizing of scriptures, but a new state of truth consciousness which is received through the unction of the Holy Spirit. The new consciousness is the mind of Christ and can discern what is of 'the flesh' and what is of the Spirit.

The unction of the Holy Spirit also makes the spirit willing to submit to the soul. As the spirit submits to the soul it becomes holy and eventually finds its place in relation to the soul, just as God intended it to be.

The soul is saved when it is renewed and has become the head of the spirit. However, the soul still experiences resistance from the ungodly nature of the spirit. As long as the nature of the spirit is not changed, the soul will not experience rest from sin.

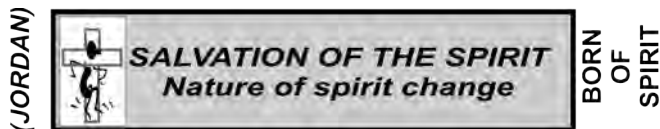
The soul, who has understanding of scripture, knows the will of God. In obedience to God the soul must deny the ungodly lusts and desires of the spirit – this will cause much suffering. The suffering will continue until faith enters the spirit. The Holy Spirit then releases the anointing which changes the spirit's ungodly nature to godly. If the soul, however, faints in his mind because of the suffering and draws back, the Father will have no pleasure in that soul. This is what happened to the Jews in the Wilderness when they drew back at the Jordan River.

The only way the ungodly nature of the spirit will become godly, is through baptism by the Holy Spirit.

### Salvation of the spirit

It is because the Jews entered Canaan through the Jordan River that Jesus said to Nicodemus in John 3:5 “... *Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*” Because the body and the soul are saved, the spirit must now be saved by the Holy Spirit from its ungodliness.

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1 John 2:20 “But you have **an UNCTION from the Holy One and ye (soul) know all things.**”

Prov 16:32 “*He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he (the soul) that ruleth his spirit (is better) than he that taketh a city.*”

Titus 2:11&12 “For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, **Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world;**”

Mark 7:21&22 “For from within, **out of the heart (spirit) of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness:**”

Eph 3:16&17 “**That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ (his anointing) may dwell in your hearts (spirit) by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,**”

Heb 12:11 “**Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness (godliness) unto them which are exercised thereby.**”

Heb 3:7-11 “Wherefore (as the Holy Ghost saith, To day if ye will hear his voice, **Harden not your hearts (spirit)**, as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness: When your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years. Wherefore **I was grieved with that generation, and said, They do always err in their heart (spirit); and they (the soul) have not known my ways.** So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into **my rest.**”) (into Canaan).

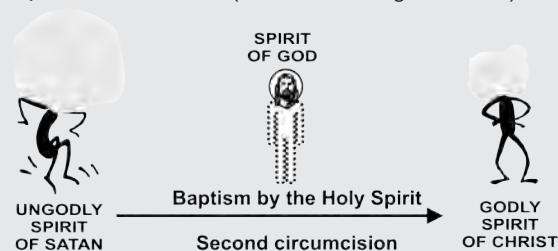
Heb 4:1 “**Let us therefore fear, lest, a promise being left us of entering into his rest (INTO CHRIST), any of you should seem to come short of it.**”

1 Cor 10:5&6 “But with many of them (Israel) God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. **Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.**”

Isa 10:27 “And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his **yoke from off thy neck (the soul), and the yoke (the spirit's domination) shall be destroyed because of the anointing (the Holy Spirit).**”

Zech 4:6 “...**Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit,** saith the LORD of hosts.”

Rom 8:9 “But ye are not in 'the flesh', but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now **if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**” (NB! See the diagram below)



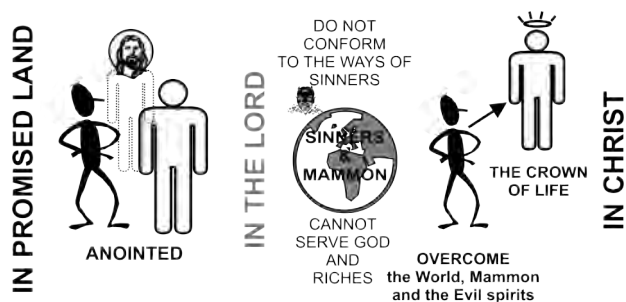
The spirit will become godly in nature through the anointing by the Holy Spirit. It is the anointing that destroys the ungodliness of the spirit. As the ungodly nature of the spirit is mortified the spirit partakes of the divine nature of the Holy Spirit. The inner-man is "born of Spirit" when his spirit becomes godly-natured. Once the spirit is godly-natured, the believer has the spirit of Christ.

To be "born of Spirit" corresponds to the Jews who were circumcised a second time when they passed through the Jordan river. In that day God took away the effect Egypt had on them. Baptism by the Spirit is a second circumcision which removes the effect sin left on the spirit of the inner-man.

## IN CHRIST

To be 'in Christ' means that the inner-man now has the mind as well as the spirit of Christ. Such an inner-man is a son of God who sins not, and is no longer a child or babe in the Spirit who still commits sins. This corresponds to the Jews who were no longer in the Wilderness of Sin but in the Holy Land.

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## Reign in life

The inner-man who is born of God is anointed! Because he has the mind of Christ, the spirit of Christ, and is in the body of the Lord, God the Father allows him to reign in life under the supervision of the Holy Spirit. Such a person is a vessel of honour, sanctified and prepared by God for every good work. We see the same thing in the Jews who were born and raised in the Wilderness under the law of God. They were prepared by God to reign in Canaan according to their knowledge of the Law.

2 Pet 1:3&4 "According as **his divine power** (the Holy Spirit) hath given unto us all things that *pertain* unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye **might be partakers of the divine nature**, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust."

1 Pet 2:21&22 "For even **hereunto were ye called**: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, **that ye should follow his steps: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:**"

Josh 5:9 "...This day have I **rolled away the reproach of Egypt** from off you..."

**Take note:** In Heb 8:10, God puts His laws in the mind of the believer and writes them on the spirit; but in Heb 10:16 God puts His laws into the spirit of the believer (the nature of the spirit changes) and writes them on the mind.

**Take note:** There is also a difference between 1 John 2:20 and 1 John 2:27 in the KJV. Through the unction the mind is renewed and through the anointing the nature of the spirit is changed.

Heb 10:16 "This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will **put my laws** (divine nature) **into their hearts** (spirit), and **in their minds** (soul) will I **write them;**"

1 John 2:27 "But **the ANOINTING** which ye have received of **him abideth in you**, and you need not that anyone teach you: **but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things**, and is truth, and is not a lie, and even as it **hath taught** (anointed) you, ye shall **abide** (live so) **in him** (in Christ)."

1 John 2:29 "If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that **every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.**"

1 John 2:3, 4&6 "And **hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments**. He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him. **He that saith he abideth in him** (in Christ) **ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.**"

Heb 7:25 "Wherefore **he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.**"

Eph 3:20 "**Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us** (who believe),"

Rev 5:10 "And hast **made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**"

1 Pet 2:9 "But ye *are* a chosen generation, **a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him** who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:"

Phil 2:15 "That ye **may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke**, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom **ye shine as lights in the world;**"



It is because a son of God lives blameless, harmless and without fault, he shines as a light in the world. He is the salt of the earth and a light that cannot be hidden. He is able to exhort and rebuke with all authority. If a son of God will judge angels one day, he can surely resolve differences between his brethren without being judged himself.

## Sinners and Mammon

While the inner-man was in the Spirit ('in the Wilderness of Sin'), he was prepared by the Holy Spirit for a life in Christ ('in Canaan') through the renewing of his mind and the sanctification of his spirit. Now that he is in Christ, he must keep himself pure and not get entangled again in the ways of sinners and unrighteous Mammon. This corresponds to the Jews who came into Canaan and were confronted by idolaters and their riches. The Jews were allowed neither to have fellowship with idolaters, nor be desirous of their riches.

Sinners are the slaves of Satan and are controlled by sin as well as demonic influences in the air. Their values, desires, perceptions, attitudes and behaviour are contra to the principles of God. A son of God, therefore, experiences constant pressure to disobey the principles set out in the Word of God. If he gets entangled in the ways of sinners, he becomes an enemy of God. This is so because to esteem, value, cherish and hold dear anything in the world more than your obedience to God, is idolatry and idol worship.

Apart from sinners, the son of God also has to deal with unrighteous Mammon. Mammon is the spirit of money and riches that causes greed and dependence upon it. Money has the same effect on the rich and the poor alike. The one who has, wants more, and the one who does not have, also wants more. Mammon has the power to revive all 'the works of the flesh' again in a son of God.

During his life in Christ, a son of God may experience many trials and tribulations. All kinds of difficulties, damage, detriment, harm, injury, sickness, hurt and loss puts pressure on him to distrust God and conform to the ways of the world. It is specifically during these unpleasant times that his faith is tried and tested. As his trust in God increases, his fear of man, his fear of rejection and his fear of death is overcome. The one

1 Cor 5:12&13 "For what have I to do to judge them also that are without (sinners)? **do not ye judge them** (believers) **that are within?** But them that are without God judgeth. **Therefore put away from among yourselves that wicked person.**"

2 Pet 2:20&21 "For if **after they have escaped the pollutions of the world** (idolatry learned in Egypt) through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, **they are again entangled therein** (idolatry), **and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.** For it **had been better for them** (to remain in Egypt) **not to have known the way of righteousness,** than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them."

James 4:4 "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God?** whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

Col 3:5 "**Mortify** therefore your members which are upon the earth; **fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:**"

Eph 2:1-3 "And you *hath he quickened*, who were dead in trespasses and sins; Wherein in time past ye walked **according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the **lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath,** even as others."

Matt 6:24 "**No man can serve two masters:** for either **he will hate the one, and love the other;** or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. **Ye cannot serve God and mammon.**"

1 Tim 6:9&10 "But they that **will be rich fall into temptation and a snare,** and *into* many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. **For the love of money** is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, **they have erred from the faith,** and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Phil 1:9-11 "And this I pray, that **your love may abound** yet more and more **in knowledge and in all judgment; That ye may approve things that are excellent;** that ye may be **sincere and without offence** till the day of Christ; **Being filled with the fruits of righteousness...**"

James 1:12 "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: **for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life,** which the Lord hath promised to them that love him."

who overcomes will receive the crown of life, dwell in the presence of God and reign with Christ because his name is written in the Book of the Lamb.

The believers who do not perfect holiness, together with all sinners, will come before God on the great Day of Judgment. On that day the believer whose name still appears in the Book of Life, will be allowed to become a citizen of the new earth, while those whose names are not in the Book of Life, will be cast into Hell together with Satan whom they served.

Rev 21:27 "And there shall in no wise **enter into it** any thing that defileth, neither *whatsoever* worketh abomination, or *maketh* a lie: **but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.**"

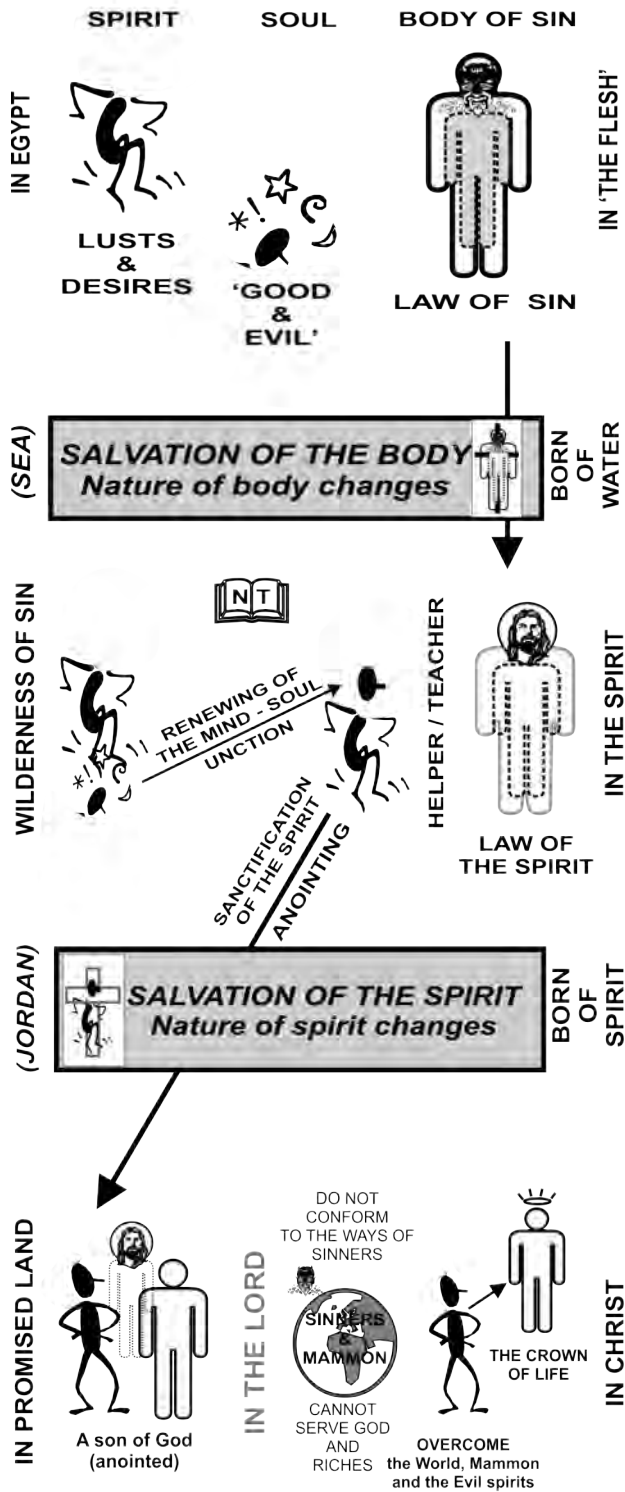
Rev 3:5 "**He that overcometh**, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and **I will not blot out his name out of the book of life...**"

Rev 20:12 "And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: **and another book was opened, which is the book of life:** and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works."

Rev 20:15 "And **whosoever was NOT FOUND written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.**"



## SUMMARY



### MAN IS A SINFUL BEING

The order in which man fell was: first the spirit because of Eve, then the soul because of Adam and thereafter sin indwells the body. The salvation of man however takes place in reverse order, namely: the body first, then the soul and thereafter the spirit.

### SALVATION OF THE BODY

Because the body of sin was destroyed and a new body was created, God gives the Holy Spirit to the body to replace the sin.

### SALVATION OF THE SOUL

It is under the law of the Spirit that the soul is saved from the domination of his own spirit. Through the renewing of the mind the soul again becomes the head of the spirit, but has no rest from the fleshly lusts and desires of his spirit.

### SALVATION OF THE SPIRIT

It is through the anointing of the Holy Spirit that the lusts and desires of the spirit are mortified. It is in suffering that the spirit changes and becomes godly.

### THE RESTORED MAN

The restored man is a son of God just as Adam was before the fall. The soul must keep his spirit from diverse temptations and not faint like Adam (the soul) when he failed to protect Eve (the spirit).

A son of God faces many threats and temptations that come through the evil powers, the world, and Mammon. Because he is the anointed of God, he is able to overcome all these onslaughts in obedience to God.

## CHAPTER 11

### FROM FAITH TO FAITH

In Paul's letter to the believers in Rome, he states that their faith in Jesus is spoken of throughout the world. But in Romans 1:15 he says that he must ALSO preach the gospel of Christ to them. The question that needs to be asked is: Why must the Gospel be preached to them if they are already justified by faith in Jesus as the Lamb crucified?

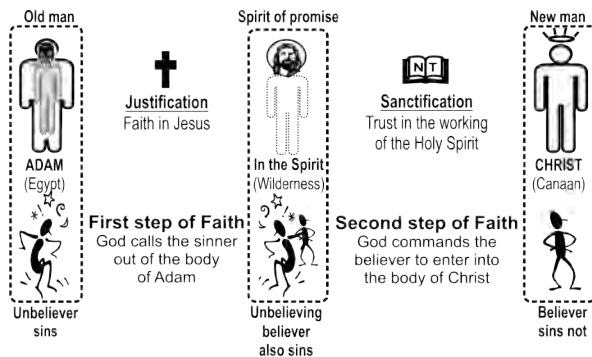
It is because Jesus not only died for their sins but was also raised in a new body as the new man. If the believer wants to be raised in the new body, the inner-man must become obedient to THIS truth. The Gospel of Christ is that the old body was destroyed and a new body was created, and with the help of the Holy Spirit the inner-man is able to shrug off his old sinful life and live a new sinless life as a new man. This is done through sanctification of the inner-man.

#### THE STEPS OF FAITH

The following diagram shows the principle 'from faith to faith' which are the two steps of faith.

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### The two steps of faith

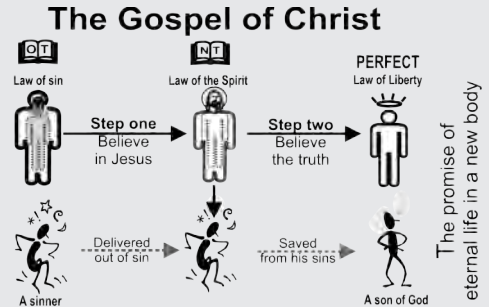


In the first step of faith God calls the inner-man out of the body of Adam because he cannot obey God while he is under the law of sin. If he believes God and accepts Jesus as Lord, his sins are forgiven and he receives the Holy Spirit. In this manner the inner-man is set free from sin by grace, through faith and not by any good works or works of righteousness he has done.

#### REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

Rom 1:16&17 "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: **for it (the gospel) is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth...** For **therein** (in the gospel) **is** the righteousness of God **revealed from faith (first step) to faith (second step):** as it is written, The just shall live by faith."

1 John 5:13 "These things have I written unto **you that believe** (first step of faith) on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and **that ye may believe** (second step of faith) on the name of the Son of God."



Faith in Jesus delivered the inner-man from sin in his body. Because the inner-man is set free from sin, he must stop the sins that he still commits.

Matt 5:48 "**Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.**"

Because the believer will be judged according to the law of liberty, the inner-man is compelled to stop each and every sin that he still commits.

James 2:12 "**So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty.**"

Rom 6:20&22 "For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness. But now **being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.**"

Examples:

Matt 5:27&28 "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath **committed adultery with her already in his heart.**"

Matt 5 21&22 "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: But... whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment... **whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.**"

The inner-man who is delivered from sin has to understand that he will be judged according to the law of liberty.

1 Pet 2:16 "As free, and **not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.**"

Although the inner-man is in the Spirit he is still fleshly and continues with his sins. Sanctification of the inner-man must still be done to become Christ-like.

**In the second step of faith** God commands the inner-man to perfect holiness and enter into Christ. The inner-man who believes that there is no sin in the new body, must mortify each and every sin that he still commits by putting his trust in the working of the Holy Spirit. Only when the Holy Spirit sanctifies the inner-man will he be Christ-like.

Anyone who believes in Jesus but still sins is disobedient to the truth because of his unbelief. The Gospel that is preached to him does not profit him because he does not mix the Word with faith.

### **SANCTIFICATION OF THE INNER-MAN**

It is only in the second step of faith that God calls the believer to perfect holiness. Faith in Jesus justifies the inner-man because the indwelling Spirit replaces sin in the body, but faith in the truth and the working of the Holy Spirit sanctifies the inner-man.

The believer in Jesus must understand that without sanctification he will not see the Lord. To perfect the inner-man his mind has to be renewed so that his spirit can be transformed.

#### Sanctification is:

1. Renewing the mind from being conscious of 'good & evil' to being conscious of the truth that is in Christ.
2. Transforming the unholy dominating spirit to a holy submissive spirit.

Although the inner-man is in the Spirit, his soul is still carnally-minded and not spiritually-minded. Renewing the mind from being 'good & evil-conscious' to being 'truth-conscious' is therefore central to bringing the unbelieving dominating spirit to believing the truth.

The Word of God (the Bible) communicates the truth to the soul, not the spirit. The spirit believes and submits to the soul as it receives the truth via the soul. It is because half-truths and wrong interpretations of scriptures have been preached to the soul that the spirit remains ungodly and unsubmitive. That is why believers continue to live like sinners.

2 Cor 13:5 "**Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves.** Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, **except ye be reprobates?**"

It is important that the Christian knows whether he has received the Holy Spirit, or if sin still dwells in his body. Without the indwelling Holy Spirit he can only practice religion, for sanctification of the inner-man cannot be achieved.

Gal 5:25 "**If we (the inner-man) live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.**"

Heb 4:2 "For unto us was the gospel preached, as well as unto them: but **the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith** in them that heard it."

2 Thess 2:13&14 "...because God hath from the beginning **chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit AND belief of the truth.** Whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the **obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

1 Cor 3:16&17 "**Know ye not that ye (the body) are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you (your body)? If any man defile the temple (body) of God, him shall God destroy;** for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are."

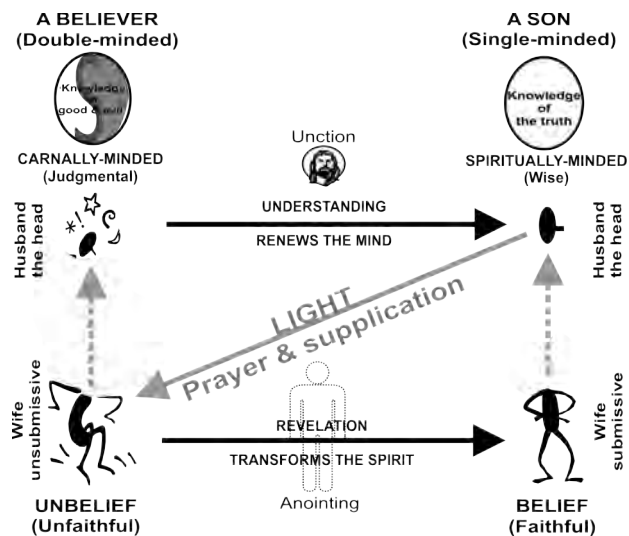
Rom 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed** (in your spirit) by the **renewing of your mind** (soul)..."

1 Pet 3:5&6 "For after this manner in the old time the **holy women** also, **who trusted** (believed) **in God**, adorned themselves, **being in subjection unto their own husbands** (soul): Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement."

**Note:** While Sarai (the spirit) was in unbelief she dominated Abram (the soul) which resulted in the birth of Ishmael (a 'work of the flesh'). But when she believed God, she acknowledged and submitted to Abraham as the head, even when he sacrificed Isaac.

Rom 10:14&17 "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and **how shall they (the spirit) believe on him of whom they (the soul) have not heard?** and how shall they (the soul) hear without a preacher? So then faith cometh (in the spirit) by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

## Look & Learn!



## Renewing of the mind

A carnally-minded believer functions according to knowledge of 'good & evil' and a spiritually-minded believer according to knowledge of the truth. As the believer studies, discusses and meditates on the Word, the unction of the Holy Spirit will give him spiritual understanding of the Word. Once the soul knows the truth contained in scripture, the believer has the mind of Christ.

Knowledge of 'good & evil' makes the soul double-minded and judgmental. The carnally-minded believer judges everything as good or evil according to his own righteousness. This mind-set causes divisions, strife and unrighteousness in his spirit which will manifest as the 'works of the flesh'. On the other hand, knowledge of the truth makes the soul single-minded and wise. The spiritually-minded judges all things according to the righteousness of God. This mind-set causes unity, peace and righteousness in the spirit which will manifest as the fruit of the Spirit.

The following examples help us to understand the carnal mind that functions according to 'good & evil' and the spiritual mind that functions according to truth:

An employer hired labourers at different times of the day. When he gave all of them the same wage, those

The process of **sanctification is a combination** of your **prayers** (Col 1:9-12) **and God**. When **you** persevere – **the Father** puts His laws first in your soul and then in your spirit (Heb 8:10 & Heb 10:16) and **the Holy Spirit** gives unction and anoints you (1 John 2:20&27) to make you worthy of the body of **the Son**.

When you pray that your **SOUL**, "... **might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and understanding.**" (Col 1:9), God through the **unction** of the Holy Spirit **puts His laws in your mind** and **writes it in your heart** (spirit), **"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing..."** (Col 1:10)

When you pray that your **SPIRIT** may be, **"Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness;"** (Col 1:11), God through the **anointing** of the Holy Spirit **puts His laws in your heart** (spirit) and **writes it in your mind**, that you may increase, **"...in the knowledge of God;"** (Col 1:10)

Once your prayers are answered you can thank God who, **"... hath made us (you) meet to be partakers of the inheritance (new body) of the saints in the light:"** (Col 1:12)

2 Cor 6:16-18 "...for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and **they shall be my people**. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a father unto you, and **ye shall be my sons and daughters**, saith the Lord Almighty."

**Note:** God only calls them His people when the Holy Spirit indwells them. After purification, He receives them as His sons/daughters.

In Genesis we learned that knowledge of 'good & evil' caused sin to enter the body of man. Because the soul of the believer still functions according to the knowledge of 'good & evil' his spirit is under constant pressure to sin. When the soul is conscious of 'good & evil', the spirit will be ungodly and dominant. When the soul is conscious of the truth, the spirit will be godly and submissive. Example: Jesus said you must turn the other cheek. While a believer's mind is conscious of 'good & evil' his spirit will retaliate, but when a believer's mind is conscious of the truth his spirit will not retaliate.

A carnally-minded believer will always act according to the ungodly and assertive nature of his spirit. He is judgmental and sins because he judges without having knowledge of the facts (truth). The believer who is spiritually-minded will always act according to the godly and submissive nature of his spirit. He does not sin because he is wise and judges according to the truth (facts).

The devil has deceived the Church and convinced them that they should not judge one another, but scripture also says in Heb 3:13 "But **exhort one another daily**, while it is called To day; **lest any of you be hardened** through the deceitfulness of sin." Because the mature sons of God do not sin, they have the authority and responsibility to admonish the unruly in the Church. Born-again believers should therefore judge one another when it is found that one of them does not walk according to the truth.

The Word of God is the truth. It is fixed for all eternity and does not change from day to day or adjust to circumstances. The unrenewed



who worked longer hours complained because they judged it as evil. On the other hand those who worked fewer hours judged it as good. The spiritually-minded on the other hand knows that all of them received the wage that they agreed upon, and that they had no reason to complain.

If a carnally-minded believer is complimented, it is good and his spirit feels joy. However, if he is criticized, it is evil and his spirit feels hurt. The joy and the hurt can lead to pride or bitterness, both of which are 'works of the flesh'. Both the good and the evil feelings can lead to sins like pride, jealousy, gossip, anger, backbiting, division, etc. The spiritually-minded believer, on the other hand, is not affected in his spirit by compliments or criticism. He will take every thought captive in obedience to the truth. By rejecting the knowledge of 'good & evil' he protects his spirit and sins not.

God is the Creator of all men. To esteem one person higher than another, is a symptom of a carnally-minded believer. It is the carnally-minded who divide people into pretty and ugly, rich and poor, intelligent and dumb, important or unimportant, etc. The spiritually-minded believer, who is like Christ, is not a respecter of persons.

Carnally-minded believers cannot be trusted because their, "Yes," is not yes and their, "No," is not no. Examples: When they got married it was: "Yes, till death do us part," but later their Yes became No and they divorced. They divorced because they fought, committed adultery, etc., all of which are 'works of the flesh'. Two believers say yes and sign a business contract, but later it is no and their agreement ends in court. The spiritually-minded believer's, "Yes," is yes and his, "No," is no, even though it may be to his own detriment.

All the above show that a carnally-minded believer functions in the consciousness of 'good & evil' and cannot stop sinning although he may be very sincere in trying. The truth of the matter is that a son of God does not sin, but the carnally-minded believers do not agree with God. God says, "Be perfect," but they say, "It's not possible," and so they always resist the Spirit of truth. Because they do not accept the truth, they will remain sinful. How can they claim to be His sons?

believer, however, changes his mind from day to day and in every circumstance. What seems to be good for the unrenewed mind, may actually be evil and what is evil for the unrenewed mind may actually be good. Remember! 'Good' and 'evil' is not necessarily the truth. The truth, however, is always good. If the Word says, "Yes," then it is good and when the Word says, "No," it is also good.

The Word of God is the Seed that produces sons of God. If the Word of God does not bring forth a son who sins not, then the interpretation of the Word they received must be wrong. NB! Wrong interpretation of scriptures is false, thus not the truth. The result of false teachings is that believers can quote scriptures but continue to sin. Jesus said: "**And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free** (from sinning!!!!). ...I say unto you, **Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.** And the servant (of sin) abideth not in the house (of God) for ever: but the Son abideth ever." John 8:32; 8:34&35.

Every seed produces according to its kind. If the believer who hears the Word does not stop sinning he is not a son of God, but an illegitimate son who will be rejected by God. For example: You can teach and dress a chimp to act like a human. He may wear a suit, ride a bicycle, kiss his own master but remains an ape. The same is true of a believer who knows scripture but denies the power thereof.

When the Bible says, "Lie not, steal not, be kind," etc. it speaks to a believer whose mind is still unrenewed, because a son of God whose mind is renewed does not do such things. The believer whose mind is unrenewed thinks that if he does not steal he is good and if he steals he is evil because of his knowledge of 'good & evil'. This is proof of a religious believer. How long must God tolerate such a pathetic mental condition for if such a believer is tempted he will return to his sinful condition.

Luke 13:6-9 "He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he **came and sought fruit thereon**, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, **Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?** And he answering said unto him, Lord, **let it alone this year also**, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: **And if it bear fruit**, well: **and if not**, then **after that thou shalt cut it down.**"

Note: According to this parable a born-again believer is able to perfect holiness in 3-4 years. Is it impossible for any believer who steals, lies or gossips, to stop this behaviour in 3-4 years? In order to stop sinning, the spirit of the believer must be changed to believe the truth. The believer may understand and accept the truth with his soul, but his spirit must also come to believe the truth. Only then the sin stops!

The following scripture serves as warning to all believers:

Heb 6:4-8 "For it is **impossible for those** (believers) **who were once enlightened**, and have tasted of the heavenly gift (forgiveness), and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, **If they shall fall away** (do the 'works of the flesh' and do not produce the fruit of the Spirit), **to renew them again unto repentance**; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put *him* to an open shame. For the earth which drinketh in the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them by whom it is dressed, receiveth blessing from God: **But that which beareth thorns and briars is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned.**"

## Transforming of the spirit

The soul that has understanding of the truth will experience that there is resistance from his spirit to obey the truth. The spirit resists because it still disbelieves the truth. It is revelation of the truth by the Holy Spirit that causes the spirit to believe the truth. Light only comes to the spirit via the soul and for this reason the soul needs to meditate day and night on the truth. Because of the prayers and supplications of the soul, the Holy Spirit releases the anointing that transforms the unbelieving spirit into believing the truth.

Because the spirit is the life of the soul, a spirit of unbelief produces a life of un-righteousness, un-rest and dis-satisfaction in the Holy Spirit. Such a life is filled with the 'works of the flesh' and the renewed soul has no control over his dominant spirit. While the spirit disbelieves, the inner-man cannot serve God in spirit and in truth. On the other hand, a changed spirit that believes in the truth produces a life of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Such a life is filled with the fruit of the Spirit. Because the renewed soul has a submissive spirit he serves God in spirit and in truth.

Because faith is of the spirit, the reaction of the spirit reveals to the renewed soul whether the spirit believes or still disbelieves the truth. The believer can therefore test himself whether he is in the faith or not. The 'works of the flesh' that arise from the spirit will only stop when the spirit comes to believe the truth. Godliness is evidence of a believing spirit. A godly spirit is the only assurance that the soul has of an eternal life in the new immortal body. Apart from the indwelling Holy Spirit, who is the promise of eternal life, a holy and godly spirit is the only other evidence the soul has of eternal life here and now.

### It is important to remember.

The body was saved from sin because of the indwelling Holy Spirit. The soul was renewed to the truth through the unction of the Holy Spirit and the spirit has come to believe the truth through the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Because the three members of the believer – body, soul and spirit – are saved, all that remains, is for God to change the mortal body of the believer into the immortal body of Christ.

1 John 5:18 "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God **keepeth himself**, and that **wicked one toucheth him not.**"

Josh 1:8&9 "**This book** (the Word) of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt **meditate therein day and night**, that thou mayest observe **to do** according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and **then thou shalt have good success.** Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; **be not afraid**, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy **God is with thee** whithersoever thou goest."

Ps 119:130 "The **entrance of thy words giveth light**; it giveth understanding unto the simple."

Prov 4:20-23 "My son (the soul), **attend to my words**; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart (the spirit). For **they are life unto those that find them**, and health to all their flesh (sins). **Keep** (protect) **thy heart** (spirit) **with all diligence**; for out of it are the **issues of life.**"

### Two points that must be noted:

1. The soul must be alert to the teachings he receives. If a false teaching is accepted as the truth it affects the faith of the spirit. Faith in a lie does not set the spirit free from sin, but faith in the truth does.
2. Once a certain 'work of the flesh' (weakness) has been mortified, that specific sin no longer has any hold on the spirit. The believer is then no longer susceptible to that specific temptation of the wicked one.

### The above can be clarified by way of an example:

The governing party of a country governs the land and its people. The opposition party however governs from the air. The opposition has the same structure as the governing party except that it is not the legitimate ruler of the land. The opposition party strives to become the ruling party. **Firstly**, the opposition propagates its own ideologies in order to capture the mind of the people so that they may vote and support them. **Secondly**, they target the weaknesses of the ruling party and even take the government to court.

The above example shows the effect Satan (the Prince of the power of the air) and his forces have on the believer. **Firstly**, he causes confusion in the soul through false teachings which cause divisions, strife and disobedience. **Secondly**, he targets the weaknesses, and day and night he accuses the believer before God (the Judge). His accusation will only stop when the soul repents and the spirit stops with that specific transgression. It must be understood that God, the righteous Judge, can neither declare the transgressor innocent, nor forgive him the transgression, because forgiveness alone does not heal the transgressor from that particular sin.

Rev 12:10&11 "...for **the accuser of our brethren** is cast down, **which accused them before our God day and night.** And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb (the body saved), and by the word of their testimony (the soul saved); and they loved not their lives (the spirit saved) unto the death (of sin)."

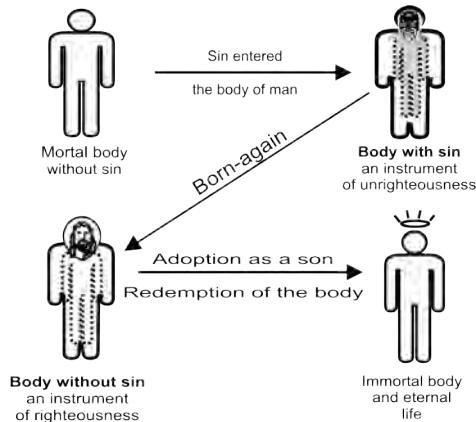
2 Cor 5:10 "For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; **that every one may receive the things** (the inner-man has) done **in his body**, according to that he hath done, whether *it be good or bad.*"



## Redemption of the body

Men and women are born in the body of sin because Adam sinned. It is not the body that corrupts the inner-man, but sin that indwells the body. The corrupted inner-man then uses the body as an instrument of unrighteousness.

### Look & Learn!



It is very important to understand that the death or crucifixion of Jesus as the Lamb of God is similar to the animal sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins in the Old Testament. But more important to understand is that because of the resurrection of Jesus the body is saved from sin through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. If, however, Jesus was not risen from the grave in a new body and the Holy Spirit was not made available to replace sin in the mortal body, then the inner-man is forgiven but remains in a body with sin.

It is because Jesus Christ, the New Man, lives that the Holy Spirit indwells the mortal body and helps the sin-corrupted inner-man who believes the truth to become Christ-like. Only then will the inner-man use his body as an instrument of righteousness.

At the second coming of Jesus the mortal body of the believer will be changed into an immortal body and so death will be abolished. It is only those believers who perfected holiness in the inner-man with the help of the Holy Spirit who will inherit eternal life in the new body and be revealed as the sons of God.

The believer has to understand that his body has a human nature with human needs, irrespective

Eph 5:23 "...Christ is the head of the church: and **he is the saviour of the body.**"

Col 1:18 "And **he is the head of the body, the church:** who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead..."

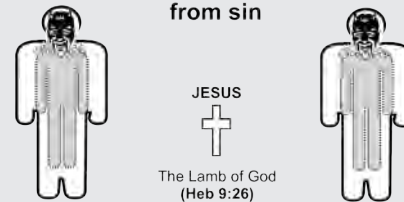
**Note:** The Church consists of individuals whose bodies were saved from sin. Any believer who does not have the Holy Spirit is not part of His Body which is His Church.

### Believers be warned!

The diagram below reveals the lie that Christians believe and have come to accept as the truth. They are deceived because they think that the body is sinful and that it will only be changed into a sinless body in the hereafter. That is why believers are powerless against the sins they (the inner-man) still commit.

### The Lie

**FORGIVEN, but not DELIVERED from sin**



**They who believe the lie are anti-Christ and false prophets**  
(1 John 4:3 and 1 John 2:22)

According to the lie Jesus is a substitute for animal sacrifices. Animal sacrifices only worked forgiveness but could not deliver the body from sin. If the diagram above is the truth then the sacrifice of Jesus is no better than any animal sacrifice. If the body is not delivered from sin, then the inner-man is still under the law of sin.

It is because of this lie that believers in Jesus continue with Old Testament faith and this is the reason why they continue to sin and say: "We are only sinners who are forgiven." Even believers who confess to be born-again believe the lie and continue in their sins. If they knew the truth, the truth would have set them free from living the lie.

The believers who believe the lie are anti-Christ because they do not stop sinning. They believe that Jesus Christ did not come in 'the flesh' (sin). If this is true then Jesus did not overcome sin in the body. Such a faith is contrary to scripture, for just as Moses grew up in the house of Pharaoh and rose up against Pharaoh, so Jesus grew up in the house of Satan and rose up against Satan.

Believers who deny that faith in Jesus removes sin from the body are false prophets. They preach forgiveness but deny Jesus is Christ because according to them He does not deliver the inner-man from sin in the body. Because they believe the lie they cannot overcome their sins, and glory only in forgiveness. Such a faith is contrary to scripture, because the Holy Spirit replaces sin in the body. Just as sin corrupted the inner-man so the Holy Spirit through sanctification restores the inner-man who believes the truth.

whether sin or the Holy Spirit indwells it. No evil or good can be attributed to the body. Whether the body be male or female, the inner-man is responsible for all the actions of the body. For example: The body has no desire to take drugs or alcohol. It was the inner-man who started to use drugs and alcohol and because of this the body became chemically addicted. It was the inner-man who started the addiction and it is the inner-man's responsibility to end the addiction. The same can be said of gluttony, because the body only needs food to sustain itself. Likewise, the body does not desire a car or a dress or anything material other than the need to survive. The body cannot gossip, be jealous, take sides or have a temper, for it is the inner-man who does all these things. It starts with the inner-man and he has to change and stop 'the works of the flesh' with the help of the Holy Spirit.

In the same manner no good work or deed can be ascribed to the human body. For example: It is not the body who believes, feels compassion, makes a donation, preaches or serves God, but the inner-man.

### **Mammon**

Although the inner-man is in the Spirit, he has a mortal body. Because the body has certain needs like shelter, food and clothing, Mammon, the World and Demonic Forces tempt the inner-man to commit sin.

The fear of death, both physically and financially, is the hold that Mammon (the unrighteous spirit of money) has on man because of the mortal body. A fearful spirit has the effect that believers are selfish and unrighteous in their handling of money. Mammon does not differentiate between the poor and the rich believer, for the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches causes in both of them a love for money.

A shortage as well as an abundance of funds can move the inner-man to sin. Shortage of money creates worry, fear and unbelief which leads to all kinds of unrighteousness like lying, cheating, stealing, deceiving, etc. Abundance of money creates a false sense of security, pride and makes the believer lukewarm towards God, all of which leads to the same unrighteousness as mentioned above. The fear of financial death causes self-preservation, and self-preservation causes selfishness. The result is that

Any believer who has the Holy Spirit, but believes that he is still in the body of sin, is deceived for the truth is that his body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. The inner-man can live a sinless life in his mortal body, here and now because he is already delivered from sin in his body. The believer must not think that he will be delivered from the body of sin only once he dies.

The following explains everything!!!

The old South Africa was under the 'law of apartheid' and all the inhabitants accepted racism. Although the new South Africa is under the law of non-discrimination, the inhabitants continue to accept racism. We see that the country (body) was delivered from the law of apartheid, but the inhabitants (inner-men) still serve apartheid. They neither believe nor submit to their own Constitution. The land itself cannot discriminate; it is the inhabitants of the land who discriminate. In the same way, Christians who are delivered from the law of sin continue with their sins although they are under the law of the Spirit. This is the reason the name of Jesus is taken in vain (blasphemy) and people have no respect for Christians.

Take note:

No evil can be ascribed to the country (body) South Africa. The inhabitants (inner-men) of the country are the transgressors.

Job 2:4 "And Satan answered the LORD, and said, **Skin (body) for skin (body), yea, all that a man hath will he give for his life.**"

**Note:** Because everyone has a body and fears death, they will give all that they have to stay alive. Man spends his whole life earning riches/money and when his body is threatened by a robber, sickness and old age, he will give everything that he has (his money) to survive.

Money in itself is not evil for it is only used as currency. However, money has an unrighteous spirit because of man's selfishness and his fear of death. This spirit is called Mammon. Whenever man has to deal with money, unrighteousness is present. The believer who is righteous in his dealings with money serves God because he is not selfish and does not fear financial or physical death. A believer, who is unrighteous in his dealings with money, serves Mammon.

Luke 16:13 "No servant can serve **two masters**... Ye cannot serve **God and mammon.**"

**Note:** Because money is security and provides for all the believer's needs, he develops a love for money, and unknowingly the unrighteous Mammon becomes his master. He will hold back, cheat and deceive to get more, but then waste and consume it on his lusts instead of using it for the needs of his fellow believers.

James 4:3 "**Ye ask, and receive not**, because ye **ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.**"

Eph 4:28 "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather **let him labour**, working with *his* hands the thing which is good, **that he may have to give to him that needeth.**"

believers just never have enough to help their fellow believer who has a need. This condition among believers is not pleasing in the sight of God.

The above is the truth and although believers may realize and acknowledge the problem, they are hesitant to help because of the fearful nature of their spirit. The believers whose spirit have come to believe the truth, are however ready to distribute to the needs of their brethren. Such believers serve God and not Mammon because their trust is in God and not in money.

Because the physical body can die, a shortage of money causes fear of death which leads to selfishness and unrighteousness in their handling of money. How do believers overcome the effect that unrighteous Mammon has on their spirit?

The soul who knows the truth, must not obey the selfishness and unrighteousness of his fearful spirit. When the believer wants to be a giver he will experience fear from his selfish spirit as well as diverse financial circumstances that try to stop him from giving to his brethren. Through much prayer and supplication he has to persist in giving and endure the suffering of the spirit, while he patiently awaits the anointing from the Holy Spirit who will destroy the fear and unbelief of his spirit. Only when fear is replaced by faith in God will the believer be a joyful giver.

Admonishment: The believer must be careful not to give money in order to receive money, for it is of 'the flesh' and evil. The purpose of giving is to change and become charitable in spirit by destroying selfishness. Because God seeks a cheerful giver He looks at the heart and not at the amount given.

## The World

The world refers to the peoples of the earth with their lusts and desires and their systems. They are sinners, and through their actions influence the believers. Their culture, ideology, glamour, fashion, music, gluttony, dieting, tattoos, adultery, same gender sexuality, human rights, etc. tempt and cause believers to also participate therein and in so doing the believers become transgressors of God's Word.

2 Cor 8:12&13 "For if there be first a willing mind, **it is accepted according to that a man hath, and not according to that he hath not.** For I mean **not that other men be eased, and ye burdened.**"  
**Note:** The believer has no reason to fear because he should give of what he has and not give of what he does not have. He cannot be a giver while his home runs on an overdraft. Get out of debt first and then you will be able to give. To get out of debt requires self-control, which comes through sanctification of the spirit.

Important! Provide for your own family, widows, and fellow brethren before you start giving to strangers and institutions.  
1 Tim 5:8 "**But if any provide not for his own, and specially for those of his own house, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.**"

Rom 12:13 "**Distributing to the necessity of saints;** given to hospitality."

2 Cor 9:7 "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*"

Man can live his whole life without God, but not without money. This is the power Mammon has because of money. The believer must therefore be alert and careful whenever money is involved.

Luke 16:14&15 "And the Pharisees also, **who were covetous**, heard all these things: and they **derided him**. And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; **but God knoweth your hearts:** for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God."

Mark 12:41-43 "...**and many that were rich cast in much.** And there came a certain poor **widow, and she threw in two mites...** That **this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury:...**"

1 Tim 6:17-19 "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they **be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches**, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; That they **do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to distribute, willing to communicate;** Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, **that they may lay hold on eternal life.**"  
**Note:** To lay hold of eternal life, sanctification of the inner-man must also be perfected concerning money and the management thereof.

1 John 5:19 "And we know that **we (believers) are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness.**"

James 4:4 "...know ye not that the **friendship of the world is enmity with God?** whosoever therefore will be **a friend of the world is the enemy of God.**"

1 Cor 6:19 "What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?**"

Lev 19:28 "Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, **nor print (tattoo) any marks upon you: I am the LORD.**"

Note: You may not deface or paint graffiti on the temple of God!!

Because of the body the laws of government have authority over believers as well as non-believers. God reigns over the believer's inner-man and the government reigns over his outer-man. It is the responsibility of the government of the land to punish all transgressions that are punishable by law. However, those transgressions that are not punished by the government, as well as the hidden sins of the inner-man, will be given account of on the day of God's judgment.

## Human rights

Human rights presents itself as noble and just but does not take the lawless evil nature of man into account. The world promotes human rights and democracy but does not consider the destructive consequences it has on society as a whole. Because human rights promote democracy, the people rule. How can the different opinions of sinners be satisfied? If the democratically chosen leaders please one, the other complains. Common fairness just cannot exist in a sinful society, with the result that those in authority cannot rule. Human rights, propagated through the media, makes it impossible for a government and police to function effectively because even criminals have rights.

In Revelations 3:14-22 Jesus spoke to the church in Laodicea, which also corresponds to the church of today. The ideology that reigned in Laodicea was that of human rights. The church of today also finds itself under the human rights ideology. The right of a human is a new age 'religion' and although it seems honourable, it excludes the rule of Christ. The world as well as the church of today holds the truth in unrighteousness (Romans 1:18). While they actually practice the principles of Jesus Christ towards one, they are unjust towards another. We see that more and more Christians conform to this way of life.

For example: Take the relationship between employers and employees. If the employees of a mine have the right to strike, the employers as well as other businesses and families in the area suffer loss. Do the parties who exercise their human rights ever consider the human rights of the people they harm in the process? The more they want to do good, the more evil they create. We find that Christians practice the same kind of unrighteousness. The innocent party is told to forgive the guilty while the transgressor goes free.

Rom 13:1&4 **"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers... For he is the minister of God to thee for good.** But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for **he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil.**"

2 Cor 5:10 **"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body,** according to that he hath done, **whether it be good or bad."**

**Note:** Believers must not, for one moment, think that they can do what they like and get away with it.

In the Bible God always refers to kings as the rulers. Jesus is the King that God appointed and He cannot be voted in or out. There is neither democracy nor human rights in the kingdom of God. In His kingdom His Word is the law that must be obeyed and everyone who transgresses will receive a just punishment from God, either now in this life or on the Day of Judgement.

Rom 2:16 **"In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel."**

Ps 2:1-4 **"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."**

The Church must remember that God has chosen Jesus Christ to be king of His people. Where there is a king, human rights and democracy does not exist. This means that human rights and democracy are not of God. Human rights and democracy create lawlessness in the world and in the Church. God's Word is no longer law in the Church because human rights and democracy reigns.

Examples: Human Rights forbids parents to discipline their children. Gays and lesbians and all who sin may neither be disciplined nor expelled from the Church, all because of human rights.

Take Tunisia, Libya, Egypt, Iraq and Syria for example: The Middle East had peace and prosperity when they had kings and dictators. It was only when human rights and democracy were forced upon them that all hell and destruction broke loose in their lands. Thousands died and all systems collapsed because there is no one who rules. The migrants from these lawless countries must now be accommodated by other countries to the detriment of their own people. Human rights does not take any responsibility whatsoever for what it propagates. It caused all the chaos (lawlessness) in the Middle East and now other countries are forced to carry the burden.

Satan and his demonic forces are preparing mankind for the coming of his king, the anti-Christ. The lawlessness unleashed in the world calls for a leader who is able to unite the nations and restore order. This leader will come as an angel of light, but because it is impossible for him to reign with human rights and democracy, he will become a dictator who persecutes all who disobey him.

2 Thess 2:9&10 **"Even him (anti-Christ), whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved."**



## Demonic activity

We saw in Chapter 1 that when sin entered the body, the body became the body of sin – the house of Satan. Since then evil spirits can also dwell in the body. That is why demons can be cast out. Because an unbeliever is under the power of Satan and sin, demonic forces have access to his body. However, when a person receives the Holy Spirit, his body becomes the property of the Lord Jesus Christ. Demonic forces then no longer have free access to the body, unless the inner-man is deceived and allows it.

The principalities and powers in the air can cause certain thoughts, good or evil, in the soul of the believer. If these thoughts and imaginations linger too long in the mind, it moves the spirit to arrogance, pride, know-it-all, jealousy, hatred, bitterness, worry, strife, unclean thoughts, unbelief, doubt, anxiety, etc. In this manner the devil gets a stranglehold on the spirit of the believer. As these emotions deepen in the spirit and become extreme, it will manifest in actions like murder, suicide, nervous breakdown, perverseness, blasphemy, being un-teachable, wisecracking, division, etc.

Demon activity can be identified if the thought and imagination is not just a passing thought but persists against the believer's will. If this situation persists the soul becomes depressed because of the unwanted thought. The believer who is not alert and neglects to reject the thought in obedience to the truth will experience oppression in his spirit. Once the evil spirit has control of the mind as well as the spirit, the inner-man is overcome and then the demon has possession of the body, and manifests his will.

When a believer acts contra to himself it is an indication that he is possessed by a demon because he is not in control of himself. A demon will target any person who is susceptible or open-minded to his desires and suggestions. When the inner-man loses control, the lusts and desires of the demon will manifest in, and through, the body. A demon can be driven out in the Name of Jesus but not against the believer's will.

There is a difference between demons and sins. Demons can be cast out, while sins are mortified through sanctification by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Mark 5:8&9 "For he said unto him, **Come out of the man**, thou **unclean spirit**. And he asked him, What is thy name? And he answered, saying, **My name is Legion: for we are many.**"

Matt 7:22 "**Many** will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name **have cast out devils?** and in thy name done many wonderful works?"

Both good and evil thoughts – that originate from demons – work to the detriment and destruction of the believer. Demonic influences do not care for the wellbeing of believers.

Eph 6:11&12 "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. **For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against** principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against **spiritual wickedness** in high places."

2 Cor 10:3-5 "For though we walk in the flesh (body), **we do not war after the flesh** (not physical but spiritual): (For the weapons of **our warfare** are **not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;**) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought** to the obedience of Christ;"

Thoughts can originate from yourself, from evil spirits, or from the Holy Spirit. It is the believer's responsibility to be selective in what he thinks and to reject every thought that is contrary to the Word of God.

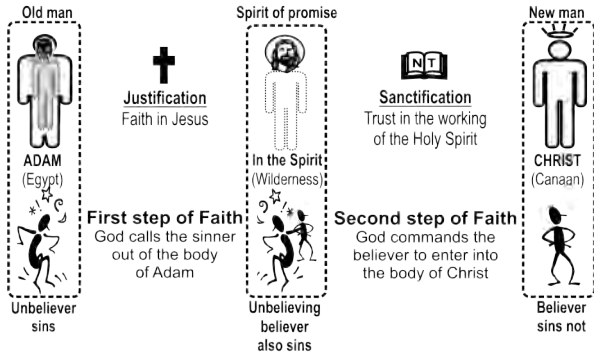
2 Tim 2:25&26 "In meekness **instructing those that oppose themselves**; if God peradventure will give them **repentance to the acknowledging of the truth**; And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."

1 Pet 5:8&9 "**Be sober**, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking whom he may devour**: Whom **resist stedfast in the faith**, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

Matt 12:43-45 "**When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man**, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. **Then he saith, I will return into my house (body) from whence I came out**; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. **Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in (the body) and dwell there**: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation."

# SUMMARY

## The two steps of faith



## THE TWO STEPS OF FAITH

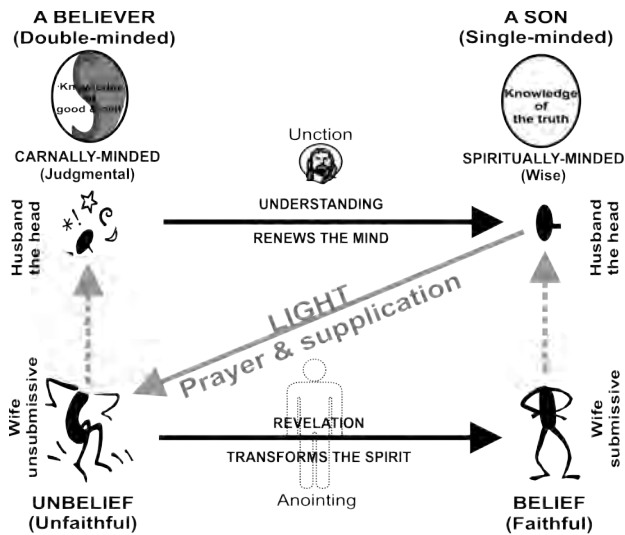
### First step of faith:

Through his faith in Jesus the believer is declared righteous.

### Second step of faith:

Through his faith in the working of the Holy Spirit the believer is made righteous.

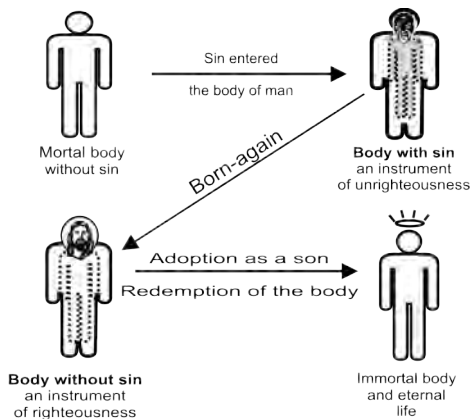
The two steps of faith transforms the old man who sins, into a new man who sins not.



## SANCTIFICATION

Through the renewing of the mind the spirit comes to believe the truth.

Once the spirit believes the truth it partakes of the divine nature of Christ. The inner-man can then serve God in spirit and in truth.



## ETERNAL LIFE

Because of sin, the body of Adam does not have eternal life.

The born-again believer who has the Holy Spirit has the promise of eternal life.

The believer who is worthy of the body of Christ inherits eternal life.





## CHAPTER 12

### GLEANINGS

#### Why do born-again believers sin?

They sin because they do not believe what God says. Scriptures repeatedly tell believers to stop sinning because sons of God sin not. The proof of their unbelief is that they do not confess, "A son of God sins not." Because they disagree with God the Holy Spirit, who is their Helper, cannot help them.

Christians believe and can quote many scriptures except the one in 1 John 3:9 which states: "*Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*" If they would begin to confess to one another that "a son of God does not sin", faith will come into their spirit. Once the spirit of the believer comes to believe the truth and accepts the truth as fact, he will not sin.

In the New Testament God demands a sinless life. In the Old Testament it was not possible because sin indwelt the body, but in the New Testament it is possible because the Holy Spirit indwells the body. Because of the presence of the Holy Spirit, the believer is free from sin. The believer is no longer under the law of sin and has no reason to continue with the 'works of the flesh'. Ask yourself! Which 'work of the flesh' that you still do cannot be mortified through faith, prayer and supplication? Once that particular sin is forgiven and mortified by the Holy Spirit, you will experience rest from that sin because it is dead.

The preaching of our day preaches forgiveness and not deliverance. The result of this preaching is that believers have faith for the forgiveness of sins but have no faith to stop sinning. They only see Jesus as the sacrifice for their sins and not as the risen Lord who can lead them to live a sinless life.

Deliverance and victory over sins are experiences, and not just theory. Every scripture is an experience. For example: *Colossians 3:9&10 says: "Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him."* The born-again experience took you out

#### REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

2 Cor 4:13 "We having the same **spirit of faith**, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; **we also believe, and therefore speak;**"

Heb 11:6 "But **without faith** it is **impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is**, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

Rom 10:9-11 "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. **For with the heart (the spirit) man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.** For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed."

The principle at work is as follows: If you (the soul) will confess with your mouth, "A son of God sins not," and believe it with your heart (the spirit) you will be saved from each and every sin that you commit.

1 John 5:18 "We know that **whosoever is born of God sinneth not**; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not."

**Sin not:** John 5:14; John 8:11; 1 Cor 15:34; 2 Cor 7:1; Eph 4:26; Heb 12:14; 1 John 2:1; 1 John 3:6&9; 2 John 1:9-11.

2 Tim 4:18 "And the Lord **shall deliver me from every evil work**, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom..."

Gal 5:24&25 "And **they** (the inner-men) **that are Christ's** (sons of God) **have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.** If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

**Note:** In order to belong to Christ, the inner-man who is in the Spirit, must stop/mortify the sins he learned to do while he lived in 'the flesh'. No one can claim to be Christ's before he has mortified all the sins that he has and still commits!

2 Cor 4:2 "**But** (we) **have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty**, not walking in craftiness, **nor handling the word of God deceitfully**; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God."

Matt 17:20 "...I say unto you, **If ye have faith** as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and **nothing shall be impossible unto you.**"

Heb 11:1 "Now **faith is** the substance of things hoped for, **the evidence of things not seen.**"

**Note:** These two scriptures can easily be explained in the following example: "If you *believe*, you will *not* lie. If you lie, you *do not believe.*"

Rom 5:10 "For if, when we were enemies, **we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, being reconciled, **we shall be saved (from sinning) by his life** (Holy Spirit)."

of the old man and placed you into the new man. If you were a liar when you were an old man, surely you must experience that you no longer lie. If this is not your experience then you are busy, but not with God.

### What is the evidence of forgiveness?

Believers in general do not ask God for forgiveness of their sins. Those, who ask forgiveness for a certain sin believe that they are forgiven because of 1 John 1:9, but have no evidence that forgiveness was given. The only evidence of forgiveness is when the believer experiences that he has stopped with that specific sin. The believer should therefore not only ask God for forgiveness, but also ask that he may be healed of that sin.

Example: A believer who suffers from road rage asks God to forgive him. As long as the road rage persists it is proof that he is not forgiven because God cannot approve such sinful conduct. God cannot forgive and then not deliver the believer from road rage. The evidence that God has forgiven, is when the believer experiences that the road rage has stopped.

As long as the believer sins, Satan has a right to accuse him before God. As the righteous judge God cannot pardon the guilty and declare him not guilty. The only way to live is not to sin, for then Satan cannot accuse the believer. However, if the believer sins he has an Advocate with the Father – Jesus the righteous.

The believer who sins is guilty as charged but because Jesus – the righteous One – intercedes as Mediator, judgment is postponed. Through spirit baptism the Holy Spirit leads the believer to repent of the sin he commits. The Holy Spirit will remind the soul of his transgression until godly sorrow enters into his spirit and when the spirit changes, the sin he commits stops. Only then can the Judge declare the believer not guilty and the accusation falls away.

The above principle was preached by John the Baptist in Mark 1:4: *“John did baptize in the wilderness, and preach the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.”* No repentance, no forgiveness!

Even the Lord's Supper admonishes the believer to examine and judge himself as not to eat and drink

James 2:26 “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so **faith** (that you are saved from sin) **without works** (evidence) **is dead** also.”

Eph 1:7 “In whom **we have redemption** (deliverance) through his blood, **the forgiveness of sins...**”

Col 1:14 “In whom **we have redemption** (deliverance) through his blood, **even the forgiveness of sins:**”

**Note:** From the above scriptures we conclude that redemption and forgiveness are the two sides of a coin. The one cannot exist without the other. God cannot forgive a person without liberating him, and He cannot liberate a person without forgiving him.

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just **to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us** from all unrighteousness.”

**Note:** Here again we see the two sides of a single coin.

1 John 5:17 “**All unrighteousness is sin...**”

1 John 1:6 “**If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**”

Rev 12:10 “...for **the accuser of our brethren** is cast down, **which accused them before our God day and night** (continually).”

1 John 5:18 “We know that whosoever is born of God **sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.**”

1 John 2:1 “My little children, **these things write I unto you, that ye sin not.** And **if any man sin,** we have **an advocate** with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”

**Note:** The word 'if' indicates that it is by exception that a believer might sin. Because sin cannot just be forgiven, he needs an advocate to defend him in court. It is a very serious thing if a believer sins.

Matt 3:12 “Whose fan *is* in his hand, and **he will thoroughly purge his floor,** and gather his wheat into the garner; but **he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire.**”

Matt 12:20 “**A bruised reed shall he not break,** and smoking flax shall he not quench, **till he send forth judgment unto victory.**”

Matt 3:11 “**I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance:** but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: **he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire:**”

1 Cor 11:28-32 “But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of *that* bread, and drink of *that* cup. For **he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself,** not discerning the Lord's body. For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep. **For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.** But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, **that we should not be condemned with the world.**”

damnation unto himself. The believer who neglects to repent and stop with his sins will be judged by God.

### The high calling in Christ

God determined before the foundation of the world to adopt children unto Himself through Jesus Christ. Before Christ, no one could become a son of God. In the Old Testament no one could become a member of God's family because the Son of God was not yet made manifest. Since Jesus Christ, anyone can become a member of the family of God.

One has to be born-again as a child of God to be a member of God's family. Because Jesus, the firstborn son of God is without sin, every child of God that has the hope of becoming a son of God, must purify himself even as He is pure.

In the Old Testament it was impossible to become a son of God because the Holy Spirit was not yet made available so that man may be born-again. As servants of God they could not attain to the high standard God has set for His sons. Only with the help and workings of the Holy Spirit can the perfection which God requires of His sons be attained. It is for this reason that Jesus said in Matthew 5:20: *"For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven."*

In the Old Testament, the Letter prescribed, that which they must do, and that which they must not do, in order to serve God. In the New Testament the Holy Spirit reveals the godly nature of Christ. This knowledge makes the believer aware of the will of God and with the help of the Holy Spirit his spirit is changed to be godly in nature also. It is the godly nature of the New Testament believer that causes his righteousness to exceed that of believers in the Old Testament. It is because of the indwelling Holy Spirit that the standard of righteousness God requires has increased.

The following scriptures in Matthew 5:27&28 reveal how the righteousness of a New Testament believer should exceed that of an Old Testament believer by far: *"... it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever*

Eph 1:5 "Having **predestinated us unto the adoption of children** by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,"

From the above scripture it is clear that in the Old Testament they were servants of God. God could not adopt any of them as children because the Holy Spirit was not made available to indwell them.

1 John 3:3 "And **every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself**, even as he is pure."

1 John 2:28&29 "And now, little children, **abide in him; that**, when he shall appear, **we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him** at his coming. If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that **every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.**"

1 John 3:7&8 "Little children, let no man deceive you: **he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil...**"

Example: We know that God does not lie. When the inner-man stops lying, then – regarding the lie – he is righteous, just like God. The inner-man who continues lying is deceitful, and of the devil. For this reason each and every work of 'the flesh', which is the ungodly nature of Satan, must be mortified with the help of the Holy Spirit.

1 Cor 1:7-9 "...our Lord Jesus Christ: **Who shall also confirm you unto the end**, that ye may be **blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ**. God *is* faithful, by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord."

Remember: The believer must make sure that he is blameless before he leaves this world, because Satan is the accuser of the brethren.

Matt 5:21&22 "Ye have heard that **it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill**; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment: **But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment**: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire."

Matt 5:31&32 "It hath been said, **Whosoever shall put away his wife, let him give her a writing of divorcement**: But I say unto you, **That whosoever shall put away his wife**, saving for the cause of fornication, **causeth her to commit adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is divorced committeth adultery.**"

Matt 5:33&37 "Again, ye have heard that it hath been said by them of old time, **Thou shalt not forswear thyself**, but shalt perform unto the Lord thine oaths: **But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.**" **Note:** Once a believer has given his word, he is obliged to keep it.

looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

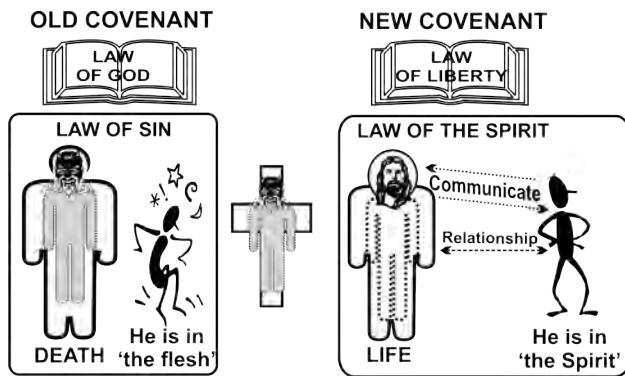
Any believer who says that he loves Jesus is obliged to obey His Commandments.

### The Law of God versus the Law of Liberty

The Law of God is the law of the Old Covenant and the Law of Liberty is the law of the New Covenant. The Law of God exists where sin is present and the Law of Liberty exists where the Spirit is present. Because of the law of sin in the body, the Law of God was given to reveal sin to the inner-man and because of the law of the Spirit in the body the Law of Liberty was given to reveal freedom from sin to the inner-man.

The Old Covenant believer had to obey the law of God because he was judged by that law. The New Covenant believer who is freed from sin, has to live as one who is judged by the law of liberty.

Look & Learn!



The believer is born-again through faith in Jesus, who redeems him from sin. The believer who has the Spirit of God is free from sin and therefore free from the law of God. The believer is in a relationship with God through the presence of the Holy Spirit. He is Emmanuel – God with us!!!

If the believer was born-again through faith in Jesus and not by the keeping of the law, surely he will have to live by faith in a relationship with God with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Note: God communicates with the soul of the inner-man in accordance with the written Word. Under the

John 14:15 “If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

A testament and a covenant are the two sides of a coin. The testament exists because of the death of Jesus. The covenant exists because of a relationship between the believer and the living Christ through the Holy Spirit. Because of the testament, a believer is set free from sin, but the covenant requires obedience to the One who has delivered him from sin. To have a good relationship, faithfulness is required from both parties.

2 Tim 2:11-13 “It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him (a testament), we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him (a covenant): if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.”

John 5:39&40 “(You) Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me. And ye will not come to me (have a relationship), that ye might have life.”

Note: Believers may know many scriptures but are unaware of the sins they continue to commit. This happens because they do not have a relationship with Him. If they had a relationship with Him, He would have revealed their sins to them, and helped them to stop sinning.

Rom 6:15 “What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law (of sin), but under grace (free of sin)? God forbid.”

James 1:25 “But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty (New Testament), and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.”

James 2:12 “So speak ye, and so do (live), as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty (freedom from sin).”

Note: Some transgressions of a believer are judged here and now, while other sins will be judged in the hereafter. The believer will experience chastening on a daily basis in order to correct him and save him from judgment in the future.

1 Pet 4:17 “For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God (the pattern and steps)?”

2 Cor 3:17 “Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (from law of sin and the law of God).”

1 John 1:6&7 “If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another (the believer and God)...”

1 John 4:17 “Herein is our love (between the believer and God) made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is (He sins not), so are we (the believer also sins not) in this world.”



law of sin the inner-man had to keep the law of God, but under the law of liberty the inner-man must live in a good relationship with God. The believer who sins, offends God the Father, despises the Holy Spirit, and walks as an enemy of Jesus Christ.

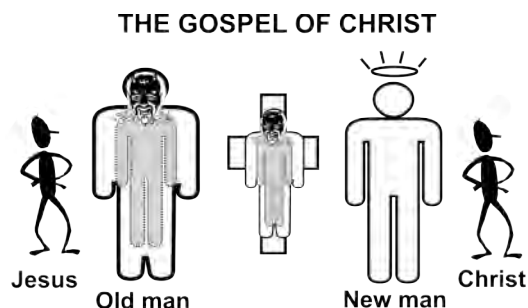
### The doctrine of Christ

The doctrine of Christ contains all the truths and principles that guide a believer to perfection and godliness.

The three diagrams below illustrate the doctrine of Christ and reveal the truths and principles the believer must believe and adhere to in order to save the inner-man, and in the end inherit eternal life – which is the immortal body.

Diagram 1 illustrates the gospel of Christ. Diagram 2 illustrates the power of the gospel and the effect it has on the one who believes in Jesus. Diagram 3 illustrates the pattern of salvation the believer has to follow.

#### Diagram 1



When Jesus was crucified, the old man was destroyed on the cross and the new man, Christ, was raised from the dead. When the body of sin died, sin was judged and done away with. God then created a new body without sin for Jesus Christ to dwell in. As the firstborn of God's new creation Jesus Christ has eternal life because of the new immortal body.

When Jesus Christ ascended up to heaven God made the Holy Spirit available to man. Diagram 2 below illustrates how the gospel of Christ becomes a reality for the inner-man who believes and accepts Jesus as Lord.

Note: The believer cannot use his liberty from sin, to sin again.

1 Tim 4:13&16 "Till I come, **give attendance** to reading, to exhortation, **to doctrine**. **Take heed unto thyself... for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself**, and them that hear thee."

1 Thess 4:7&8 "For **God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness. He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God**, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit."

2 John 1:9&10 "**Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth (obeys) not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God**. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. **If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed:**"

John 3:16 "For **God so loved the world** (mankind), that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**"

John 1:29 "...Behold **the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.**"

1 John 2:2 "And he is the propitiation for our sins: and **not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**"

Heb 10:9&10 "Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. **He taketh away the first (body of Adam), that he may establish the second (body of Christ)**. By the which will we are sanctified **through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once** for all."

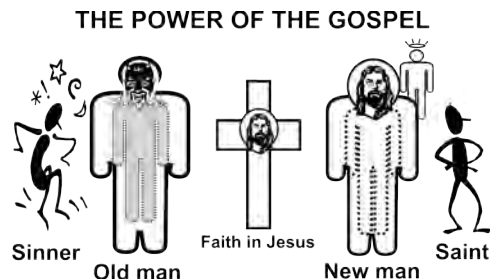
Heb 9:28 "So **Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin** unto salvation."

1 Cor 15:53 "For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and **this mortal (body) must put on immortality.**"

Rom 5:21 "That **as sin hath reigned unto death**, even so might **grace reign** through righteousness **unto eternal life** by Jesus Christ our Lord."



## Diagram 2

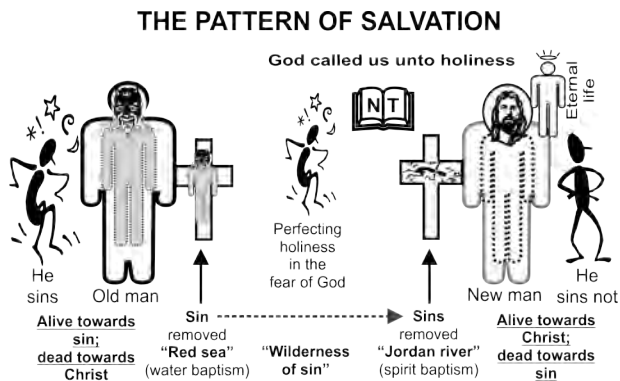


The Holy Spirit is the power of the gospel unto salvation for the inner-man who believes. The Spirit not only replaces sin in the body but is also the assurance of the new body. Freedom from sin is the new birth of the inner-man. The presence of the Spirit causes a desire in the inner-man to please God.

The born-again believer is a new man. This is why the inner-man is called a saint. Because Jesus Christ the new man sins not, the inner-man must understand that a saint does not sin and that he is not allowed to commit any sin.

The inner-man who sins has not perfected holiness. To perfect holiness the soul has to accept and the spirit has to submit to the doctrine of godliness which will allow the Holy Spirit to save him from the sins he still commits.

## Diagram 3



The doctrine of Christ contains all the truths that must be believed – all the scriptures that must be obeyed and the pattern that must be followed if the believer is to perfect holiness. There are no shortcuts because

John 1:12 “But **as many as received him, to them gave he, power** (the Holy Spirit) **to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name.”

Rom 6:6 “Knowing this, that our **old man** (old body) is crucified with **him**, **that the body of sin might be destroyed**, that henceforth **we should not serve sin.**”

Heb 10:4 “For it is **not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.**”

1 Cor 6:19 “What? know ye not that **your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost** which is **in you** (in your body), which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”

Acts 2:38 “...**Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ** for the remission of sins, **and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**”

Phil 2:13 “**For it is God** (the Holy Spirit) **which worketh in you both to will** (soul) **and to do** (spirit) **of his good pleasure.**”

Col 3:9-11 “**Lie not one to another** (and all other sins), seeing that ye have put off the old man (body) with his deeds; And **have put on the new man** (body), which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him: Where there is neither Greek nor Jew (no racism)... **but Christ** (the Holy Spirit) **is all, and in all.**”

Acts 3:26 “Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, **sent him** (the Holy Spirit) **to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.**”

2 Tim 4:18 “And **the Lord shall deliver me** (the inner-man) **from every evil work**, and will preserve *me* unto his heavenly kingdom...”  
**Note:** The body is already delivered from sin and will be changed into an immortal body when Jesus Christ appears the second time.

John 3:36 “He that **BELIEVETH ON the Son** hath everlasting life: and he that **BELIEVETH NOT the Son** shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

Heb 4:1-3 “Let us therefore **fear, lest**, a promise being left *us* of entering into his rest, **any of you** (saints) should seem to **come short of it**. For **unto us** (Christians) **was the gospel preached, as well as unto them** (the Jews): but the word preached did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in them that heard *it*. For **we** (saints) **which have believed do enter into rest** (from sinning)...”

1 Pet 2:21&22 “For even hereunto were ye called: because **Christ also suffered** for us, **leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps**: Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:”

1 Cor 10:1-6 “Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and **all passed through the sea**; And were **all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea**; And did all eat the same spiritual meat; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ. **But with many of them God was not well pleased**: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. **Now these things were our examples...**”

the Holy Spirit cannot deviate from the pattern set by the gospel of God in the deliverance of Israel from Egypt, through the Wilderness of Sin, and into Canaan.

The inner-man who sins has to believe the truth he reads in the Bible and stop his transgressions. As he begins to obey the truth and desist from committing a particular sin he will experience suffering, similar to crucifixion, until that sin is eradicated. Once he is dead towards sin, he is made alive towards Christ by the Holy Spirit, for nobody can be made alive unless sin is dead. The 'crucifixion of the inner-man' is a spiritual baptism: The inner-man who has died towards sin, sins no more.

Because of false doctrines there are many denominations, but God has only one Church, and therefore only one doctrine can be true. The three diagrams above correspond with the wholesome words of our Lord Jesus Christ and the doctrine which is according to godliness.

The born-again believer needs to interpret scripture for himself and understand in which diagram (1, 2 or 3) the particular scripture fits. By doing this, all uncertainty is removed. For example: A person believes that he is saved by grace through faith and not by works. This is true because of the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, as illustrated in Diagram 2. But scripture also says: Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. This is also true and applies to the inner-man as illustrated in Diagram 3. Because both scriptures are true, the inner-man must commit to faith – by perfecting holiness – shown in Diagram 3. One cannot believe one scripture, but ignore the other scriptures.

Take note:

Diagram 3 is an expansion of Diagram 2. It reveals the sanctification process of the inner-man, which must be accomplished by believers with the help of the Holy Spirit; for without sanctification no one will see the Lord. (Heb 12:14)

1 Timothy 6:3&4: *"If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; He is proud, knowing nothing..."*

Rom 6:17 "But God be thanked, **that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine** (the pattern) which was delivered you."

Gal 5:17&24 "For **the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh**: and these are contrary the one to the other: **so that ye** (inner-man) **cannot do the things that ye would**. And **they that are Christ's** have **crucified the flesh** with the affections and lusts."

**Note:** It is the sinful nature of the inner-man that must be crucified because he is not in 'the flesh' but in the Spirit.

Eph 4:13&14 "**Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God**, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: **That we** henceforth **be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men...**"

Rom 16:17 "...**mark them** which cause divisions and offences **contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them.**"

2 Tim 4:3&4 "For the **time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine**; but **after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers**, having itching ears; **And they** (the teachers) **shall turn away their ears from the truth, and** (they) **shall be turned unto fables.**"

2 Tim 2:15 "Study to **shew thyself approved unto God**, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, **rightly dividing the word of truth.**"

**Note:** In order to divide the Word of God correctly, a believer must understand to which phase of the doctrine (diagram 1, 2 or 3) a particular scripture refers to.

Example of how to divide and read scriptures correctly:

1 John 3:1: "**Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us...**," refers to the Son of God whom He gave to deliver man from sin. This is illustrated in **diagram 1 on page 97**.

1 John 3:2: "**...now are we the sons of God...**" The Holy Spirit in man now makes a believer a child of God and when Jesus appears, the mortal body will be transformed into a new body. This is illustrated in **diagram 2 on page 98**.

1 John 3:3: "**And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.**" This scripture refers to the sanctification of the inner-man that has to be done and is illustrated in **diagram 3 on page 98**.

## Another law

In the New Testament we read of the following laws: The law of sin (the nature of sin); the law of God (the letter of the Law); the law of the Spirit (the nature of the Spirit); the law of liberty (the new body without sin). All these laws exist only in the outer-man. But in Romans 7:23 we read: *“But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.”* This 'other law' is actually the ungodly nature of the spirit that dominates the logic of the soul.

In this teaching our focus will be on the 'other law' and how it affects the soul.

Look & Learn!



We already know from previous chapters that nature is stronger than knowledge. In the Old Testament God found that man could not obey Him because the nature of sin is stronger than knowledge of the Law. It is because of the evil nature of sin in the body that the spirit of man also became evil-natured; because nature is stronger than knowledge, the ungodly desires of the spirit dominate the knowledge of the soul. The domination of the soul by the sinful spirit is what Romans 7:23 call 'another law'.

The inner-man who is in the Spirit, under the nature of the Holy Spirit, finds that the fleshly desires of his own spirit still dominate his soul. Although his soul delights himself in the knowledge of scriptures, the ungodliness of his spirit causes the saint to live like a sinner. This unholy condition of the inner-man will only change through sanctification of his spirit.

Because the ungodliness of the spirit opposes the godly nature of the Holy Spirit, the soul can execute neither his own will, nor the will of God. The spirit

**Important to note:** Rom 7:22&23 speaks of a Jew who is under the law of God. This means the person is not born-again because in verses 24&25 it says that he must be delivered from the body of sin. In Rom 8:2 it speaks of a person who is born-again because he is no longer under the law of sin but under the law of the Spirit.

Rom 7:22&23 **“For I delight in the law of God** (Letter of the Law) according to the inward man. **But I see another law (?) in my members** (soul; spirit; body), warring against the law of my mind (knowledge of the law), and **bringing me into captivity to the law of sin** (nature of sin in the body) **which is in my members.”**

**Note:** If the body of sin has a nature/law and the soul has knowledge, then 'another law' must refer to the nature/law of the spirit. What the scripture actually reveals is that the evil-natured spirit will take the soul captive to serve sin in the body.

James 1:13&14 **“Let no man** (the believer) **say** when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But **every man** (believer) **is tempted, when he** (his soul) **is drawn away of his own lust** (his spirit), **and enticed** (to commit sin).”

Although the believer knows and agrees with scripture, the fleshliness of his spirit wars against his knowledge and prevents the soul from obeying scripture. Obedience to God can only be achieved when the nature of the spirit changes and becomes godly. The spirit then submits to the soul, who is the head.

Rom 3:12 **“They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.”**

Examples of the existence of 'another law' in the Old Testament:

- Eve dominates Adam;
- Sarai dominates Abram to have a child with Hagar;
- Lot's wife disobeys him and looks back;
- God forbids Jews to take unto themselves the daughters of Canaan as wives because they will tempt their sons to serve idols;
- Samson is tempted by Delilah;
- Jezebel, the wife, plots to get Naboth's vineyard for her husband Ahab;
- Elijah fears Jezebel and flees;
- Job's wife tells him to curse God.

In the New Testament 'another law' is not permitted.

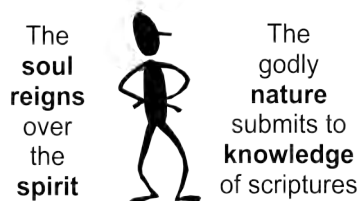
Eph 5:22&23 **“Wives** (spirit) **submit yourselves unto your own husbands** (soul), **as unto the Lord.** For **the husband** (soul) is the **head of the wife** (spirit), even as Christ is the head of the church (his bride): and he is the saviour of the body.”

Although men are predominantly soul and women predominantly spirit, the inner-man of each individual has a soul and a spirit. Both men and women experience that they are under 'another law' which is the fleshliness of the spirit that wars and overcomes the will of the soul. Therefore, in marriage both the husband and the wife have the same challenge, namely, to get control of his or her own spirit. The soul who has control of his spirit has self-control, which is a fruit of the Spirit.

dominates the soul and takes 'him' captive to obey 'her' desires, just as Eve took Adam captive to obey her wishes. Adam disobeyed God because Eve made him do it. The soul that is dominated by his spirit is under 'another law' (the law of the wife) and finds it difficult to obey God's Word. The soul cannot obey God because the good that 'he' wants to do, he does not do, and the evil 'he' does not want to do, 'he' does, because 'her' nature, must be pleased.

The order God has created for man, is that the soul reigns over the spirit. To save the soul from the dominating spirit, the nature of the ungodly spirit has to change and become godly before the spirit will allow the soul to be the head. Such an inner-man is perfect because each member, the soul and the spirit, has been restored to its created order.

Look & Learn!



**GOD'S CREATED ORDER**  
**(The soul is the head of his spirit)**  
 (The spirit supports the soul)

It is important to understand that knowledge is the law of the mind. The soul cannot make any decisions without knowledge. The soul will therefore direct his spirit according to his knowledge of the truth, and if his spirit is godly it submits to the will of the soul. Only then can the believer obey God. The soul rests when his spirit believes the truth and submits to it.

It must be remembered that Adam was created first then God created Eve as a help that was suited for him. Therefore the spirit should support and not dominate the soul.

The question may be asked: "How does one remove 'another law' and enter into God's rest?"

The diagram that follows illustrate the process in which the soul is saved from the ungodliness of his dominating spirit through sanctification.

The soul and spirit of the inner-man stand in the same relation to one another as the husband and his wife in marriage. Once the husband as well as his wife are delivered from the 'other law' in their inner-man the marriage is saved. There can never be peace in marriage unless fleshliness of spirit is dealt with in both the husband AND the wife.

James 4:17 "Therefore **to him** (the soul) **that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him** (the soul) **it is sin.**"

The soul, as the head of the inner-man, is responsible for the salvation of the inner-man. In the same manner the husband, as the head of his wife, is responsible to save the marriage.

Rom 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed** (in spirit) **by the renewing of your mind** (the soul), **that ye may prove** what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

2 Tim 3:5&7 "**Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof** (the Holy Spirit): from such (believer) turn away. **Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.**"

The truth is: A son of God sins not. All the Christian books, commentaries, Bible studies and sermons teach that believers should not sin. Why then do born-again believers continue to sin?

The reason for sinning is this: Although they have knowledge of scriptures, they neither know nor believe the truth. Anyone who opposes the truth, resists the Holy Spirit and without the help of the Holy Spirit he cannot stop sinning.

2 Cor 4:3&4 "But **if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them** that are lost: **In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds** of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

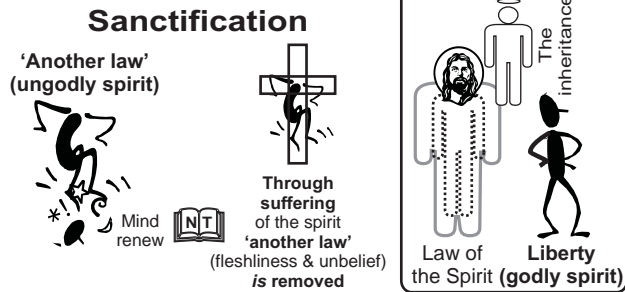
BEFORE a sinner is born-again the truth is veiled because his mind is blinded by Satan and the nature of sin in his body. Now that he is born-again the truth is still hidden because his mind is blinded by the fleshly nature of his spirit which is the 'other law'. That is why Paul prays in Eph 1:18 "**The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and ...the glory of his inheritance...**"

The believer whose mind is renewed is able to work out his own salvation through the sanctification of his fleshly and unbelieving spirit.

Phil 2:12 "...**work out your own salvation** (stop sinning) **with fear and trembling.**"



## Look & Learn!



It is only when the believer is delivered from the law of sin and comes under the law of the Spirit that the soul discovers that there is 'another law' that forces him to sin. This other law contains the passions and desires of his fleshly-natured spirit which causes him to continue with the 'works of the flesh'. The same thing happened with the Jews who were delivered from Egypt. Although they were under the law of God, the men refused to enter into Canaan because of their wives and children. Christians also prefer to disobey God in order to satisfy the desires of their unbelieving spirits and their fear of death.

Although the newborn believer confesses that he believes in Jesus, he continues to sin because his spirit is fleshly-natured and in unbelief. As long as the spirit does not believe the truth it will not submit to scriptures. The fact of the matter is that although the soul may be mindful of the truth, the unbelieving spirit keeps him from obeying. The will to do what is right may be present, but to do what is right is lacking. This unholy condition of the spirit will continue until it comes to believe the truth and partake of the godly nature of the Holy Spirit.

It is general knowledge that to move the body from being unfit to being fit, requires exercise and much suffering. Likewise, if the ungodly-natured spirit has to become godly-natured, suffering will be experienced as the spirit moves from unbelief to belief of the truth.

When the soul receives knowledge of the truth – comes to his senses and has a change of mind – the Holy Spirit, who is the Helper, will help the spirit to believe and obey the truth. Between a change of mind and a change of heart (the spirit) lies much suffering.

Because the soul who knows the truth is willing to obey, he discovers that his spirit is unwilling to submit to the truth. This causes friction in the inner-man. That is why Paul prays in Eph 3:16&17 “...to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ (His godly nature) may dwell in your hearts by faith;...”

When a soul calls on the Father to be saved from the fleshliness of his dominating spirit, the Holy Spirit causes faith to come in the spirit. The spirit then becomes godly and submits to the truth.

1 Pet 1:9 “Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls (from your dominating spirit).”

**Note:** The soul is not saved while he is under 'another law'. On the other hand, the soul who is not dominated by the spirit, is in liberty and rests. The believer is saved when the Holy Spirit indwells the body; the soul then knows the truth and the spirit believes the truth.

Take note: The fall of man started with the spirit (Eve), then the soul (Adam) and then the body (when sin entered). The restoration of man takes place in reverse order: First the body (the Holy Spirit enters); then the soul (renews to the truth) and then the spirit (believes).

James 1:14&15 “But **every man** (the born-again believer) is **tempted, when he** (the soul) **is drawn away** (taken captive) **of his own lust** (the spirit), **and enticed**. Then **when lust** (the spirit) **hath conceived, it** (the spirit) **bringeth forth sin...**”

**Note:** This scripture explains the workings of 'another law' clearly.

The following three scriptures illustrate how Sarai dominated Abram to have a child with the slave, but when at last she believed God, she submitted to Abram and called him lord.

Gen 16:1&2 “Now Sarai, Abram's wife bare him no children: and she had an handmaid, an Egyptian, whose name was Hagar. And **Sarai said to Abram**, Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: I pray thee, **go in unto my maid**; it may be that I may obtain children by her. **And Abraham hearkened the voice of Sarai.**”

Heb 11:11 “**Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive** seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because **she judged him faithful who had promised.**”

1 Pet 3:5&6 “For after this manner in the old time **the holy women also, who trusted in God**, adorned themselves, **being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord**: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.”

Rom 14:17&18 “For **the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost**. For **he that in these things serveth Christ is acceptable to God**, and approved of men.”

If the soul does not faint in his mind, suffering of his spirit will continue until the nature of the spirit transforms. The moment the spirit becomes godly-natured and submits to the soul, the inner-man is holy. When the soul knows the truth and the spirit believes the truth, the inner-man has become godly and experiences liberty, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.

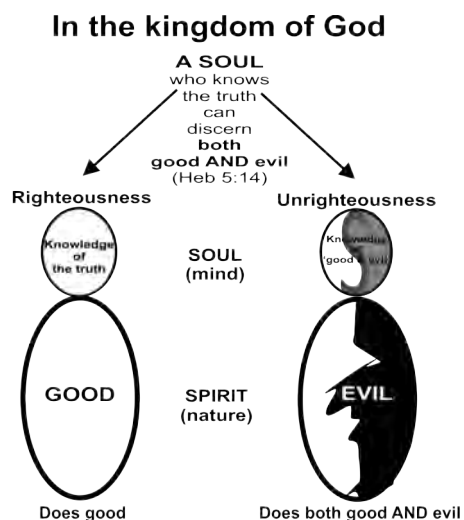
### The law of the mind

The knowledge that is in the mind is the law of that mind. The soul whose mind has knowledge of the truth, is in righteousness and the soul whose mind has knowledge of 'good & evil', is in unrighteousness.

The soul of the believer whose mind has knowledge of the truth is single because the truth does not change. The single-mindedness of the soul causes the spirit to believe the truth. Note: Believers who are of the same mind are in agreement because they know the truth.

The soul of the believer whose mind has knowledge of 'good & evil' is double and therefore judgmental. The double-mindedness of soul causes him to judge according to what he thinks is good and what he thinks is evil, because he does not know the truth. Note: Those who are double-minded disagree, because they cannot decide what is good and what is evil.

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Heb 10:38&39: "Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But **we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.**"

Adam and Eve received knowledge of the truth from God but when they listened to Satan they received knowledge of 'good & evil'. Knowledge of 'good & evil' became the law of the mind, and the spirit of man became evil-natured.

1 Cor 1:10 "...that ye all speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you; but *that* ye **be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.**"

James 3:17&18 "But **the wisdom that is from above is first pure**, then peaceable, gentle, *and* easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, **without partiality, and without hypocrisy.** And **the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.**"

James 3:14-16 "But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and **lie not against the truth. This wisdom** descendeth not from above, but is **earthly, sensual, devilish.** For where envying and strife *is*, **there is confusion and every evil work.**"

Matt 5:37 "But **let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.**"

Heb 5:12-14 "For when **for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again** which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is **unskilful in the word of righteousness**: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to DISCERN BOTH GOOD AND EVIL.*"

Rom 8:6&7 "For **to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.** Because **the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God**, neither indeed can be."

1 Pet 2:11 "...abstain from **fleshly lusts** (the nature), which war against the soul (the knowledge);"

Rom 1:18 "For **the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness** (of spirit) **and unrighteousness** of men (the soul), **who hold the truth in unrighteousness;**"

Note: Even sinners know that one should not lie, steal, cheat, or fornicate. Is it really necessary that the Bible should tell Christians not to do the same? Yes, because if believers continue to live after 'the flesh' they will forfeit eternal life.



It is important that a believer learns to discern both good and evil. Good is from God and evil is from the devil. God reveals truth, the devil reveals 'good & evil'. The believer whose mind is renewed to the truth, has a good mind like God. The believer whose mind is still in the knowledge of 'good & evil', has an evil mind like the devil.

The state of the believer's mind determines the state of his spirit. If truth is the law of his mind, then his spirit who believes the truth will do what is right. Such a believer always speaks and does the truth. However, if knowledge of 'good & evil' is still the law of his mind, then his spirit who believes 'good & evil' will do both good and evil. Such a believer is a hypocrite because he can speak and do good as well as evil.  
Example: He speaks good of one and evil of another.

The truth contained in scriptures may already be known to a carnally-minded believer, but because he still thinks in terms of 'good & evil', his fleshly spirit cannot submit to the truth. The only way a believer can become spiritually-minded is to ponder on the truth and stop his 'good & evil' thoughts. Think neither good nor evil of any person, of any situation, or of any report. Think 'nothing of it', except that which is true, honest and just. Then cast down every 'good & evil' thought that is contrary to the Word of God. By doing this the soul, as the gatekeeper, will protect his spirit from responding with the 'works of the flesh'. This exercise may take time and constant effort, but the believer who is alert and diligent and persists, will experience that his spirit becomes quiet and submissive to the truth.

Thoughts may arise in the mind of a believer:

#### From his own spirit.

The nature of the believer's spirit was formed over many years under the law of sin which is the knowledge of 'good & evil'. The wickedness of his spirit causes both good and evil thoughts to arise in his soul. If the soul is unable to discern and control the thoughts, the spirit who is stronger will act on them without the soul's consent.

#### From evil spirits in the air.

These thoughts are thrust into the soul of the believer in the form of pictures and suggestions. The believer with an un-renewed mind is easily susceptible to the

1 Cor 3:1-3 "And **I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal**, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. **For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men** (like sinners)?"

Most believers are not aware that they themselves are still carnal and not yet spiritual. While they judge others, they neglect to judge themselves for they are guilty of the same transgressions.

Ps 50:16&17 "But unto the wicked (carnal believer) **God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes**, or *that* thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? **Seeing thou hatest instruction, and castest my words behind thee.**"

Luke 6:46 "And **why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?**"

As long as a believer's thoughts are not based on the truth, but oscillate between good and evil, his spirit remains ungodly.  
Example: A carnally-minded believer will be honest (good) as well as dishonest (evil). He cannot trust himself and neither can he be trusted.

Note: To be good as well as evil is unacceptable for God.

Rev 3:15&16 "**I know thy works**, that **thou art neither cold nor hot**: I would thou wert cold (a sinner) or hot (spiritual). So then **because thou art lukewarm** (fleshly), and neither cold (a sinner) nor hot (spiritual), **I will spue thee out (reject you) of my mouth.**"

Prov 4:20-23 "My son, **attend to my words**; incline thine ear unto my sayings. **Let them not depart from thine eyes** (your mind); **keep them in the midst of thine heart** (spirit). For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. **Keep thy heart** (spirit) **with all diligence** (of mind); **for out of it are the issues of life.**"

Prov 16:32 "He that is **slow to anger is better than the mighty**; and **he** (the soul) **that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.**"

Mark 7:21-23 "**For from within, out of the heart** (spirit) **of men, proceed evil thoughts**, adulteries, fornications, murders, Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **All these evil things come from** (the spirit) **within, and defile the man.**"

1 Pet 5:8&9 "**Be sober, be vigilant**; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom **resist** (take every thought captive) **stedfast in the faith** (subject it to the truth), knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world."

suggestions of the evil spirit. If the soul cannot control these thoughts his spirit will be moved to sin.

From the Word of God.

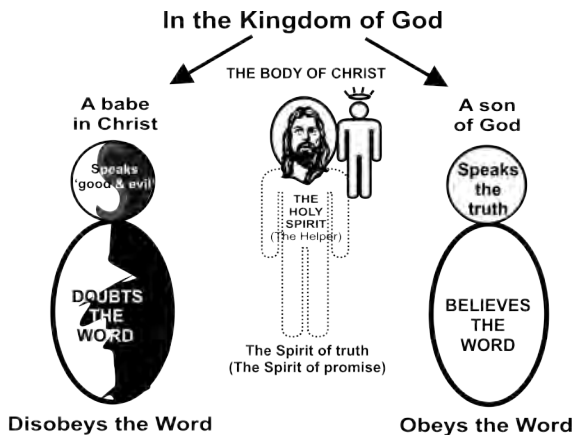
These thoughts renew a believer's mind to have knowledge of the truth. Knowledge of the truth, as revealed by the Holy Spirit, then moves the spirit to righteousness, peace and joy.

**Faith in the Word of God**

Many believers who accepted Jesus as their Lord were delivered from sin when they received the Holy Spirit. Because of the indwelling Holy Spirit their bodies became the kingdom of God and the inner-men who were in sin are now in the Spirit. But after a little while (3 to 4 years), we find that most inner-men are still babes in Christ who sin, although they could have matured to be sons of God who sin not. (Read the parable of the Barren Fig Tree in Luke 13:6-9.)

Faith is of the spirit (of the heart) and not of the mind. Mentally agreeing with scriptures is not faith. Jesus said in Matthew 12:34&35 "... For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: ..."

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In the kingdom of God the babe in Christ has to live by faith in the Word of God. This is totally possible with the help of the Holy Spirit. Although the babe in Christ knows many scriptures he does not have the faith to obey, neither can he control his tongue.

2 Tim 2:25&26 "In meekness **instructing those that oppose themselves**; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the **acknowledging of the truth**; And **that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil**, who are taken captive by him at his will."

James 1:26 "If any man (soul) among **you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart** (his spirit), **this man's religion is vain.**"

Example: The Word of God says that believers should not sin, but they say, "It is impossible not to sin." Such a soul deceives his own spirit to believe the lie. Because the soul does not agree with God, the Word of God has no saving effect on his spirit. (Mark 7:13)

Rom 8:1&2 "*There is therefore* **now no condemnation to them** which are in Christ Jesus, **who walk not after the flesh**, but after the Spirit. For the law of **the Spirit** of life in Christ Jesus **hath made me free from the law of sin** and death."

A babe in Christ.

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1 Tim 3:6 "**Not a novice** (a babe), **lest being lifted up with pride he fall** into the condemnation of the devil."

Ps 119:113 "**I hate vain thoughts** (double mindedness): but thy law do I love."

A babe in Christ must change and become a son of God

Rom 12:2 "And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed** (in spirit) **by the renewing of your mind** (soul), that ye may **prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.**"

Heb 11:6 "But **without faith it is impossible to please him**: for he that cometh to God must **believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**"

Heb 12:14 "**Follow peace** with all men, and holiness, **without which no man shall see the Lord:**"

Heb 3:19 "So we see that **they could not enter in** (His rest) **because of unbelief** (doubt)."

A son of God.

Rom 14:17 "For **the kingdom of God is not meat and drink** (material things); but **righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.**"

1 John 2:5 "But **whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him** (Christ)."

1 John 3:7 "Little children, **let no man deceive you: HE THAT DOETH RIGHTEOUSNESS** (sins not) **is righteous, even as he** (God) **is righteous.**"

Eph 4:13 "**Till we all come in the unity of the faith**, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, **unto a perfect man...**"

The body of Christ.

Eph 1:13&14 "...in whom also **after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**, Which is **the earnest** (guarantee) **of our inheritance** (the new body) **until the redemption of the purchased possession**, (the old body)..."

Example: The scriptures tell him not to lie but he continues to lie. The reason he lies is because he does not trust God enough to put his trust in what God says. The babe in Christ may speak scriptures and teach others but he himself still doubts the Word of God. Such a believer is actually a hypocrite because his spirit vacillates between belief and unbelief.

Because the soul of a babe in Christ is still conscious of 'good & evil', he is double-minded and his spirit is filled with doubt. Example: He is upset when someone lies to him but when he is in a similar situation he will also lie. This double-mindedness ('good & evil') in the soul keeps his spirit in unbelief. The babe in Christ can therefore lie as well as speak the truth, which is unacceptable.

Because of unbelief, babes in Christ are powerless against temptations. Although they are in the Spirit they live like sinners and not like sons of God. They do the works of 'the flesh' just like sinners because they do not comprehend the truth as revealed in scripture. The Bible tells them to stop lying, cheating, gossiping, envying, striving and causing divisions, but for some reason the majority of believers never come to grasp what the will of God truly is. They spend their whole life in a state of slumber, fulfilling the desires of their unbelieving spirit and never repenting these sins to mortify their sins.

Through false teachings and wrong interpretations of scripture, the babe in Christ is misled to believe that it is impossible to stop sinning. The truth may hurt but it liberates! Only when confronted by the truth – that sons of God do not sin – will the soul discover the unbelief of the spirit.

To prove this point, answer the following question: A sinner sins. What does a son of God do? Tick your answer!

He also sins  He sins not

1 John 3:6: "*Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not; whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.*" 1 John 3:9: "*Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*" Matthew 7:18: "*A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.*"

1 Pet 1:4&5 "**To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,** Who are kept by the power of God **through faith** unto salvation ready **to be revealed in the last time.**"

1 Cor 15:34 "**Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God:** I speak *this* to your shame."

Eph 5:14 "...**Awake thou that sleepest,** and arise from the dead, and **Christ shall give thee light.**"

Luke 24:45 "Then (Jesus) **opened he their understanding, that they might understand the scriptures,**"

James 4:8 "**Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.**

Cleanse *your* hands, ye **sinners**; and purify your hearts, **ye double minded.**"

**Note:** To renew the mind and purify the spirit is the way to draw near to God. Throughout this whole book this fact is explained.

2 Tim 3:5 "**Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.**"

2 John 1:8&9 "**Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought,** but that we receive a full reward. **Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God.** He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son."

Eph 5:14 "...**Awake thou that sleepest,** and arise from the dead, and **Christ shall give thee light.**"

1 Tim 6:3&4 "**If any man teach otherwise,** and consent not to wholesome words, *even* the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; **He is proud, knowing nothing...**"

Any born-again believer who says that it is not possible to stop sinning is in unbelief and deceived because he believes the lie. To defend sin not only despises God, but offends His Holy Spirit. If a born-again believer claims to be delivered from sin, why does he not believe the truth and stop sinning? Did he receive the Holy Spirit to no avail?

1 John 3:8 "**He that committeth sin is of the devil;** for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose **the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.**"

John 7:17 "**If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.**"

John 8:31-34 "...**If ye continue in my word,** *then* are ye my disciples indeed; And **ye shall know the truth,** and the truth shall make you free. ...**Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.**"

**Note:** Every seed produces according to its own nature. So the Word of God, which is the Seed of God, produces sons of God.

2 Cor 11:4 "For if he (Satan or a believer) that cometh **preacheth another Jesus,** whom we have not preached, or if **ye receive another spirit,** which ye have not received, or **another gospel,** which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with *him.*"

Note: Anyone who disagrees and opposes the above scriptures has 'another spirit' and not the spirit of a son of God.

Only by renewing the mind to the truth contained in the Word of God can the spirit be changed to believe the truth. In the previous chapters the doctrine of godliness as contained in the Bible was revealed. It is the responsibility of the soul to study, talk with God and ponder on the principles until faith comes into his spirit to stop each and every work of 'the flesh'. Through perseverance, prayer and supplication, the sanctification of the spirit can be achieved under the guidance and working of the Holy Spirit. Prayer alone, without active participation from the believer's side to stop committing a certain sin, will be to no avail, because there is no repentance.

The inner-man has become a son of God when his soul has the mind of Christ and his spirit has the divine nature of Christ. Because he is Christ-like his spirit has faith – the power to resist temptations.

2 Corinthians 3:16&17: *“Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the vail shall be taken away. Now the Lord is that Spirit: and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.”*

1 John 5:18-20: *“We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not: but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not. And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness. And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we may know him that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life.”*

**Note:** Don't go along with such preaching and teaching!

Josh 1:8 **“This book of the law (the Word) shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night (continually), that thou mayest observe to do (act) according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.”**

Prov 4:20-24 **“My son (soul), attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart (spirit). For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh (body). Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee.”**

**Note:** Prayer is a vow that one makes to God when His help is requested in prayer. This means that the believer will also do everything in his limited power to fulfill that which he asks for.

Eph 3:16&17 **“...to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That (the nature of) Christ may dwell in your hearts (spirit) by faith...”**

Eph 6:10&11 **“...be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”**

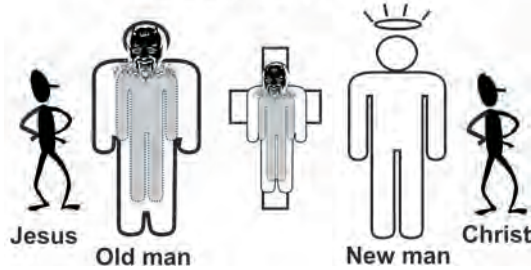
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## SUMMARY

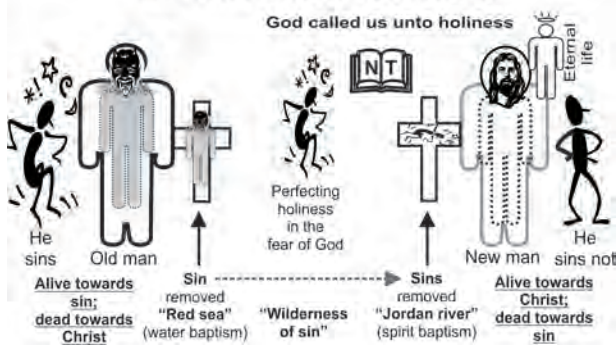
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Jesus was born in a body of sin. He overcame Satan and sin and was crucified. On the cross Satan and sin were judged. When Jesus arose from the dead, death was also overcome. Christ now dwells in a new body without sin and death.

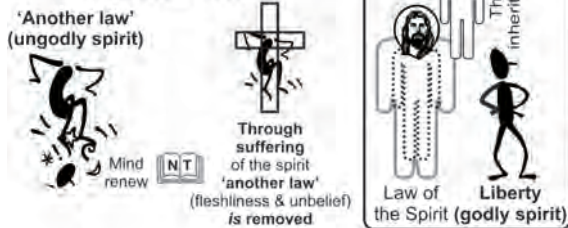
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Because of the blood of Jesus the inner-man receives forgiveness of sins, and because of the body of Jesus the Holy Spirit enters the body of a believer and he becomes a new man. The inner-man must now discard the old life of sin, and clothe himself in the new life without sin.

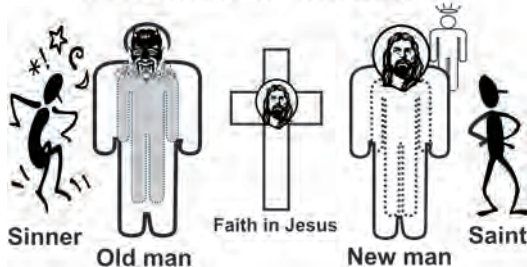
### Sanctification



### SANCTIFICATION

Because the ungodly spirit reigns over the soul, the soul cannot obey the Word. The Holy Spirit makes the soul willing to obey the Word. This causes the spirit to suffer until faith enters the spirit to submit to the soul. Once the spirit is godly the soul is free to obey the Word.

### THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL



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The preaching of the gospel has power to deliver man from sin.

The one who believes is transposed from an old man who sins, into a new man who sins not.

## CONCLUSION

### BE VICTORIOUS

The purpose of this book is to perfect the saints – to be and act like God. Mortifying the works of 'the flesh', your evil desires and ungodly attitudes, is the process by which you are made perfect.

The first step in mortification is to accept the fact that a son of God does not sin. The moment you accept that a son of God sins not, the Holy Spirit will 'kick-start' your sanctification process and your knowledge of God will increase. Without this basic principle, perfecting holiness of your spirit cannot, and will not, be accomplished.

The moment you – the soul – repent and decide to confront any works of 'the flesh', evil desires and ungodly attitudes, you will experience resistance from your fleshly-natured spirit as well as demonic influences from outside. Because the nature of the spirit is stronger than the knowledge of the soul the unction from the Holy Spirit teaches, reveals and helps the soul to understand the truth. Knowing the truth enables the soul to persevere against the pressures caused by the fleshly nature of the spirit and also helps to resist demonic influences.

Be warned! During sanctification you will experience suffering, chastisement, humiliation, grief, pain and be offended many times. However, through your persistence, your spirit will eventually change because of the anointing from the Holy Spirit.

Renewing of the mind changes the spirit. Your spirit will not change unless your mind is renewed. An unrenewed mind is conscious of 'good & evil' and causes all kinds of emotions and feelings in the spirit. A renewed mind, on the other hand, is conscious of truth and causes peace in the spirit. Question: How will your spirit react if someone tells you, "You have a bad odour." If it is true, why do you feel humiliated? Why are you not glad and thank him for telling you the truth? It is because your soul still judges according to knowledge of 'good & evil'.

Another example: When you share Jesus with somebody and he accepts Jesus, you feel good and if he does not accept Jesus you feel bad. The reason

## REFERENCES AND COMMENTARIES

The purpose of this study guide is to prepare people for the Lord's second coming!

Luke 1:17 "And he (John the Baptist) shall go before him (Jesus) in the spirit and power of Elias, **to turn... the disobedient to the wisdom of the just; to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.**"

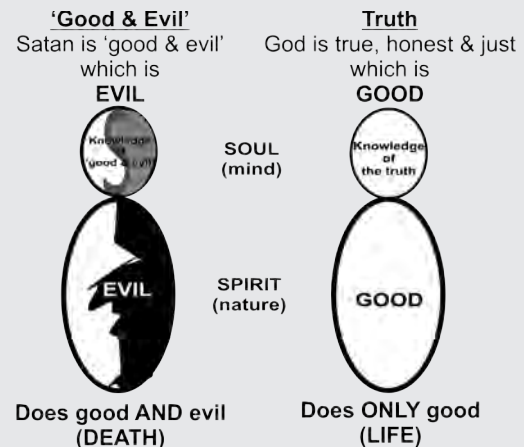
1 John 1:5&6 "**This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.** If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:"

2 Pet 3:13&14 "Nevertheless **we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.** Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, **be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.**"

James 1:12-15 "**Blessed is the man that endureth temptation:** for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: **But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

1 John 2:20 "But ye have an **unction from the Holy One**, and ye know all things (regarding the truth)."

1 Pet 5:6-10 "**Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:** Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. **But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.**"





your spirit reacts like this, is because your mind still functions according to knowledge of 'good & evil'. The truth, however, is that every person has the right to decide for himself. All these emotions and feelings in your spirit are signs that your mind is unrenewed.

A mind that has knowledge of scriptures is not yet renewed. Although the mind knows many scriptures the soul still judges according to 'good & evil' and not according to truth. If you want to renew your mind you have to stop thinking in terms of 'good & evil'. As you continually denounce thoughts of 'good & evil', your spirit changes and becomes quiet and godly-natured through the power of the Holy Spirit.

As long as the soul is double-minded because of 'good & evil' thoughts, the spirit does not know what to believe and therefore remains ungodly. Because the spirit does not 'think' but acts according to its ungodly nature, its actions will be unpredictable. Such a believer will sometimes be truthful and sometimes be dishonest, depending on the circumstances.

Remember, we have learned that it is the spirit who believes or believes not. As long as the soul experiences resistance from his spirit, it is evidence that the spirit is still in unbelief. The moment the spirit becomes submissive, the spirit has come to believe the truth.

In order to change the nature of your spirit your soul has to become single-minded. As you denounce thoughts of 'good & evil' and just think of that which is true, honest and just, your spirit will come to believe the truth and is then godly-natured. Once the spirit is godly your soul will experience rest and have control of his life.

#### Experiences you can expect during sanctification

As a believer you experience that you live according to the desires of your spirit and not according to the knowledge of scriptures. Once you accept the fact that a son of God does not sin, you will realize that lying, cheating, gossiping, anger, road rage, over spending and all the other works of 'the flesh' is of the devil and must be stopped.

You may think it is impossible to stop sinning, but with the help of the Holy Spirit it is possible; for with

Mark 6:11 "And **whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear you**, when ye depart thence, **shake off the dust under your feet for a testimony against them**. Verily I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment, than for that city."

2 Cor 10:5 "**Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity (stop) every thought to the obedience of Christ;**"

1 John 2:27 "But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as **the same anointing TEACHETH you of all things, and is TRUTH, and is NO LIE, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall ABIDE IN HIM.**"

James 4:8 "**Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you**. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and **purify your hearts (spirit), ye double minded (soul).**"

Phil 2:12&13 "Wherefore, my beloved... **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling**. For it is God which worketh in you both to will (soul) and to do (spirit) of his good pleasure."

The inner-man who has changed, will experience that his life on the outside improves. A godly believer will experience that his relationships, his marriage, and his finances improve because his soul is in control of his spirit.

3 John 1:2-5 "Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. **For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the TRUTH that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the TRUTH. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children WALK IN THE TRUTH**. Beloved, thou doest faithfully whatsoever thou doest to the brethren, and to strangers;"

2 Pet 1:3 "According as **his divine power hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness**, through **the knowledge of him** that hath called us to glory and virtue."

You may think or say that God is sanctifying you. Why then, after being born-again for 5, 10 or 30 years, has the Holy Spirit not perfected holiness in your life? The fact of the matter is that the Holy Spirit has been dormant, waiting for you to rise up against your sins and circumstances. If you are willing to stand up against any sin, He will help and guide you to victory.

1 Cor 15:57 "But thanks be to God, which **giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**"

Rom 1:18 "For **the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men**, who hold the truth in unrighteousness."

God all things are possible. If you can stop one sin then it is possible to stop all sins!

You will succeed in mortifying all your sins if you constantly keep the following in mind:

### **The Holy Spirit does nothing if you do nothing!**

If you do not rise up against your sins it will remain part of your life because the Holy Spirit will not act on His own.

### **Recognize and acknowledge your transgressions!**

You may faithfully be reading your Bible, but you do not recognize and realize your own transgressions.

### **Repent and ask God for forgiveness and healing!**

Once you have confessed your sin you are compelled to do everything in your power (which is not much) to overcome that sin. You give 100% and He gives 100%.

### **The condition will worsen, before it improves!**

Things worsen and you suffer, because your spirit resists change and demons attack to discourage you.

### **Be alert to the workings of the Holy Spirit!**

Through various incidents and scriptures the Holy Spirit alerts, reveals and teaches you to give you understanding. It is during this stage that godly sorrow comes into your spirit.

### **Do not draw back but persevere!**

You may fail many times but the Holy Spirit prompts you to continue. Faith then slowly comes into your spirit if you do not faint in your mind.

### **Speak only the truth and do not have 'good & evil' thoughts!**

Practice righteousness and not unrighteousness. "Do unto others what you want them to do unto you." This is the truth, but 'good & evil' thoughts keep your spirit from believing the truth.

### **When faith comes, the transgressions stops!**

Obedience only exists after faith has come.

### **Thank and praise the Lord!**

Give thanks to the Lord for your salvation and praise Him for His faithfulness. The one who strives to be blameless before God will experience His salvation. Success breeds success.

Prov 1:7 The **fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge**: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

James 4:8 "**Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.** Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and **purify your hearts** (spirit), **ye double minded** (soul)."

Eph 5:14 "Wherefore he saith, **Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.**"

Note: Christians sin continuously and are unaware of their sins because they are misled to believe sins are automatically forgiven.

1 John 2:1 "My little children, **these things write I unto you, that ye sin not.** And **if any man sin, we have an advocate** (it is a serious court case ) with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."

**Note:** Christians do not confess their sins because of pride and have no intention to stop with it. If you confess, you have to stop.

Heb 5:8&9 "Though **he** were a Son, yet **learned he obedience by the things which he SUFFERED**; And BEING MADE PERFECT, he became thee author of eternal salvation **unto ALL THEM that OBEY him.**"

2 Cor 7:10 "For **godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of**: but **the sorrow of the world worketh death.**"

Example: Many marriages are unhappy and fail because the husband and wife quarrel and fight. They continually fight and make up because they only have worldly sorrow. But if they would allow the Holy Spirit to change them they will develop godly sorrow and stop fighting.

Heb 10:38&39 "Now **the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.** But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul."

Ps 4:3&4 "**But now the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself: the Lord will hear when I call unto him. Stand in awe and sin not:** (soul) **commune with your own heart** (spirit) **on your bed and be still.**"

**Note:** You have to thank and praise the Lord for His salvation and confess the appropriate scriptures.

Heb 3:19 "So we see that **they** (the Jews) **could not enter in** (obey God) **because of unbelief.**"

Note: You first have to believe God, before you can obey God.

1 John 5:4 "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and **this is the victory that overcometh the world** (sin), **even our faith.**"

Ps 50:23 "**Whoso offereth praise glorifieth me: and to him that ordereth his conversation aright will I shew the salvation of God.**"

### **Keep yourself blameless!**

Be careful that you do not lose the victory you have achieved through the Holy Spirit and suffering.

### **Remember!**

God is in you and for you. He is not against you. Live alert; discern what the will of God is in every situation and the God of peace will keep and protect you.

### **Be a doer of the work**

In this book we have repeatedly shown you from the Word of God the perfect liberty from sin whereby Christ has made you free. Hopefully you have also seen your own sins and shortcomings. We plead with you not to be a forgetful hearer of the Word – one who deceives himself – but a doer of the work as explained throughout the book.

What does 'doer of the work' actually mean? The Word of God says, "*Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds.*" (Col 3:9) Your work is to stop lying. Your soul understands but your spirit is fearful and cannot submit. It is your work to figure out with the help of the Holy Spirit how to get your spirit to believe the truth and change. For only then will you be a doer of the Word.

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2 John 1:9 "**Whosoever transgresseth**, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, **hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine** (obeys the teaching) **of Christ, he** (such a believer) **hath both the Father and the Son.**"

James 1:21-25 "Wherefore **lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness**, and receive with meekness **the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls**. But **be ye doers of the word**, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but **a doer of the work**, this man **shall be blessed in his deed.**"

2 Thess 1:11&12 "Wherefore also we pray always for you, **that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power**: That the name of our Lord Jesus Christ may be glorified in you, and ye in him..."

John 6:27 "**Labour** not for the meat which perisheth, but **for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life**, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."

1 Cor 9:25 "**And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things**. Now they *do it* to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible."

Phil 3:14&15 "**I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus**. Let us therefore, **as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.**"

## JESUS CHRIST IS THE FOUNDATION

*“According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.*

*If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.”*  
(1 Cor 3:10-15)

On the next pages you will find a tract that you may use to share the gospel with believers and unbelievers. The foundation of the gospel message is that Jesus came into the world in the body of the old man, Adam. After He overcame Satan and sin, Jesus was sacrificed so that God may forgive and deliver sinners from sin. But because He never sinned, God raised Jesus from the grave in a new body as Christ, the new man.

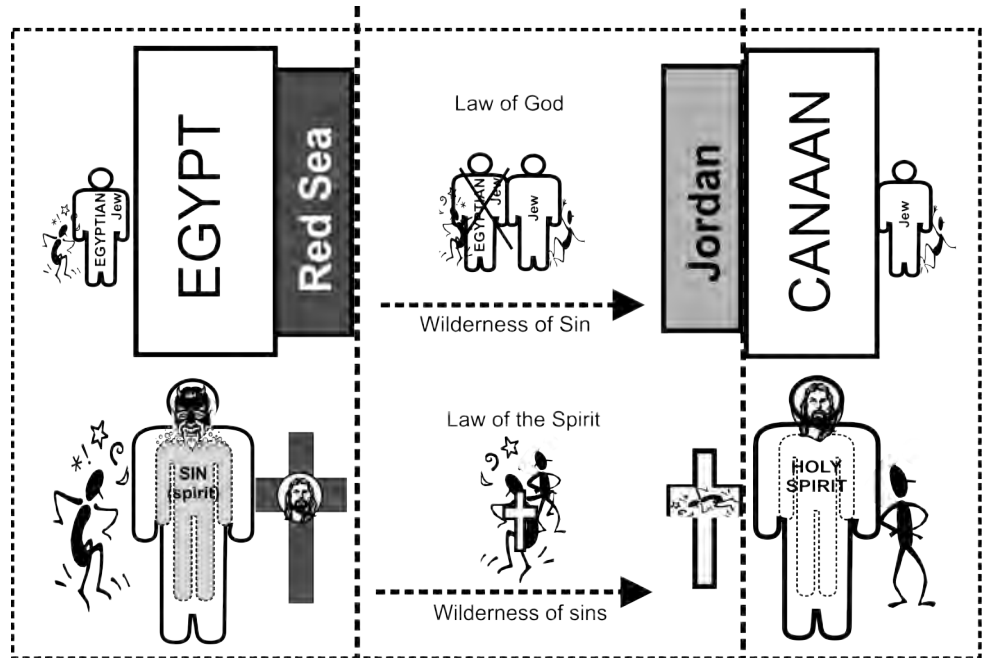
If your listener believes that Jesus Christ is the Lord and Saviour, God is faithful to forgive all his sins of the past and give him the Holy Spirit which changes him into a new man. It is very important that the believer understands that an old man sins and a new man sins not. For this very reason God commands the inner-man to perfect holiness. The purpose of salvation is to be Christ-like!

Salvation can be seen when the tract is closed, and the process of sanctification can be seen when the tract is pulled open. Through the power of the Holy Spirit the inner-man must mortify his works of 'the flesh' and partake of the divine nature of the Spirit. The tract also enables you to explain the principles in this book, that a believer must understand and apply in order to be a son of God, like Christ.

You can also use the tract to explain:

- How sin entered the body of man and its effect on the inner-man;
- How Jesus destroyed the body of sin and was raised in a new body;
- How a sinner can become a saint;
- The way God saves a sinner;
- The pattern that God follows;
- That faith and obedience is required for salvation;
- That man is a trinity, like God;
- How the spirit usurped the authority of the soul;
- That Jesus Christ is Lord of the earth;
- That God saves the body first, then the soul and then the spirit;
- Faith in Jesus saves you from sin;
- Faith in the truth saves you from sinning.

Believers must be taught to place relevant scriptures in the correct phase of salvation. Incorrect understanding and placing of the scriptures cause believers to believe something which is not true in that phase of salvation. For this reason their faith is misplaced and they cannot stop sinning.



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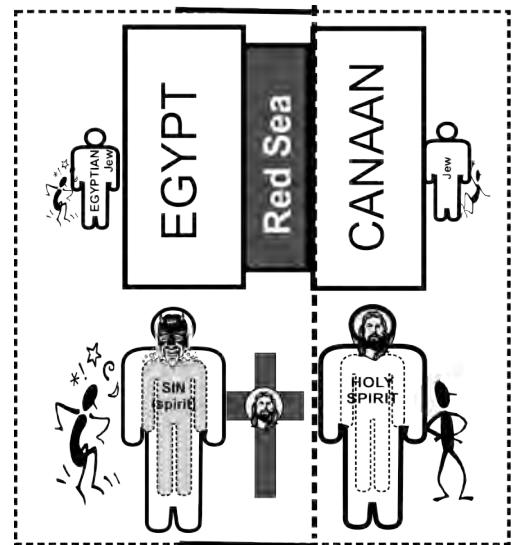
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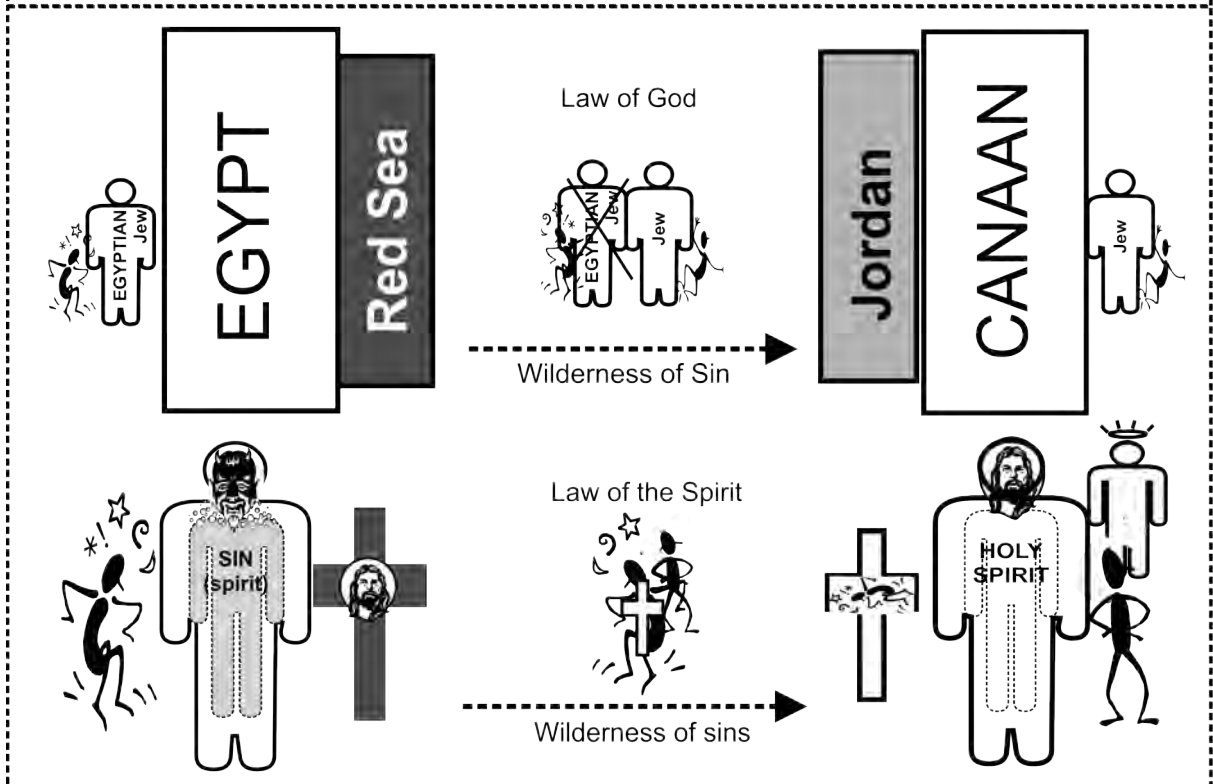
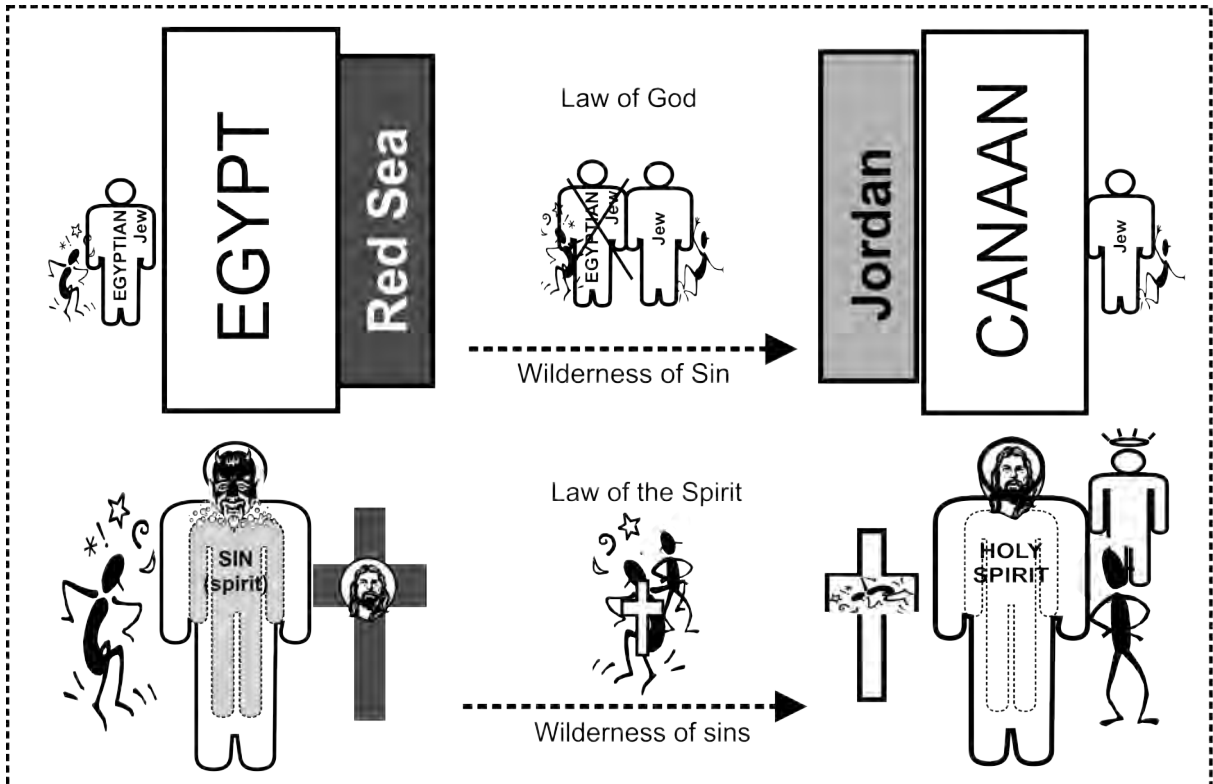
**The tract once closed, will look like the one below.**

God said to the Jews that He would deliver them from slavery in Egypt to a land overflowing with milk and honey. Once they crossed the Red Sea they discovered they were in the Wilderness of Sin and not yet in Canaan. Only after they received the law of God were they led by God to the Jordan where they had to enter the Promised Land. But because of unbelief some did not obey God and died in the Wilderness of Sin, while those who believed God entered the Promised Land.

The same thing happens with believers who believe in Jesus. They are delivered out of the body of sin into a body without sin. This can be seen when the tract is closed. But when the tract is opened, they discover that they are in a Wilderness of sin, under the law of the Spirit and not yet perfect as they thought they would be. God commands the inner-man to be perfect. Those who believe God and perfect holiness may enter, but those who do not believe God die in their sins.









# Sons of God sin not

This *personal study guide* uses a unique system of two columns to uncover the basic principles and truths that you need to learn and accept so that you may grow in faith and obedience in order to attain holiness: On the left you will find diagrams with accompanying clarifications; on the right are the scriptures that relate to the material on the left. This interactive approach covers topics like:

- † What is sin; where does it dwell; what is the law of sin; what is 'the flesh'?
- † What does it mean to be born again?
- † The two baptisms; the two circumcisions.
- † What is sanctification and perfection?
- † Where does the soul and spirit of man reside?
- † Where does the Holy Spirit dwell?
- † The way and pattern of salvation – How Jesus saved the world.
- † And many more relevant topics.

Every section of this guide must be meditated upon in earnest and solemn prayer until you are soaked in faith – only then will you be absolutely sure of the meaning: **Sons of God sin not.**

Convey this superb message to all!

*“And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses,  
the same commit thou to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”*

**2 Timothy 2:2**

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“We found that Christians do not believe in 1 John 3. *If a sinner sins, then a saint sins not* – it is as simple as that. God sent His Son to deliver believers from their sins, and the experience of being born-again occurring everywhere is proof thereof. The only source for this book was the Word of God; this message is ‘complete’, and we can only clarify it further via our webpage ([www.sinnot.org](http://www.sinnot.org)).”



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