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How would you describe God?

I. By what He has done - General Revelation

II. By what has been said by others - Specific Revelation

### III. By His Characteristics

God is Spirit

John 4:22–24 (ESV)

22 You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

23 But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him.

24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

God is invisible but can appear to  
have form that we can  
comprehend.

## Exodus 33:18–23 (ESV)

18 Moses said, “Please show me your glory.”

19 And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy.

20 But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.”

21 And the LORD said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock,

22 and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by.

23 Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

## Revelation 21:22–27 (ESV)

22And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb.

23And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

24By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it,

25and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there.

God became visible in Jesus the Christ

John 1:1–2 (ESV)

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.  
2 He was in the beginning with God.

John 1:17–18 (ESV)

17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

18 No one has ever seen God; the only God, who is at the Father's side, he has made him known.

## 1 Peter 3:21–22 (HCSB)

21 Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the pledge of a good conscience toward God) through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

22 Now that He has gone into heaven, He is at God's right hand with angels, authorities, and powers subject to Him.

Why is this important to us?

## John 4:21–24 (HCSB)

21 Jesus told her, “Believe Me, woman, an hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

22 You Samaritans worship what you do not know. We worship what we do know, because salvation is from the Jews.

23 But an hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. Yes, the Father wants such people to worship Him.

24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

Before Jesus, worship took place at the Tabernacle or Temple through the sacrificial system established by Moses.

Now we are the Temple and worship is a spiritual communion through the Holy Spirit.

So it is important we understand our worship  
doesn't require a building or a special festival.

In fact we cannot worship God in spirit and in truth without the regeneration of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

# Dead in Sin



## Genesis 5:3

3Adam was 130 years old when he fathered a son in his likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth.

## Dead in Sin



## Ephesians 2:1–3 (ESV)

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins

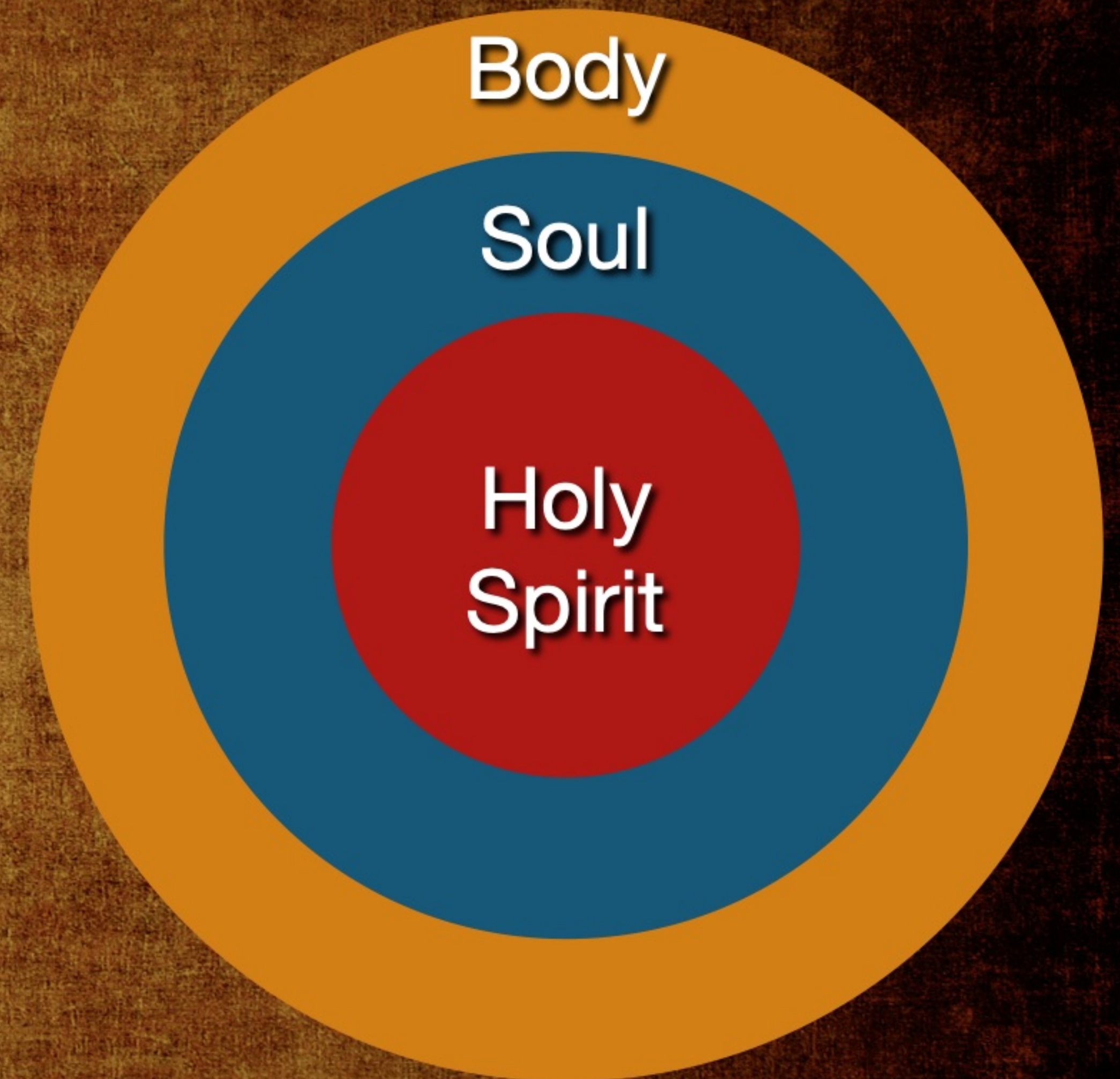
2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience —

3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

## Alive in Christ

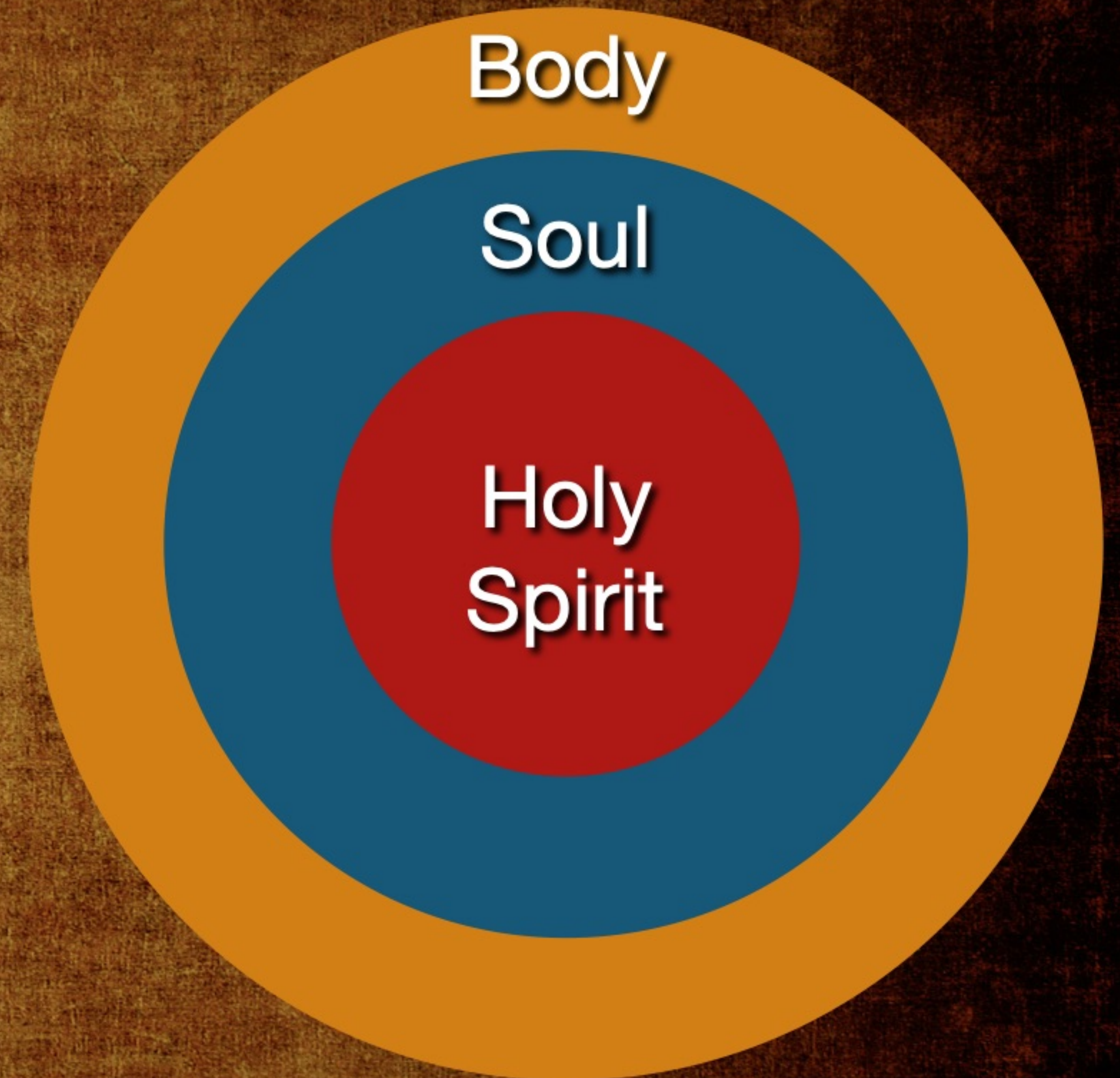
Ephesians 2:4–6 (ESV)

4But God, being rich in mercy,  
because of the great love with  
which he loved us,  
5even when we were dead in  
our trespasses, made us alive  
together with Christ—by grace  
you have been saved—  
6and raised us up with him and  
seated us with him in the  
heavenly places in Christ  
Jesus,...



## Alive in Christ

1 Corinthians 15:45 (ESV)  
45 Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.



1. We can pursue God in continual worship in spirit and truth.

2. We live in a continual state of personal sacrifice.

## Romans 12:1–2 (ESV)

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.



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