

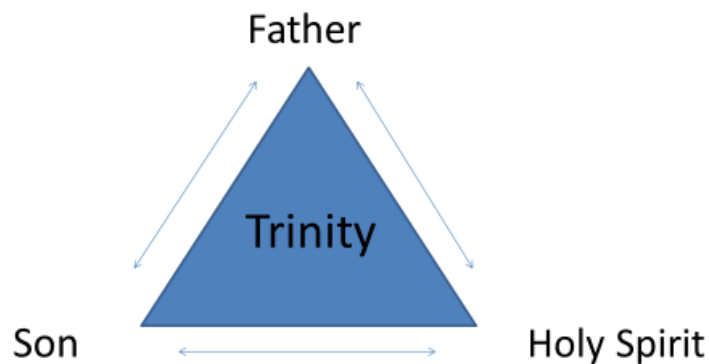
# Our Created Identity

Created in God's image

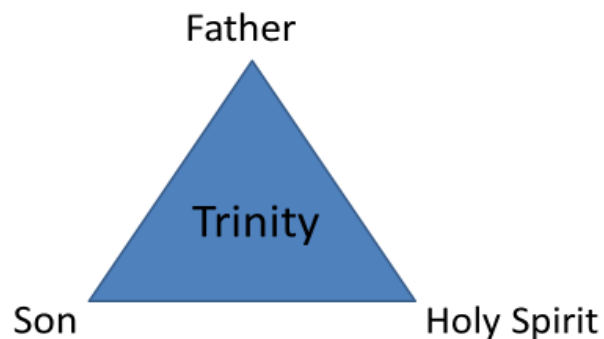
Essence – intrinsic nature or indispensable quality of something; Latin word “esse” – to be

Role – A function or position

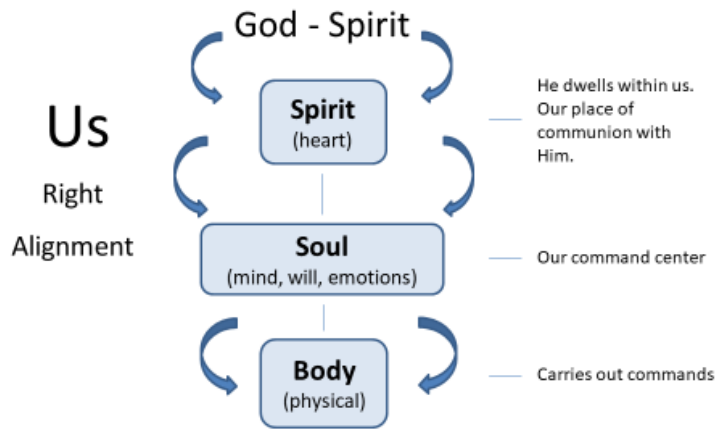
Identity - Essence



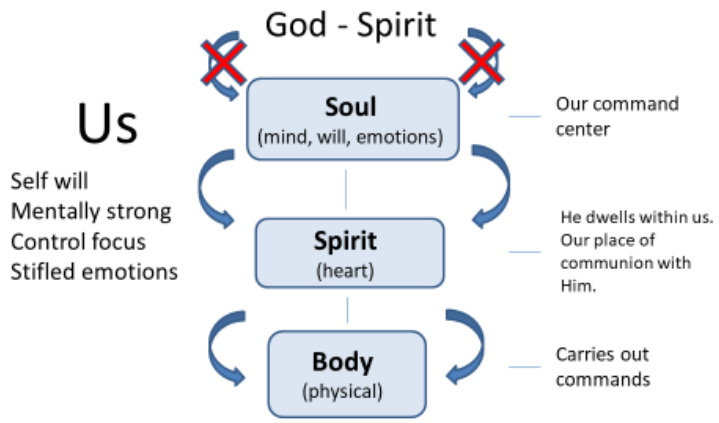
Identity - Role



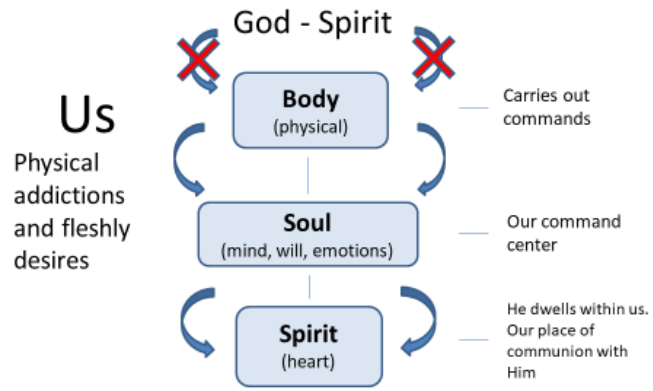
Alignment – Spirit, Soul, Body



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## Abiding in Rest

Graham Cooke – Soaking in the Lord's Presence

<https://youtu.be/hdMjfc7t8X0?si=l-u-PzR8UPqvuiou>

### Soaking - 1

Alberto & Kimberly Rivera – My Arms

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kLV051cq-dQ&pp=ygUjYWxiZXJ0byBhbmQga2ltYmVybHkgcmI2ZXJhIG15IGFybXM%3D>

### Soaking - 2

Alberto & Kimberly Rivera – Taste & See

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfgvMEqa9-k&pp=ygUqa2ltYmVybHkgYW5kIGFsYmVydG8gcmI2ZXJhIHRhc3RIIGFuZCBzZWUg>

## Essence & Role Identity Scripture Verses

In Essence, God loves each of us equally. He doesn't love any one of us more or less than the other. But in Role, just as within the Trinity, we've each been given specific talents, giftings, callings, and appointments. In Essence we're each called to serve Him, but in Role we're called to do so in the manner He's specifically equipped us to serve.

Romans 12:4-8 is a great passage embodying both Essence and Role...

<sup>4</sup>For as we have many members in one body (essence), but all the members do not have the same function (role), <sup>5</sup>so we, *being* many, are one body in Christ (essence), and individually members of one another (role). <sup>6</sup>Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, *let us use them* – then it goes on to describe different roles... prophecy, ministering, teaching, exhortation, generosity, leadership, showing mercy.

The Parable of the Talents in Matthew 25 is another great example of this. In Essence, the Master was equally entrusting each of his servants with talents (money), with the goal of putting that to wise use. In Role, he didn't expect the servant with 1 talent to produce the same yield as the servant with 5 talents. He knew what each servant was capable of, so He equipped each accordingly and expected them to go about it in different ways.

1 Peter 4:10 (NLT) – “God has given each of us a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another.”

### Alignment in spirit, soul, and body

Right alignment according to God's design for us is highlighted in Psalm 16:8-9; “I keep my eyes always on the Lord. Because He is at my right side, I will not be shaken (stand firm). Therefore my heart/spirit is glad, my soul rejoices, and my body rests secure.”

### Alignment Prayer

In the times we get out of alignment and want to get back to where we need to be, we follow the steps Ivy and Judi laid out – 1) confess and repent to the Lord for the ways we've sinned and gotten out of alignment, 2) renounce the ways we've agreed with the enemy (cancel the contract), 3) break the soul tie connections we have with any unclean spirits, and 4) receive restoration to the Lord, just like David did in Psalm 51 – “restore me to You Lord with the joy of Your salvation (the provision of your deliverance). By the provision of Your deliverance, bring me back into right alignment with You Lord.

After going through that process, declare out loud right alignment.

“My body, submit to my soul. My soul, submit to my spirit. My spirit submit to the Holy Spirit of the One, True, Living God and no other, in Jesus' name.”

When speaking that out loud, we proclaim to ourselves and in the spirit realm what our alignment is. We don't wait for our circumstances to dictate it.

## Invitation to Intercession

- i. Open invitation for all to participate; not reserved for a select few
- ii. Don't fear the invitation – step in
- iii. Never too early to start
  1. “Do not despise small beginnings” (Zechariah 4:10)
  2. Practical situations - emergency sirens
  3. During altar ministry as people come forward for prayer
  4. Pray scripture (Praying God's Word – Beth Moore)
- iv. Provide covering
  1. Individuals
  2. Ministries
  3. Events
  4. Facilities/Property
- v. Fruit of abiding and intercession
  1. Increased intimacy with the Lord (resting/soaking)
  2. Increased revelation (listening)
  3. Increased faith and courage (spurs action)