

Hamartiology ...

The study of sin (*and evil*)

Why is it important that we have at least a basic understanding of this subject of sin and evil? (Context for this subject is critical)

There is a **spiritual battle** going on in the life of every believer. It is a battle to gain and maintain influence and control over his soul. Why is this important to you and me? Because **the master** who controls the soul of a man, controls all that man says and does. He controls the man's life.

Gal 5:17 For the **flesh** lusteth against the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit** against the **flesh**: and these are contrary the one to the other: (what is the result?) ...so that ye **cannot do the things that ye would**. (The Apostle Paul in Romans Chapter 7 gives us a clear picture of that truth).

God's solution to this problem is not to remove sin from the world, but to remove the sinner from the **outside-in** influences of the world, the flesh and the devil through death to his flesh.

Read..... Malachi 1:1-4 (God has indignation against the flesh forever)

Gal 4:29 But as then, he that was *born after the flesh* persecuted him that was *born after the Spirit*, even so *it is now*.

FOUNDATIONAL TRUTH: God alone is sovereign Omnipotent, Omniscient, Omnipresent. God created men and angels to be **completely dependent upon Him** for all things "good".

God alone is the **source and resource** for "all things good." Without God, all that man does is not "good" in God's sight.

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that **abideth** in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: **for without me ye can do nothing (good)**.

- Is Christ abiding in you? If you are a believer; ...**Yes**
- Do we believe God's original creation was **holy, righteous, just and perfect** in every way? ... **Yes**

By God's design, **opposites** exist in God's creation order: God uses the means of comparing and contrasting **opposites** 11 times in the first fourteen verses of Genesis chapter 1.

The tree of the knowledge of **good and evil** was not accidentally placed into the garden of Eden by God. It did not just *spring up* from some unwanted seed. **The garden was perfect with the tree of the knowledge of good and evil there, just where God had placed it..... and Gen 1:11-12 tells us it was "good."**

I. Why did God create? Rev 4:11 God is a glorious *relational* God who wants to **be known and willingly appreciated.** God created all that He made for His Glory and for His good pleasure.

A. The Doctrine of Sin: It is important that man learn to discern between *cause* and *effect*.

Sin and Evil are not causes, they are effects: Good and bad are not causes, they are effects. They are not "things" in and of themselves; they only **describe the effect that comes as a result of a prior cause** or something that is a "thing." **Examples of "no-things" that are effects:** darkness, cold, silence, sin, evil....etc. **Darkness** is the absence of light ... **cold** is the absence of heat... **silence** is the absence of noise... **sin and evil** are the effects of the absence of God's presence and goodness. **Spiritual Death is defined by the absence of God's indwelling Holy Spirit of Life.**

Knowing Good and Evil:

Just because fallen man now *knows* good and evil; is a far thing from fallen man now having the ability to accurately *discern* between the two, and then *do* what is right. Because of spiritual deadness (i.e. physical and spiritual separation from God = The absence of God's indwelling power and presence), fallen man has no **natural ability** to accurately *discern* between good and evil. God's definition of "GOOD" is spiritual: Holy, Righteous, Just and Perfect. (i.e. it is the opposite of what the world would call "good enough").

Heb 5:14 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.** (i.e. *those* who *know* God's Word of Truth and *practice it daily.*)

This is first a matter of knowing the Truth...Rom 7:14,18 The matter of a believer to then "do" what he knows is right can only come through God's enabling power, and this is another thing altogether. Rom 7:23, 15. (Victory over sin only comes when we **trust and depend** upon God completely to **do for us what we cannot do for ourselves** as men having only level 3 power).

B. What is God's definition of "Good"?

Mat 19:16-17 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? And he (Jesus) said unto him, **Why callest thou me good?**

there is none good but one, that is, God: Read: Rom 3:12 God's definition of "good" is **Holy, Righteous, Just** and **Perfect**.

A Definition of Sin: Missing the mark and hitting another; Lawlessness. Any failure of a **moral being** (i.e. to be made in God's image) to conform to the will or character of God. This failure can occur in the following ways:

- as an *act* (outward behavior which could be described as bearing no fruit or little fruit or bad fruit),
- as a *disposition* (a conscious or unconscious *attitude of the heart* such as a hardened heart or an unteachable spirit),
- as a *state of being* (willful disobedience as an ongoing act of defiance or rebellion against rightful authority).

A Definition of Evil: Bad, harmful, hurtful, troubling, wicked, wickedness. Any act or condition that would not be pleasing in the sight of God or common to His character. It would not therefore be worthy of eternal reward. (It could be any of the following ...imperfect, unholy, unrighteous, unjust, not good).

NOTE: God has ordained into His creation order things that He hates, in order to best accomplish the things that accomplish His Sovereign purpose and His sovereign will for all of creation in time and in eternity.)

Words for Sin and Evil in the Old Testament:

1. Chata ... a Hebrew word meaning to miss the mark; moral evil; idolatry. The Greek word equivalent is "hamartano" Used in all its forms about **522 times in the OT.**
2. Ra ... a Hebrew word meaning to break up or ruin, sometimes means calamity or ruin. Can also mean wicked. Used about **444 times in the OT.**
3. Pasha ... to rebel or to committee transgression
4. Awan ... inequity or guilt.
5. Shagag ... to err or to go astray knowingly.
6. Asham ... guilty before God.
7. Rasha ... wicked, the opposite of righteous.
8. Taah ... to wander away or to go astray.

Words for Sin and Evil in the New Testament:

1. Kakos ... to be bad, as in disease. It can also mean moral badness.
2. Poneros ... evil, or moral evil. Sometimes used for Satan, demons, evil spirits.
3. Asebes ... Godless, the unsaved as ungodly.
4. Enochos ... guilty and worthy of death
5. Hamartia ... most commonly used word for sin. (Used about **227 times in the NT.**)
Missing the mark.
6. Adikia ... unrighteousness or unrighteous conduct.
7. Anomos ... iniquity

8. Parabates ... a transgressor, a law breaker.
9. Agnoein ... to be ignorant of the law or false worship.
10. Planao ... to go astray knowingly or willfully, to be led astray. Intentional false teachers.
11. Paraptoma ... falling away
12. Hypocrisis ... to interpret falsely, to pretend

C. What does God think of sin and evil? Hab 1:13 Mal 2:16 He hates it!

(God hates the fact that man does not believe what He says. He hates the fact that He is not being welcomed or appreciated by the moral creatures in His own creation)

Pro 6:16 These six *things* doth the LORD hate: yea, seven *are* an abomination unto him:

Pro 6:17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Pro 6:18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

Pro 6:19 A false witness *that* speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Pro 8:13 The fear of the LORD *is* to **hate** evil: pride, and arrogance, and the evil way, and the froward mouth, **do I hate**.

What is sin? What is evil? Do they exist as a substance? Material – vs – Immaterial is not the same as *real* – vs – *imagined*; is not the same thing as *physical* – vs – *spiritual*.

Is there an even more basic issue here than man choosing between good and evil?

Is it possible that an even more important issue in God's eyes is one of man "believing God and His Word... or not. In this case believing becomes the cause that leads man to make the choices he makes, and obedience or disobedience becomes the effect.

Only when disobedience occurs because of:

- a. Ignorance of the Truth or
- b. Unbelief in a Truth known.....

does the matter of sin and evil then enter into the conversation!!! (Cause and Effect)

D. Why is there sin and evil in God's Creation Order? Man is made in God's image and has been blessed with a **soul** which gives him the ability, the right, the privilege and the responsibility to freely make choices, good or bad, right or wrong. In order for man to actually have a choice, God ordained that **opposites exist in His creation order** so that man **can freely choose according to the strongest desires of his heart** at the moment of his choosing. (he is also free to change his mind in many cases)

What is *this thing* we call the sin nature in man? (Note: This phrase not in the bible)

- How does this nature to sin affect the lives of men? (It is the effect of the absence of God the Holy Spirit indwelling man's soul)

- Can a nature be changed? **No.** Can God's Natural Law be changed? **No.** Read: Rom 8:2, 13:1-2
- Can a nature be replaced with another nature? **Yes**

SLIDE 2 “Three Levels of Power” designed by God in His creation order and one unbreakable law.

SLIDE 3 “Three Levels of Power” in God's creation order (three blocks)

SLIDE 4 “Three Levels of Power” (three blocks with ruler ticks)

Quote from Basic Theology, by Charles C. Ryrie pg.163-164

II. What is the hidden Mystery of Iniquity? (II Thes 2:7) ((Note: The mystery of iniquity (the absence of God the Holy Spirit abiding within man's soul) stands in stark contrast to the Mystery of the Gospel (God in you, the hope of glory) revealed in the New Testament))

Read John 8:44; II Cor 4:3-4 Satan is now the unseen master over the souls of all unbelievers. He has taken God's place as the Lord of man's life when God's first Adam freely and willfully rejected God as the rightful power and authority over his life.

How does the “Mystery of Iniquity” affect the soul of men?

Through **Outside - In** influence and control. Satan **blinds** the **minds** of unbelievers... through the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the sinful pride of life. (when men walk in the flesh rather than walk in the Spirit).

Satan is the one who **opposes all that God proposes (II Thes 2:30-4). He accuses, tempts, and deceives** the minds of unbelievers... He wars or lusts against God the Holy Spirit in a battle to influence and control the souls of men. He who controls man's soul controls the man.

2Co 4:4 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.

2Co 3:14 But their **minds** were **blinded**: for until this day remaineth the same vail untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which *vail* is done away in Christ. (Christ removed the vail)

God sovereignly reigns by being the source and giver of all things **good**. God rules by **restraining** the level 2 power of the evil one: (the level 1 power of God is always in a position to reign over the lower level 2 power of Satan. All the evil that Satan causes in this world, he does **only with God's permission**. Man as a level 3 power willingly, and often in ignorance, freely chooses to be “drawn in to sin” by Satan's temptations).

God created darkness and evil

Isa 45:5 I am the LORD, and there is none else, there is no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me: Isa 45:6 That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside me. I am the LORD, and there is none else.

Isa 45:7 I form the light, and **create darkness**: I make peace, and **create evil** (calamity): **I the LORD do all these things.** Jn 1:5 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.** (God who is Light, ((which is a thing)) created the darkness ((the absence of light)) so that the world could clearly see and **compare and contrast** the differences between these two extremes.... Having then made that comparison, men and women must then freely choose which master they will serve... ((the master of light or the master of darkness and deception))???)

The existence of sin and evil allow for God's Justice to be seen: There will be consequences for poor choices.... Joshua 23:15 Therefore it shall come to pass, **that as all good things are come upon you,** which the LORD your God promised you; **so shall the LORD bring upon you all evil things,** until he have destroyed you from off this good land which the LORD your God hath given you. Every choice man makes has its consequences. This includes both spiritual and natural, in this world and in the world to come. (Righteous anger ...and vengeance is mine, says the Lord!)

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A. A Perfect Creation: (Men and angels were made in God's Image... ie "good")

God *did not* create Adam and Eve with sinful natures, but He did create them with a human nature. He *did* create them **in His Image** having a soul. God established a covenant relationship with Adam in the garden of Eden and required Adam's continued **willing submission** to Him. God enabled Adam to succeed in this requirement by providing to him the **indwelling presence and the enabling level 1 power of God the Holy Spirit** according to God's original creation order. God the Holy Spirit is the necessary *Spirit of Life and Light that all men need*, without whom it will be impossible for the soul of any man to have a *personal spiritual relationship and intimate fellowship* with Him. **(Compare this truth to II Peter 1:3) 2Pe 1:3 According as his(God's) divine power 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:**

SLIDES 5-8 "The Eternal Soul of Man" Adam before sin Adam after sin....

B. The sin of God's first Adam in the garden of Eden:

Because of the sin and fall from grace in the garden of Eden of **God's first sinless substitute representative man for all men: Adam**; ... all natural men physically descended from him are conceived in sin, born in sin, and live their lives completely under the influence and control of sin. (The mystery of iniquity) as a direct result of Satan's higher level 2 power. Rom 3:9-12. This universal condition of generational sin continues until such a time (if and when) a man is "born again" and God the Holy Spirit enters his soul to abide in his human spirit forevermore to give that human soul *Spiritual Life and Light*. Joh 8:12 Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, *I am the light of the world*: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have *the light of life*.

Fallen Mans Enemies

SLIDES 9-10: "Fallen Man's Three Enemies" (pg 1. The unbeliever = **outside in**) (pg 2. The believer = **inside out**)

a. The World (Jn 15:18-19) **b. The Flesh**...The Heart of man (Mat 15:19) **c. The devil** (Jn 12:31)

Since Satan's original sin in heaven, Satan's ambition is to destroy God's Plan and His eternal purpose. Eph 6:12. Satan takes full advantage of the *means* God has given him, which scripture reveals to be man's three enemies: *The world*, which is *passive* and has no power of its own (John 15:18-19); *the flesh* of man, which is *activated by the soul of man* and was created by God to be a level 3 power; and *the devil* himself, (John 12:31; Matt 12:26, 44; 13:19) who is *active* and was created by God to be the head of all level 2 power. Satan is very effective at deceiving the minds of men into thinking that they can **look inward and call upon themselves**, (their commitment, their dedication, their courage, their strength, etc. etc.) in their level 3 power, to overcome or to seek and to find anything and everything their hearts may desire. **In this way, Satan very subtly but effectively maintains influence and control over the unsuspecting world of fallen men....** Thus the "mystery of iniquity" continues in the lives of those ignorant of this Truth.

God's Solution to man's sin problems?

SLIDE 11: Man's flesh held in the place of death as the believer walks in the Spirit, trusting and depending upon God for all things..... (good).

III. The Judicial State of Sin: By **divine reckoning**, God deemed the whole world descended from His first Adam to be guilty "under sin" and without merit by **imputation**. (Imputed Unrighteousness) This is sometimes referred to as mankind being in a state of universal fallenness and unrighteousness. "Total depravity" is a term often connected with universal fallenness. **In Adam's fall, who or what failed to fall?**

IV. Sin in all its forms: Truth regarding sin and God's solution for it!

A. A proper understanding of the doctrine of sin is necessary for mankind to understand God's remedy for the many problems every sin creates.

Every sin is ultimately a sin against God, thus God's concern over every sin. (Types of sins)

1. **Personal Sin:** Rom 3:9-18, 23 This is generally seen as rebellion against or disobedience to God as noted in the definition above. Personal sin is the fruit, or effect of a deeper cause. I John 1:9 The iniquity of personal sins (i.e. the natural consequences) can be passed down to the third and fourth generations. Ex 20:5; 34:6-7
2. **Inherited Sin:** Rom. 5:17,19 sometimes called; **The "Sin Nature" of man (i.e. man's "inherited nature to sin" as the result of the absence of God the Holy Spirit abiding with man's soul:** Eph. 2:3 Ps. 51:5 Moral corruption (**the absence of God the Holy Spirit of Life and Godliness**) not received at the time of his conception points to the root cause of fallen man's "nature to sin" rather than to its fruits: **Spiritual and Physical death** is the penalty for inherited sin. The "spiritual death" requirement has been met at the time of conception for all natural men. The penalty of "physical death" because of Adam's inherited sin penalty remains to be paid. This problem comes upon all men as a result of the sin of God's *first Adam* being passed from generation to generation. (see quote "Major Bible Themes," by Chafer, Walvoord; pg. 178) see quote "Basic Theology," by Charles C. Ryrie pg. 252
3. **Imputed Sin:** *Reckoned sin* committed by one's self or another that is imputed directly to a man's account. (His account, or the account of another) Rom 5:12-21 **Spiritual death** is the penalty for imputed sin. Imputation can be *actual* and personal, or *judicial* and representative as a result of the actions of another. (for worse or for better by a process called *spiritual identification*).
 - **The imputation of Adam's sin to all mankind:** (The doctrine of original sin and condemnation by *identification* that says when Adam sinned, all men sinned in him.) 1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Thus all men are conceived in sin and are born spiritually dead and separated from God and all His righteous ways. Ps 51:5
 - **The imputation of the penalty of every man's personal sin was placed upon Christ** on the cross of Calvary: (Past, present, and future men) (The doctrine of justification and the forgiveness of sin (*imputed righteousness*) as a free grace gift given to all men. Rom 5:12, 15-19)
 - **The imputation of the righteousness of Christ** given to **all men in their heavenly position**. It is held on account there only as long as that man has physical life in his earthly condition. (This is the free grace gift that brings salvation and eternal life **only to those men in their earthly condition who by faith believe in Christ's finished work on the cross** before they physically die on earth. (Rom 4:20-25; 5:1-2,10; 8:2)

- **Non imputed sin which has no penalty.**

1Jn 5:16 If any man see his brother **sin** a **sin which is not** unto **death**, he shall ask, and he shall give him life for them that **sin not** unto **death**. There is a **sin** unto **death**: I do **not** say that he shall pray for it.

1Jn 5:17 All unrighteousness is **sin**: and there is a **sin not** unto **death**.

B. Every sin will present man with at least four separate sin problems.

1. *Sins penalty* 2. *Sins power* 3. *Sins present influence* 4. *Sins natural consequences*

SLIDES: Cross Truths 12, 13, 14 Sins problems:

Note: *Every sin* will also present man with at least one *natural consequence* that is not associated with the problems associated with inheritance, imputation, or spiritual identification. (Natural law) **Christ's finished work at the cross provided God's perfect solution to all three of the above sin problems, but not the natural consequences problem that results from every sin whether imputed to a man's personal spiritual account written in the books of heaven... or not. (There are some sins that are not unto death. (I John 5:16).**

C. The Cross of Christ presents man with three separate sin solutions.

SLIDES 15, 16, 17 Sins solutions: Man's responsibility: slide 18

To unbelievers, God first reveals physical truths that require no spiritual life or faith to believe; (evidence of things seen and heard by spiritually dead men who do not have spiritual ears to hear or spiritual eyes to see spiritual things. (So that they are without excuse... Rom 1:19-21).

To believers, God then reveals spiritual truths to believers because they now have Spiritual Life through God the indwelling Holy Spirit of Life, who gives them the faith they need to believe deeper Spiritual Truth. (**The Sanctification Process**).

The result: All (both believers and unbelievers) are without excuse for sin and failure in their lives!

C. The Sovereignty of God and sin

God's general revelation to all the world, so that all are without excuse. Ps 19:1-6 Rom 1:18-21

D. The Sovereignty of God and man's free will...

Prov 15:29, 32-33; Prov 16:16, 22; Prov 16:1-9, 18, 25

Quote from St. Augustine: “Let us confess with the greatest benefit, what we believe with the greatest truth, that the God and Lord of all things, who made all things very good, and (*God*) knew that it belonged to his most omnipotent goodness *to bring good out of evil*, rather than *not permit evil to be*, and so ordained the life of angels and men to show in it, **first:** what free-will could do; and **second:** what the benefit of His grace and righteous judgement could do.” (St. Augustine: Enchir. Ad Laurent.)

Two of many purposes of God are fulfilled through God allowing sin and evil to exist in His Creation order.

First: God allows the free will of man to be exercised. (i.e. man’s complete freedom to choose good or evil) **When man chooses evil:** Rebellion against God that led to **Sin and Death.**

Second: This allows God to demonstrate the benefit of His grace and mercy to abound to all men? Out of the state of universal fallenness, God now has the opportunity to demonstrate His marvelous **Grace and Mercy** by bestowing it **upon** the undeserving (i.e. all men). Christ died for the sins of the entire world, which allows and requires everyone in the world who reaches the age of accountability to willingly *receive* God’s free grace gift or willingly reject it.

The overall result of both: **To God be the Glory, now and forever more.**

SLIDE 18

Applications for today

Satan is a powerful Angel whose goal is to maintain unseen influence and control over the souls of all men.

He does not want the world to know that He is the prince of the power of the air or the ruler over this present darkness.

All men begin life “in the flesh” under the level 2 power of his influence and control.

How does all of this biblical Truth touch our daily lives?

1. The devil and his minions are powerful and influential in the world today and throughout the ages.

Scripture tells us that Lucifer was the first perfect created being in whom sin was found. Satan’s presence in the garden of Eden sets the stage for all men to be impacted by his **negative influence** over Adam and Eve as the enemy of God and man.

1Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking** whom he may **devour**:

This **negative influence** touches both believers as well as unbelievers in the world today.

When we trust in and depend completely upon God, we have nothing to fear. God will only be pleased when we walk in the spirit and not in the flesh.

- 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.
- Gal 5:25 If we live **in the Spirit**, let us also **walk in the Spirit**.
- Rom 8:4 That **the** righteousness of **the** law might be fulfilled **in** us, who **walk** not after **the** flesh, but after **the** Spirit.
- Gal 5:16 *This* I say then, **Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil **the** lust of **the** flesh.

2. Men and Angels were originally created to be faithful servants of God. As a level 3 power, all men will without fail be constantly serving one master or the other... God or Satan; These are the only two higher powers in God's Creation Order that by God's design have the delegated power and authority to rule over men. (Three Levels of Power).

3. Because God gave man the freedom to choose, He desires only **willing submission** to His rightful rule over them. He thus patiently waits for that human willingness of man walking in the flesh to come under His rightful authority. As God waits for man's willingness (Phil 2:13), Satan by default is the master ruling over all men who are unwilling to acknowledge God as God, and to willingly submit to His authority and faithfully serve Him as Lord of their lives. When man places "self" with its level 3 power first in his life, he is playing right into the devil's hand. (The lower level 3 power of man can never overcome the higher level 2 power of the devil).

All Christian (believers) have **willingly accepted Christ as their Savior**.

Not all Christian (believers) have **willingly accepted Christ as Lord of their life!**

4. The only life and walk of a believer that is pleasing in the sight of God is when we walk in the Spirit (i.e. when we walk under the direct influence and control of God the Holy Spirit as Lord of our life) who has been given to abide in our soul to provide us with all we need for eternal Life and Godliness. II Pet 1:3

- 2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power 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:

When scripture talks about "Two Adams" It raises the Question:

Which Adam now represents you in life??? All men in this life are now being represented by one Adam or the other. When all men physically die, they will follow the representative they have knowingly or unknowingly chosen here on earth into eternity future? (heaven or hell)

A. Who are these two Adams?

God's first Adam is Adam in the garden of Eden ... *God's last Adam* is Jesus Christ. **Each one served God's purpose by being a sinless substitute representative man for all men!**

B. What do all men get from these **two Adams?** (God's Condemnation or God's approval.... Imputed Spiritual Unrighteousness or Imputed Spiritual Righteousness).

1. God's first Adam? By inheritance? By imputation? By spiritual identification?

- Inherited nature to sin = the inherited **absence of God the Holy Spirit** abiding in, and indwelling within the souls of the level 3 power and limited delegated authority of all men. (an all-natural process)
- Imputed unrighteousness = because of Adam's disobedience and sin in the garden = all men are condemned already (judicial decree of God, who is not a respecter of persons).
- Spiritual Identification into God's first Adam.... as God sees all men as being "in him" when he sinned in the garden of Eden, thus all men died "**in him**" when he sinned and spiritually and physically died as the result of his unfaithful disobedience to God as God's first substitute representative man for all men.

2. God's last Adam? By inheritance? By imputation? By spiritual identification?

- Inherited.... Nothing is physically inherited from Christ directly (whose birth was not natural, He had no physical offspring) Spiritual Life is inherited by all men "in Christ" under the one term and under the one condition of the temporal conditional New Covenant in Christ's shed blood.
- Imputed righteousness to **all men** by the process of Spiritual Identification into a spiritual heavenly temporal positional account "in Christ" under a New and better covenant. There is therefore now no condemnation unto the lake of fire... Rom 8:1-2 for as long as that man physically lives on earth, because Christ has paid his sin penalty in full. If he physically dies on earth as an unbeliever, all that Christ did and all that God has graciously given him is lost and his sin returns upon him because of his willful unbelief.
- Spiritual Identification into God's last Adam Jesus Christ God sees **all men** as being "**in Christ**" when He died on the cross, **thus all men died "in Him" and His faithful obedience to God the Father. God sees all men as being raised from the dead by their Spiritual Identification "in Him" at His resurrection and into His "born again" resurrection Life, as the first fruits of all men, as long as he has physical life.**

This truth can only be appropriated into any man's physical earthly condition by grace and faith alone from his heavenly spiritual position "in Christ" above while he has physical life on earth, having the opportunity to either believe or reject this lifesaving Truth... thus **position to condition** is God's one and only means of justification on earth and sanctification in the believers earthly physical condition on earth while he yet lives.

Hamartiology ... Slides to follow

Power Structure in God's Master Plan for the Ages

... Designed by God before the foundation of the world

... Designed for beings made in God's image

(God's Design for Divine Government)

Three Levels of Power

... in God's Creation Order Rom 13:1-2

... in God's Spiritual Order Col 1:13,16; 2:10-11, 15

... in God's Natural Order John 10:29; 19:10-11

Level 1 Power - God - Creator and Owner of all - Unlimited Power and Authority

Level 2 Power - Angels - Created beings - Limited Power and Delegated Authority

Level 3 Power - Man - Created beings - Limited Power and Delegated Authority

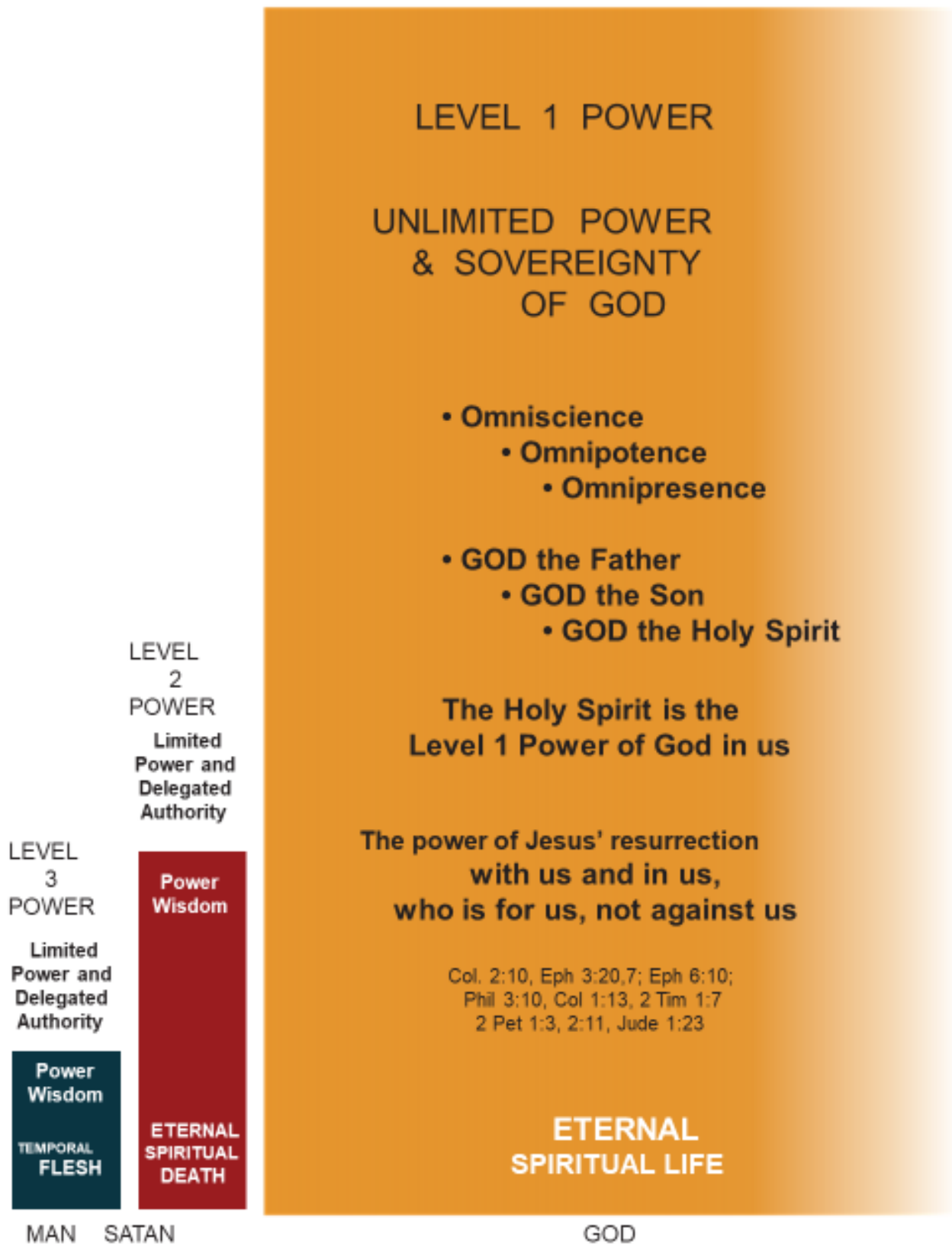
Law: A lower level power can never overcome a higher level power

Rom 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.

Rom 13:2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation.

Rom 13:1-2 is the basis for God's granting of Limited Independence to beings made in His Image, knowing that this power structure guarantees God's sovereignty and His right to rule over His creation order without dispute.

One of God's greatest desires: The *willing submission* of men and angels to His divine order, which was to be **demonstrated** through their completely *trusting in* and *depending upon* the manifold wisdom of God established in His original creation as an integral part of God's Master Plan for the ages. By God's design, if any angel or any man should attempt to rebel against this God ordained power structure, trouble will immediately follow. (Damnation as a result of the sin of rebellion)



THREE LEVELS OF POWER GOD'S CREATION ORDER

INFINITE POWER
and AUTHORITY

GOD FATHER SON HOLY SPIRIT
SOVEREIGN LEVEL 1 POWER
and AUTHORITY
Eternity Past through Eternity Future

UNLIMITED SOVEREIGN POWER and AUTHORITY

SATAN
& ARCH
ANGELS

LIMIT of DELEGATED POWER and AUTHORITY

ANGELS [CREATED BEINGS]

LIMITED DELEGATED LEVEL 2 POWER
and AUTHORITY
(Before Their Fall and
After Their Fall)

LIMIT of DELEGATED POWER and AUTHORITY

KINGS &
RULERS

LIMIT of DELEGATED POWER and AUTHORITY

MAN [CREATED BEINGS]

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(Before The Fall and After The Fall)

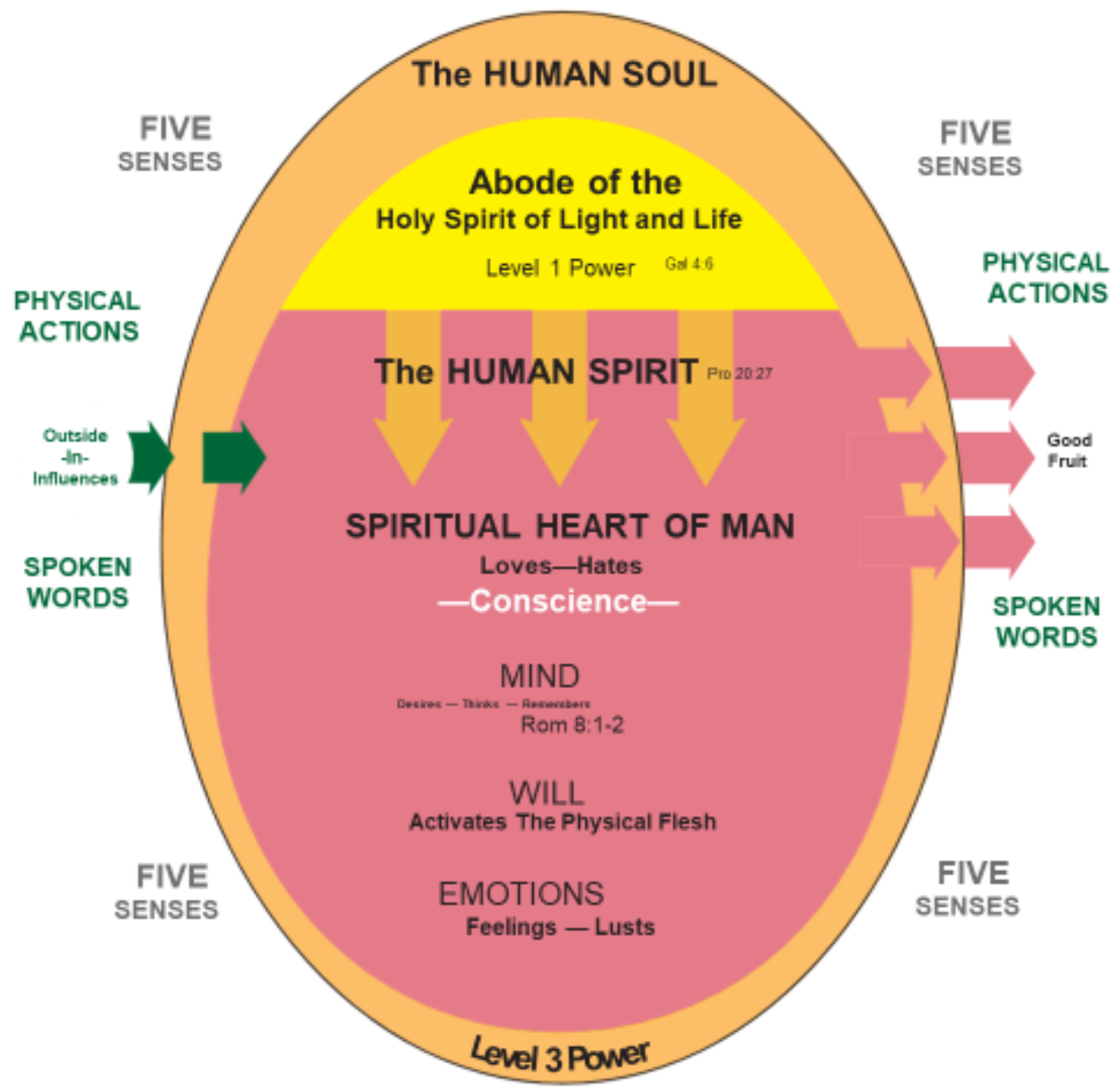
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Level 3 Power

1 Cor 15:45 1 Thess 5:23

—ADAM after LIFE—
Inuences that lead to Control



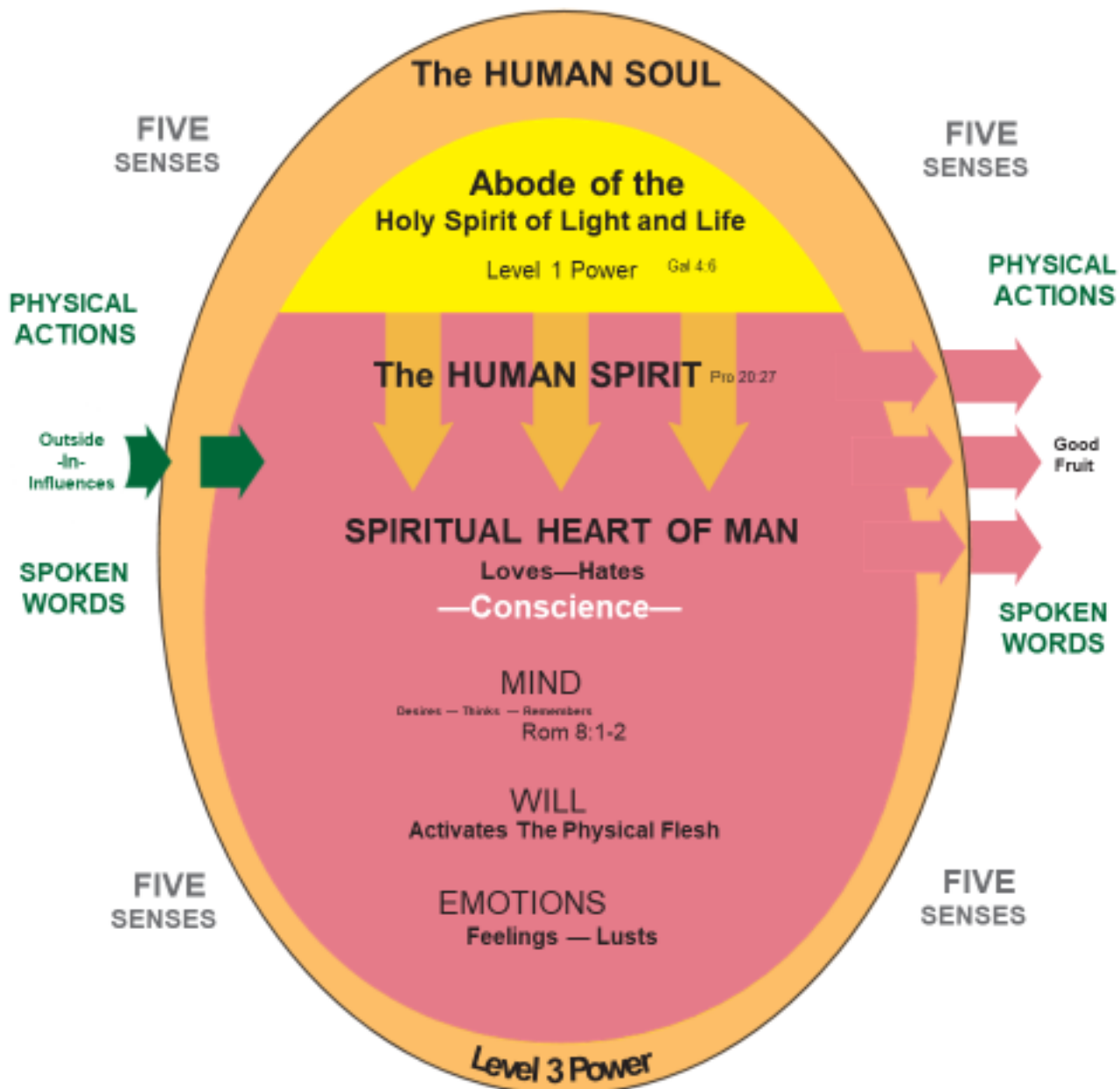
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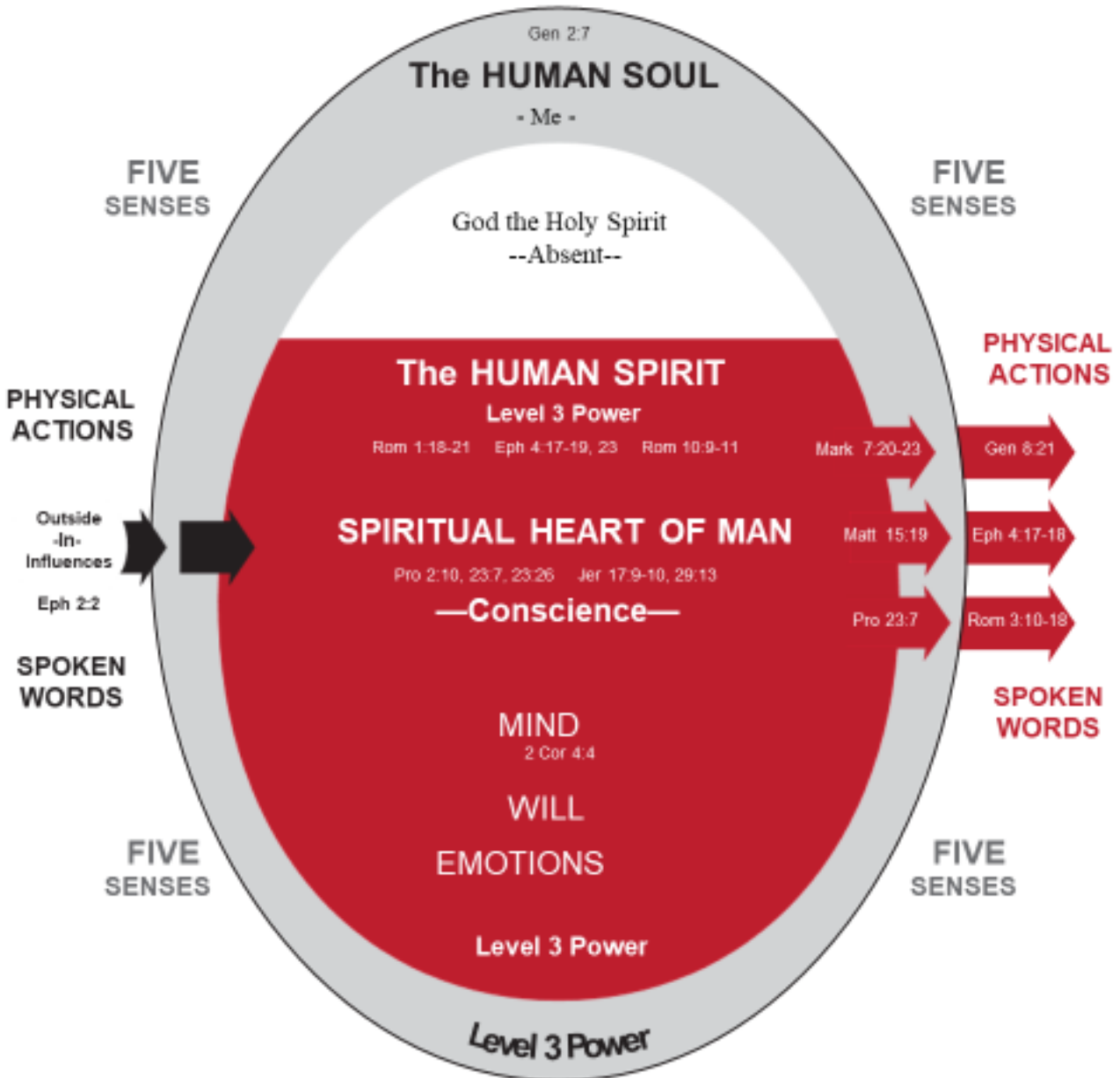
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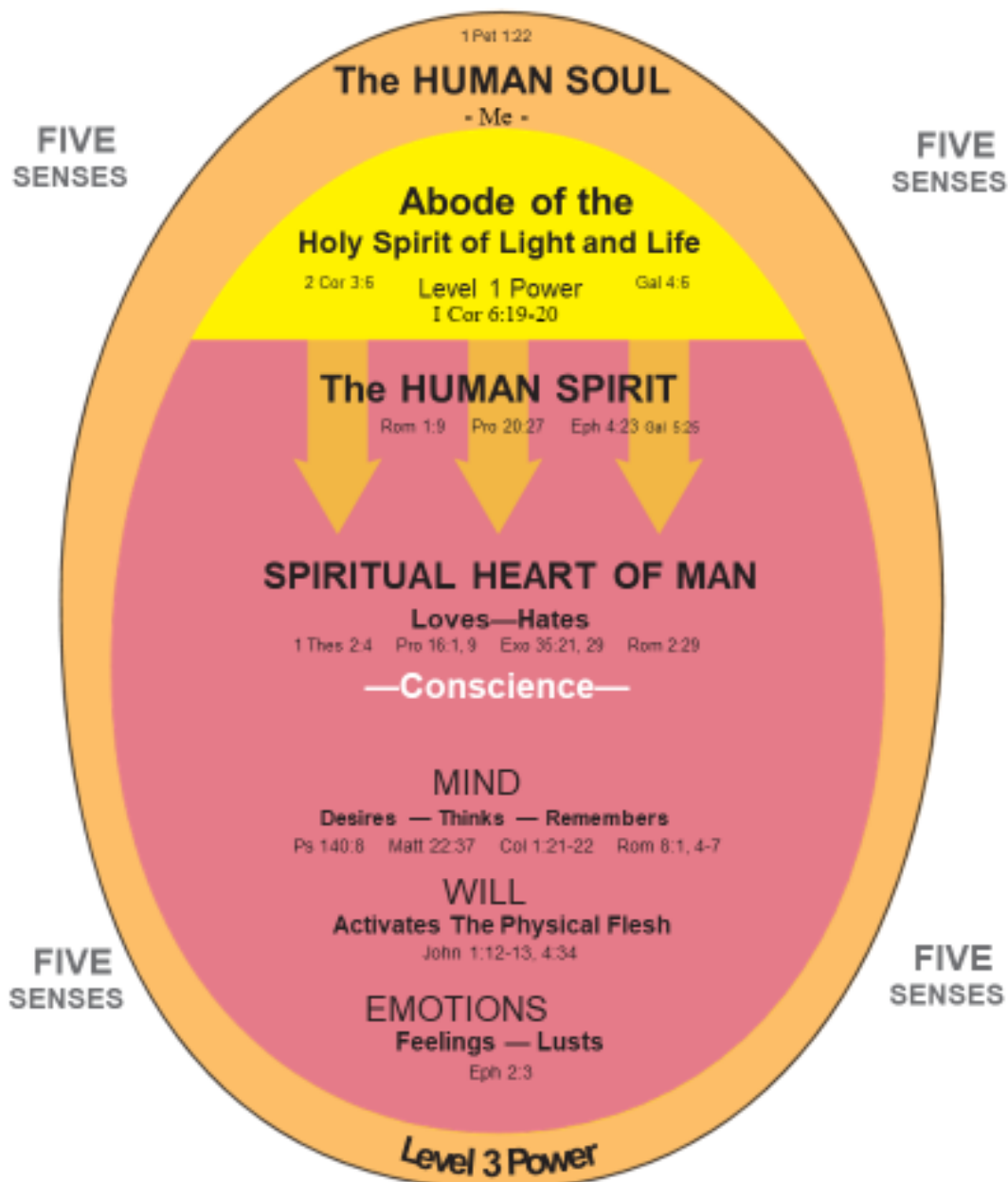
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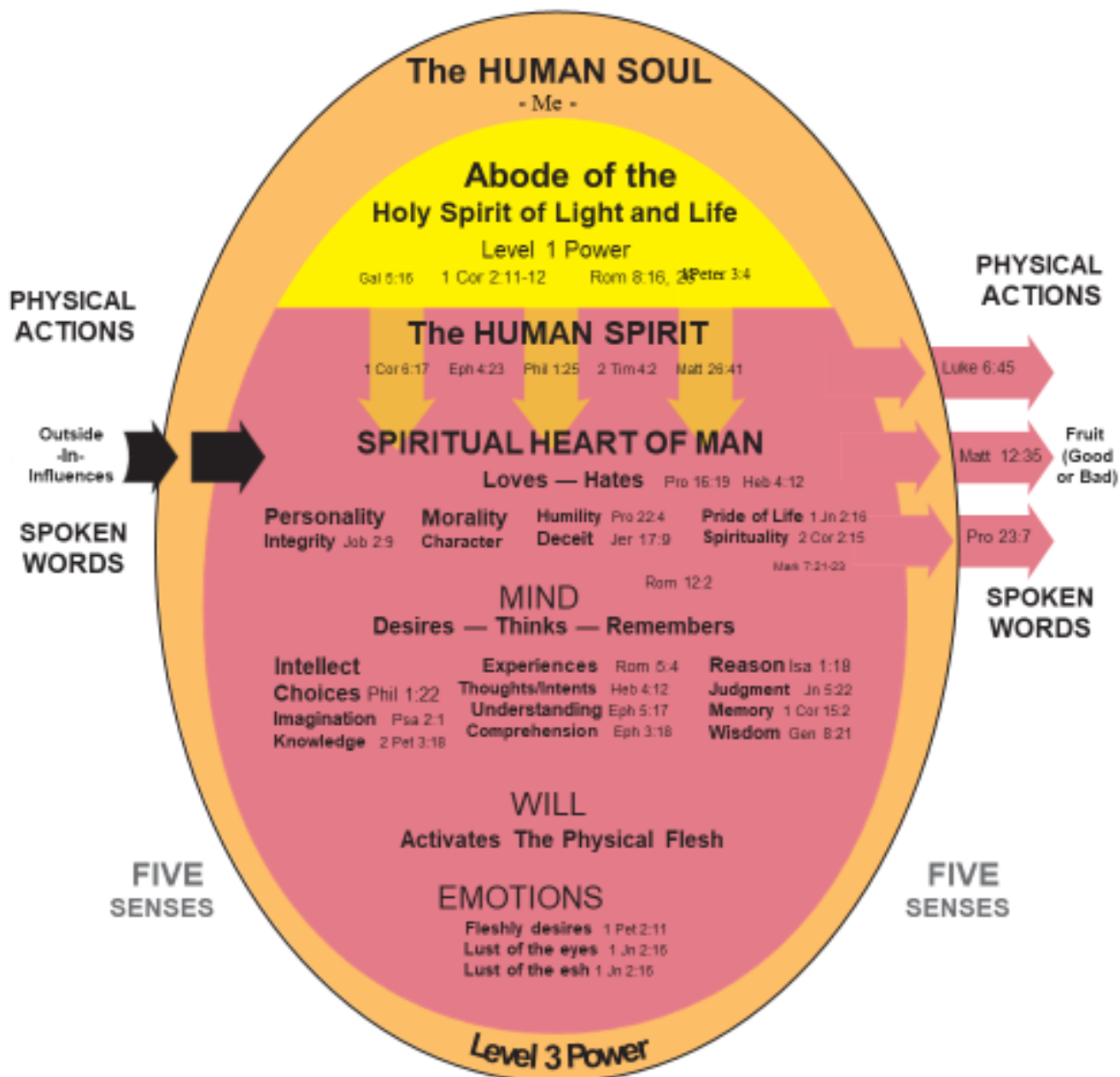
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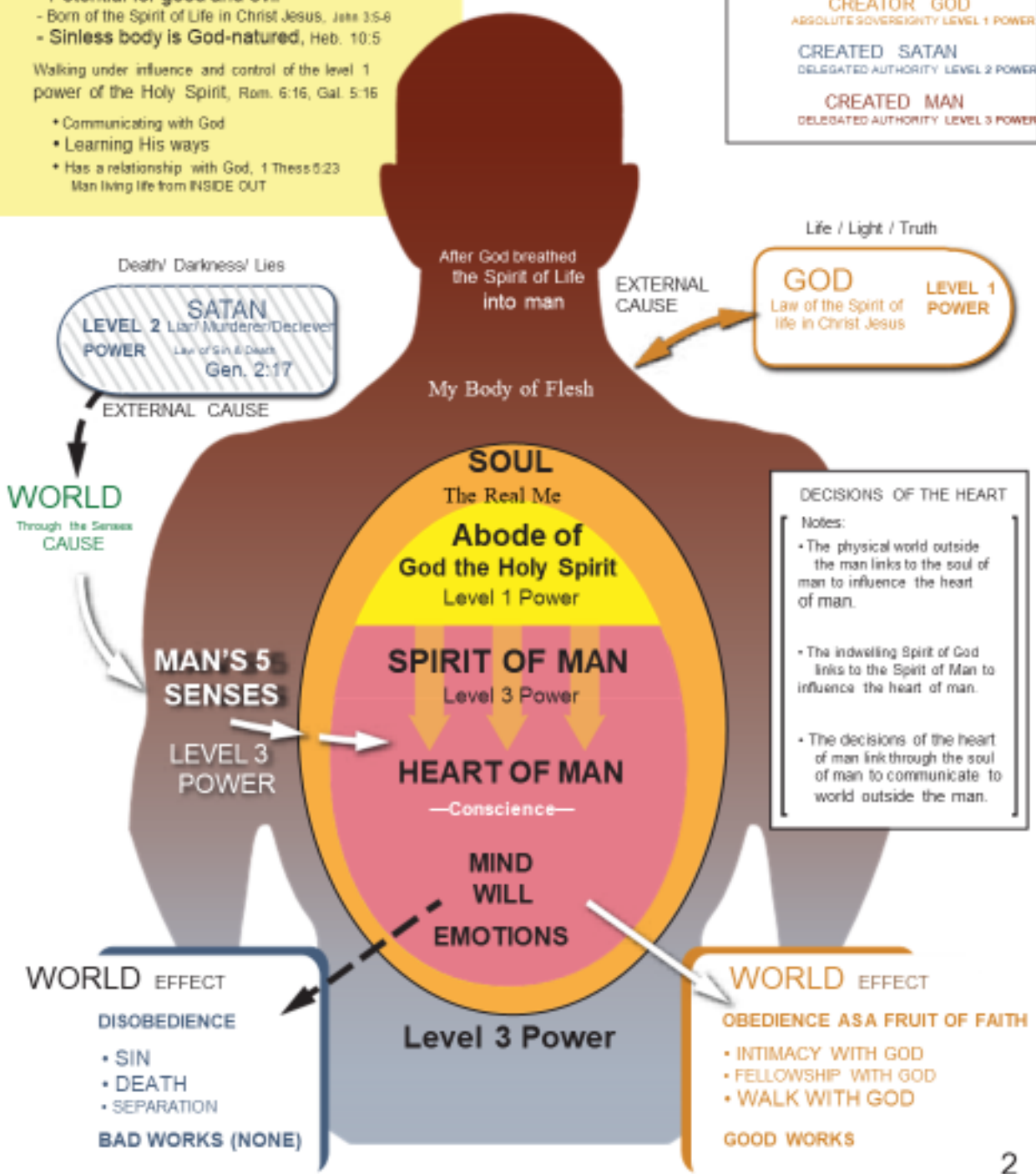
TWO SPIRITUAL LAWS

Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus
Law of Sin and Death - Knowledge of evil (Romans 8:2)

UNFALLEN MAN - walking with God
ADAM BEFORE SIN, SPIRITUALLY ALIVE, Gen 2:7
 - Potential for good and evil
 - Born of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus, John 3:5-8
 - Sinless body is God-natured, Heb. 10:5

Walking under influence and control of the level 1 power of the Holy Spirit, Rom. 6:16, Gal. 5:16

- Communicating with God
- Learning His ways
- Has a relationship with God, 1 Thess 5:23
Man living life from INSIDE OUT

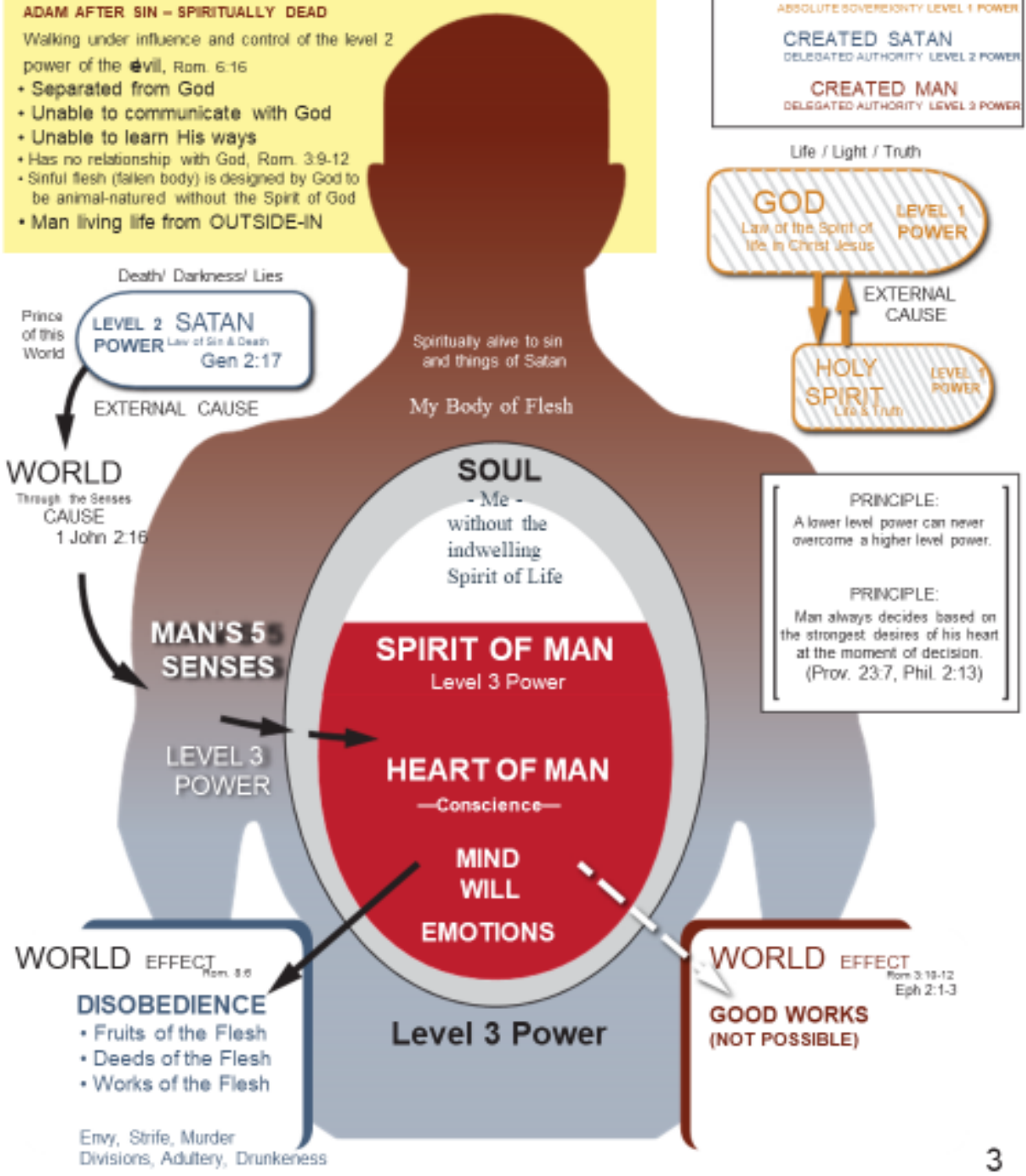
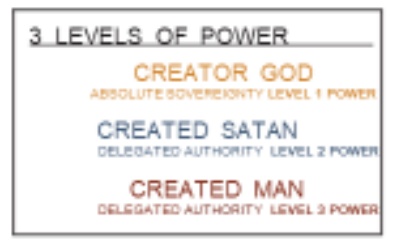


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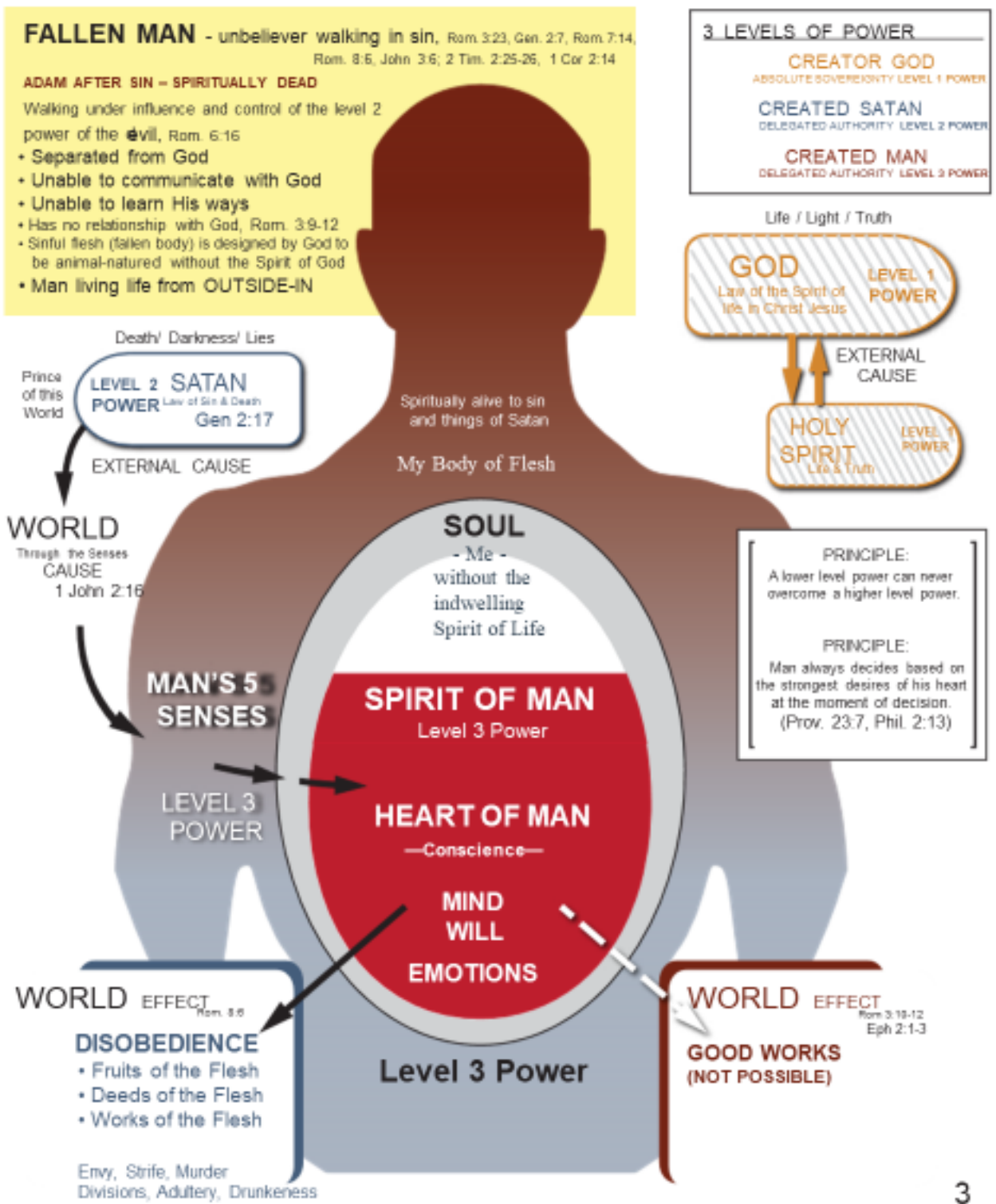
FALLEN MAN - unbeliever walking in sin, Rom. 3:23, Gen. 2:7, Rom. 7:14, Rom. 8:6, John 3:6; 2 Tim. 2:25-26, 1 Cor 2:14

ADAM AFTER SIN - SPIRITUALLY DEAD
 Walking under influence and control of the level 2 power of the evil, Rom. 6:16

- Separated from God
- Unable to communicate with God
- Unable to learn His ways
- Has no relationship with God, Rom. 3:9-12
- Sinful flesh (fallen body) is designed by God to be animal-natured without the Spirit of God
- Man living life from **OUTSIDE-IN**



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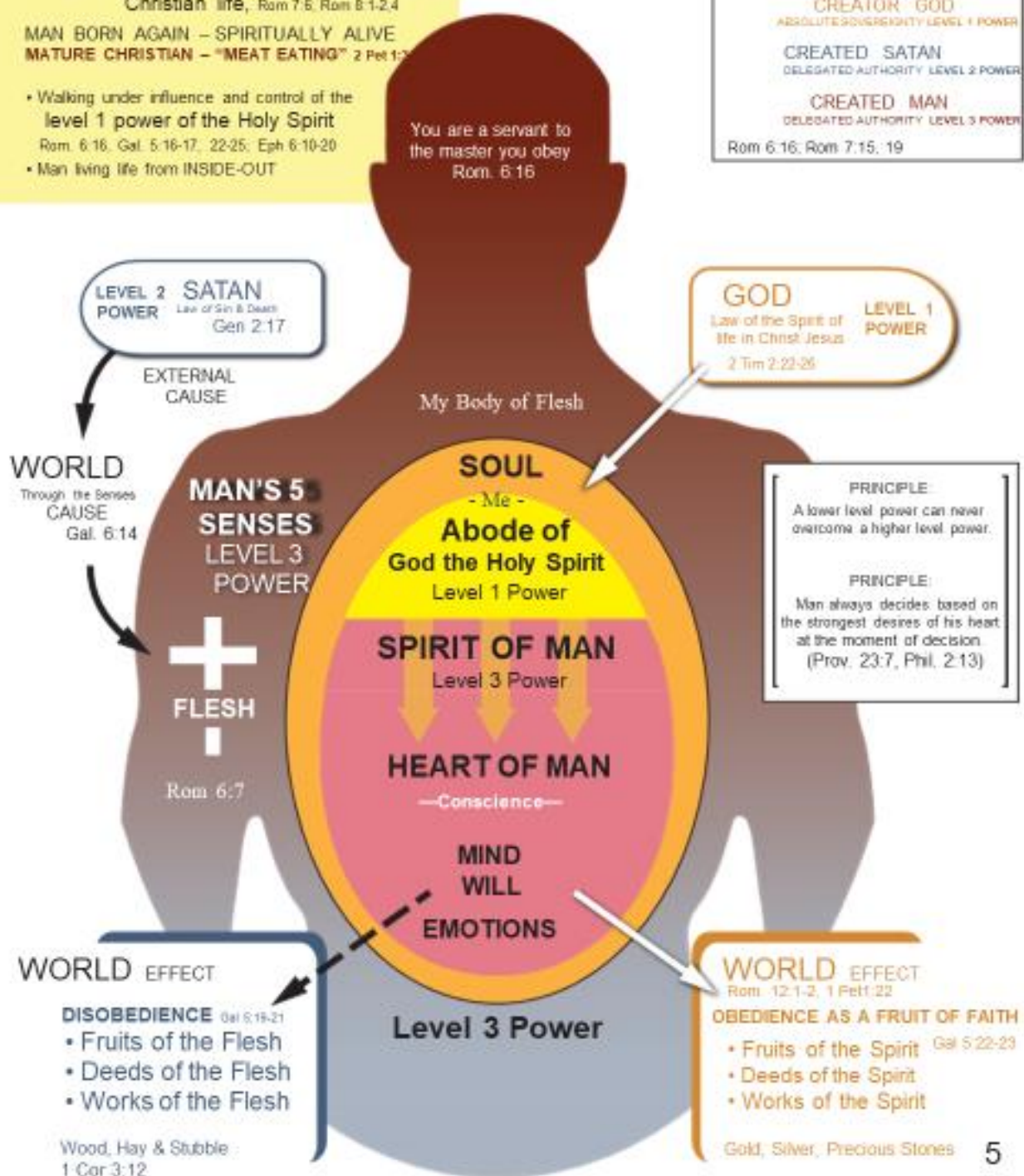
MATURE CHRISTIAN - goal of the Christian life, Rom 7:6, Rom 8:1-2,4
MAN BORN AGAIN - SPIRITUALLY ALIVE
MATURE CHRISTIAN - "MEAT EATING" 2 Pet 1:3

- Walking under influence and control of the level 1 power of the Holy Spirit
 Rom. 6:16, Gal. 5:16-17, 22-25; Eph 6:10-20
- Man living life from INSIDE-OUT

3 LEVELS OF POWER

- CREATOR: GOD**
 ABSOLUTE SOVEREIGNTY LEVEL 1 POWER
- CREATED SATAN**
 DELEGATED AUTHORITY LEVEL 2 POWER
- CREATED MAN**
 DELEGATED AUTHORITY LEVEL 3 POWER

Rom 6:16; Rom 7:15, 19



You are a servant to the master you obey
 Rom. 6:16

LEVEL 2 POWER SATAN
 Law of Sin & Death
 Gen 2:17

GOD LEVEL 1 POWER
 Law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus
 2 Tim 2:23-25

PRINCIPLE:
 A lower level power can never overcome a higher level power.

PRINCIPLE:
 Man always decides based on the strongest desires of his heart at the moment of decision.
 (Prov. 23:7, Phil. 2:13)

WORLD
 Through the Senses
 CAUSE
 Gal. 6:14

MAN'S 5 SENSES
 LEVEL 3 POWER

FLESH
 Rom 6:7

WORLD EFFECT

DISOBEDIENCE Gal 5:19-21

- Fruits of the Flesh
- Deeds of the Flesh
- Works of the Flesh

Wood, Hay & Stubble
 1-Cor 3:12

WORLD EFFECT
 Rom. 12:1-3, 1 Pet 2:2

OBEDIENCE AS A FRUIT OF FAITH

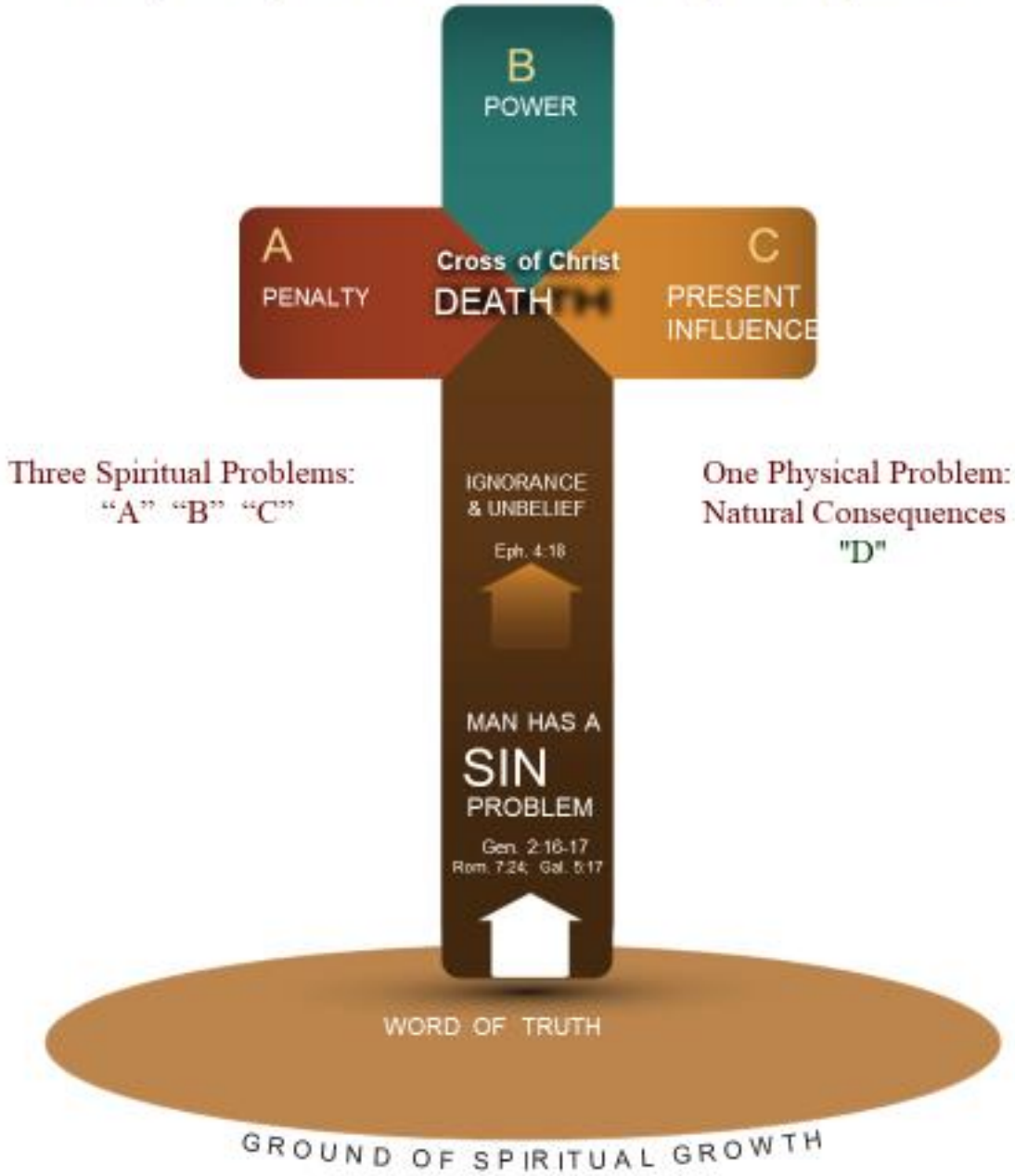
- Fruits of the Spirit Gal 5:22-23
- Deeds of the Spirit
- Works of the Spirit

Gold, Silver, Precious Stones

CROSS TRUTH

Unveiling the GLORY of the Cross

Every one imputed sin causes at least four separate sin problems



"D" -- The natural consequences of sin remain which have present and eternal consequences

CROSS TRUTH

Man's Problem

Man has a sin problem Gen. 2:17 (all men)
 The wages of sin is death Rom. 2:23
 Fallen man is spiritually dead to God 1 Cor. 2:14
 God's ways are not man's ways (Isa. 55:8-9)

Fallen man has 3 enemies:
 3) The World
 2) The Flesh
 1) The Devil

The Devil has 3 tactics
 3) Tempt. Mat. 4:1 2) Accuse, Rev. 12:10
 1) Sinful pride of life

The unbeliever is deceived and ignorant

temptations
 1) Lust of the eyes 2) THE SOUL OF MAN IS INFERIOR TO 2
 Lust of the flesh
 1 John 2:16, Gen 2:6

Even one sin causes man 4 sin problems, "A", "B", "C", "D"

"B"
Power Problem
Spiritual Sin Problem
 The absence of God the Holy Spirit
 (Natural consequence of "A")

B
POWER

A
PENALTY

Cross of Christ
DEATH™

C
PRESENT INFLUENCE

"A"
Penalty Problem
Spiritual Sin Problem
 (The imputed unrighteousness of God's first Adam to all men)

The Law of Sin is Death
Rom 8:2
 1 Cor. 1:18
MAN HAS A SIN PROBLEM
 Gen. 2:16-17
 Rom. 7:24, Gal. 5:17

"C"
Present Influence
Spiritual Sin Problem
 The broken spiritual covenant relationship
 (Natural consequence of "A" and "B")

WORD OF TRUTH
 John 8:32, 17:17
"D"
 Natural Consequences
 Spiritual Sin Problem of unbelief (John 3:18)

GROUND OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH
 ...According to your faith, be it unto you.

CROSS TRUTH is "Identification" Truth

Fallen Man's Problem

Man has a sin problem Gen. 2:17
The wages of sin is death Rom. 3:23

Fallen man is spiritually dead and separated from God (1 Cor. 2:14)
Fallen man does not have the indwelling Spirit of Life (Eph 2:5)
Fallen man does not have a right relationship with God (John 8:44)

God's ways are not man's ways. Isa. 55:8-9

B SIN PROBLEM

POWER

Unbelievers are:
Dead in their sins (Eph 2:1-5)
Enemies of God (Rom 5:10)
Under the power of Satan who rules over all man (Acts 26:18)
Servant of Sin (John 8:34)
Without hope (Eph 2:12)
The working of Satan with all power (2 Thes 2:9-11)
Man is designed by God to be a level 3 power (Rom 13:1-2)

B POWER

A SIN PROBLEM

PENALTY

Two Adams (1 Cor 15:42-50)

God identifies all men as being "in Adam." (1 Cor 15:22)

The first Adam is the type, all men are identified as being in that type (Rom 5:12, 17-19)

The first Adam had spiritual life before he sinned. (Gen 2:7)
All men are identified into that spiritual life. (John 3:3, 5)

The first Adam sinned. (Gen 3:6)
All men are identified into that sin. (Rom 5:12)

The first Adam died spiritually. (Rom 5:12)
All men are identified into that spiritual death.

A PENALTY

Cross of Christ
DEATH

C PRESENT INFLUENCE

The Law of Sin is Death
Rom 8:2

1 Cor. 1:18

MAN HAS A
SIN PROBLEM

Gen. 2:16-17
Rom. 7:24; Gal. 5:17

C SIN PROBLEM

PRESENT INFLUENCE

Fallen man is:
Conceived in sin (Ps. 51:5, 58:3)
Born spiritually dead (Eph 2:1)
Without Christ (Eph 2:12)
Without God (Eph 2:12)
Without the Holy Spirit (Eph 4:17-20)
Condemned already (John 3:18)
Man is designed by God to be a level 3 power (Rom 13:1-2)

The first Adam's unrighteousness is imputed to all his physical descendants.

Imputed Unrighteousness brings with it the sin penalty of death to the sinner.

WORD OF TRUTH
John 8:32, 17:17

GROUND OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

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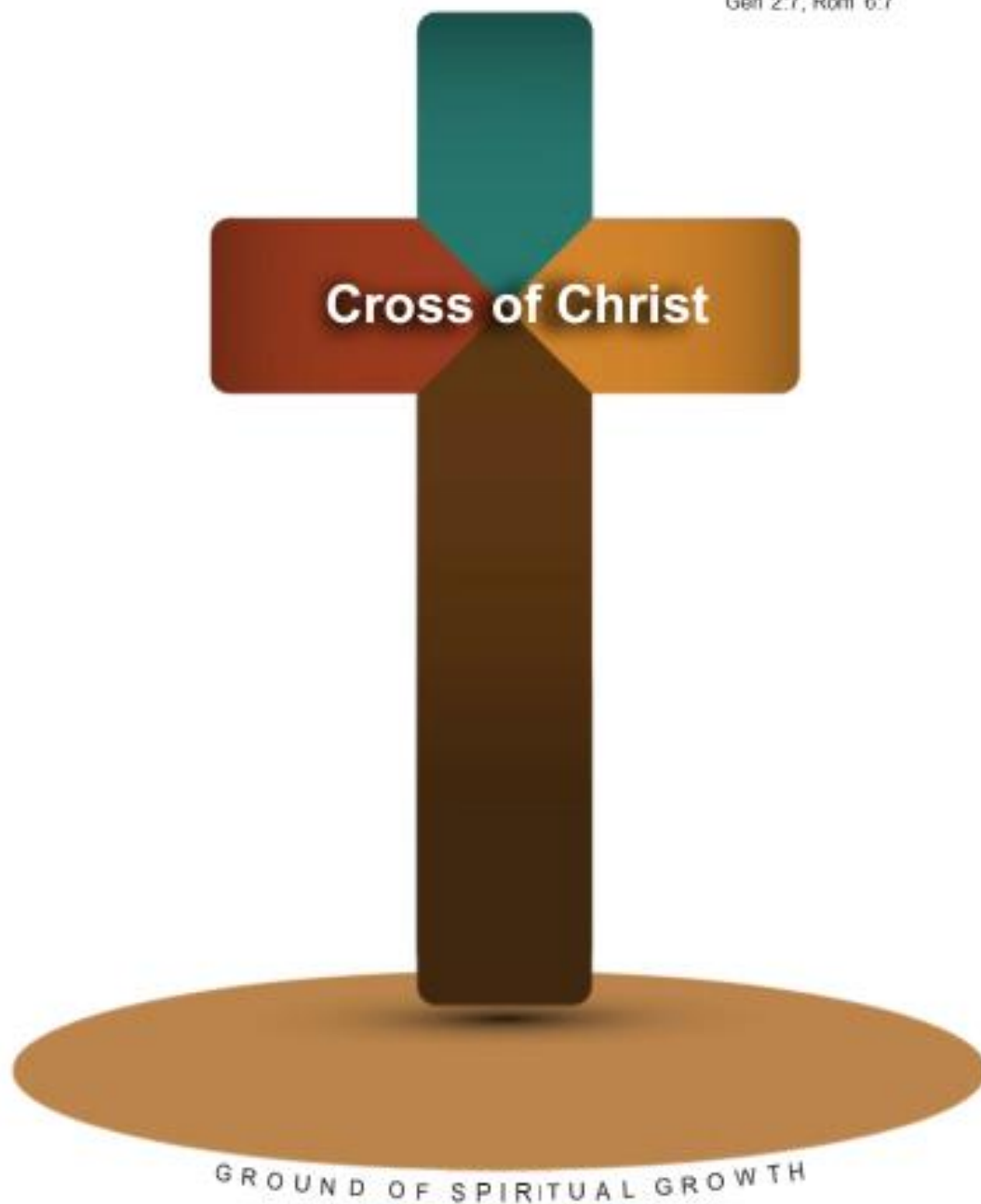
CROSS TRUTH

Unveiling the GLORY of the Cross

God's one and only solution to the problem of sin???

— DEATH TO THE SINNER —

Gen 2:7, Rom 6:7



CROSS TRUTH

God provided three distinct sin solutions in Christ's finished work at the Cross for every imputed sin.

DEATH TO SELF

Deliverance from who I am in God's first Adam

B SIN SOLUTION
Heb 2:14

Physically/Conditionally
Christ died for you.
The devil has no power over a physically dead man

Spiritually/Positionally
By our Identification into Christ

You physically died with Him when He died.
Col 2:20 Rom 6:6.

B
POWER

DEATH TO SIN

Pardon for sin
past-present-future

A SIN SOLUTION
Heb 2:9, 17

Physically/Conditionally
Christ shed His blood.
He suffered and bore our shame. Heb 2:17

By His Substitution
We escaped this suffering and punishment when He died in our place and we lived.

A
PENALTY

Cross of Christ

DEATH

C
PRESENT INFLUENCE

ALIVVVVVVE IN CHR

Deliverance into who I am in God's last Adam

C SIN SOLUTION
Rom 6:4

Physically/Conditionally
Christ was raised from the dead to "born again" resurrection Spiritual Life

Spiritually/Positionally
By our Identification:
You were raised with Him from your spiritual death to resurrection "born again" spiritual life "in Him."
We now have the opportunity to willingly become a living sacrifice... or not!

MAN HAS A
SIN
PROBLEM
Gen. 2:16-17
Rom. 7:24 Gal. 5:17



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CROSS TRUTH

Unveiling the GLORY of the Cross

God's Masterpiece

1 Cor 1:17-25, 2:2

God's Solution to mankind's sin problem



Cross of Christ

Our Salvation is by our faith in the Salvation Truth alone (faith produces a change of ownership and a change of masters). The New conditional Covenant in Christ's blood agreement has now been personally ratified by the new believer's faith.

Christ crucified by execution then becomes

- ... Our Redeemer
- ... Our Propitiation
- ... Our Reconciliation
- ... Our Substitute Man in physical death by execution
- ... Our Justification Rom 5:1, 9
- ... Our New Representative man in "born again" resurrection
- Spiritual Life with God forevermore.

God's only requirement :

- ... Receive the Truth to believe the Truth!
- ... Believe the Truth to receive the grace gifts and spiritual blessings that Truth reveals and is designed to convey from heaven "in Christ" to earth into the life of all who by faith believe those Truths while they yet have physical life here on earth.

GROUND OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

Temporal - Conditional....Gifts given to all men "in Christ" as a part of the New Covenant in Christ's blood, based upon man's willingness to ratify God's New Covenant in Christ's blood by faith alone... or not!
John 4:14, 6:51 1 Cor 11:25

Applications for today

How does all of this biblical Truth touch our daily lives?

1. The devil and his minions are powerful and influential in the world today and throughout the ages.

Scripture tells us that Lucifer was the first perfect created being in whom sin was found. Satan's presence in the garden of Eden sets the stage for all men to be impacted by his **negative influence** over Adam and Eve as the enemy of God and man.

1Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because **your adversary the devil**, as a roaring lion, walketh about, **seeking** whom he may **devour**:

This **negative influence** touches both believers as well as unbelievers in the world today.

When we trust in and depend completely upon God, we have nothing to fear. God will only be pleased when we walk in the spirit and not in the flesh.

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.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Gal 5:16 *This I say then*, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

2. Men and Angels were originally created to be faithful servants of God. As a level 3 power, all men will without fail be constantly serving one master or the other... God or Satan; These are the only two higher powers in God's Creation Order that by God's design have the delegated power and authority to rule over men. (Three Levels of Power).

3. Because God gave man the freedom to choose, He desires only **willing submission** to His rightful rule over them. He thus patiently waits for that human willingness of man walking in the flesh to come under His rightful authority. As God waits for man's willingness, Satan by default is the master ruling over all men who are unwilling to acknowledge God as God, and to willingly submit to His authority and faithfully serve Him as Lord of their lives.

All Christian (believers) have **willingly accepted Christ as their Savior**.

Not all Christian (believers) have **willingly accepted Christ as Lord of their life!**

4. The only life and walk of a believer that is pleasing in the sight of God is when we walk in the Spirit (i.e. when we walk under the direct influence and control of God the Holy Spirit as Lord of our life) who has been given to abide in our soul to provide us with all we need for eternal Life and Godliness. II Pet 1:3

2Pe 1:3 According as his divine power 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: