1 Peter 2:11-25

Homework Assignment

Develop a theology of persecution, suffering, loss and dying.

Use the Scripture to guide you in answering these questions.

What do we know about God's nature/ character?

 What do we know about God's desires and goals for the whole world? For believers?

What has God done in Christ on behalf of the world?

 What are some of the things that became true of you when believed in Jesus and received His gift of salvation by grace?

 Does the Scripture promise that believers in Jesus will not experience persecution? Suffering? Loss?
Death of the physical body?

What does the Bible say that hardships and difficulties DO for the believer?

 What can the believer count on with absolute certainty when he/she is going through persecution? Suffering? Loss?
Death of the physical body?

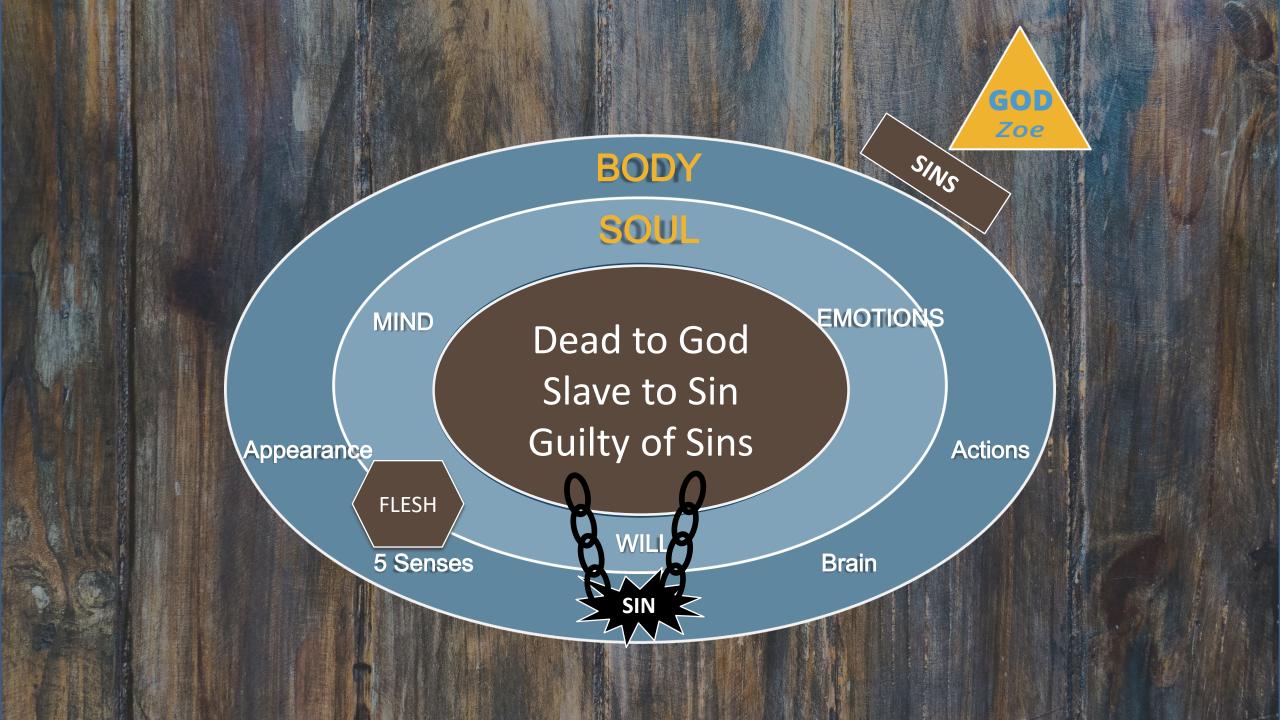
 What does the believer have regarding the future, even if the future includes persecution, suffering, loss, or death of the physical body?

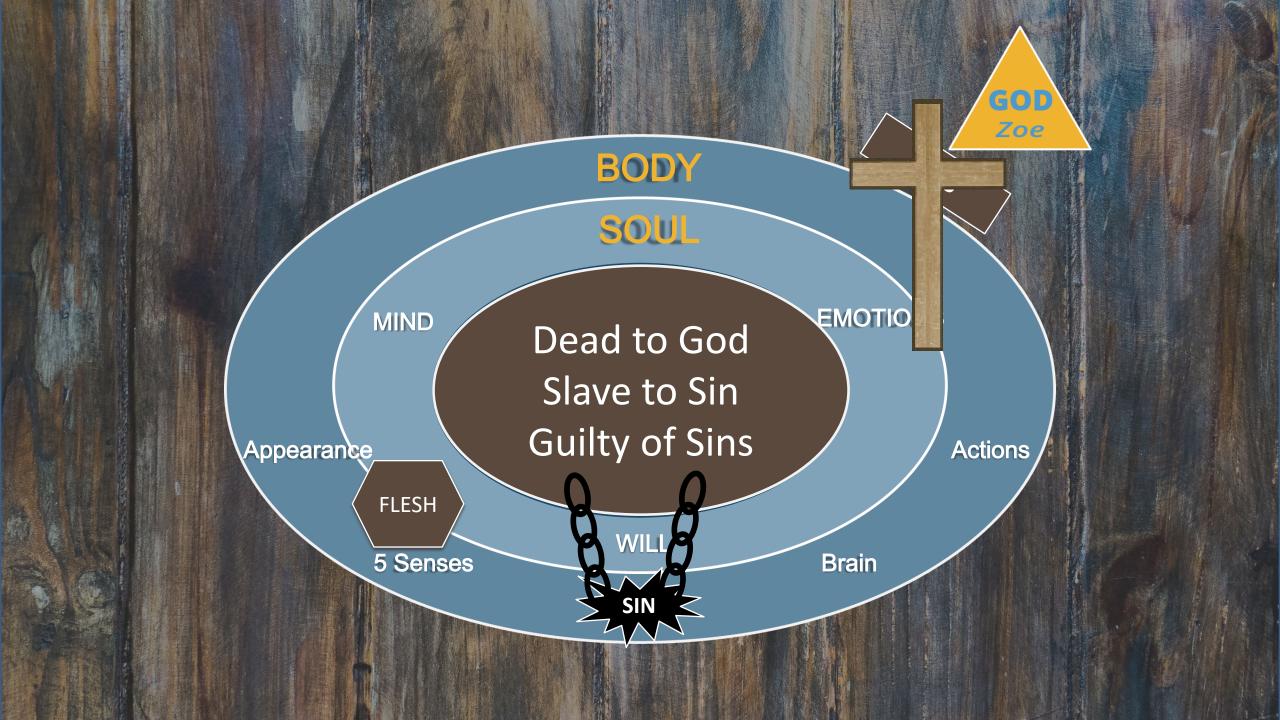
 Where can the believer turn during experiences of persecution, suffering, loss, or death of the physical body?

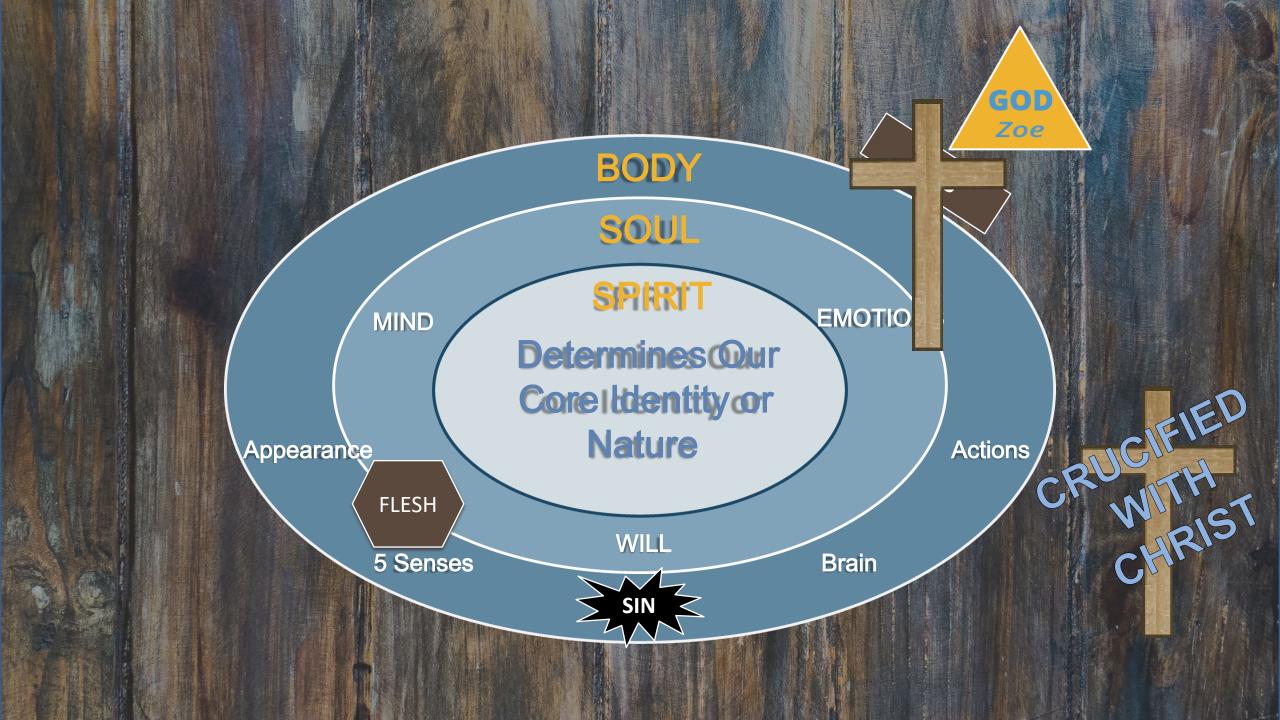
 How do you think Christ in you would desire to respond toward others during experiences of persecution? Suffering? Loss? Death of the physical body?

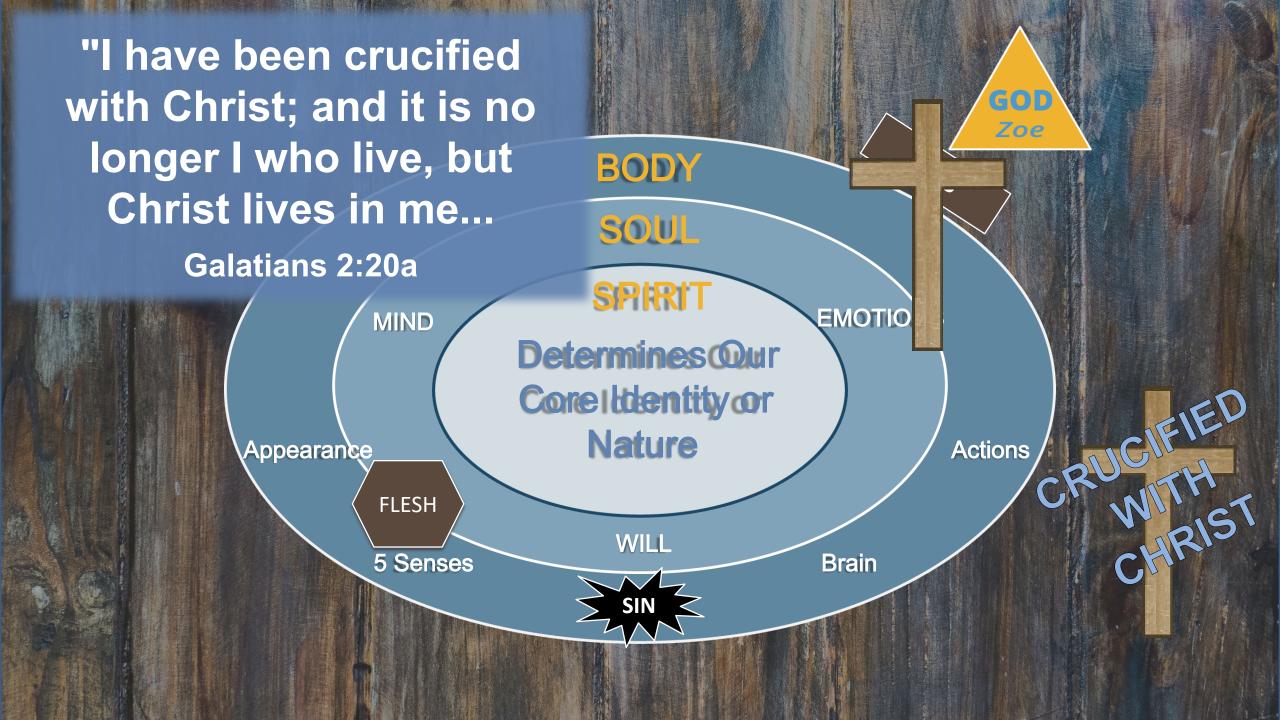
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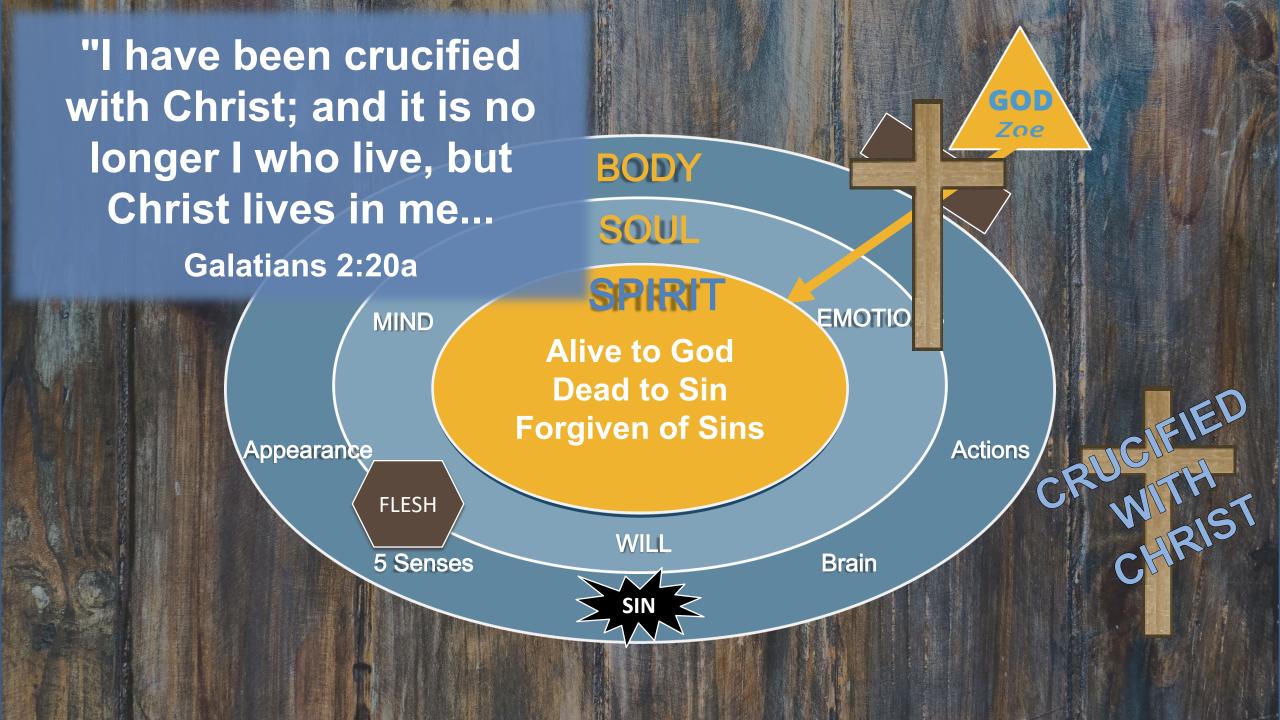
¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as foreigners and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.

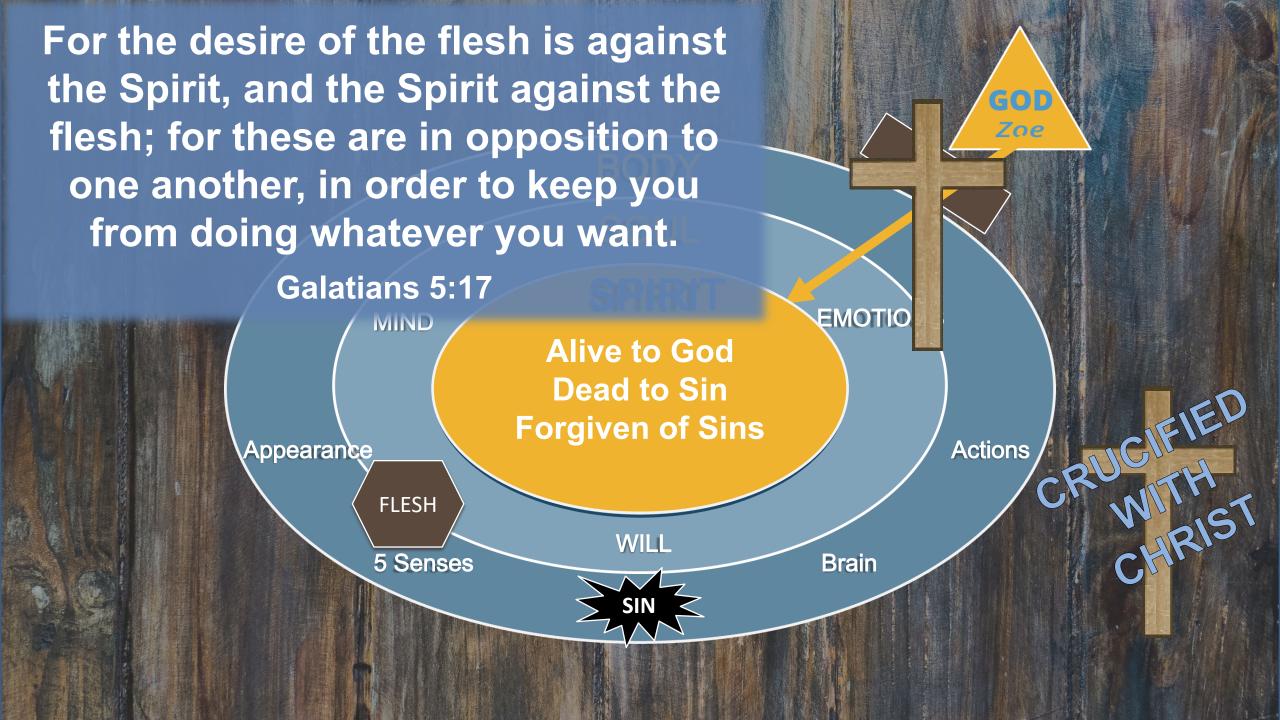


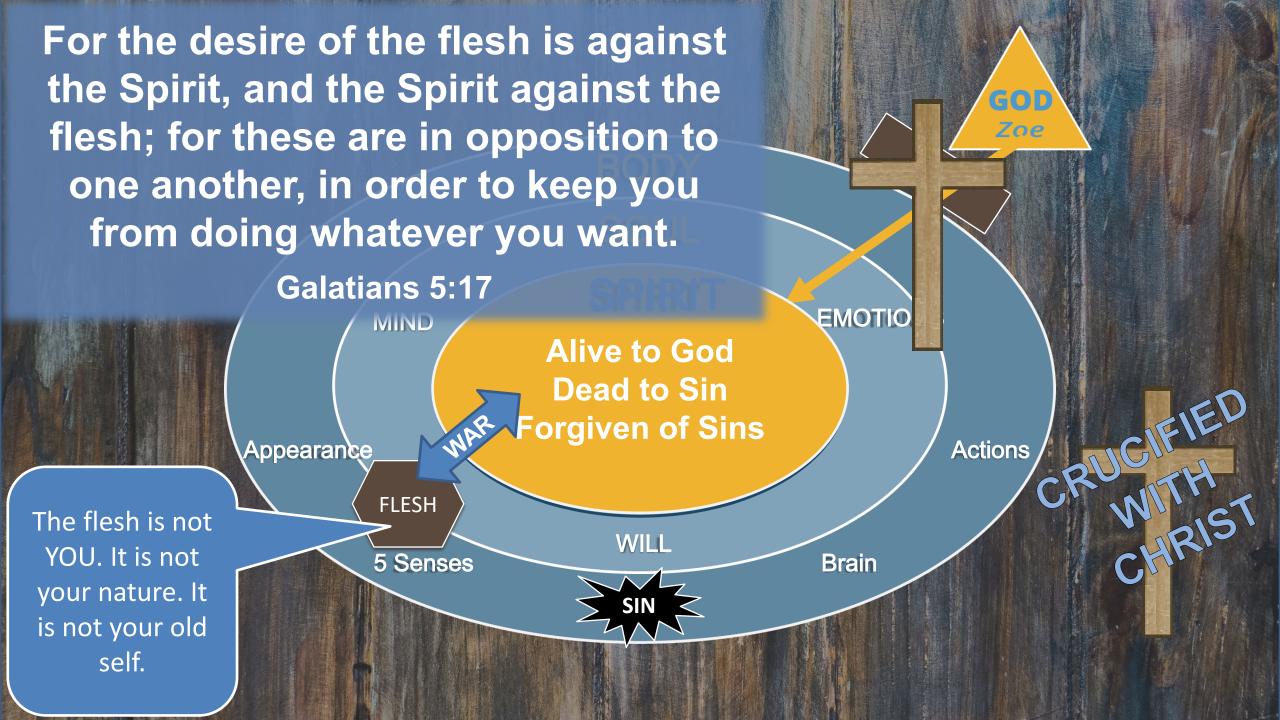


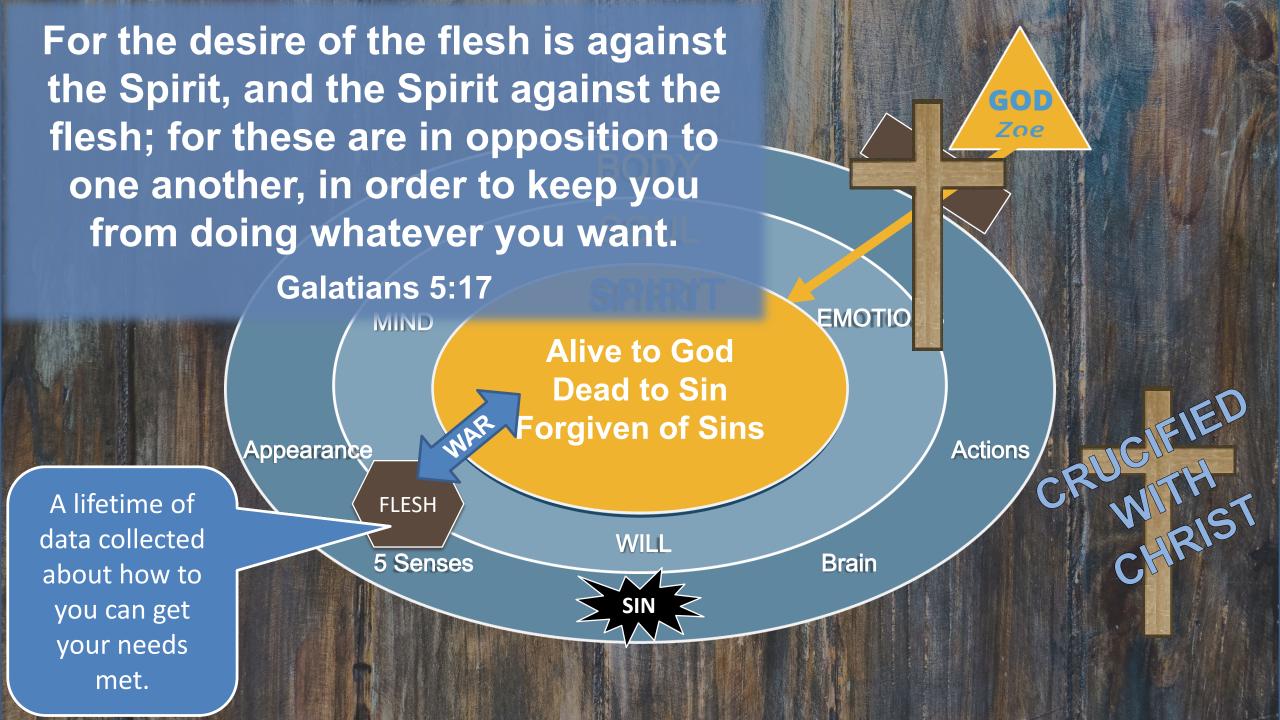


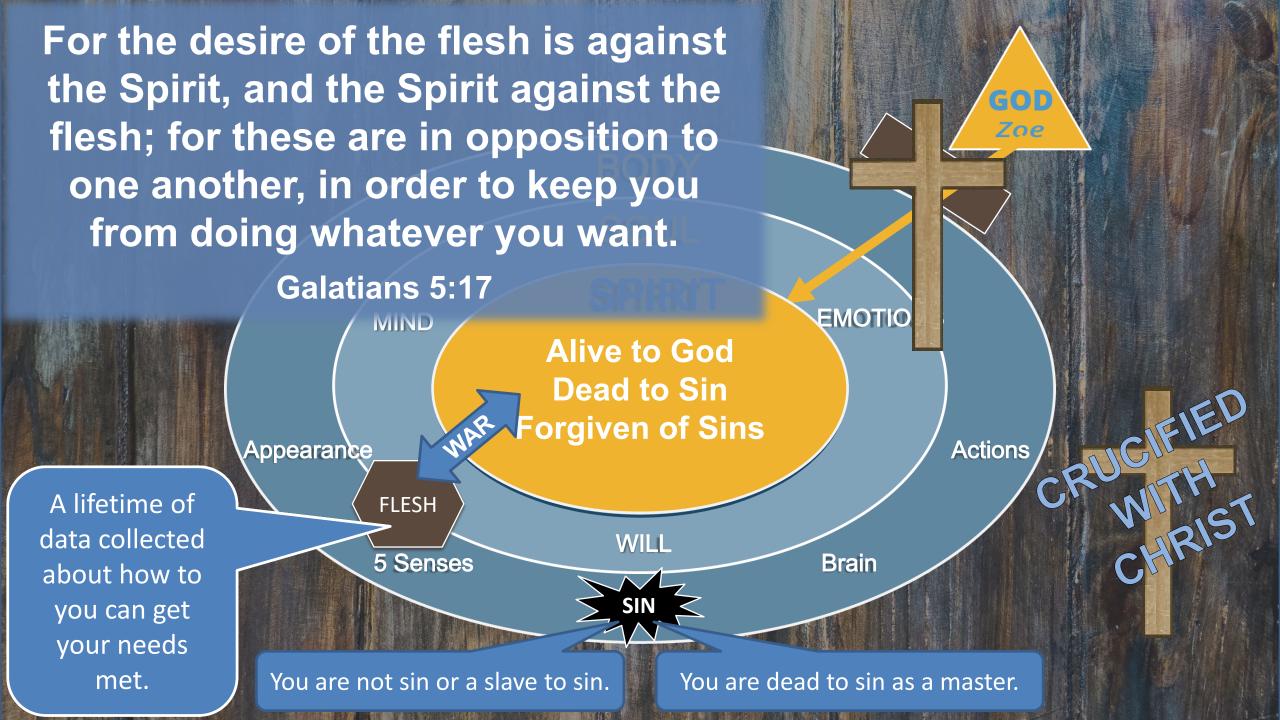












When Temptation Comes

- Remember who you are.
- Remember what has happened to you.
- · Remember that you are dead to sin.
- · Remember that you are free to choose.
- Remember that God's Spirit lives in you.
- Remember that your righteousness is a gift.

1 Peter 2:12

12 Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may because of your good deeds, as they observe them, glorify God on the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:13-15

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. 15 For such is the will of God, that by doing right you silence the ignorance of foolish people.

Romans 13:4

The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong.

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1 Peter 2:16-17

¹⁶ Act as free people, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil but use it as bond-servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

1 Peter 2:18-19

¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person endures grief when suffering unjustly.

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Benefit/ Glory

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This is an experience of His grace.

1 Peter 2:21

²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you would follow in His steps,

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1 Peter 2:22-23

He who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; ²³ and while being abusively insulted, He did not insult in return; while suffering, He did not threaten, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously

"Follow in these steps!"

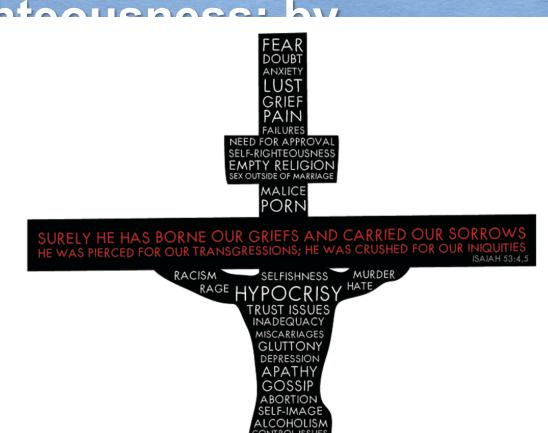
1 Peter 2:24-25

²⁴ and He Himself brought our sins in His body up on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you were healed. ²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

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IN ADAM (Lost) IN CHRIST (Saved)

Death

Sin

Law

Condemnation

Flesh

Slavery

Bondage

Life

Righteousness

Grace

Justification

Spirit

Sonship

Freedom