

“Love Never Fails”

1 Corinthians 13:8

Problem #1

I cannot achieve the things of God through trying!

- John 15:5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.
- 1John 4:8 The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love

Point #1

*I must “**have love**” and love is God, therefore I must
“**have God**”*

Problem #2

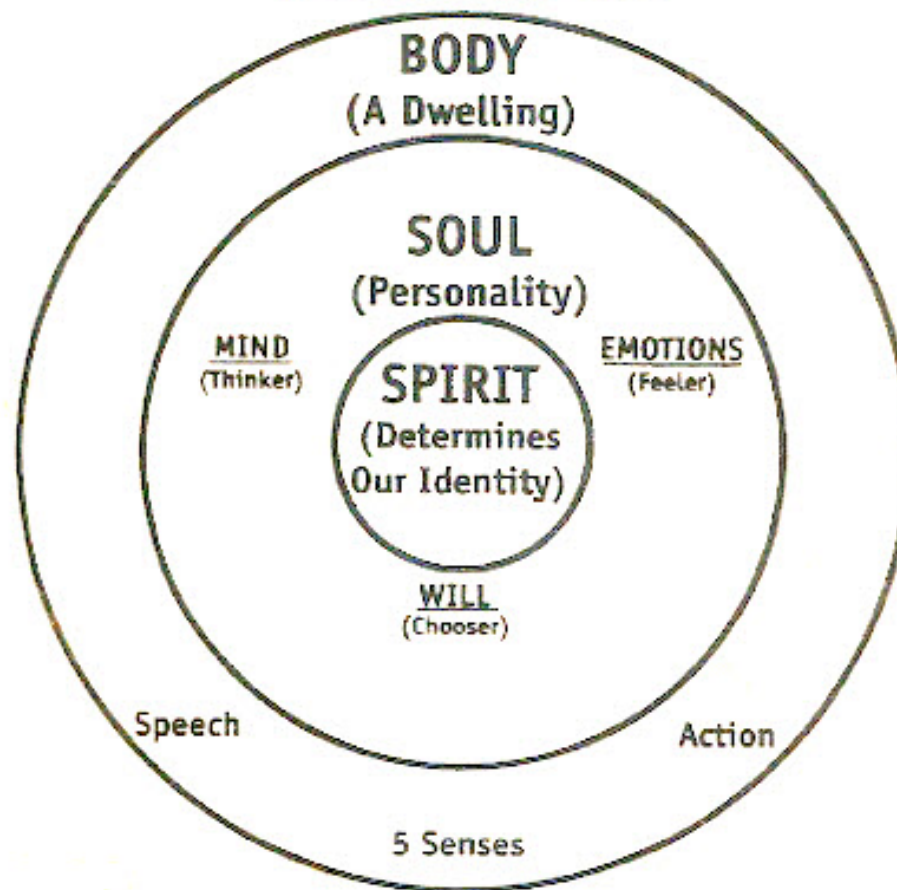
Unclear as to who we are?

Are you a saint or a
sinner?

A Biblical Picture of Man

Man — A Three-Part Whole

(I Thessalonians 5:23)



- Paul addresses his letters to the saints
- Ps.5:4 - For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness; No evil dwells with You.
- 2Cor.5:17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature;....
- Rom.6:6 knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him,....

- Rom.7:17,20 17. So now, no longer am I the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me. 20. But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me.
- Eph.5:27 that He might present to Himself the church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that she would be holy and blameless.

- Luke 23:46 “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.”
- Rom. 8:16 The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

Point # 2

I am a saint.

Problem #3

Unclear as to who God is?

- 1John 3:1 - See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God; ... *We are His child!*
- Phil.3:7 - But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Matt.6:21 - for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. *He is our treasure!*

- Deut. 30:9 - "Then the LORD your God will prosper you abundantly in all the work of your hand,.... He is our Father (benefactor) !
- Gen. 3:8 - They heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, He wants to walk with us!

Point #3

*I must love the Lord my God with all my heart and
with all my soul and with all my mind.*

Problem #4

Failure to understand redemption and restoration.

Gen. 1:26 - Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and **let them rule** over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Restoration defined:

1. a return of something to a former, original, normal, or unimpaired condition.
2. restitution of something taken away or lost.

Point #4

By faith I must accept what God has done and all that was accomplished through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Problem #5

Walking in the flesh causes us to focus on what's wrong, not what's right.

Phil.4:8 - Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, **dwell on these things.**

Gal.2:20 - "I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

Point #5

I must reject finding fault with others and focus on my own relationship with Him. If I am to live a life of love it must be His love that shines through me.