

CHRIST our MEDIATOR

Sinless God
in **SPIRITUAL WORLD**

“Son of God”
As a spiritual being,
Christ understands all about God,
because ***He is God.***



“Son of Man”
As a physical being,
Christ understands all about
human suffering,
because ***He is human.***

Sinful Humans
in **PHYSICAL WORLD**

CHRIST our MEDIATOR:

He is the **Creator God** and a human **creature**.
He is the Almighty God and a meek human.
He is the King of Kings and a meek servant.
He is a healer and a crucified sufferer.
He is a lawgiver and a law-abider.
He gave commandments and lived by them.

MYSTERY of GODLINESS:

- “God was manifested in the flesh,
- justified in the Spirit,
- seen by angels,
- preached among the Gentiles,
- believed on in the world,
- received up in glory” (1 Tim. 3:16).

GOD interacting with HUMANS:

God the Father gave **the Law** to the Jews.
God the Son **fulfilled** the Law with **love**.
Holy Spirit now **indwells** people to **love**.

“Love is the fullness of Torah” (CJB). ***“Love is the fulfillment of the Law”*** (Rom. 13:10).

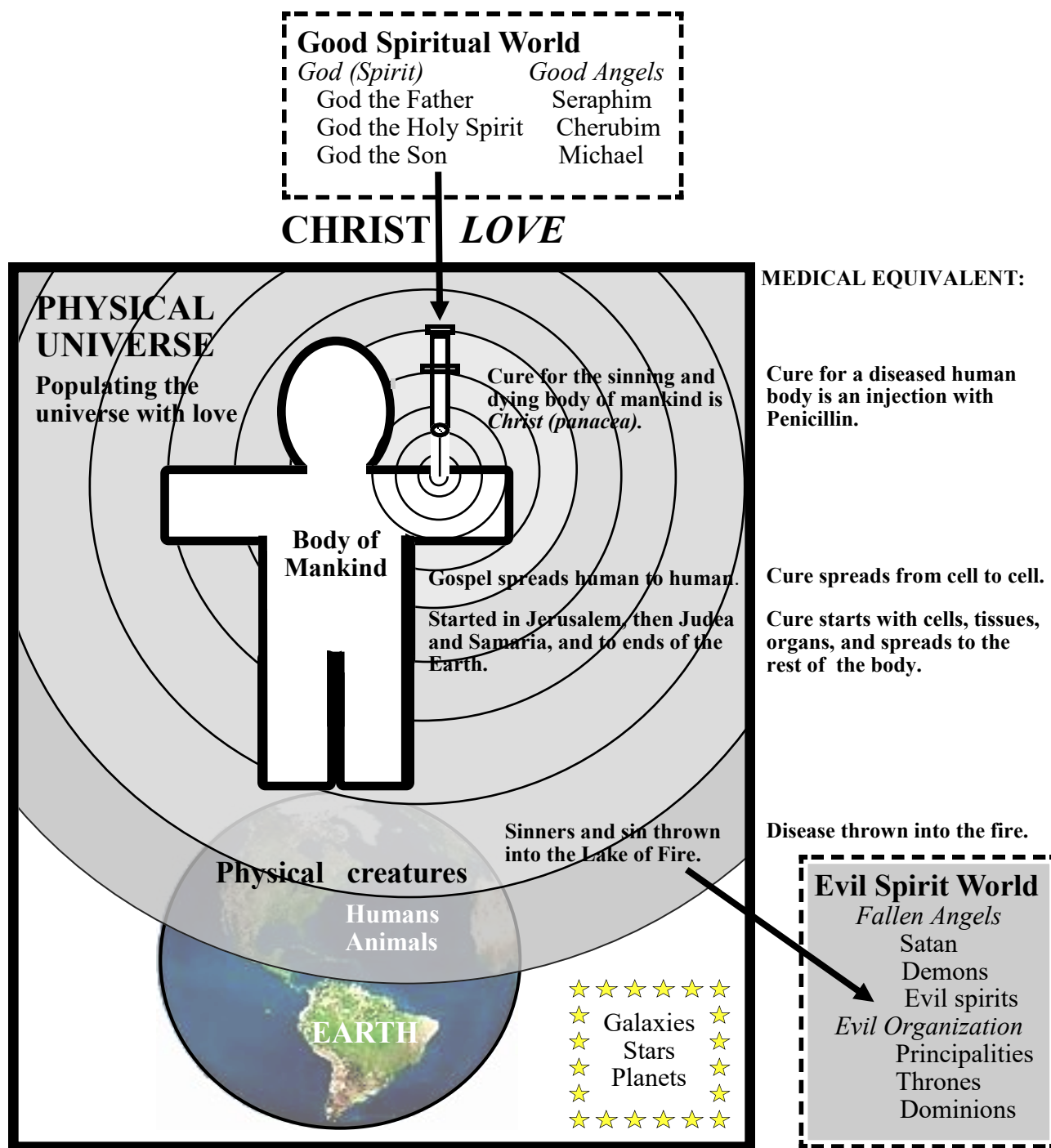
CHRIST experienced both WORLDS:

The sinless Christ can rightly judge sinful humans since he had spiritual and physical experience with sin and death (crucifixion).
While on Earth as a human being:

- He conquered **sin** by living a sinless life.
- He defeated **death** by being resurrected.

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life” (John 3:16).

Chapter 5: Jesus Christ—Savior, Mediator, Messiah



God's LOVE send His Son (panacea) to cure mankind's disease of SIN and DEATH.

UNDERSTANDING JESUS CHRIST

In chapter 5 of our Bible study, we try to understand Christ. *"We know that the Son of God has come and has given us discernment, so that we may know who is genuine ... his Son Yeshua the Messiah. He is the genuine God and eternal life"* (1 John 5:20 CJB).

People consider Jesus as just another man, not God. He definitely is a very special man. Religions, universities, and historians credits him as a good Jewish prophet. Others treated him as a revolutionist or troublemaker.

WORD of GOD—THE PERSON

The Creator materialized to humanity as a man. God was with us on Earth in the flesh. He is Emmanuel, *"God with us"* (Matt. 1:23). Jesus is called *"the Word"* or *"Word of God."* *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word [Christ] was God"* (John 1:1-3). *"His [Jesus'] name is called the Word of God"* (Rev. 19:13).

Emmanuel demonstrated that a human can live holy in midst of this evil world and set an example for humans to copy and follow. He lived a godly life without sin, so it is possible for us to live godly and holy, too.

WORD of GOD—SPOKEN

Words are powerful. Creator God spoke the cosmos into existence. *"It is by faith that we understand that the universe was created by God's word"* (Heb.11:3 GNT).

Fallen angels are far more intelligent and powerful than humans, but our Savior showed us how to combat them by speaking words (Scripture or Bible) against these evil spirits. If the *"son and daughters of God"* imitate the *"Son of God,"* they'll be victorious, too.

Jesus, and Christians can, use the Bible to quote rebuke and cast out demons. The Scripture is used as a sword to fight the vile spirits.

Words are life itself. *"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God"* (Matt. 4:4). *"Death and life are in the power of the tongue [cursing or blessing words]"* (Prov. 18:21).

Our Creator says, *"So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it"* (Isa. 55:8-11).

WORD of GOD—WRITTEN

The Word of God as a **writing**: The Bible is the sacred books of the Old and New Testament, written by holy men, as they were inspired, instructed, and enabled by the Holy Spirit. The Bible centers on Jesus. The Old Testament (39 books) points forward to the coming of **Yeshua** the Anointed One. The New Testament (27 books) points backward to **Emmanuel**, reminding us of his words and deeds.

The first five books, Torah or Pentateuch, were written by Moses. History Books: Joshua to Esther. Books of Poetry are Job to Song of Solomon. Major Prophets (bigger books): Isaiah to Daniel. Minor Prophets (smaller books) are Hosea to Malachi.

In the New Testament, the Gospels are Matthew to John. Acts is a history book. Pauline Epistles are Romans to Hebrews. General Epistles are James to Jude. In the book of Revelation, Jesus revealed the coming future events to John and the Church.

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Tim.3:16). *"The word of God is quick ... powerful ... sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit ... is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart"* (Heb. 4:12).

"The sword of the Spirit ... is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17). Jesus used the Scripture against Satan. *"Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written [Deut. 8:3], Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaveth him"* (Matt. 4:8-11).

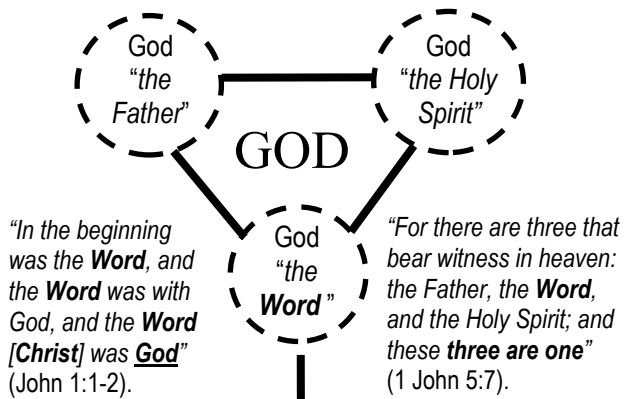
READ and UNDERSTAND the BIBLE

Everyone should read and study the Word of God, by joining a Bible Study group or a Bible School.

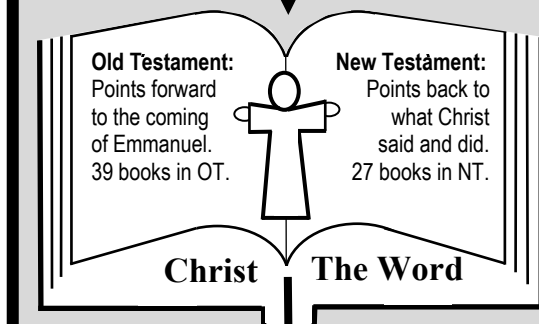
The Bible is written in different understandable translations: Some are word-for-word (e.g., KJV), meaning-for-meaning (GW), thought-for-thought (NLT), and paraphrase (TLB). "Word-for-word" Bibles are for authoritative accuracy. Paraphrased versions for understanding. Bible versions addresses diversity: children (ICV), modern folks (GNT), Jews (CJB), racial (Spanish, French, Chinese), etc. **Note:** The author uses mainly KJV and NKJV in this book for copyright and permission reasons.

A good idea for a novice Christian is to begin reading and studying a parallel Bible, i.e., have several Bible versions for a side-by-side comparison. Another advice is to read the **entire Bible**. Pray to the Holy Spirit, who helps and guides into all truth.

SPIRITUAL UNIVERSE



PHYSICAL UNIVERSE



God revealed Himself to humans in **person** and in **writing**.

An illustration of Christ ("The Word") revealing Himself in **person** and in **writing** to mankind.

SWORD of SPIRIT—WORD of GOD

Christ is our prototype of fighting in this war. The **Son of God** is an exemplar to the **children of God** of how to combat and overcome the Devil, evil spirits, and demons.

Jesus fought Satan using the Scripture:

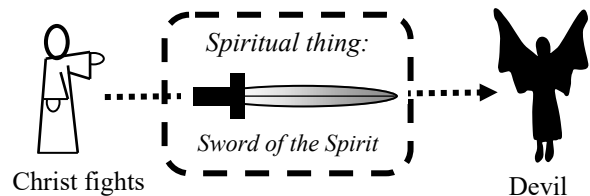
1-4 Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. When He had fasted 40 days and 40 nights, afterward He was hungry. Now when the tempter came to Him [tempted to misuse His power], he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." But He answered ... "It is written [Deut. 8:3], 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

5-7 The devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written [Psa. 91:11]: 'He shall give His angels charge over you ... In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said to him, "It is written again [Deut. 6:16], 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

8-11 The devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. He said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me. Then Jesus said to him, "**Away with you, Satan!** For it is written [Deut. 6:13], 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.' **Then the devil left Him.**" (Matt. 4).

Jesus gave a direct order to the Devil to leave!



SPIRIT moves SPIRIT

Spirits can't be moved or conquered by any physical means, so knives, guns, and bombs can't affect demon. But good spirits can move (chase away) evil spirits. The spiritual sword (weapon) affects a spirit. As Jesus did, we can use the Scripture to poke the devils away. The Bible is our spiritual offensive weapon.

PRAYER—Communicating with GOD

A prayer is a communication and interaction between God and humans. You ask. He gives. Thank, glorify, and praise Him. Interaction is bi-directional. Jesus taught that as a loving parent, God gives good things to those who ask.

“Ask, and you will receive; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you ... Would any of you who are fathers give your son a stone when he asks for bread? ... As bad as you are, you know how to give good things to your children. How much more, then, will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him!” (Mat. 7:7-11).

“Whatever you ask the Father in My name [Christ] He will give you” (John 16:23).

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer ... with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God” (Phil. 4:6).

PRAYER IN FAITH

Faith is acting upon our belief before seeing it really happens. *“For we walk by [spiritual] faith, not by [physical] sight” (2 Cor. 5:7).*

“Without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that comes to God must believe that he is [God really exist], and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” (Heb. 11:6).

You must first be convinced that God exists. How can you receive anything from God if you don't believe He exists. You can't pray to nobody. Faith is believing that God is capable of completing whatever He says. *“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it” (Isa. 55:11).*

“Have faith in God. For assuredly, I [Christ] say to you, whoever says to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says ... whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them” (Mark 11:22-24).

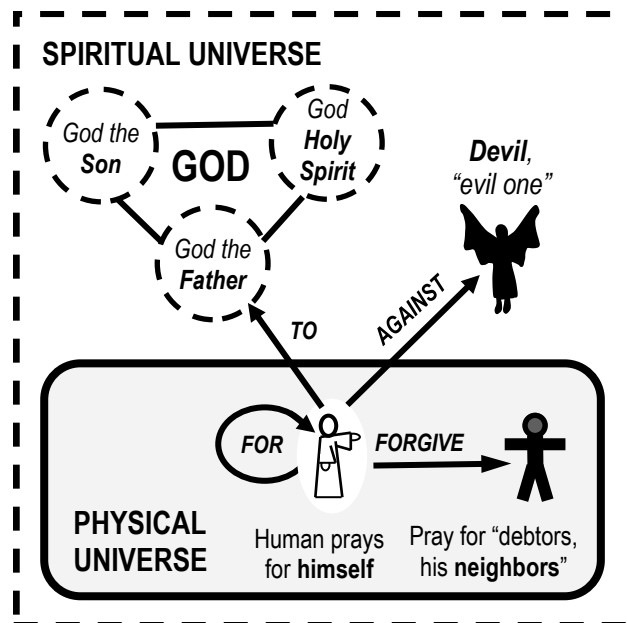
PRAY IN SPIRIT and IN TRUTH

The Lord loves the truth. Communicate on a honest and spiritual level. God is Spirit. *“True worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit” (John 4:23).*

PRAYER in physical-spiritual interaction

When a human prays, he must address three distinct beings: **God, humans, and angels.**

- **To:** Spirit God—“*Father in Heaven.*”
- **For:** Human prays for himself.
- **Forgive:** Human neighbors, “*our debtors.*”
- **Against:** Devil (evil spirit), “*evil one.*”



MODEL OF PRAYER - Matt. 6

“In this manner pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread [food, necessities]. Forgive us our debts [sins], as we forgive our debtors [neighbors, who sin against us]. Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one [Devil, “accuser” of people]. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen” (Matt. 6:1-13).

“For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. When ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly” (Matt. 6:14-18).

ACKNOWLEDGE GOD the FATHER

First recognize and honor your Creator God, who really exist. “*Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name*” (Matt. 6:9).

Millions of good and evil spirits exist. You must know exactly the spirit you pray to—be sure it’s your Abba Father, not an impostor.

PRAY for YOUR DAILY NEEDS

“*Give us this day our daily bread*” (Matt. 6:11). People need to eat physical food daily to stay alive. Also, people need spiritual food (words from God) to live victoriously. Jesus said, “*Man shall not live by [physical] bread alone, but by every [spiritual] word that proceeds from the mouth of God*” (Matt. 4:4).

A person receives spiritual food daily by hearing, reading, analyzing, digesting, using, understanding, and doing the Word of God. “Eat” both physical and spiritual foods.

PRAY for DAILY FORGIVENESS

“*Forgive us our sins, just as we have forgiven those who have sinned against us*” (Matt. 6:12 TLB).

Babies and small children get physically dirty daily. Likewise, adults get spiritually filthy daily. Sin is spiritual uncleanness.

The devils tempt and test humans often. Sometimes you win your test; other times you fail. Neighbors also pass or fail their tests. Be ready to forgive them when they fail and sin. It’s spiritual “*growing pain*” for all of us.

PRAY DAILY against EVIL

“*Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one*” (Matt. 6:13).

A spiritual battle with an evil spirit occurs and recurs continuously. Prepare for daily skirmishes. Pray and rebuke the “evil one” and his forces daily. **Be smart** and **avoid any unnecessary battle** with evil demons by asking *not to be led into any temptation*. The Holy Spirit knows where the evil thugs lurk, and He can lead you around to a safer route.

Prayer is one of most powerful thing you can use against fallen angels. Pray first before going into any battle—spiritual or physical.

PRAY—win BATTLE before FIGHT

Sun Tzu says, “Every **battle is won before it is fought**.” In other words, every battle is won (*prayerfully, strategically, spiritually*) **before** it is **fought** (*physically, spiritually*).

PRAYER of SALVATION

Pray to be saved and be cleanse of your sins. A request to receive *eternal life* is more than just a long existent, but living in a sinless utopian life. The Lord will gladly grant your request. Then there is a great rejoicing among the good angels, says the Bible. Saints that understands what just occurred also rejoices with you.

All humans experiences physical birth and growth. Likewise, a new Child of God grows in the spirit. **Salvation is birth**. **Sanctification** is a **growing process**. They’re both spiritual.

PRAY, REPENT, and RETURN

Spiritual “growing pains” include failure, hurt, remorse, repent, and return to parent God, just like your physical childhood. Humans are weak and prone to making mistakes. Though God never gives up on humans, it is people that usually give up on Him. Always return to your **Savior**, despite your unworthy feelings.

TWO KINGS in OLD TESTAMENT

David and Saul. Both sinned against God. Afterwards, each went in different directions. David sinned, but returned to God. In fact, the man “after God’s own heart” had many failures but kept returning to God. When Saul sinned, he didn’t return to God. Instead, he gave up and committed suicide by falling on his own sword.

TWO DISCIPLES in NEW TESTAMENT

Peter and Judas. Both betrayed their Savior. Their salvations was determined by the ways they went after their mistakes. Peter sinned, but returned to his Savior. Judas sinned, but didn’t return to Emmanuel. Instead, he gave up and committed suicide by hanging himself.

SPIRITUAL WAR produces FAILURE

An enormous amount of testing by millions of devils is bound to lead you into many mishaps and sin. But repent and rejoin the Lord.

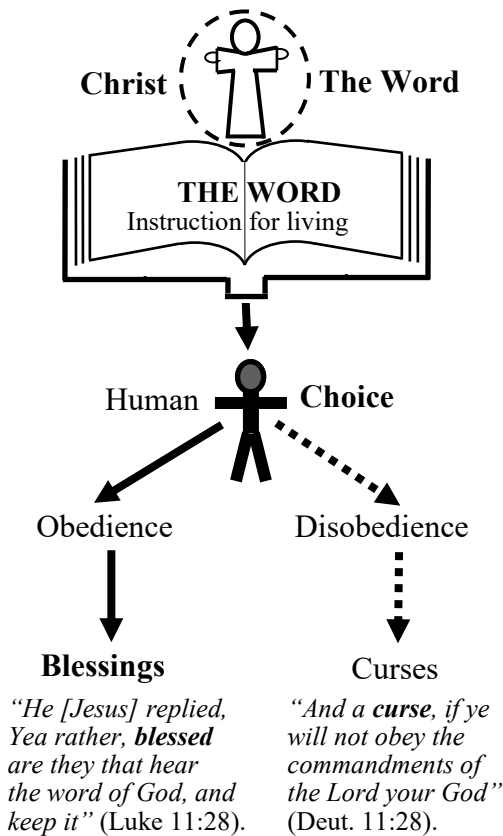
Humans have **one big advantage** over fallen angels: Because of Christ’s grace, a human can **sin, repent, and be forgiven**. But not for the obstinate devils. Their punishments are forever. For spirit and spiritual things are “eternal.”

ALWAYS RETURN after FAILURE

Being a Child of God is not only coming to **Christ**, but **always returning** to the Lord.

These words of encouragement is to help you in case you fail or backslide. We don’t want you to stay discouraged or give up on Christ.

BLESSING follows OBEDIENCE



FREEDOM of CHOICE

Free-will can be a blessing or a curse depending on what you choose to do. Some choices are initially gratifying, but its consequence are disastrous. Sin, at first, is desirable. Satan uses **desire** to lure you into **sin** and eventually to **death**. **OBEY or DISOBEY**

Creatures operate on a free-will basis. Our Maker made His creatures to make free choices for themselves. God's way is the best, but you can believe, say, and do whatever you want. Your choice means what you **sow** (plant seed of good or evil) is what you will **reap** (harvest fruit of).

OBEYING is VITAL

A good advice to Christians is not only to hear, read, study, analyze, and understand the Bible, but to **do it** and **live it**.

The Word is your spiritual manna:

Input: Eat. Hear and read the Word.

Process: Digest. Analyze, understand.

Output: Use. **Do** and **live** the Word.

OBEDIENCE begets BLESSING

Blessings come to those who obey God.

1 If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to **observe** and to **do** all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:

2-4 All these **blessings** shall come on thee, and overtake thee, **if** thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God. **Blessed** shalt thou be in the city ... in the field.

5 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

7 The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee **one way**, and flee before thee **seven ways**.

8 The Lord shall command the **blessing** upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

12 The Lord shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt **lend unto many nations**, and thou shalt **not borrow**.

13 The Lord shall make thee the **head**, and **not the tail**; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to **observe** and to **do** them. (Deut. 28)

DISOBEDIENCE begets CURSE

Curses come to those who disobey the Lord.

14-15 If thou wilt **not hearken** unto the voice of the Lord thy God ... all these **curses** shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

16-18 Cursed shalt thou be in the city ... in the field. **Cursed** shall be thy basket and thy store.

18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.

43-44 The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: **he** shall be the **head**, and **thou** shalt be the **tail**. (Deut. 28)

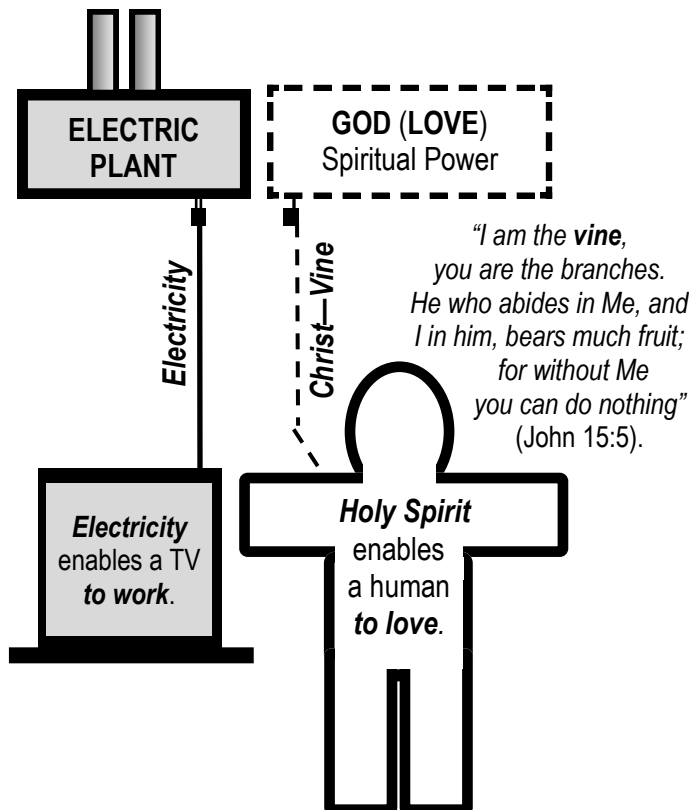
GOD (CHRIST) empowers BELIEVERS

A television (TV) without power has no picture, so a man, without God's power, is empty of love. A TV must have electricity to function. **True love** doesn't exist in a **man** unless **God** exists within **him**. If the Holy Spirit is in you, He'll produce the good deeds in you. God is the source of true love.

The Holy Spirit builds good character in the child of God. "*The **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control*" (Gal. 5:22-23).

Doing God's will is a hard task. The Lord wants us to live **sinless**, like He is. **Sinless** is His nature. For humans, they need help. It seems people's lifestyles gravitate naturally toward sinfulness.

As a TV needs electricity to function, people need God's power to express love. It requires us to be "plugged into" His power source to love our neighbors. Energy is required to do physical work. God is needed to produce spiritual love. A **car** needs **gasoline** to **operate**. Man (like a **car**) needs a supply of love (like **gasoline**) from God to love his neighbors. "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*" (Phil.4:13).



*Analogy of human's **inability to love** except with the help of the Spirit of God (Christ).*

CHRIST—NATURALLY SINLESS

Why is it utterly difficult, by human effort, to live like the sinless God? Yet, Christ (as human) lived a sinless life. "Sinless" means that He didn't commit any sin. Zero!

Humans are so prone to temptations that they easily fall into all sorts of sin. From that perspective, living a sinless life seems impossible! Yet God wants all His "sons and daughters" to live sinless and act like His only Begotten Son. How was Jesus able to overcome every temptation and not sin?

An example is illustrated by two men: **Fred** and **Bob**. If you're to ask **Fred** to act exactly like **Bob**, he'd have a great difficulty acting and behaving exactly like **Bob**. Some of **Fred** would show through, no matter how sincerely **Fred** tried to be like **Bob**. As hard as **Fred** tries to be like **Bob**, **Fred can't be exactly** like **Bob**. But if you ask **Fred** to act exactly like **Fred**, then it is only natural for **Fred** to be like **Fred**. **He is Fred**.

In a similar way, it is hard for a sinful human to act like a sinless God by human effort. Yet it is easy for Christ to be like God, because **He is God**. He lived a natural sinless life. It's his nature.

This is just another confirmation of the deity of Christ. An ordinary human being can't live a sinless life, nor can he rise up the third day after he is pronounced "dead." Only God can overcome spiritual sin and death, which Jesus did. We can behave and act like Jesus only through spiritual growth with the aid of the Holy Spirit. We need plenty of grace and much forgiveness.

It's nearly impossible for a man to get to Heaven by his own effort and righteousness or by Buddhism (*Nirvana*), or by Hinduism (*moksha*), or by Islam (*total obedience*). Hinduism require people to perfect themselves first, by their own effort, before being accepted by Brahman (*god*). If they're unsuccessful, then they're "recycled."

The Lord's way is better, since he was sacrificed for our sins. He's an exemplar of how Christians should live and behave before God. The "sons and daughters of God" must imitate the "**Son of God**" when they interact with their Abba Father.

TABERNACLE—dwelling of God on EARTH

Each Trinity member dwelt with humans. **God the Father** dwelt with the Hebrews in the Tabernacle. **God the Son** lived with man. “*The Word [Emmanuel] was made flesh, and dwelt among us*” (John 1:14). **God the Holy Spirit** came at Pentecost and now dwells **with** and **in** people. The tabernacle was a holy place where God met the Hebrews during their 40 years in the desert.

“*Let them make me a sanctuary [tabernacle] ... I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God*” (Exo. 25:8, 29:45). “*Only the high priest entered the inner room [Most Holy], and that only once a year [Atonement Day], and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance*” (Heb. 9:7).

THE VEIL separates SINLESS from SINFUL

The “**veil**” in front of the Most Holy place split the sinless God from sinful man. That barrier was split by Christ’s death: “*Jesus ... yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the **veil** of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom*” (Matt. 27:51).

The torn veil shows his body broken for us, opening the way for us to approach God freely. As Jesus said “**it is finished**,” God’s redemptive plan was completed. The age of animal offerings was over. The ultimate offering was sacrificed. The real temple in heaven, represented by **Holy of Holies** place, is now accessible through Jesus.

“*Christ has entered into heaven itself to appear now before God as our Friend. It was not in the earthly place [tabernacle] of worship that he did this, for that was merely a copy of the real temple in heaven. Nor has he offered himself again and again, as the high priest down here on earth offers animal blood in the **Holy of Holies** each year. If that had been necessary, then he would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But no! He came once for all, at the end of the age, to put away the power of sin forever by dying for us*” (Heb. 9:24-26 TLB).

“*Since we have confidence to enter the **Most Holy [Holy of Holies]** Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain [**veil**], that is, his body ... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith*” (Heb. 10:19-22).

The “**veil**” was torn. You can approach God now without any barrier. Pray directly to Him in the name of Christ. Be saved. Be forgiven of sins.

CRUCIFIXION of JESUS CHRIST

Though Christ is the Creator, who could have stopped his execution and obliterated his torturers, he endured the agony on the cross, and died. Why? To fulfill the redemption of mankind, in which a mortal man must die to legally make it valid. The unblemished **Lamb of God** was **sacrificed** as a price **for our sins**.

“*They had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. They bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, ‘Hail, King of the Jews!’ When they had come to a place called Golgotha, that is to say, Place of a Skull ... They crucified Him ... They put up over His head the accusation written against Him: **This is Jesus the King of the Jews** ... The ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, ‘My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?’” (Mark 27:29-46).*

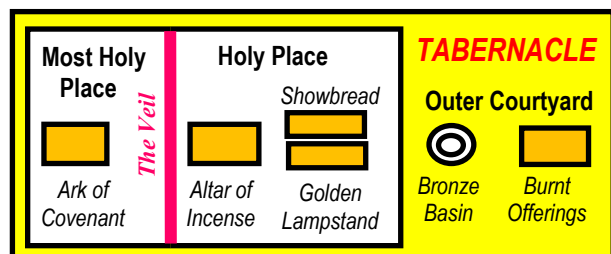
JESUS dies a HUMAN DEATH

“*Jesus shouted out again, dismissed his spirit, and **died**. The curtain secluding the Holiest Place in the Temple was split apart ... tombs opened, and many godly men and women who had died came back to life again. After Jesus’ resurrection, they left the cemetery and went into Jerusalem, and appeared to many people there. The soldiers ... said, ‘Surely this was God’s Son’” (Matt. 27:50-54 TLB).*

Did CHRIST (GOD) really DIED?

As God in human flesh, Emmanuel did die, i.e., his spirit and soul left his human **corpse**. Human flesh limited Christ, but His great power is in His **Spirit**. Evil spirits “killed” the body (limiting factor) of Jesus, but the evil spirits and demons inadvertently released the omnipotent power of God unto themselves. Surprise! Then the Lord Christ took away their Keys of Hell and of Death.

“*I [Jesus] am he that liveth, and **was dead** ... I am **alive for evermore**, Amen; and have the **keys of hell and of death**” (Rev. 1:18).*



RESURRECTION of JESUS

Due to sin, all physical creatures inevitably die. Why? Because it's a spiritual problem. It took the Spirit himself, in a physical form, to resolve the spiritual death. Christ conquered death and was resurrected. He spent 40 days with his disciples, then went on to Heaven.

"On the first day of the week [Sunday] ... they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus ... Two men stood by them in shining garments ... 'Why do you seek the living [Jesus] among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!' ... 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again'" (Luke 24:1-7).

JESUS speaks to DISCIPLES

"Two of them were traveling that same day to a village called Emmaus ... While they conversed and reasoned, that Jesus drew near and went with them ... He said to them, 'O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Ought not the Christ to have suffered these things and to enter into his glory?' Beginning at Moses and all the Prophets, He expounded to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself ...

Jesus Himself stood in the midst of them [disciples], and said to them, 'Peace to you ... Why do doubts arise in your hearts? Behold My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself. Handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see I have ... Have you any food here?' So they gave Him a piece of a broiled fish and some honeycomb. He took it and ate [as a physical human do] in their presence" (Luke 24:25-27, 36-43).

After 40 days, JESUS went to HEAVEN

"He led them out as far as Bethany, and He lifted up His hands and blessed them. Now it came to pass, while He blessed them, that He was parted from them and carried up into heaven. They worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising and blessing God" (Luke 24:50-53).

"He shewed himself alive after his passion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days, and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God" (Acts 1:3).

THREE HUMAN PARTS

Angels are *spirits*. Animals are *bodies*. But a human has a *spirit*, *soul*, and *body*. *"The very God of peace sanctify you wholly [all of you, all three parts]; and I pray that your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord"* (1 Thes. 5:23).

The body is "the flesh." The physical body is made up of molecules, cells, tissues, organs, muscles, and bones. It feels pleasure and pain.

The soul is the conscience, decision-maker, will, and mind. Your intelligence distinguishes you from animals. You have reasoning power.

The spirit understands and believes in spirits and spiritual things. It is your "sixth sense" that discerns spiritual good and evil. It senses good angels (friends) and evil spirits (enemies).

The soul decides for the body to contain which wanted spirit: Holy Spirit or demon.

A human physical *body* is temporary (it dies), but his *spirit* is eternal. *"The [physical] things ... seen are temporary, but the [spiritual] things ... not seen are eternal"* (2 Cor. 4:18).

DEATH and RESURRECTION

All physical humans die a **physical** death, but their eternal spirits can go to Heaven, if "saved" or go to Hell, if "unrepentant and unsaved."

When a man dies, his three human parts are disassembled. Resurrection is the reverse process: His *body* reassembled with the *soul and spirit*.

WHERE to be RESURRECTED

Now, the question is: where do you want to be resurrected by Christ? There're only two options: You'll be revived either in Heaven or in Hell. The Bible doesn't mention a third option like purgatory (spiritual halfway house).

Humans have a tremendous input into where they'll spend eternity (**with** or **without** God) in the next life. Everyone must make a decision of where to live after this life. Depending on where one wants to or deserves to reside permanently; that is where one's parts will be reassembled by Christ. Salvation is choosing who, the Lord in Heaven or the Devil in Hell, a person wants to live with forever.

"All that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation" (John 5:28). Use your free will to pray to be resurrected to eternal life. The price was already paid.