

God's Three-Fold Salvation

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Chapter 1:

An Introduction to God's Plan of Growth

The essence of God's plan is so simple yet so complex. In Genesis 1:1-3 the very first thing God created was light. And this light was Jesus. Out of Jesus, all things were then created. Revelations 1:8 describes one foundation upon which any truth can be built, and that foundation is Jesus Christ. Knowing these two important truths, we must then look to Jesus to see the pattern for God's plan of growth.

Jesus lived, died, arose and ascended so that we could have everlasting life (John 3:16) and life abundantly (John 10:10). Do we really understand what these truths mean? Jesus comes in the flesh to touch all things human, but to remain sinless so that He can die for our sins on the cross. With Jesus' death on the cross, He gave us the opportunity to be free from our sins forever by just believing that God would do this for us. And not only be free in this life, but free for eternity. Jesus then arose from the grave on the third day to empower us with His resurrection power to live life as an overcomer in this world (1 John 5:5). After His resurrection, Jesus spent forty days walking on the earth teaching all things and then He ascended and is sitting at the right hand of God the Father. In doing all this, Jesus gives us the hope of living an abundant life not in the future, but TODAY.

Through our believing that Jesus died to give us everlasting life, the Holy Spirit comes into our spirit, removes sin and regenerates our spirits to the dep things of God, which we lost through the Fall. For when the Fall took place, the things of God were imprisoned by sin. Jesus' death assured us of this reclaiming.

Then because sin has permeated not just our spirits but also our very being, the Holy spirit must renew us in the way we live, feel and think. He does this by giving us His grace and showing us the need for healing the inner hurts. The authority granted us comes in the power of Jesus' resurrection.

Finally, because sin has occupied so much of our total selves, we need to have the Holy Spirit point out the things in our minds that are not of God. He does this with deliverance of the evil spirits who have produced the wrong fruits in our lives. The power of Jesus' ascension is what brings victory and transformation to produce the fruits of God.

Therefore, Jesus, our pattern, presents to us a three-fold experience in which we first BELIEVE, second RECEIVE and third BECOME.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 states, “may the very God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ”. Paul prayed our whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of the Lord. Man was created in the image and likeness of God. God is three in one (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). And like God, man is three in one. Man is first a spirit that then has a soul which dwells in a physical body. God’s plan of salvation for His creation man is threefold reaching into all three realms of man’s existence.

Since man is a three in one creation, it stands to reason that God’s salvation plan for His creation man must be three-fold. Man’s spirit must be saved, his soul must be saved, and his body must be saved if the whole man is to be preserved until the coming of the Lord. And this three-fold plan is continual process until we come into the image and likeness of the Father through Jesus.

God’s plan is a continuing and connecting series of events, episodes, experiences and choices that move us from one place in life to the next. All are centered on our believing, receiving, and accepting who Jesus is and what He can do, will do and does do in our lives. It is important to remember though that all growth comes first from our spirit, not from the outer surface of our lives. Outside circumstances, situations, and people certainly do affect our growth, but we process these things from the inside by what is governing us. If it is God through the Holy Spirit, then He determines our growth. If it is Satan, by sin and evil, then the enemy determines our growth.

This plan can be overwhelming, and this concept can seem very complex. However, God does nothing that you and I cannot completely grasp. We need to see the simplicity of His plan. Truly this plan is as easy for a child to discover as it is for an adult. The truth is that we must “come as little children” and be open to what the Spirit has to say (Matthew 18:34).

Chapter 2:

Spirit, Soul, and Body

God's intent from the beginning has always been to have a relationship with man, His creation. The day Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden, they disobeyed and rebelled against God. God warned them that they would die if they ate of this tree. And in fact, their spirits died that day. Mankind lost God's Spirit as the controlling influence in their lives that day. Yet in His mercy, God continued to give him physical life. From that point on, however, mankind became increasingly fleshly, doing things to please the flesh. Mankind met his own needs, longings and desires. Mankind remained in this fleshly condition until Jesus came to give them a way to be reconciled back to the Father. This plan of God's surely is His grace toward Mankind.

God is a spirit being, so it stands to reason that our relationship with Him must be in "spirit and truth". The way to do this is with the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. Jesus said in John 16:7, "nevertheless I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away for if I do not go away the Helper (Holy Spirit) will not come to you. But if I depart, I will send Him to you." Jesus is explaining that unless the Holy Spirit comes to work in our lives, we will never appropriate all of what Jesus did for us by His death, His resurrection and His ascension. The three-fold plan of God shows that throughout our lives, the Holy Spirit is working, drawing us to God and to His way of living. Helping us to learn and grow spiritually. Our relationship with God the Father begins with knowing all that Jesus provided for us and that understanding comes from the Holy Spirit. The three-fold plan of growth's purpose is to reclaim us for God, grant us authority under God and give us victory in order to produce fruit for God. The Holy Spirit is our comforter, teacher, guide, plus so much more. We need to receive what He has to give us. The longer we walk with Him, the stronger our understanding of just how important He is to our lives and our walk with God. The Holy Spirit certainly never takes the place of Jesus. They work in connection, in union, to fulfill God's plan. John 5:39 says, "search the scriptures for in them you have eternal life". As we search the scriptures, God's three-fold plan of growth is revealed for all to see.

First let's look at John 3:3-5. Nicodemus was a Rabbi and ruler of the Jews. After listening to Jesus preach and teach in the synagogue, Nicodemus heard something that made him want to know more. So, he came to Jesus at His encampment in the middle of the night. So often you and I "see" or "hear" something just like Nicodemus and we want to understand. To know more. When Nicodemus spoke to Jesus, he asked the question many of us ask today. How do you enter the Kingdom of Heaven? Jesus answered him saying to "see" the Kingdom, you must be born again. Like us, Nicodemus was confused and troubled by what Jesus was saying and asked further. How can you be born again when you are old? Can you enter your mother's womb

again? Jesus spoke quietly but with purpose and in plain words spoke God's plan in its purity. He stated, "what is born of flesh is flesh, what is born of spirit is spirit". Jesus continued using the phrase "most assuredly" which should always alert us that what is about to be spoken are words that we need to listen to with all our attentiveness. "I say to you most assuredly, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God".

What is Jesus saying? He is saying we need to be born again to see the Kingdom. We need to be born of water if we are to "enter" the Kingdom of God. We need to be born of the Spirit if we are to "dwell" in the Kingdom of God. In this book our purpose isn't to dive into the depths of what the Kingdom of God is or represents. But remember, the Kingdom of God is not a place but a dimension. And that dimension is right here, right now. Jesus is telling us we must have a three-fold salvation experience to complete God's plan for full salvation and dwell in the Kingdom of God.

In a nutshell, Jesus was saying, first we must have our eyes open in our spirit to see life as God sees it. This is a Spirit Birth. Second, we must have a cleansing of our soul to enter into the Kingdom. Water always represents cleaning. This is a Soul Birth. Third, Jesus says we must have the Holy Spirit take over everything that is not of God to be able to live in the Kingdom. This is a Body Birth.

Let's use some visuals to show more clearly what is being said.

First Experience:

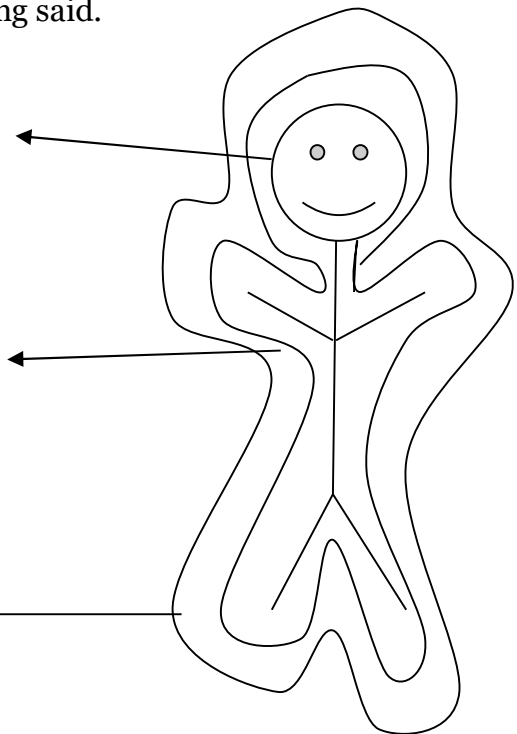
Born Again (spiritual birth) means that in order to even see the Kingdom of God we must have our dead spirit made alive again. Through Jesus death on the cross and our believing, this is exactly what happens. Believing allows the Holy Spirit to come into our spirit, kicking sin out and bringing God's light.

Second Experience:

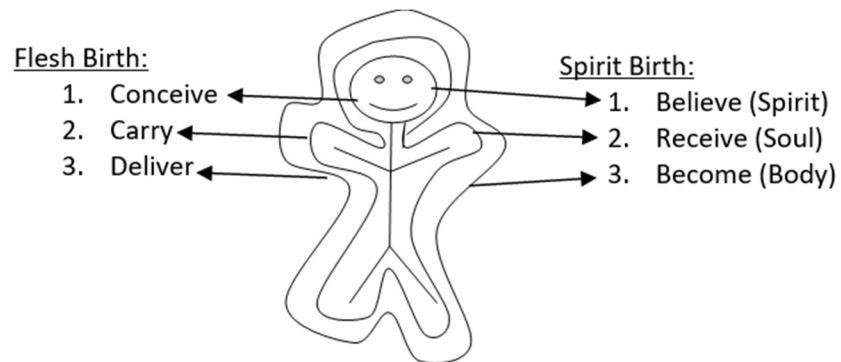
Born of Water (soul birth) which signifies the washing away or cleaning up things. This means that to enter the Kingdom of God we must have a cleaning up of sin in the next area of our lives, the soul. Jesus' resurrection gives the ability by the Holy Spirit to do this cleaning up setting us free.

Third Experience:

Born of Spirit (body birth) which denotes here fire or burning up. Thus, to dwell in the Kingdom of God we must experience a burning up of sin in the next area of our lives, the body. Jesus' ascension provides the power to completely deal with sin and restore us to sons.



In John 3:6, Jesus specifically separates a flesh birth from a Spirit birth. In John 1:12-13 we also can gain an understanding of the flesh birth vs. the Spirit birth. Let's take a look visually by incorporating the two passages.



Chapter 3:

Salvation of the Spirit, Born Again, To Believe

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall be saved and have eternal life” Some people come gradually to this point of knowing that only Jesus can take away our sins. Some come in crisis. No matter how we come, it is truly a divine miracle to “know” that through Jesus’ death on the cross, my sins are done away with and that Jesus is my Savior giving me eternal life. 1 John 1:9 tells us the first step in the Salvation of the spirit is confessing our sins and the Lord Jesus as Savior will forgive us. The word confess means to admit, disclose, or acknowledge something. When we confess that the Lord Jesus is our Savior we come together with Jesus in agreement with the written Word of God. We always tell a new “born again” Christian to go tell someone. In confessing, sharing or telling we make our forgiveness and acceptance real. Romans 10:9 says, “that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”

The next step in the process of God's salvation plan of the spirit is to believe in our heart. The word believe means to trust in, to think to be true, to be persuaded and to place confidence in. What exactly are we believing? Believe that only Jesus’ death on the cross took away our sins and gave us eternal life. Then we must begin to act in faith. This is done by learning to put our confidence and complete trust in God. We must be fully persuaded in our heart that Jesus’ death forgives us of our sins and gives us eternal life. It is by putting our faith into action that the Salvation process really begins to come to live in our lives. If we do not believe with our whole heart that Jesus died once and for all and did away with our sin, then His death was in vain, worthless, and we will remain in our sin.

1. We must confess with our mouth.
2. Believe in our heart.
3. Walk in faith.

Then and only then will He protect, heal and preserve us until we are made completely whole.

We also see the first experience presented by Paul in Ephesians 2:8, “For by grace you are saved, through faith and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God”. What this is saying is that by being saved there is nothing in ourselves that can bring God’s saving grace to pass in our lives. It is strictly the gift of God. Each of us who are believers have our own experience. Some come gradually, born in a Christian home where Jesus is spoken so often it’s as if there never was anything else. Yet even here, there is a time when it becomes real within you that you personally have a need for Jesus. One day you

find yourself in a situation or circumstance that you just know that Jesus died for you. There then are those who Jesus comes to from out of the blue. Usually, they are going along in life living like they want. Life is all about them. Then a miracle comes. Out of nowhere, they get conscious. Some choice, behavior, or attitude causes them trouble. They don't know what to do. There are then others that are always struggling with things they do or choices they make. One day they are just tired of the struggle and Jesus become real. It feels like a desire that you have always wanted. Something deep within us just reveals that a person named Jesus is the Son of God and He died for me. You know that nothing you have done, are doing, or will do can make things right; only the miracle of Jesus' death for you can make that change from your death to your life. Revelation 22:14 tells us God wants to give us the right to receive eternal life. In God's plan, believing in Jesus is the only way that gives us this everlasting life and takes away our sin.

The First Step

We may not recognize this act of Salvation in the spirit as only the first step in the three-fold Salvation plan God has established for mankind. There are several reasons this is the case. First, this born-again experience can cause such joy and peace; it can bring a huge sense of enlightenment to our understanding. There is also a sense of belonging that can, at the time, feel completely satisfied. What more do I want or need, we ask. Second this sudden burst of the Holy Spirit in our inner life can serve to liberate us from bondages in the soul realm which we may not have even known we had. It also at times causes sickness in the body, dealing us a blow and bringing healing to us. Third, we are told when we have this born-again experience that this is it, rather than to tell us this is our new beginning. Yes, through Jesus' death on the cross we are once and for all saved by His grace. It is absolutely true that there is nothing more we can do to gain our release from sin and be given everlasting life in God. If we stop here in our growth, we are in God's loving care, never to lose it or be separated from it. This is the greatest gift God can give us. We could, no matter how good we behave or think accomplish this act of removing sin from our life. Only through Jesus' death can that burden be lifted. Jesus paid the ultimate price for this gift. This truth is revealed in Titus 3:5, "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy, He saved us, by the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Ghost".

If we stop here at this first step, dismissing all that scripture tells us, we will lessen the gift God has for us through His Son Jesus. There is a paradox here to investigate. For the Bible says:

- Renew your mind (Romans 12:2)
- We must through many tribulations enter the Kingdom of God (Acts 14:22)
- Work out your Salvation (Philippians 2:12)

If we allow ourselves, we will realize that after we have walked in this born-again experience for a while, we need help. Something seems wrong after a time because we don't seem to be as close to the answers and peace like when we first received our Salvation of the spirit. With the Holy Spirit now residing within our spirit, He is shining

His wonderful light in areas that possibly are still troubling us, or maybe there are darkened ideas or thoughts we cannot get rid of. The Holy Spirit may even be showing us dangerous situations we are living in, or just plain circumstances that do not fit this new way of living with God.

Holy Spirit Exposing Sin Nature

In time, following our choice to accept Jesus as our personal savior, the Holy Spirit begins exposing our sin nature. The root of our sin has been pulled out by Jesus but the sin nature which we used before we were saved is coming to the surface of our spirit realm. Those sin natures run contrary to God's ways. The struggle that breaks out within the deep recesses of our spirit is there to deal with these areas so that we can continue to grow with God. With the work of the Holy Spirit, God is bringing us into the purity of our spirit so that we can move on in His full redemption plan.

It is a joy to see and share this new birth with a new Christian. They make our hearts full of happiness. But those mature Christian in the body of Christ know that someone needs to be there and help disciple this new believer in Christ Jesus. Help them understand that God has a greater plan of release for them.

That Salvation of the spirit is not just turning over a new leaf in life or denying the existence of sin nature and the struggle of dealing with it. No! The Holy Spirit wants to not just release sin but to liberate ALL the nature of that sin within our being. Paul says in Romans 8:1 "There is therefore now no condemnation in those who are in Christ Jesus. Who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit". This scripture speaks to that internal struggle we started once we embarked on this wonderful journey of Salvation in the spirit. Those who have walked this path and know of God's full redemption plan should be there so that the new Christian does not lose heart. They need to help them to understand that God has a fuller plan so they can keep moving forward. These new Christians need to be told not to be afraid to address and confess their sin nature, for the victory is theirs to receive. So often without the help of mature Christians these new Christians begin to pretend for the sake of others because they don't think they can acknowledge that things are not right within them. Too often they hear the church tell them that Jesus is the answer, which He is, but they interpret that to mean they need to just keep "holding on." Holding on is the right thing to do if you are holding on to the right thing. We must make it crystal clear that there is a difference in just holding on and holding on to God's grace in getting rid of our sin nature.

"Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage" (Galatians 5:1). If we do not address nor confess our sin nature, we will fail to have God deal with us in His grace. Salvation in the Spirit is His free gift. But by not letting God deal with this sin nature, we now go back into the bondage of working out the problem ourselves. In all of that which takes place, we stop growing in Jesus' name. For we are now walking in our own flesh again and working hard to live this Christian life. Too many Christians are living in this place

today. Romans 5:20 says, “where sin abounds grace abounds much more”. Telling a new Christians that God's plan is bigger and larger can help them walk stronger in this grace. “But without faith it is impossible to please Him for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” Hebrews 11:6. If we don't understand the full extent of God's work in our life, how can we walk in faith believing that God is able? If we don't allow the Holy Spirit to work this sin nature out of our spirit, how can we walk in God's grace?

Yes, there will be those who want to debate this issue. They will say that the Holy Spirit comes into our spirit and takes out sin once and for all. We have already said that is the truth. But the Holy Spirit does not stop there. His job is to rid us of ALL sin nature. Sin and sin nature before we are saved are in all realms of our being (spirit, soul, and body). Denying that sin nature in our spirit only prolongs the release and victory of God's free gift of Salvation of the Spirit by His grace.

Discovering the Changing Power Within

If we are to walk in faith and receive God's grace it cannot be with just lip service or repeating what we are told to repeat. We must speak from within and come into total agreement with the life changing power of the Holy Spirit within and the Word of God. This is the only way we can come into God's righteousness. All of us (spirit, soul and body) must change. It is in accepting that the Holy Spirit is doing immensely more in our spirit than we have ever understood which will lead us in the fullness God wants for us.

When Jesus died for all mankind, He brought God's three-fold salvation plan into being. Those who have their sins forgiven by His shed blood have entered into God's grace where their Spirit is being saved. It is a shame to see a young believer give up for lack of knowledge. Never knowing the fullness of God's plan. “I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14).

We may not understand all of His truth but His Word is so full of truths. His plan is so available. Yet so often even the Church is afraid of “seeing” more. God has from the beginning brought forth the truth to those who diligently seek it (Hebrews 11:6). Even though Salvation in the Spirit is by the grace of God, it does not mean there is not a labor to be had in God's gift of freedom. We have been in prison in sin and sin nature and the very way we process things must be changed to the way God does things. As with all Salvation experiences, God is working to bring us into becoming His sons. To being rightful heirs of His Kingdom.

Our Spirit is now being renewed by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit now comes into our spirit and begins His process of regenerating our spirit to the deep things of God. The Holy Spirit makes us aware that we belong to God, that we are given a place in the Kingdom of God and given spiritual gifts. Romans 12:6-8 speaks of these spiritual gifts. “Gifts that differ according to the grace given to us”. We call these gifts the Functioning Gifts. These gifts are the way we are motivated, how we hear things, see

things and learn things. There are seven of these gifts described in Romans and we as believers receive one of them. These gifts aid us in the removal of our sin nature.

Remember, this first step in God's three-fold plan means we have chosen to BELIEVE. To believe means to consider something to be truthful or honest. This belief happens in our Spirit realm. We need to believe that through Jesus' death on the cross, our life can be better, that we can do things differently. Our sin nature demands our attention. But in this experience, we learn to lay down our expectations before they discourage us. At this time, the Holy Spirit places in us a quality of gratefulness as we come to listen to Him.

Chapter 4:

Salvation of the Soul, Baptism of the Holy Spirit, To Receive

After our Salvation of the Spirit experience, the Holy Spirit begins to reside within our spirit and this will begin to set in motion the work of the second Salvation, that of the soul. The soul is the center of our feelings, our thinking and our will. The completion of the Salvation of the soul is to return us to His feelings, His thinking, and His will. The soul is the heart of man King Solomon says. "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he." (Proverbs 23:7). The soul area is where man makes all his decisions, whether for good or for evil. Romans 6:16 asks, "Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death or of obedience leading to righteousness?" If we yield our spirit to God, then the Holy Spirit who longs and wants to guide us into paths of righteousness within our soul will lead us. If we resist God, we will fall into sin once more and away from God. His grace and mercy will be withheld from us as long as we remain in this resistant condition.

We were all born sinners simply from the generational sin of Adam and Eve. Besides that, there is the sin nature of the world we live in and the past sins we have done. We know that the very struggles and battles we deal with on a daily basis, from the time our Salvation of the Spirit experience took place, sin has so permeated not just our spirit, but our soul and body. We are like Paul who says in Romans chapter 7:21-25, "I do not what I want to do, and I cannot seem to do what I should...Oh what a wretched man that I am." This is called Sin.

The Second Step

God's plan must be about total redemption. The word redemption means to ransom, rescue and deliver. He must bring redemption to our soulish area if we are going to stand before God. Our thinking, feelings and will (heart) and in fact every area of our lives must line up with God's holy commandments, the Word of God. Philippians 2:12 says, "Wherefore my beloved as you have always obeyed not as in my presence only but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling". This is the heart of renewing our soul through the second Salvation experience. This is the understanding we must begin to grasp. We are to work out our own salvation before God with fear and trembling. Our spirit is saved by God's grace and there is nothing we can do to add or subtract from that process. Our Soul is a completely different situation. The Salvation of our Soul is all about a new birth. A new birth through suffering and the death of our flesh. From the beginning of creation, we

were to bear the image of God's holiness. Jesus gives us that opportunity once more to walk in the way of God and express His image in our lives.

This second step takes place in our Soul realm. Now we will take the step of RECEIVING. To receive means to come into possession of something. What exactly are we receiving? During this experience we begin to understand that the things I do cause hurt to me and others in my life. This causes me tremendous pain but that can be dealt with when I let the Holy Spirit give me the answers and the way to live. Our sin nature wants approval from others. But in this experience, we learn to offer up our disappointments to God before they depress us. The Holy Spirit is teaching us to have a quality of satisfaction as we learn His way.

This step is a continual process in our lives and must not be taken lightly. The words fear and trembling mean to be quaking; one who distrusts his own ability completely in meeting any task. Today the Church has put forth an easy religious spin that tells people to simply believe and hang on and try to do what is right. Words like "God understands the weakness of the flesh" are used to justify not growing or dealing with sin nature. "But he who sins against me wrongs his own soul; all those who hate me love death" (Proverbs 8:36). Those who sin against God wrong their own soul. When sin resides in the soul, it not only destroys our relationship with the Father, but it also destroys the body. Sin causes sickness, both of soul and body. What the Holy Spirit does is shine His heavenly light in the soul realm lighting up patterns and bondage of the past that keep us from the presence of God in our life. In doing so we begin to feel the frustration of being weak and continually failing. It is the Holy Spirit within our spirit that keeps God's process going. He knows we need empowered and God's wisdom. God's plan is perfect. Jesus said, "When He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth" (John 16:13).

New Birth with Holy Spirit Gifts

One way to look at this process of the Salvation of the Soul is there is an old man running our life in our Soul realm. This old man has old ways of dealing with things. Ways that lead us into wrong choices and bad decisions. Ways that cause us to form bad habits and terrible hang ups and even idolatry. We love the world and the things of the world. Let us call it what it is, this old man, he is our sin nature. The Holy Spirit cannot exist with this old man (sin nature) in our soul. They cannot live together. The Holy Spirit is pure, and the old man is sin nature. Thus, the Holy Spirit must stay in the spirit realm until we invite Him to come into our Soul realm. Like our Salvation of the Spirit experience, we must ask for the Salvation in the Soul experience. If the Holy Spirit is limited to our spirit, we can no longer grow in God's way. According to the Holy Spirit, this old man must die if we are to move on in the things of God. In our Salvation of the Soul we must give the Holy Spirit permission to enter our soul realm and begin His work in this full redemption plan of God. The Holy Spirit also knows that with the death of this old man the soul will be empty so there must be a new man placed within the soul. He is impregnating us, so to speak, within our soul, a new man. That impregnation gives us what the scriptures call the Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:8-10 describes additional gifts that are given to us to empower us to learn new ways and to understand the sin that once governed us and keeps us from growing in Christ Jesus. "But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit (Holy Spirit) for common good". Because the nature of these gifts are to set us free to live a life of victory and overcoming like Jesus showed in His resurrection, we call these spiritual gifts the Freeing Gifts. Application of the Freeing Gifts in our lives are a sign of the Holy Spirit directing your life. It is a witness so to speak to the Holy Spirit's presence in our lives as He is freeing us to serve God.

Within these gifts of the Holy Spirit, one particular gift is called a prayer language or speaking in tongues. With this gift, we are able to bypass our mind and speak to God purely. Another gift the Holy Spirit gives us is the answers to our prayer language (interpretation of tongues) so that what we learn in prayer will be the truth of the things of God. "And the truth will set you free", John 8:32. Alleluia! With the birthing of these gifts of the Holy Spirit, He now lives within our Soul realm. We can now grow and receive the wisdom and understanding of the things of God. But here in lies the great struggle of our Salvation of the Soul and why Paul spoke so strongly that we must "work out our Salvation with fear and trembling". The resistance to die by this old man (sin nature) and the birthing of this new life by the Holy Spirit and His gifts is the essence of the Salvation of our Soul.

Scripture tells us repeatedly that the flesh wars against our souls like crazy while this birthing is taking place. "For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things you wish" (Galatians 5:17). When we desire the things of this life, and this world, we are actually warring against our very own Soul salvation. Over the years we have chosen wrong ideas and incorrect attitudes. It can be difficult leaving these old familiar ways behind. If, however, we are to be all that God wants for this new you, this birthing needs to be done. This old man (sin nature) is going fight it. He will keep telling us we need these things of the world. Everyone else has them, why not you? When we were a sinner, it was all about "me". The old man strokes our selfishness and our self-centeredness. He will say things like, "You should have never accepted Jesus; now look what is happening". He tells us this new birth is not fair. Why should we have to give up this, or that? In truth, when you hear "it is not fair", this should alert us to one of the enemies favorite phrases which makes us feel sorry for ourselves. When you hear it within you, it should help you know that God is working in your life. If you can hear and be aware of the lies inside, you are open to hearing the truth spoken by the Holy Spirit. God wants to change this pattern of feeling sorry for ourselves and give us a healthy "new life".

The people around us sometimes also resist the change in us. They tell us to lighten up or not to take things so seriously. Sometimes they can make fun of you, intimidate you. When you try to explain this birthing of a "new life", it is like you are talking a foreign language. They don't understand. Furthermore, as we said earlier, sometimes the Church or those Christian friends of ours are so soft in their walk with God, they tell you it is alright. That God understands. They can encourage you by saying you should be happy and just love God. You are seeking help, but this isn't helpful. It

only confuses you and makes you more twisted. All the while, the Holy Spirit is working hard to show you sin nature that will hurt and harm your “new life”.

It may have been exciting at the time we conceived this “new life” within us. Even if we conceived it out of our struggles. It was marvelous and the intimacy with God was wonderful. But carrying this birth to full term can weigh heavily on us. Of course, this old man does not let us forget any detail of what we are missing in this time of carrying and working out our Salvation. So often it appears that some who call themselves Christians have forgotten or maybe have never been taught that we are only strangers and pilgrims in this world. That only what is spiritual will last. They cannot see the birth of this “new man” as the completion of the Salvation of the Soul. They only see it as a struggle, pain, displeasure. They don't know or even want to know this is the hand of God working in their life.

If we stay in this place, which is called double minded by the scripture (James 1:8). In all reality, this Salvation of our Soul has yet to even begin. Another analogy we could use is the actual birth of a baby. In having a baby there is first conception, then carrying and finally delivering the baby. It is a great analogy of the Holy Spirit impregnating us with Himself and His gifts in our soul (conception), helping us carry the “baby” by teaching us healthy and whole things to do and be (carrying), and finally helping when the labor pains come in the giving of this “new life” (delivering). In this analogy, we also can see that we must raise this “new life.” We mention this analogy because in this day and age we hear so much about abortion. There is a not wanting of the baby because it's not the right time. Or they don't like the sex of the child. Or they aren't ready for responsibility. We hate to speak of this, but far too often we find that there are those in the struggle of this “new birth” in our Soul that choose to abort and not bring forth God's “new life”. They do it many times for the same reasons as those physically pregnant that want to abort their baby. They say things like, “it is too much to ask of me or it is too hard or God would not ask this of me or life is supposed to be easier.” Where are the mature Christians who know the power of the resurrection, which is what this Salvation of the Soul is all about? Why are they not teaching and helping us to be held accountable? Where are the teachers to display the birthing of these gifts of the Holy Spirit and help reveal the answers and power to walk out what God has given to bring full redemption? It should break our hearts to see how many in the Church even deny this process. Sadly, the aborting of this “new life” can actually be done in the name of God.

Daily Walk with the Holy Spirit

This process of the Salvation of our Soul is a daily walk. “Be filled with the Spirit”, says Paul in Ephesians 5:18. In the daily filling we will come to see how much the Word of God will bring enrichment to our understanding. Sometimes after someone has received the Baptism of Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Holy Spirit, the Word comes alive to them. They see things they have never seen. They understand things they never understood. We need to get into to God's Word, and we must not only trust completely in His word, but we also must begin to apply it every day in every situation in our life.

The Word must be before our eyes every day. It must constantly be before every thought and feeling. In all situations and circumstances. Our trust must be wholly and completely in God and His Word. It must be “written on our hearts” (Jeremiah 31:33). When we trust completely in Him who is bringing forth this new foundation, we will become all that God created us to be.

We must continue to remember that when we act in our sin nature, our soul is wounded the same as when we cut our finger. It needs healing. When we miss the mark of God's calling in our life, we must repent and receive God's healing touch in our souls. The Holy Spirit is called the comforter, so use His comfort. God's Word was given for the healing of the soul, so use it. Both were brought to our soul to bring us again into right relationship with God, use them. When we are in tune with the Holy Spirit's anointing, when the Word has become our light, it brings us into that new creation man that is being created. It brings us into Godly righteousness and true holiness. We cannot come into the new creation man until our thinking and feeling processes change; until our will comes into the complete control of the Holy Spirit's anointing in our lives.

Jesus accomplished the purpose for which the Father sent Him. Each and every person who is called according to His purpose has the same opportunity to succeed in what the Father has purposed for his life. Jesus came in the likeness of sinful flesh to condemn sin in the flesh. Jesus came to show His creation the way back to the Father. And finally, Jesus came to demonstrate the overcoming power available to all His creation through the Holy Spirit.

Chapter 5:

Salvation of the Body, Tabernacles, To Become

"So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, death is swallowed up in victory" 1 Corinthians 15:54.

When sin is no longer affecting us then everything that is not of God will be swallowed up. That day will be the day when we are living in full redemption to God. It is then that God's three-fold Salvation plan will be complete in His creation, man. This is not some new doctrine. It is the revelation of the oldest doctrine God planned for man. Scripture speaks of this process in many places. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, "But we all, with unveiled faces, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." 1 John 3:3 says, "and every man that hath this hope in Him purified himself, even as he is pure". It is the hope of this process that begins the working of this last Salvation experience, the Salvation of the body. If we have the hope of the Salvation of the body, this will begin the purification of the body.

How can this be accomplished in our lives? With the Salvation of spirit turning our needs, our desires and our longings to His needs, His desires, His longings, we are complete in our spirits with Him. With the Salvation of the soul turning our will, our feelings, our thinking to His will, His feelings, and His thinking, we are complete in our soul with Him. It is now the work of the Holy Spirit to turn our mind, our emotions, our intellect to His mind, His emotions, His intellect. Bringing us to God's complete Salvation and His complete redemption. Only as we begin to seek God and submit totally to Him can the Holy Spirit inhabit our total being. With each Salvation experience it is an invitation to God to "Come Lord Jesus, Come" (Revelation 22:20). Only as we yield to the Spirit to give Him pre-eminence in our lives, can any of these Salvation experiences take place. In yielding our finances to Him, then He can become the God of our finances. In yielding our health to Him, then He can become our Health Plan. In yielding our job, our household, our care, our innermost being to Him, then He can fulfill and accomplish His purpose in our life. He can only inhabit that which is submitted unto Him.

The Third Step

The last part of man's three-fold Salvation experience is to be saved in the body. Man's spirit is saved by grace. His soul is saved by works and his body is saved by hope and fire. Romans 8:24 says, "For we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope, for what a man sees, why does he yet hope?" Jesus is the express image of God's glory, and we are told that we will express His glory too. In Ephesians 1:12 we are told

“that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory”. As we become sons after the pattern of Jesus, we will be His glory. Then in 1Corinthians 3:15 we see that we are also saved by fire. “If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved, yet so as through fire”. This is not the eternal or everlasting fire called the second death as talked about in John’s book of Revelations, but this fire is of God’s judgement that He will bring upon the earth.

In this final third step that takes place in our body realm, it is here that we BECOME. To become means to come or grow to be. But what are we becoming? We learn that we are more than just an overcomer of sin but, in the power of Jesus, you are a child of God. Sons of God. Our sin nature wants acceptance. But in this experience, we learn how to stand on who we are in Christ. The Holy Spirit guides us to a quality of compassion as we live as God’s heirs.

“For which cause we faint not, but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day” (2 Corinthians 4:16). In order to be completely united as one with God, no sin can come into the Holy of Holies. Thus, the scriptures proclaim we can be saved:

1. By grace. “For by grace are you saved through faith and that not of yourselves it is a gift of God” Ephesians 2:8. And, “we are saved by grace through faith”. There is nothing in ourselves that can bring God’s saving grace to pass in our lives. It is strictly the gift of God
2. By faith accompanied by works. “You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you and ordained you that you should go and bring forth fruit” John 15:16. “Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead” James 2:17.
3. By hope and fire.

The Truth of Eternal Life and the Kingdom

These are marvelous truths so far, but scripture shows us much more of the deep things of God. At this point we must begin to go deeper into the understanding of this experience. Unfortunately, the Church again has become so weak and lacks spiritual understanding that they have created errors and misunderstandings. Why can't we trust God in His ways and His wisdom? His plan is perfect and we do not need to straighten out things so everyone can better understand it. The Church keeps trying to bring God’s ways and plan down to our human level of thinking. God wants us to come up higher to be with Him if we are to seize all that God has planned in all of these Salvation experience. Especially in this third experience, we must confront one of worst errors the Church had presented. It is that eternal life and the Kingdom is for the future in some distant and far land “up” there. The Church has seen fit to draw a line in the air saying that the flesh goes up to this line and after physical death or the rapture we cross over that line and enter eternal life and the Kingdom. This is totally inaccurate.

Jesus spoke so eloquently about the Kingdom and eternal life. Luke 17:20-21 states, “the Kingdom of God does not come with observation nor will they say ‘see here or see there’ for the Kingdom of God is WITHIN YOU.” There is no line in the air for

eternal life or the Kingdom. It is inside us! Paul said in Romans 14:17 that the Kingdom is “not meat or drink but righteousness, peace, joy”. Jesus again said in Matthew 3:2 “the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand”. There are so many scriptures telling us the truth. John 4:24 “we must be in spirit and truth to worship God”. Finally, Jesus himself explains in John 17:3, “And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent”. Once we realize the Kingdom and eternal life is not a place, but a realm, our whole outlook on the scriptures and the interpretation of passages in the Bible changes. It is as if the scales on our eyes have been lifted and we can “see” the reality of God's perfect plan.

The Heavens are a realm over the earth, over our flesh realm. A realm we can live in right now today. Eternal life and the Kingdom is the higher realm where God dwells. A realm we can live in right now, today. God is spirit and as we walk in that spiritual place, we are in Heaven and living in eternity. I know there may be many questions that will be asked upon hearing this truth because the Church has so beguiled and mesmerized us. They appeal to the understanding of the mind rather than our spirit. Instead of calling us to accountability and responsibility they actually teach us things that only stroke our sin nature. This keeps us away from God's mighty and wonderful truth. That is why Scripture tells we must “renew our minds” (Romans 12:2).

The main line Churches are like the Pharisees, trying to hold us in check like they did in Jesus' time. Even going so far to kill the messenger of God's Word. They were so afraid that what Jesus was saying would stir up trouble and then they could not hold the people in line. Power seems to be the name of the game for the main line churches. Even sometimes those churches who have embraced a spirit lead way still want to question God's revelation. Putting ceilings on just how far you can go. But God is asking more of us as His believers. We feel the tug of this on our hearts and souls, that God has more and more. “Come Lord Jesus come”. One of the silliest questions asked so often in debating this issue is what happens when we die? The shame of this question is that those who ask it are putting their hope in death or the rapture when they should be going after life right now! The answer to that question is quite simple. When we die there is surely a place we go. Just like now we are living in a State, City, and House and as Christians we live in eternal life. Eternal life begins the day we accept Jesus as our Savior. It doesn't matter whether we are physically alive or physically dead, we have and are in eternal life (relationship with God the Father and Jesus). Then if we are walking in our spirit with God right now, we are living in His Kingdom. What people don't want to hear is that if we are not walking with God now, we are not in His Kingdom, but in the enemy's kingdom. The place we go when we die is not nearly as important as the spiritual walk we are on today.

It is so important to listen to the Holy Spirit as He guides us through the Scriptures. Have you ever read something in scripture that makes you ask questions? That quickens your spirit, soul and mind? This is good because then we search for a greater comprehension, not a new interpretation. We want the truth and “truth will set your free” (John 8:32). As we think of this idea let me challenge you with something. If Jesus accomplished everything He was supposed to accomplish, which He did, and we are to be good Christians and evangelize the world and prepare to go to Heaven when we

die or be taken “up” by the rapture, then why, two thousand years later, is the whole human race still bound by the power of sin, sorrow, disease, fear and death? Why are God's redeemed people dying? Could it be that we need to hear a deeper truth that there is a greater plan of God that has been repressed because the Church cannot “see” it just like they could not “see” Jesus? He simply did not fit the part, did He? If we read scripture with a true heart for God, we know that there is more to still come forth.

Without this understanding of eternal life and the Kingdom, we miss so much. Let's hear what Paul wrote when he said when we are “absent of this fleshly body we are present with Him” (2 Corinthians 5:8). Remember God is spirit. Paul also tell us, “behold I show you a mystery. We shall not sleep but we shall all be changed” (1 Corinthians 15:51). The mystery Paul revealed to the church at Corinth was “we shall not all sleep (die) but we shall be changed”. How will our bodies be changed? They will be changed from a natural body to a Spiritual body. “It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body and there is a Spiritual body” (1 Corinthians 15:44).

Jesus is our Pattern

Jesus is our example of the natural body. But He is also the example of the spiritual body. When He walked the earth, He had a natural body. He occupied the same type of body every human on earth occupies. Jesus' body felt heat, cold, pain, anger, emotion and humiliation just as we do today. The body Jesus had while on earth was terminal because it was in the likeness of sinful flesh. He bore the image of the earth. After Jesus' resurrection, He walked the earth for forty days in a different body (Mark 16:12, Luke 24:16, John 20:19). This body was not recognized by those who even knew Him. It was a body that could appear and disappear. It was a spiritual body and could only be seen when God opened the spiritual eyes. When He reopened their physical eyes, He would be gone.

The body Jesus walked in for forty days is our example of the spiritual body that we will be changed into in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye (1 Corinthians 15:52-53). This mortal body will put on immortality, and this corruptible body will put on incorruption. When the changes in our spirit, soul and body takes place, then the bonds that tie us to this earth, this flesh will be broken and we will be elevated to a new realm, the Kingdom and eternal life place. If we fail to grasp this, we will stop growing and not complete the fullness of God's perfect plan. How our heart should ache for this lack of teaching within the Church. “Beloved, now are children (sons) of God, and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him for we shall see Him as He is” (1 John 3:2). We need to ask, how is He seen? The answer is very simple. He is spirit. If we are able to see Him, then we too will be in spirit. We will be a spirit man in a spirit body. That is the new body that we are all looking forward to right here and right now.

His Christ Ruling and Reigning

With all of this in mind, we need to hear more of what the scripture says about this third Salvation experience in our body. We know that our old man is perishing. We are told that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God in 1 Corinthians 15:50. The word perish means to consume bodily vigor and strength. Or as we would say, to grow old. But God has assured us, that even though we are physically growing old, our inner man, the man of the spirit, is being renewed day by day (2 Corinthians 4:16). "Each one's work will become clear for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire and the fire will test each one's work of what sort it is" 1 Corinthians 3:13). In order to have a change like this, there must be a burning up of all flesh. Two examples of this are as follows.

1. On the Day of Pentecost, the Spirit came as cloven tongues of fire. Before this the disciples were weak and powerless after this they spoke boldly and with God's wisdom.
2. When the Priest would go into the Holy of Holies in the Temple they put a bell on him so that if he died they could pull him out. The reason he could die is because he is going in there without God's covering of the flesh. Only the Priest who had God's blessing once a year could go in without burning up.

In both of these cases the fire is burning up the flesh. The cleansing fire of sin nature in our lives. This is the finishing of our Salvation of the body and full redemption in God. The fire comes to burn up all flesh that we will become God's sons.

Salvation of the spirit brings us into His likeness, Salvation in the soul brings us into His image, and Salvation of the body brings us into His Holiness. "We will become Holy as He is holy" (1 Peter 1:15-16). We might also consider Paul's conversion through his encounter with God at Damascus as type of burning up his flesh. God was choosing Paul to go forth and preach His message in the fullness. But Paul was a man of great sin and sin nature. It took the Christians around him two years before they would accept him. He had killed and tortured the Christians before this conversion. In order to come to that place of full redemption, God needed to burn up all his flesh.

"I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, I live, yet not I but Christ lived in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me" (Galatians 2:20). Paul had died to self, and the life he was living was the Christ life that God was living through him. Paul was living by the faith of the Son of God. He was not living by his own faith, conjured up in himself. He was not living just the resurrected life, but he was living free from the bonds of death, an ascension life. Ascension means to arise to a higher level. Death no longer had a hold in Paul's life. Paul spoke of his vision of this arising when he spoke of his entering the "third heaven" (2 Corinthians 12:2-4). In this vision Paul makes known of the reality of this Salvation of the body. In this passage he shared this vision and spoke much about the change he witnessed in the spirit at that time. Paul also declared the desire of all God's people to want this experience. Look at the difference between when the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus and when he came upon Paul. He came in the form of a dove

(peace) to Jesus because Jesus did not need the cleansing fire because there was no sin in Him. God could inhabit every part of Jesus' life.

It is God who performs this last touch of cleansing in our bodies. We can yield, submit, let go and give it to God. But He is the master of all things. When will we understand this Salvation of the body? As we have said it begins as we hope for this finished work of doing away with our sin nature . God's true body is groaning ,being burdened with the old, fleshly man. God's true body is desiring their Spiritual house, their Spiritual flesh. This is when mortality will be swallowed up into God's complete redemption.

Burning up sounds like a terrible thing. Yet by the time God has reached a certain place in your life, we will be asking for God to finish His work in our life. Actually, we will probably be pleading for Him to take away that sin nature that consistently leads us to failure. Our hearts desire is to do God's will and time after time that old sin nature comes out from under the woodwork like a bug or spider. So ugly. We are tired of overcoming and working out things. We need God's rest. So, when God finishes His work in our life, we will find relief and resting in His work and be able to work in all truth and in His holiness. Are we not beginning to "see" and to take hold of God's amazing plan? Some will say that we have not seen the manifestation of a perfect man in God other than those we read in scripture. This may be true. It took two thousand years before Jesus came. None of that changes the facts of God's Word. According to scripture the change God promised His people will come in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet of God (1 Corinthians 15:52).

The whole book of Revelation speaks of things already finished in God. Yet we know the truth that some have happened, are happening and are yet to happen. In the book of Revelation Jesus revealed to John that this finality would take place at the blowing of the seventh trumpet. Listen to all of what John writes as we hear an even greater truth of this end time. This truth is something once more that the church has watered down to mean only half what it means. "And the seventh angel sounded, and there were great voices in heaven saying, "The kingdom of this world age become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ and He shall reign for ever and ever" (Revelation 11:15). When the seventh trumpet is blown the kingdom of this world will become the Kingdoms of our Lord and "His Christ". The word Christ means the anointed one or ones. "His Christ" are those people who are totally yielded to Him. The flesh has been burned up by Him and they are filled by the Spirit of the living God. It says here that "His Christ" will rule and reign with Him for all eternity. "His Christ's" are those who can say as Jesus said, "I do always the things that please the Father" (John 5:19, 8:28, 12:49-50, 14:10).

"But each one in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming" (1 Corinthians 15:23). Here we see a finishing truth that explains all of God's intent and purpose for His Kingdom and His people. It explains why God has a three-fold Salvation plan and why each of these Salvation experiences have a definite process. Salvation of the spirit is by His grace. Salvation of the soul is by working out and by faith. Salvation of the body is by hope and burning up the flesh. It

is not the Spirit that rests upon each of us that is our hope of glory. It is the Holy Spirit IN US that is our hope of glory. When we submit our will to the will of the Holy Spirit by accepting Jesus' death on the cross, when we yield our whole being to the anointing by the resurrection of Jesus and when there is no more flesh done by the work of the Holy Spirit by Jesus' ascension, we will be filled with His glory. This is when the Salvation of the body takes place. This is when our mortal bodies will be quickened and we will be changed. This is when mortality is swallowed up in life, the life of Christ, the living God, and His sons comes forth in the intimate Kingdom of God. " And not only they, but ourselves also which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves waiting for the adoption to wit the redemption of the Body" (Romans 8:22-26).

Chapter 6:

The Process Unfolding

In discovering God's three-fold Salvation plan, we discover three basic truths.

1. God's plan is a process, not just an initial act. It is a progressive, continuing and connecting series of events, episodes, experiences, and choices that move us from one place in life to the next. This process is centered on our believing in Jesus, receiving from Jesus, and becoming like Jesus. In this process we learn all that Jesus has done, is doing, and will do in our lives. All three parts of man must be saved and it is a continual process until we come into the likeness, image and holiness of the Father.
2. Scripture reveals we have been given many keys to the Kingdom. God has provided for us a number of "tools" to break free of sin and sin nature in these Salvation experiences. All of these tools are wielded in the name of Jesus and in His redemptive power. Jesus taught His disciples to use them and we should seek them out too. These tools are Binding and Loosening (Matthew 16:19), Inner Healing and Deliverance. (See my book " " to get more in-depth understanding of these tools.)
3. All growth comes from the inside, not from the outer surface of our lives. Certainly, outside circumstances, situations, and people do affect our growth but we process these things from the inside by what is governing us. If it is God, the Holy Spirit, then He determines our growth. If it is Satan, by sin and evil, then the enemy determines our growth.

In Luke 17:21, we read that the Kingdom of God is within. We need to understand that this is more than just an elementary truth but a foundational truth. The scriptures lay this fact out time and time again. It is important to get ahold of this to tell us how we are functioning as human beings.

Genesis 1:27 "In the image of God He created him (mankind) male and female."

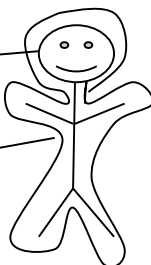
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Super conscious level



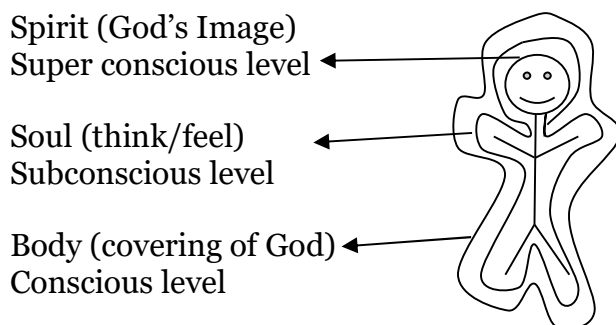
Genesis 2:7 "The Lord formed and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul."

Spirit (God's Image)
Super conscious level

Soul (think/feel)
Subconscious level



Genesis 3:21 “God made tunics of skin and clothes for them.”



The Process of Sin

When the fall of man came, we could no longer communicate in the Spirit with God. For that part died as God said it would if we ate of the Tree of Good and Evil. We therefore now had within us a spirit separated from God and our soul and our body. Further with the killing of Abel by Cain in Genesis 4:7-8, God separated our soul and body from ourselves and from Him. For thousands of years man lived this way with God only intervening in individual's lives. Until Jesus came to bring the Holy Spirit to enable us to once more be made whole; we remained separated and in darkness.

As you can see, according to God's plan, becoming a human being is a process from the inside to the outside. So it is in our development, be it in sin nature or in a born-again nature. Let's explore what this development will look like in our sin nature.

As a newborn baby we begin as a three-part being, totally dark and lost in sin. Plus, as a baby we are in an unconscious state of development. As an infant we are between 0-18 months in age and we are born demanding. We want attention and seek it by wanting what we want we they want it (controlling). Our behavior is crying.

As we grow into toddlers, we see our Soul dark and lost to sin in an unconscious state of development. We are between 18 months-3 1/2 years of age and are born testing. We want approval at this time, and we seek it by seeing how much we can get away with (manipulating). Our behavior is screaming.

As we continue to grow into preschoolers, our body is dark and lost to sin in an unconscious state of development. We are between 3-7 years of age and we are born selfish. We want to make sure that you don't forget our needs, wants, etc. (self-indulgent). Our behavior involves kicks, whimpers, and complaints,

If there is no born-again experience, the process keeps going on. However, there is a more conscious state of development. It will recycle every seven years adding depth to the sin nature. Here is what the next cycle will look like.

As we grow into childhood our Spirit continues to be lost to sin. We are in a more conscious state of development and knowledge. We are about 7-9 years in age. Our wants are to have more than we want or need (attention). We seek it by seeking or concentrating on our own pleasures (controlling). Our behavior is pouty, sulky, and protesting.

As we continue to grow in our childhood our Soul continues to be lost to sin. We are in a more conscious state of development and knowledge. We are about 9-11 years of age. Our wants are to do what we want to do (approval). We seek this by being concerned only with our well-being (manipulating). Our behavior is argumentative and troublesome.

Then as we move into our teenage years, our Body continues to be lost to sin. We are in a more conscious state of development and knowledge. We are about 11-14 years of age. Our wants are to have all that we have rights to (acceptance). We seek this by excessively reaching for our rights (self-indulgent). Our behavior is stubborn, rebellious and complaining.

In our super conscious level or our Spirit Realm, our Spirit is lost to sin and in an unconscious state of development. Generational sin is holding us. Currently, we are made in the Image of God, but we also have good and evil. We often have a fear of scarcity, unrealistic expectations and are Self-protecting. How do we get out of this state? We need to surrender to God, believe in Jesus' death on the cross for our sins, and come into a place of forgiveness.

In our subconscious level or our Soul Realm, our Soul is lost to sin and in an unconscious state of development. Inherited Sin is being passed down to us. Currently, we are acting in our will, thinking and feeling. We have fears of abandonment (rejection) or fears of engulfment, unrealistic reliance on people and things, as well as surviving in self-preservation. How do we get out of this state? We need to seek more of God, submit to Jesus' Resurrection power, and discover freedom.

In our conscious level or our Body Realm, our Body is lost to sin and in an unconscious state of development. Survival Sins have been taken on to survive (addictions). We are acting in our mind (ego), emotions and intellect. We have fears of not being approved, as well as unrealistic submission to others, and often are self-saving. How do we get out of this state? We need to yield to Jesus' Ascension. Live our faith.

The Process of the Holy Spirit

In reading all this, we can see that the Holy Spirit has a big job. Let us always remember, this is all in God's plan. We do not have to live in our sin nature. We have Salvation experiences that will allow us to be all that God intended us to be.

Remember that our Spirit is renewed by the Holy Spirit during our first Salvation experience. Through our belief in Jesus' death on the cross, we have been given

everlasting life. The Holy Spirit Immediately comes into our Spirit and begins His process of regenerating our spirit to the deep things of God. Jesus' death secures us forever with God. The Holy Spirit will now make us aware of our conversion. We have the ability to talk with God. The Holy Spirit makes us aware we belong to the family of God. That we are placed in the Kingdom and given a spiritual gift. Romans 12:6-8 speaks of these spiritual gifts as ones that "differ according to the grace given to us". I have come to call these our Functional Gifts. These gifts are the way we are motivated, and directed to hear things, see things and learn things. Seven gifts are described and each believer is given one specifically for them.

Next, we begin our second Salvation experience in our Soul Realm. This is the sometimes called the Pentecostal experience or Baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is here that the Holy Spirit begins to restore our Soul with His gifts of overcoming power. Through our continuing belief in Jesus and His resurrection, we are given the empowering that we might overcome in all things "even death" (1 Corinthians 15:54). To make this empowering possible, the Holy Spirit gives more gifts. 1 Corinthians 12:8-10 describes these gifts as "each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit (Holy Spirit) for the common good". The nature of these gifts are to set us free to live a life of victory and overcoming as Jesus showed us in His resurrection. I have come to call these spiritual gifts the Freeing gifts. Freeing gifts are the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in your life. This infilling of the Holy Spirit is a witness to His presence in our lives, freeing us to serve God.

Finally, we begin our third Salvation experience in our Body Realm. This experience is often called our Tabernacle experience where the Holy Spirit gives us the understanding of Jesus Ascension so that we can live in an "abundant life" (John 10:10) through our continued belief in Jesus and His ascension to the "right hand of the Father", waiting for us to make our enemies His footstool (Hebrews 10:13). It is with the work of the Holy Spirit that brings us in full union with God. We now become one with Him, Spirit, Soul and Body. "Renew your mind", Romans 12:2 tells us, and "Let this mind be in you which also is in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5). According to the scriptures, we are to possess the mind of God. To have the mind of God, the believer must continue to submit and yield to the Holy Spirit's teaching in our lives. It is only as we are taught by the Holy Spirit, we will move into the mind of God. In following the Holy Spirit's leading, He gives us even more gifts. These next Spiritual gifts equip us to be a servant and not the served (Hebrews 5:12). These Spiritual gifts are recorded in Ephesians 4:11-12. These gifts are to be used in the church, in the Body of believers. I have come to call these gifts Fitting gifts as these gifts are to be used to serve and minister to the Body, the church. Only as we come to the end of ourselves, "I decrease that He must increase" (John 3:30), will I totally walk in the will and the ways of God. There is an old song that has a line that says when He looks at me, He sees not what I use to be, but He sees Jesus.

This three-fold process of growth and Salvation plan of God is to bring us finally to a place of contentment in our life with God. When we are walking with the Holy Spirit, we are in a process of (1) regenerating (2) renewing (3) restoring. Remember the story about Nicodemus we spoke about at the beginning of the book? Jesus said you

need a spiritual birth versus mere fleshly birth. A “water Birth” and a “Spiritual experience. A “water Birth” and a “Spirit Birth”. It looks like this:

Spiritual Birth:

- We must have an opening of our eyes in the spirit to see life as God sees it.

Water Birth:

- We must have a cleaning of our soul to enter into the Kingdom

Body Birth:

- We must have a burning up of our flesh to be able to live in the Kingdom.

In reading our process described above and through the scriptures, we find that the Holy Spirit has a big job. But we read in Ephesians 3:13-21 that we should not lose heart, that our God is MORE THAN ABLE “to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us”.

Four Types of Man

Natural Man

Ephesians 5:14 speaks of a Natural Man who sees nothing and fights against nothing. Such a person is asleep and without any spiritual sense or ability to discern either good or evil. They cannot understand the deep things of life and have no spiritual knowledge, understanding or truth. They are strangers to the love of God, having no concept of either wholeness or lack of wholeness. They are ignorant of their own needs and are not aware of the potential of what could happen in their lives. Because they live in this lack of consciousness, they have a strange kind of peace and do not have enough understanding to have fear. They have no dread of retribution for disobeying God's law. In short, they have zero percent of God in their lives.

Carnal Man

Next is the Carnal Man whom Jesus spoke about many times. Paul describes him perfectly in Romans 7:19-24. These people perceive danger in one moment or through a process. They begin to see the reality of what happens around them and to feel uncomfortable at times with their own actions and reactions, as well as those of others. They see only glimpses of who they really are and clearly see something bigger which is required of them. As they come to understand accountability, they come to realize that the words they speak are not idle. They start to feel the sharpness or the two-edged sword as it works in their lives. If they are professing Christians, they will say, “God is merciful”, or “He will understand why I cannot do it that way”. Such people possess thirty percent of God inside, basically only as an awareness.

Fleshly Man

The Flesh Man is the next step of growth that the Bible describes in a man, which Paul writes much about in Galatians 2:16. These persons are beginning to struggle and strive, as the desire to be free grows. The more bound they feel, the more they try to rid themselves of outward things, yet they will continue to sin, repent, and sin again. They

begin to take steps to deal with their self-centeredness, as repentance, healing, and deliverance become more a way of life. As they feel a measure of security in Christ, there is a release of some of the fear and bondage in their lives, yet they have not understood that life is more than merely the external. As they surrender and yield things in their lives to God, or “let go and let God”, the pain of exposure begins to decline. They no longer feel tossed and turned as stability sets into their lives. As they experience God's mercy and especially His grace, they no longer ask, “Where is God?”. Through yielding and surrendering, they have times not only of striving, but also of prevailing, not only of fighting, but also of starting to conquer. They possess sixty percent of God inside and have a conscious “seeing” of the light of God working in their lives.

Spiritual Man

The final man the Bible speaks of is the Spiritual Man (Philippians 4: 13) who is in a constant state of deliverance and healing. These people live over and above the circumstances of life. Because they know how unimportant things are compared to God and thus have ended their bondage to fear, they are in a constant state of gratitude. They see the big picture, and so they experience liberty, truth, power, and love while resting in God. They are able to rejoice in the hope and glory of God, to let God continually work in their lives, and to have their desires, longings and needs met within them by God. They are in a constant state of surrender and repentance, knowing God's love and feelings as if they belong to him. At times they are overwhelmed by the knowledge that God's grace is theirs. They possess 100 percent of God inside. They see His mercy, His goodness, His forgiveness, and His plan. They are totally awake to the things of God.

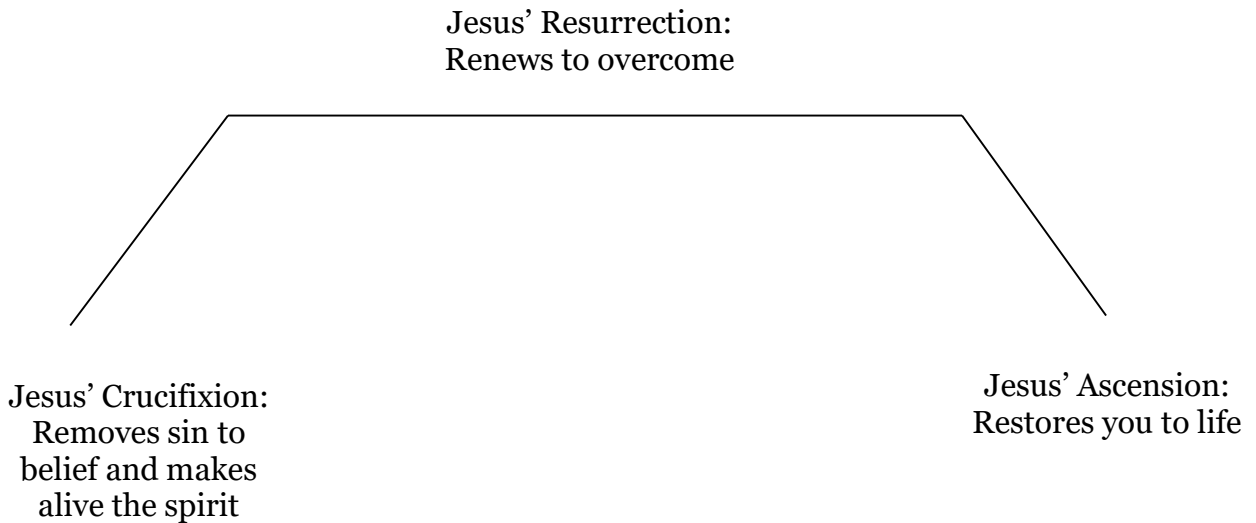
Chapter 7:

Keys to Understanding God's Plan

God's plan is that He will have a people and He will be their God. Jesus came to prove for us a way of fulfillment of God's plan. Romans 8:29 says that Jesus is the first Son. However, it is God's plan to have many sons. These sons, or many membered body, will rule and reign with God in the Kingdom of Heaven. If we look to Jesus, we will see that He proved this with three experiences. Crucifixion, resurrection and ascension. This reveals to us more than a one-time born-again episode, it is a three-fold growth.

The Bridge

Over the years I have come up with little ideas to help us see these experiences better. One of these ideas is to visualize a bridge. I picture Jesus building this bridge throughout my life, walking and leading the way. This bridge, as it is built, is one that I walk on which I then use to cross over into the Promise Land, Abundant Life, and the Kingdom of God. Many of the concepts that we have discussed throughout this book will now be seen on the bridge of life.



Through our believing that Jesus died to give us everlasting life, the Holy Spirit immediately comes into us and REMOVES the barriers of sin which came into us when Adam and Eve disobeyed God by eating from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. With this removing of sin, our spirits can now be regenerated by the Holy Spirit to the consciousness of who we are in God. Jesus' death assures us of this reclaiming.

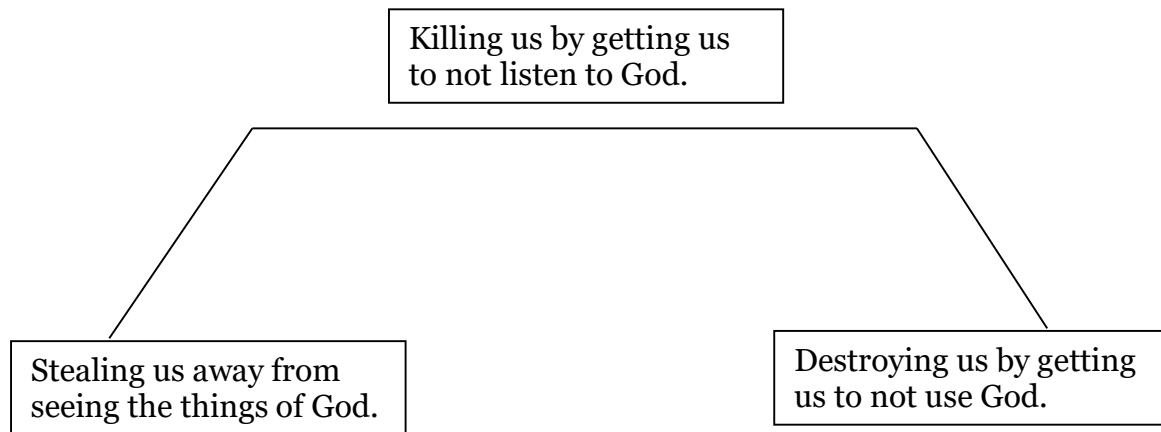
Next, because sin has permeated not just our spirits, but our very being, our soul, the Holy Spirit must lead us to the power to be justified through the resurrection power of Jesus. This makes us right to receive the RENEWING of the way we live, feel and think. He does this by giving us His grace, His healing power and His deliverance power.

Finally, because sin has occupied so much of our total selves, we need to have the Holy Spirit show us how to give us life abundantly through the transformation power of Jesus, His ascension power. This then can RESTORE our minds and bodies to the point where we can function as we are intended to as His children, as His sons.

The next foundational truth that is important to how we understand God's plan involves the entanglement and mystery of sin and evil. If it were simply a matter of hearing and seeing the plan of God, as we have come to see it, we would certainly do what is called of us to do. What we have come to find by God's revelation and the scripture is:

1. God has created Satan with sin and evil for our good that we might reach for Him. Colossians 1:16-17 says all things were done that the glory of Jesus be known.
2. It has been given to us to put the enemy, sin and evil, under our feet in order to crush it. Romans 16:20 says that Jesus is waiting at the right hand of the Father for us to do just that. When Jesus ascended, He told His disciples that the completion of the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven is in their hands.
3. The image of Satan, which was planted in us (mankind) and passed down to generations has not just touched our spirit but has gone into our soul and body. Romans 12:1-2 speaks of not conforming with the world, measuring our thinking, feeling, will, but to renew our minds, to line up our intellect, emotions and mind with God.
4. Just like the Kingdom of Heaven, there is a three-fold growth to the Kingdom of Hell. John 10:10 tells us Satan plans to "steal, kill, and destroy us." Within this plan we hear that sin is "doing" against God and evil is "being" against God. Satan is working to get us to do against God until we are being against Him.
5. Genesis chapters 3 to 6 describe three primary root sins. They are Evil deceptions, perversions, and idolatry.

Below is a picture of what the bridge looks like that Satan builds in us before we are born again.

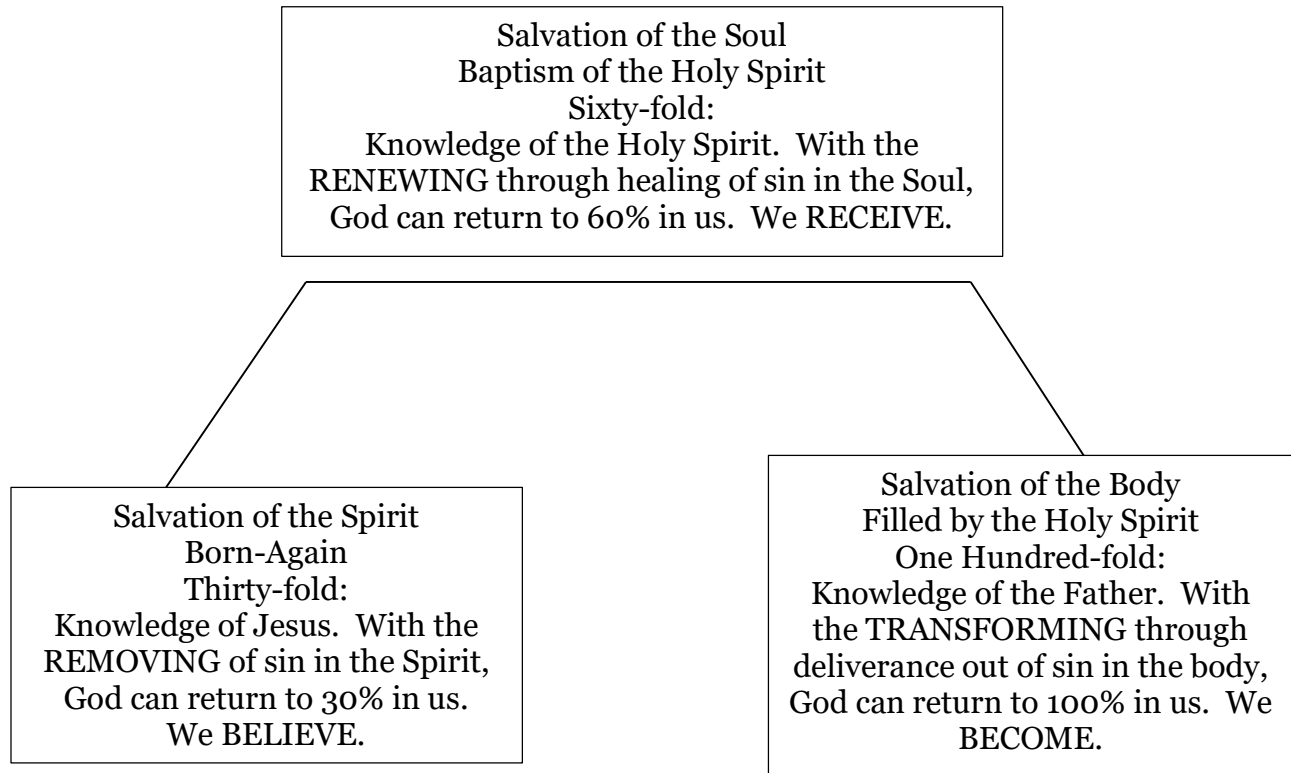


We are born sinners simply from the generational sin of Adam and Eve, plus any sin of our present generation (Exodus 20:5). From that sin, darkness, this causes us to feel and think that we must rely on ourselves and not God. With this attitude, the need to protect ourselves is very strong. John 10:10 says that the enemy, Satan, wants to steal, kill and destroy us. It would seem that even before we have had a chance to know better, Evil has **STOLEN** from us. Stolen our spirits.

To continue the darkening of our lives, Evil and our sin nature convinces us that we deserve more than we are receiving. The method of how we go about obtaining what we want will have a great deal to do with the sin we have inherited. The drive to preserve our lives will push us so hard, we will not discover until its too late that in reality we are **KILLING** our very Soul.

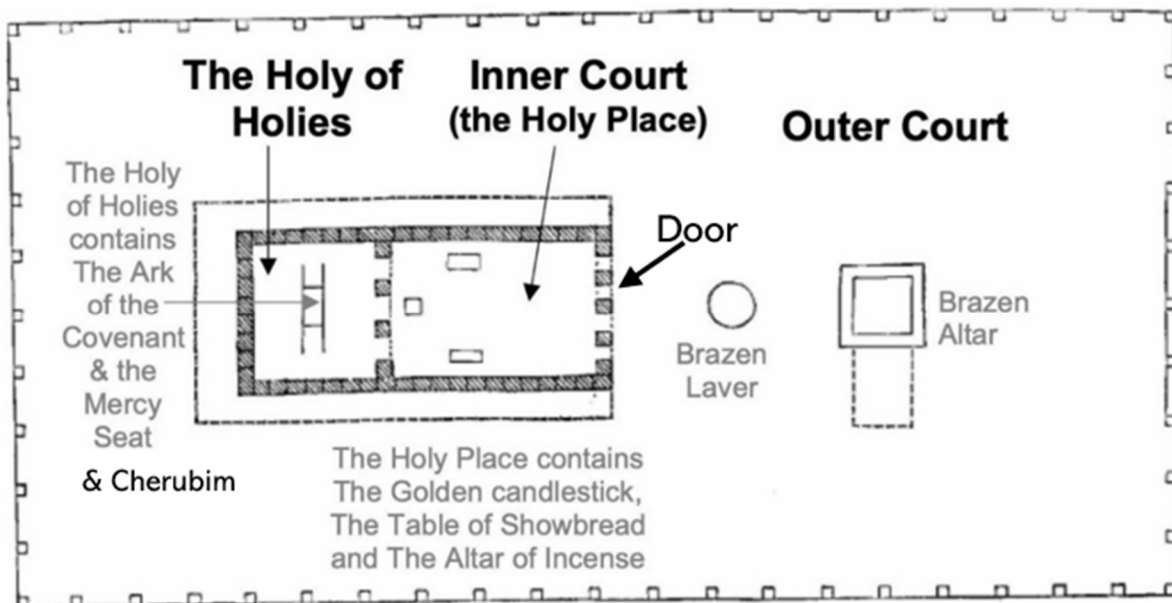
Finally, if darkness has come to this last level, we will be a people who “have ears but cannot hear, eyes but cannot see” (Matthew 13:13-15). We have protected and preserved ourselves to the point of now submitting our total selves to working out and saving our own lives. There is nothing that can get us to stop this endless task of just surviving. The **DESTRUCTION** of our self is overwhelming.

In Matthew 13:23 Jesus tells the parable of the Sower and the soil and illustrates how seed that falls on the good soil will produce a 30, 60 and 100 crop of fruit. Using this analogy, and the understanding we have learned throughout the scriptures and this book, let’s look again at the bridge Jesus is building in us.



God's Temple

Another place we will see God's plan is in the shadows and images of the detailed description of the Temple and/or the Tabernacle of God. According to scripture, we are God's Temple; not made with human hands but by Him (1 Corinthians 3:16). But there was also at one time a physical Temple. This physical Temple of God is a foreshadowing of us, God's Spiritual Temple. Below is a drawing of the Temple to look at as we discuss these truths.



Outer Court

The Outer Court contained the:

1. Brazen Altar
2. Laver Bowl
3. Door

All sacrifices for the sins of the people were done in this area of the Temple. They were done on the Brazen altar. Jesus was our final sacrifice, so this symbolizes to us the cross upon which Jesus died.

The Laver Bowl was the place where the blood of these sacrifices was cleaned. Also, it was used to clean the feet of those who entered into the Inner Court. This again portrays the cleaning up of our sins by the death of Jesus for the “sins of the world”. Finally, there is the Door that leads the people into the Inner Court, which held the deep things of God. Jesus is always referred to in scripture as the way, the door (John 10:7-9). We as individuals can only enter into the deep things of God by going through Jesus’ death. His redemption is our door to God’s total plan.

Inner Court

The following are in the Inner Court:

1. Candlestick
2. Incense Table
3. Showbread

The Candlestick lit with oil was to give light to a room that was in the middle of the Temple. There needed to be light because there were only tiny windows at the top of the room close to the ceiling. These Candlesticks reveal a picture of the Holy Spirit fully, for He lives to give us all truth and to show us the things of God. The Holy Spirit always points us to power of Jesus. Therefore, the Candlesticks can also indicate the light as Jesus, who is the “light of the world” (John 8:12).

The Incense Table is the place where the sin offering is placed before God as a praise and worship offering. This signifies the praise and gratefulness we come to as God, through Jesus’ power, heals us of our inner hurts. The sense of joy and release is our worship offering to God.

On the other side of the room we find what is called Showbread. There were seven loaves that were to be replaced each day. It was to be stationed on a table as an offering to God as a commitment to Him. To us this characterizes the need for God’s wisdom on a daily basis and all week long (seven days in a week). We must eat of Jesus, figuratively, and commit our lives to Him.

Holy of Holies

The last room in the Temple is the Holy of Holies. It also has three items contained in it.

1. Ark of the Covenant
2. Mercy Seat
3. Cherubim

The Ark of the Covenant was there to hold all the things of God. It held the Ten Commandments and the Rod of Moses, which led the Israelites to the Promised Land. And once the Ark was placed in this room, God was to descend and place His glory there. We can plainly see by this that the Ark of the Covenant illustrated the total presence of God in our lives. His total peace, command, and fullness.

The Mercy Seat is to be placed on top of the Ark of the Covenant, and we are told it held the holiness of God. The Ark is His glory, and the Seat is His holiness. This informs us most assuredly that God will abide with us now and not just in the by and by. It is a marvelous wonder, almost too much for us to take in, but God will be our all-in-all.

The Cherubim are angels carved in gold, which were placed on the walls and on the side of the Ark. These Cherubim are there to guard, protect, and to worship Him day and night. This picture demonstrates the peace and steadfast love of God. In the Holy of Holies, we have a spectacular look at what we will become with His presence never leaving. He is giving us His glory, His holiness, and His peace.

There is so much more than this described in the Temple. It is all recorded in the books of Exodus and Leviticus. Read all of it and see many more wonderful, beautiful thoughts and ideas given. No matter what we see in just this small glimpse of the Temple and God's plan in its entirety, we need to understand it is meant for you and me.

God's Feasts

We should know by now that all things in the Old Testament are shadows and types for us to use to understand the Plan of God. Colossians 2:17 and Hebrews 8:4-5 tells us this truth. The Feasts described in Exodus 23:14-19 and Leviticus 23 are another example of shadow and types that help reveal God's plan to us.

Passover

God calls His people to come to the Temple three times in the year. In the first Month they are to celebrate the Feast of Unleavened Bread, or as it became known later, the Passover. During this time, the Israelites would celebrate Passover on the first day of the month, Unleavened Bread on the fifteenth day of the month and on the twenty-first they would celebrate the feast of the first fruits.

For today, Passover symbolizes our first Salvation experience where we are introduced to the plan of redemption for the Spirit. Jesus is our lamb that was slain, covering over all our sins with his pure blood. Jesus ended the need for any more physical Passovers as he died once for all (Hebrews 10:10, Romans 6:10).

Pentecost

The second time the Israelites were called to the Temple was in the third month of the year. This was for the Feast of Pentecost or sometimes called the Feast of Weeks. Fifty days after the Passover this feast would take place.

This feast symbolizes for us the Baptism of the Holy Spirit or our second Salvation experience. In this experience we are introduced to the plan of Deliverance for the Soul. This is also considered the struggling years of our walk where our sin nature is revealed and being dealt with.

Tabernacles

The third time the Israelites were called to the Temple was for the Feast of Tabernacles. In the seventh month of the year, they would start this feast with the blowing of the trumpets. This was to call the people together to assemble in unity. Then on the tenth day of the month, they would have the day of atonement which would involve making a sacrifice for the sins of the people, followed by the Feast of the Tabernacles on the fifteenth day. During the Tabernacles feast, the people would set up little booths or Tabernacles along the road in which they lived for a week. Then on the twenty-first day they would celebrate the Feast of Ingathering where the full harvest was taken.

Today this Feast of Tabernacles symbolizes our third Salvation experience which will bring us into maturity and fullness of the Holy Spirit. Ephesians 4:13 describes this as having “come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ”. In this experience we are introduced to the plan of wholeness for our Body. The importance of our Tabernacles Salvation experience in our daily life as a Christian is so significant to a victorious walk in God. Finally we are able to eliminate our sin nature from our presence and provide us entrance into God’s Holy of Holies, making us one with God.

God’s Kingdom

Matthew 6:33 encourages us to, “seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you”. The real purpose for which God sent Jesus into the world was to establish on the earth His Kingdom. His ultimate purpose is that the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ. This is the plan of the ages. A marvelous mystery. A glorious destiny. The prayer that Jesus taught us to pray and so many people pray without understanding is “Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done. (Where?) On earth as it is in heaven” (Matthew 6:10). God has a plan, a wonderful plan. The Kingdom is for this earth and for every person on this earth. Things are not just “happening” with God. God is working all things out to His own will. God is sovereign and nothing shall stop His plan. The Kingdom is all about His plan. If the foundation of our walk is to seek the Kingdom and pray for the Kingdom, then we must understand and learn more about God’s Kingdom.

The Old Testament does not use the word Kingdom anywhere, but it tells of its coming in many places. The New Testament speaks of it more than any other subject or

theme. The phrase “Kingdom of God” is used 73 times in the New Testament. Then the phrase “The Kingdom of Heaven” is found in the New Testament 25 times. Kingdom of God denotes the owner of the Kingdom. Kingdom of Heaven denotes where the Kingdom is located. We cannot have the Kingdom of God without being in the Kingdom of Heaven. We cannot be in the Kingdom of Heaven without having the Kingdom of God. These two terms are used interchangeably. If you say one you infer the other. When we speak of the Kingdom of God or the Kingdom of Heaven, we are talking about something that has no existence at all apart from God Himself.

To experience and walk in the Kingdom we need to understand some elementary spiritual principles. Principals that traditional churches have twisted and turned to such a point that it is almost impossible to understand the things of God. They have painted such a worldly and happy picture of the Kingdom that we are left lost to the deep things of God. In Romans 14:17 we are told the Kingdom is “not meat or drink but righteousness, peace and joy”. What an interesting way to explain the Kingdom. We are then to understand with this and other scriptures that the Kingdom is not a place but an attitude, condition.

Let’s think back to our story with Nicodemus again in John 3:5. Jesus told Nicodemus that to even be able to see the Kingdom we must be in a spiritual being. We must have a Born Again understanding. We must have a regeneration of our Spirit. We must enter a new dimension, and only then can we know what the Kingdom really is and how to walk in it. What Jesus was saying was that in order to realize all that God has for us as His sons in the walk of the Kingdom, we need to look further than just a fleshly answer.

Jesus explains the Kingdom in terms of parables and metaphors. Jesus never said, “the Kingdom of God is such and such”, but always he said, “the Kingdom of God is like such and such” or “the Kingdom of God does not come with observation; nor will they say, ‘see here or see there!’ for the Kingdom of God is within you” (Luke 17:20-21). When Jesus speaks of the Kingdom as “coming”, it is not a visible structure or outward establishment that God is setting up. Mark 1:15 says, “the time is fulfilled in Jesus, and the Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in this gospel”. What Jesus is speaking about is God’s rightful power to actually rule by His spirit over all people and direct them by His will. He is not speaking of a tangible existence. He is speaking of God Himself ruling effectively in the hearts and affairs of men. This is the Kingdom.

So, the Kingdom of God is God Himself as He moves in power and glory and goodness and wisdom and righteousness to influence and rule in the hearts and activities of men. His thoughts are carried out; His laws are enforced. His purposes are accomplished by His sons. The Kingdom is no longer God ruling over you by sovereignty but the life, mind, heart, nature, power, wisdom, knowledge and will of God enters in you and you become your very own reality. The Kingdom is the power to transform its citizens into holy people.

Let’s take a practical, physical example from today. The United Kingdom is a current kingdom operating in our physical world. It has a King, Parliament, and

subjects or citizens. In any kingdom, who the King is will indicate what the Kingdom is like. Similarly, it is like this in the Kingdom of Heaven. God is the King so we will know that the Kingdom will be like Him. God is not physical but spirit; therefore, His Kingdom will be spirit. Now since the Kingdom of Heaven is just a presence and not physical, then many ask, where do we go when we die? The answer is quite simple. No one knows exactly what it will “look” like. I’m sure there is someplace we will “go”. The Bible gives me some ideas, but basically says that when I die, I will live in the Kingdom of Heaven or the Kingdom of Hell, in the presence of God or the presence of Satan. The real point is to understand where I go to LIVE! As an example, I live in The United States of America. I live in the town of Plain City. I live in my home. And I live in the Kingdom of Heaven. TODAY! I could live in England, I could live in Oxford, I could live in a house anywhere, and I still live in the Kingdom of Heaven. I live in the presence of these spirits and with God; therefore, I live in the Kingdom.

To get a better picture of what the Kingdom of Heaven “looks” like, let’s study Galatians 5:22. It describes the fruits of the spirit as “love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, longsuffering, and self-control”. By looking at these attributes, we are seeing what the Kingdom of Heaven looks like. Jesus was the express image of God; therefore, when we look at Him, we get another look at the Kingdom. All in all, the Kingdom of Heaven looks like God, and it produces His character and nature.

Chapter 8:

God's Wholeness Process

God's plan is a miracle. If you try to figure it out by any other way, your capacity to grasp the full meaning will be lost or at least you will water it down to mere human understanding. God is the “author and finisher” of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). This Godly process within you and me that we have been discussing is distinctly ours and no one else. No one can live it but each individual. It is for the benefit of the Individual, the Body of believers, and to bring the Kingdom of God into existence. It is God's plan, not mans.

We hope we have established in these chapters the Three-Fold Salvation experience of God's plan for Spiritual Growth. It is the desire of this book to help bring to those who are searching for God's truth to find it wherever they are walking spiritually. If you are just beginning your walk with God, saved in your spirit by believing, may what you have read set in motion a lifelong reaching for all that God wants for you. It is our hope that you will discover that the Holy Spirit which resides within your spirit now wants to lead you further into God's great truth. If you have already stepped into the realm of being saved in the Soul by receiving the Baptism of the Holy Spirit along with His gifts and empowerment for overcoming this world, may the ideas and views you have read, which perhaps you are not familiar with in your faith, stretch you in yielding to God's Holy Spirit's guidance, comfort and exhortation. God has not just called you, but He choose you to enter His higher calling. His greater gift. If perhaps you have touched some of the deep things of God in your life, may you become more conscious that God's plan is larger than you thought and there is no limit in His love. Your heart's cry out for more of God is real, because there is.

This third Salvation experience might seem strange and not easy to take hold of right now. Give yourself time to listen to the Holy Spirit's leading. If this concept is totally new, chalk it up to the “Church” not teaching many of the deep truths because it does not fit into man's understanding. In Jesus' life the “religious” people did not recognize Him. Even those churches that accept the second Salvation experience with the Holy Spirit gifts and His leading in healings and deliverance sometimes put a limit to the work God wants to do in our lives. It is as if they put a ceiling of how far we can go in the things of God. What a tragedy to not know that God's purpose in your life will be fulfilled as He finishes His plan for His people. “I will be their God and they will be my people” (Jeremiah 32:38).

Certainly, what we have shared is insightful and at first very profound. Then again these spiritual experiences are simply allowing God the fulfilling of the ordinance of God in our lives. John 3:30 says as we come to the end of ourselves, “I decrease that He may increase”, when we totally walk in the will and ways of God. With that statement, the Kingdom is established. God sits on His throne, and we His sons do the work He has called, chosen, and made us faithful to carry out (Revelation 17:14).

Summary Chart

The following chart is another tool I came up with to visualize this process a little better. This will give a snapshot of all that we have discussed in this book.

God's three-fold Salvation experience Plan of Growth		
1	2	3
Jesus	Holy Spirit	Father God
Spirit	Soul	Body
Conceived	Carried	Delivered
Born-Again	Baptism of the Holy Spirit	Tabernacles
Believe	Accept	Receive
Regenerated	Renewed	Restored
The Enemy wants to: Steal	Kill	Destroy
John 14:6 Jesus is: The way	Jesus is: The Truth	Jesus is: The Light
Matthew 7:7-11 We are to: Ask	We are to: Seek	We are to: Knock
Functional Gifts	Freeing Gifts	Fitting Gifts
Superconscious	Subconscious	Conscious
Feast of Passover	Feast of Pentecost	Feast of Tabernacles
Crucifixion	Resurrection	Ascension
Outer Court	Inner Court	Holy of Holies
30 Fold (1-30%)	60 Fold (31-60%)	100 Fold (61-100%)
Jesus "Savior"	Christ "Anointed"	Lord "King of Kings"
Deut. 21:1 - Inherit It	Possess It	Dwell in It
Jesus-at His birth A Babe	Jesus-In the Temple A youth-12 yrs	Jesus-at Jordan went into conflict, a man-submissive
Outer Gate Leads to Brazen Alter Place of Forgiveness Shedding of Blood	Door of Tabernacle Leads into Sanctuary Place of Ministry Oil, Light, Bread	Inner Veil Leads to Holiest Place Fullness of His presence Law, Life, Manna
Out of Egypt Deliverance	Thru the wilderness Testing, Training, Discipline	Into the Promised Land Inheritance, Overcomers

