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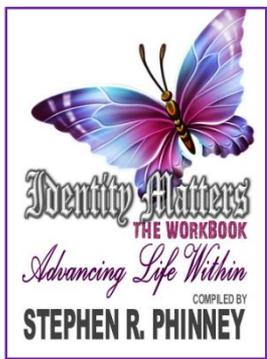
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OUR PRAYER

We hereby surrender this conference, who we are, all of our questions, concerns, difficulties and even our excitement!

We take our hands off of our lives and release every relationship to You: every habit, every goal, our health, our wealth, and everything that we consider significant. We surrender it ALL to You – even before we start this conference. By faith we take our place at the Cross, believing that when the Lord Jesus was crucified, according to Your Word, we as indwelt believers have been crucified with Him; when He was buried, we were buried; when He was raised from the dead, we were raised with Him. We deny ourselves the right to rule and reign our own lives and we take up the Cross believing that we were raised from the dead and seated at Your right hand.

We thank You and praise You for what You going to do in each of us today - in Jesus' name, Amen.

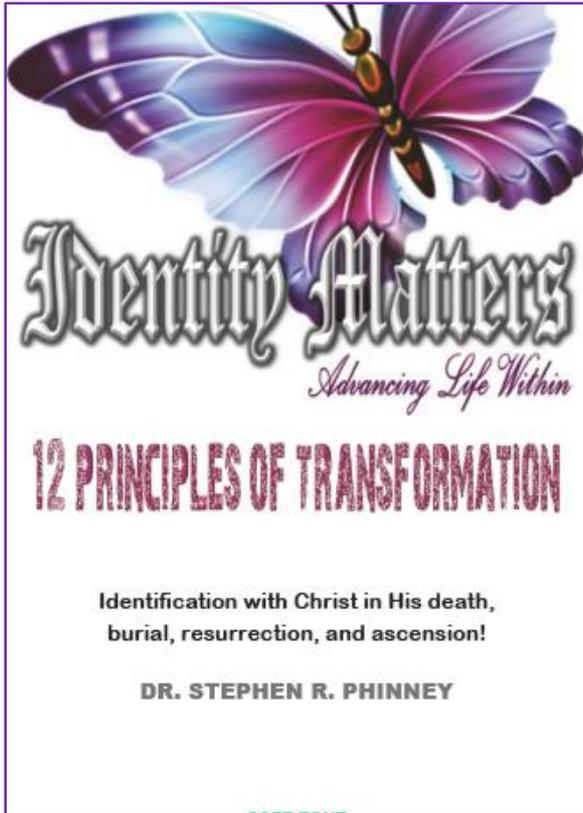


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IDENTITY MATTERS TRACT

12 PRINCIPLES OF TRANSFORMATION

Identification with Christ in His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension!

The leading tract that communicates the 12 Principles of Transformation. Use this tract for all purposes of evangelism, discipleship and communicating the basics of the Identity Matters Conference.

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DISCIPLESHIP

IN THE MAKING

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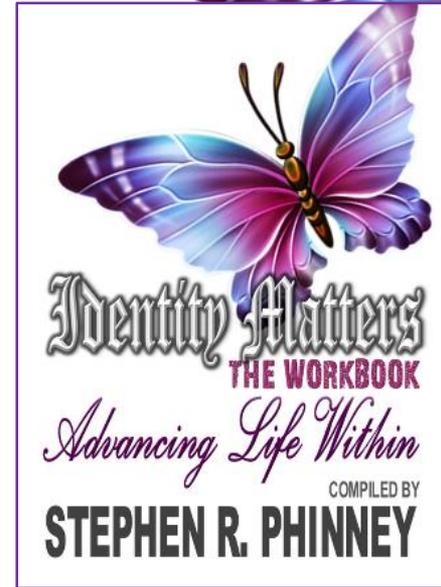


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Exchanged Life

This term was originally used by Hudson Taylor to define the exchange that takes place upon Salvation – we exchange our life for His. Many teachers of the Cross also use this term to explain an indwelt believer appropriating their co-death, burial, and resurrection with Christ. One of the most common Scriptures used in this exchange is Galatians 2:20, “Not I, but Christ.” All believers in Christ receive the exchanged life upon the moment of their Salvation.





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77 TRUTHS FOR 7 AREAS OF LIFE

7 INTRODUCTIONS

1. Exchanged Life
2. Models of Madness
3. Phases
4. Discipleship Defined
5. Discipling Others
6. Embracing Authority
7. Solutions vs Coping

7 TEACHINGS

1. Godship
2. Problems
3. My Flesh
4. Repentance
5. Identity in Christ
6. Forgiveness
7. Love Life

7 AREAS OF LIFE

1. Physical
2. Spiritual
3. Psychological
4. Social
5. Marital
6. Parental
7. Financial

7 DEADLY SINS

1. Violating Life
2. V - Authority
3. V - Hebrew Family
4. V - Morality
5. V - Trinity
6. V - Unity
7. V - Knowing Him

(+7Prayers)

7 PRAISES OF THE CROSS

1. Fighting Our Battles
2. Walking the Road of Persecution
3. Savior Who Identifies
4. Everlasting Forgiveness
5. Co-Death, Burial, Resurrection & Ascension
6. Raised Me Up in New Life
7. Savior That is Righteous

(+7 Prayers)

7 VICTORIES

1. Honor
2. Love
3. Acceptance
4. Sealed as Bride
5. Finality of Sin
6. Surrender
7. Provision

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7 APPLICATIONS

1. Repentance
2. Identification
3. Disciplines
4. Obedience
5. Fruit of the Spirit
6. Victory
7. Vision

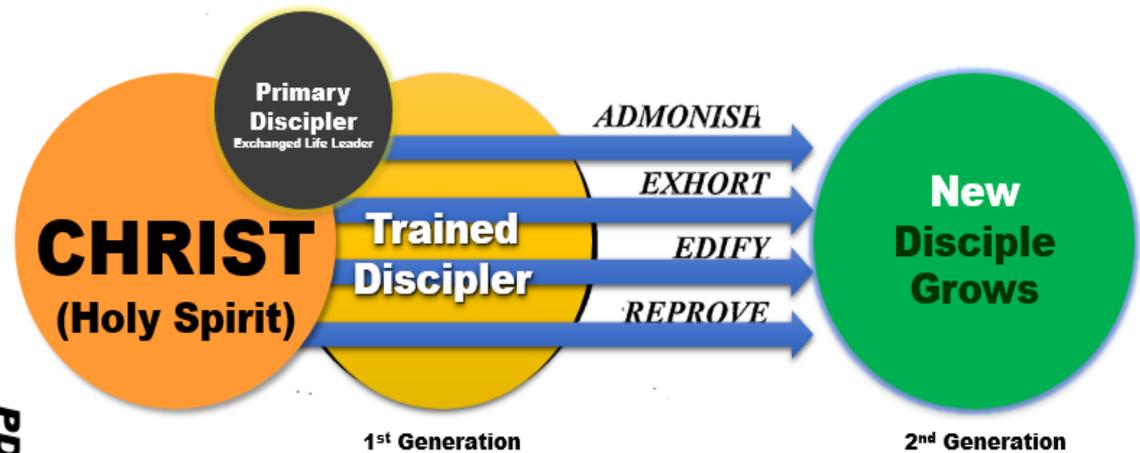
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The 77 Truths for 7 Areas of Life

1. First being the **7 Introduction** topics, each having their own diagrams depicting the necessity for equipping.
2. The **7 Teachings** are the primary teaching needed to reveal the problems and solutions to identity issues.
3. The **7 Areas of Life** are the elements of life that the seven teachings immediately affect.
4. The **7 Deadly Sins** are the primary acts of rebellion that destroy identity in Christ.
5. The **7 Applications** reveals the primary practical applications of identity Truths.
6. The **7 Victories** show the results of applications made.
7. The **7 Phases of the Cross** are the ongoing appropriations needed to maintain positional identity.

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Generational Gospel – Trained Discipeler

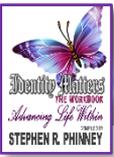


Primary Discipeler steps back – becomes overseer. 1st Generation Discipeler, now a trained Discipeler, steps forward to grow others in and through Christ.

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It should be the goal of all disciplers to turn their disciples into disciplers – pass it on.

1. Note the “**primary**” discipler discipling and training the 1st generation of disciples (the person in front of you).
2. The **1st generation disciple** shares what they are learning with a friend or loved one – 2nd generation. The 2nd generation disciple is trained to give what they are learning away to another – 3rd generation etc. This should start on or around the 5th meeting.
3. **This is the method** used by the early disciples – Paul and Timothy being great examples.
4. **Results:** the church and its members are equipped in Christ as Life discipleship.



What Is Discipleship?

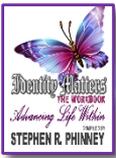
Disciple (mathetes) means “a learner” – one who willingly accepts instruction.

Discipler (didaskalos) is an “instructor,” or “teacher,” who produces followers of a discipline of a particular teacher.

Discipline (paldeuo) to influence conscious will and action through methods of correction to promote conformity to Divine Truth.

It is important for the disciple to understand the Biblical definitions of discipleship.

1. **Disciple**, means to be “a learner” or one willing to accept instruction.
2. **Discipler**, means to be an instructor, or teacher, who produces followers of a discipline of a particular teacher – in this case, Christ Jesus.
3. **Discipline**, is to influence a conscious will and action through methods of correction in order to promote conformity to Divine Truth – that of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Please remember that this aspect of discipleship often times stimulates rebellion in the minds of those being disciplined. Few believers today can openly accept correction.



What Is Discipleship?

Continued . . .

- **Discipleship** = The process in which an instructor, teacher or mentor uses to influence a willing learner to follow a particular leader in beliefs and deed.
- **Christ-centered Discipleship** = A Servant Leader (disciple of Christ) who is compelled to voluntarily instruct others in becoming a follower of Christ Jesus in Truth and deed. When fronted with lies (truth out of context), he/she is not timid about reproofing, correcting and re-instructing by making use of Divine Truth – the Bible.

Most who submit to a discipler for assistance are uptight, fearful and curious. Revealing the true definition of discipleship will remove most of these road blocks.

1. **Discipleship** is the process in which an instructor, teacher or mentor uses to influence a willing learner to follow a particular leader in beliefs and deeds – in this case, that of Jesus Christ.
2. **Christ as Life**, or centered, discipleship is a servant leader (disciple of Christ) who is compelled to voluntarily instruct others in becoming a follower of Christ in Truth and deed. When fronted with lies (truth out of context), the discipler is not timid about reproofing, correcting and re-instructing by making use of Divine Truth – the Bible.

Components of Discipleship

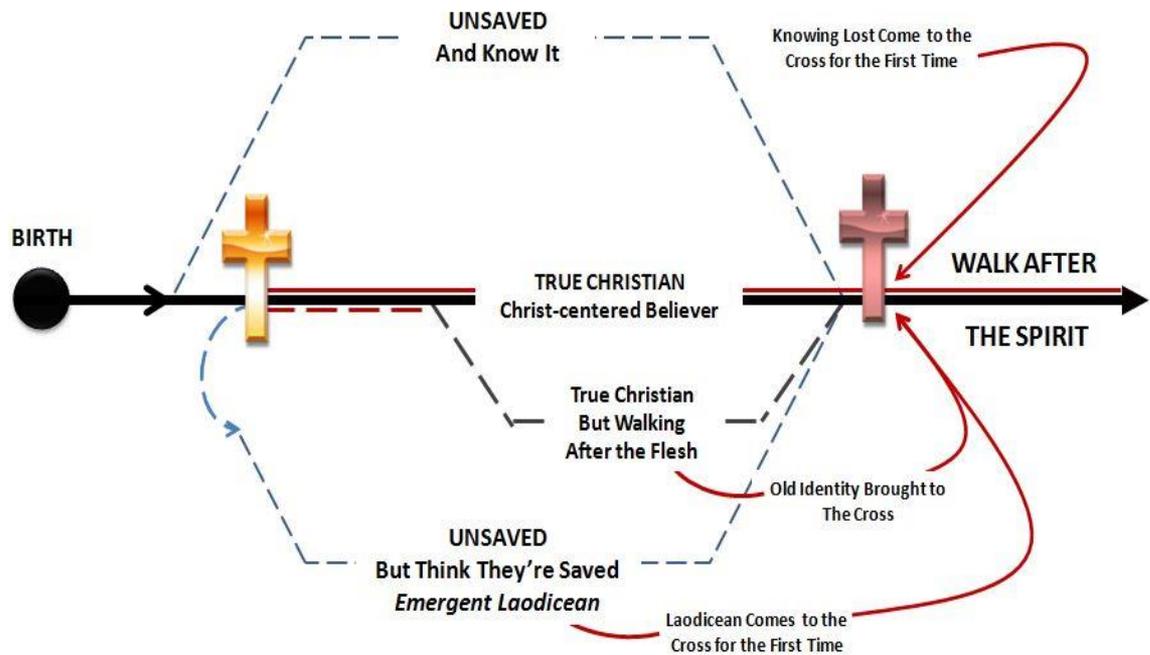
2 Timothy 3:16

Scripture	Application	Action	Process	Result
Doctrine	Believing	Righteous Thinking	DISCIPLESHIP Producing: repentance, identity in Christ, discipline, obedience, first fruit, victory and vision.	Transformational Biblical Worldview
Reproof	Problems (Rejecting Lies)	Righteous Choosing		Living & walking in Truth and true Identity in Christ
Correction	Turning (Rejecting old patterns)			
Instruction	Training (Practical elements of change)	Living Righteous		

This chart clearly shows the five phases of discipleship – scripture, application, action, process and results.

- Biblical doctrines** produce beliefs, from beliefs come righteous thinking, righteous thinking forms identity and behavior comes from identity.
- Reproof** reveals lies that produce problems and by providing reproof (rejecting lies) righteous choosing can take place, which means proper discipleship can ensue – resulting in walking after the Spirit.
- Correction** challenges believers to turn from sinful old patterns, that ultimately produces righteous choosing, which leads to effective discipleship and appropriation of walking in the Spirit.
- Instruction** opens the door for training and living righteously. These elements convert the disciple into a discipler.

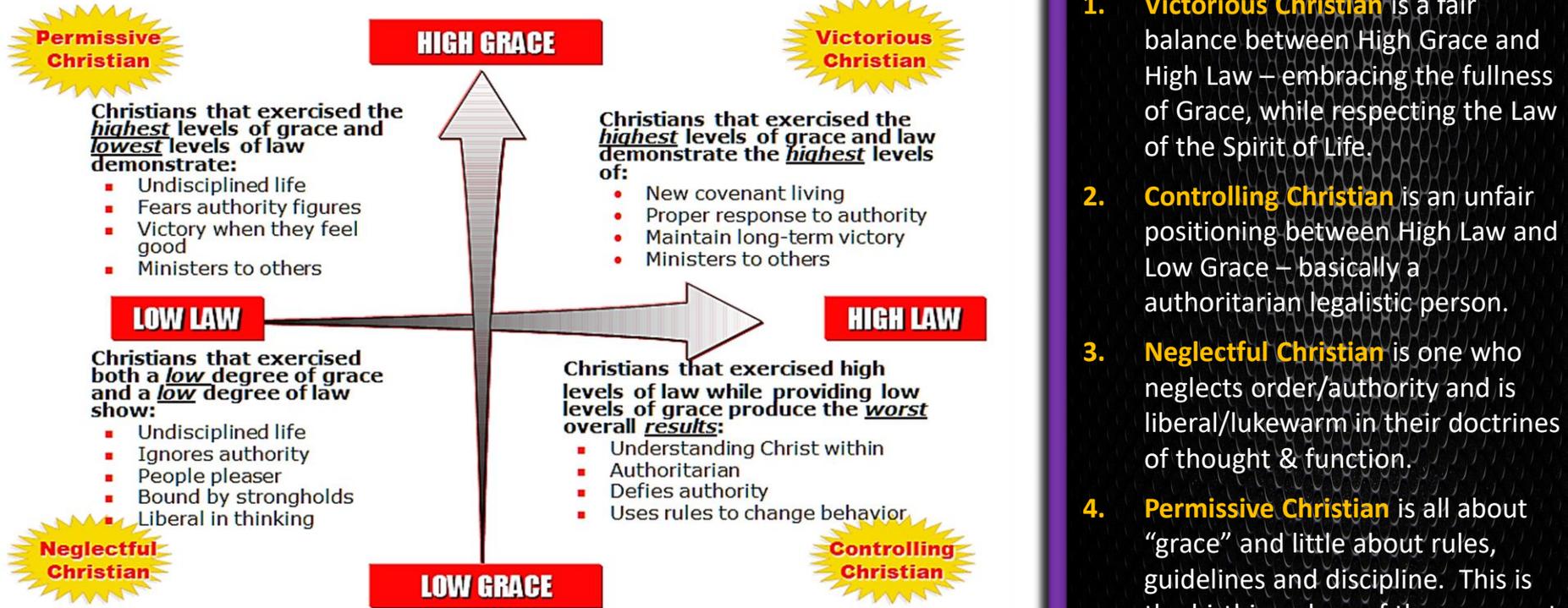
Profile Of Man Laodicean & Unsaved vs. True Believer



Most “self-proclaimed” Christians are certain of their ticket to Heaven. This flow chart shows four possible pathways.

1. **Unsaved**, and they know it. This person does not pretend to know Christ.
2. **True Christian**, one who knows of the day of their salvation as well as having a firm grasp on their identity - co-death, burial, resurrection and ascension with Christ. They walk in and after the Holy Spirit.
3. **True Christian but walking after their flesh** is one who is certain of the day of their salvation but needs to be brought to appropriation of their identity in Christ.
4. **Unsaved but think they are saved** is an emergent Laodician (lukewarm) “believer” who has never been indwelt by the Holy Spirit through salvation.

Grace vs. Law



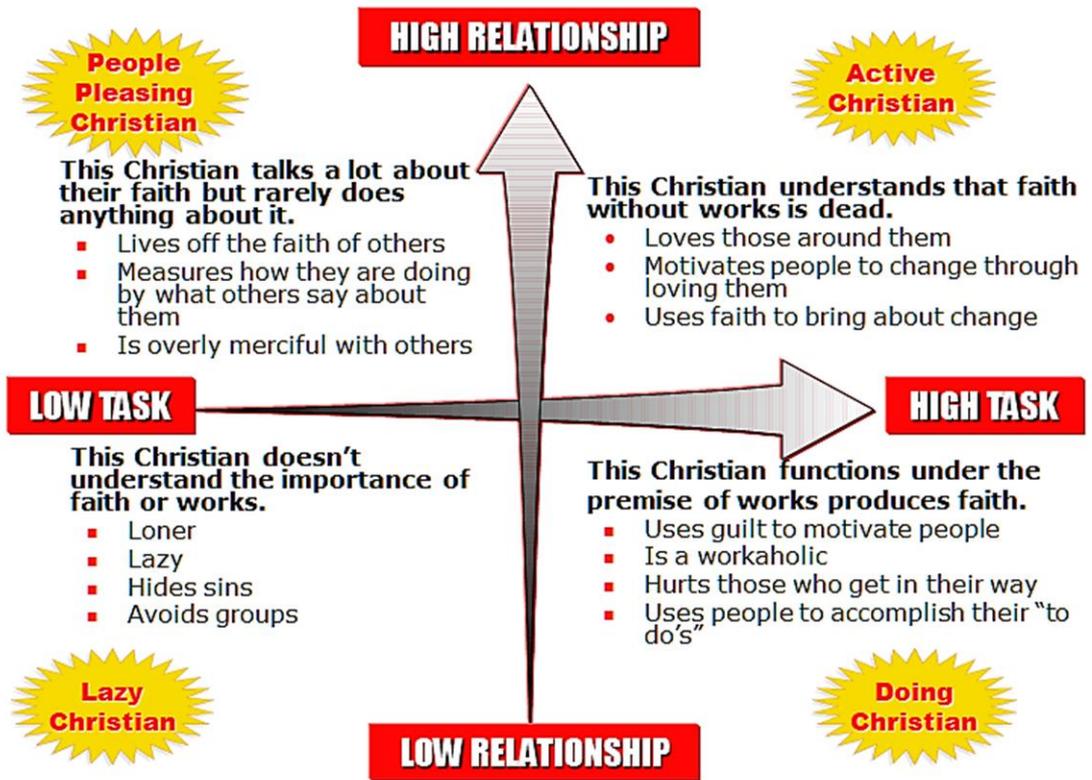
It is within most humans to go to the extremes of any truth or lie. Our diagram shows four “types” of Christians who position themselves in between any of the four points of Law & Grace.

1. **Victorious Christian** is a fair balance between High Grace and High Law – embracing the fullness of Grace, while respecting the Law of the Spirit of Life.
2. **Controlling Christian** is an unfair positioning between High Law and Low Grace – basically a authoritarian legalistic person.
3. **Neglectful Christian** is one who neglects order/authority and is liberal/lukewarm in their doctrines of thought & function.
4. **Permissive Christian** is all about “grace” and little about rules, guidelines and discipline. This is the birthing place of the emergent church/Christian.



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Task vs. Relationship



Our diagram shows four "types" of relationship models that people tend to choose – Active Christian, Doing Christian, Lazy Christian & People Pleasing Christian.

1. **Active Christian** understands that faith without works is dead, meaning, they are hard workers and apply their faith to their deeds.
2. **Doing Christian** functions under the premise of works produce faith, meaning, they use actions to change behavior at the price of loss of relationship.
3. **Lazy Christian** doesn't understand the importance of faith or works, meaning, they are loners that can't be motivated.
4. **People Pleasing Christian** talks the talk but can't seem to walk the walk, meaning, they are more interested in keeping people happy than pleasing the Lord.



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Where Are You?

Exodus 11-12

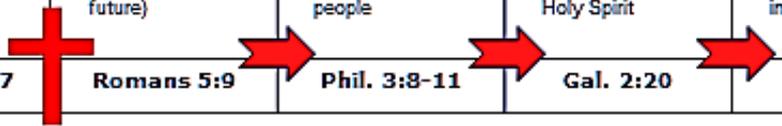
Exodus 13-14

Exodus 13:18

Joshua 1

Joshua 1:3-7

Egypt (Of The World)	Red Sea (Salvation)	Wilderness (Selfish Christian)	Jordan River (Identification)	Canaan (Walking In The Spirit)
PHYSICAL BIRTH	SPIRITUAL BIRTH	SELF LIFE LIVING	IDENTITY IN CHRIST	EXCHANGED LIFE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Δ Born in and of Adam Δ Bondage to Satan Δ Identity is Sin Δ Need of Salvation Δ Controlled by Satan Δ Satan is "father" Δ Spiritually Dead Δ Christ living on the outside Δ Lives in and from the "old nature" Δ Self as a lifestyle Δ Self as an identity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> † Salvation in Christ † Born again in Christ † Bond slave to Christ † Co-crucified with Jesus † Buried with Him † Resurrected with Him † Ascend and placed in Heavenly place through Him † Saved by His Grace & Life † Delivered from all sin (past, present & future) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▼ Acting as unsaved ▼ Selfish but saved ▼ Functioning in unbelief ▼ Yielding to old father – Satan ▼ Disciplined by Holy Spirit ▼ Being brought to the end of self ▼ Christ as Savior but not Life ▼ Uses self-effort to change behavior ▼ Attached to external things and people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ‡ Brought to the end of self-life ‡ Identification with Christ death, burial, resurrection & ascension ‡ Self dispossessed ‡ Realization that Christ must live and function in & through them ‡ Releases the mind of Christ from within ‡ Ready to walk in & after the indwelling Holy Spirit 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ↪ Mind and Life of Christ released from within ↪ Empowered in & through the Life of Christ ↪ Self-effort renounced as a lifestyle ↪ Christ living through them ↪ Functions as a Bride of Christ ↪ Allows Christ to fight their battles ↪ Conformed into His image
Gen. 2:16-17	Romans 5:9	Phil. 3:8-11	Gal. 2:20	Rom. 6:4



The Exodus passage (Exodus 11-14) is a perfect road map to help disciples identify what phase of their spiritual journey they are presently positioned.

1. **Egypt** is a snap shot of an unsaved person, born into sin, in need of salvation and in bondage to the world, the flesh and the devil.
2. **Red Sea** is the spiritual birthing process of salvation, redemption from sin, forgiveness from all past, present and future sins and deliverance from the hand of the enemy – Satan.
3. **Wilderness** is the indwelt born-again Christian following, or walking, after their flesh – self-life.
4. **Jordan River** is the identification in Christ process, brought to the end of self and released in the mind of Christ.
5. **Canaan** is the living out of the exchanged life by way of the release of Christ from within.

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GODSHIP

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GODSHIP

A simple term to describe what the Word defines as the number one problem in life — mankind attempting to function as their own god in the lives of self, others, and even God. This includes suffering with divorce, suicide, eating problems, depression, or any other common problem with the self-life. Most of the time, it falls under the category of Godship - finding ways to fix the fix that God has fixed on you to stop fixing life through self-effort. Our ministry has learned that the act of “playing God” helps us identify the real problem in each of the lives we reach out to. We have also learned that the most common consequence of Godship is “rejection” (Gen. 3:5).

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Purpose of This Teaching

Key Truth

Godship is seeking to be or play god in one's own life or in the lives of the people around him or her. Godship is at the root of all problems – both angelic and human. Godship was the first and last sin committed in Heaven by Lucifer. Lucifer wanted to be "like God" and thus, committed the first act of Godship recorded.

Key Verse

Genesis 3:5

"For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Goals in Discipleship

To uncover areas of Godship in the lives of those who seek help. To see what patterns of Godship repeat themselves. To develop a list of sins, in order to repent for questioning the sovereignty of God.

Standard Setting

EXERCISING GODSHIP

- Determining standards of conduct for myself, others, and God.
- Demanding absolute obedience to those standards.
- Judging God, others, and my life, attitudes, and actions by those standards.
- Seeking revenge.
- Selfishly endeavoring to control circumstances and people.
- Exercising “sovereign” independence, doing whatever I please.
- Seeking praise, approval, & acceptance from others and not from God.
- Asking no help or guidance from anyone, not even God.

How it looks to try to be like God:

1. **Setting standards** – desiring others and God to live according to the standards of man.
2. **Demanding obedience** – man sets the standard so man has the “right” to demand obedience of those standards.
3. **Judging** – the one who demands obedience thinks they have the “right” to judge the results of those who fail to keep those standards.
4. **Seeking revenge** – all self-made judges believe they have the “right” to hand out the consequences to those who fail them.
5. **Trying to control** – those who dish out the consequences believe they have sovereign control.
6. **Exercising independence** – the individual who thinks they have control functions independent in decisions and as a lifestyle.
7. **Seeking praise** – resulting in self-worship.
8. **Asking no help** – people who function as God do not seek help & discipleship from God or others.

These actions are always sin and replicate Satan.

God's Prerogatives

GOD BEING GOD:

- **Determines standards of conduct for mankind**—*Ex. 20:1-17*
- **Demands absolute obedience to those standards**—*Gen. 22:1-12*
- **Judges the lives, actions, and attitudes of man**—*Gen. 18:25; Acts 17:31*
- **Takes vengeance**—*Ps. 94:1; Rom. 12:17-19*
- **Controls all of life**—*Job 12:13-25; Acts 17:24-28a*
- **Exercises sovereign independence, doing whatever He pleases**—*Ps. 135:5-6; Dan. 4:35*
- **Seeks the praise, worship, and acceptance of mankind**—*Isa. 42:8; John 4:23*
- **Asks help and guidance from no one**—*Isaiah 40:13-14; Rom. 11:33-34*

God is God and you are not:

1. **Godship will wear the disciple out.** Why? Because they don't have the ability and power or prerogative to be God.
2. **This problem of Godship is man's primary problem** in relation to self, others and God Himself.
3. **A person can live a life of** exercising Godship in their lives, other people's, and even try to tell God how to act according to their **emergent standards**.
4. **Read through the entire list**, have the disciple look up and read each verse and summarize the verse to reinforce the **prerogative of God**.
5. **Remind them the consequences** God gave Satan for attempting to be like God — **rejection and removal**. This is why people go to Hell.
6. **Make sure the disciple has** the connection between **God being God** and they are NOT.

These actions are always right and righteous.



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JUDGING GOOD & EVIL

GOD'S LAWS
(Absolute)

Whatever God, out of His infinite goodness, justice, and love, states to be ultimately for man's blessing and God's own glory!

GOD

Whatever God rejects as being inconsistent with His perfect righteousness, therefore against His good purposes in the world!

MAN'S LAWS
(Relative)

Whatever is personally thought at present to be beneficial to the greatest number of persons or to the persons of greatest importance!

SELF

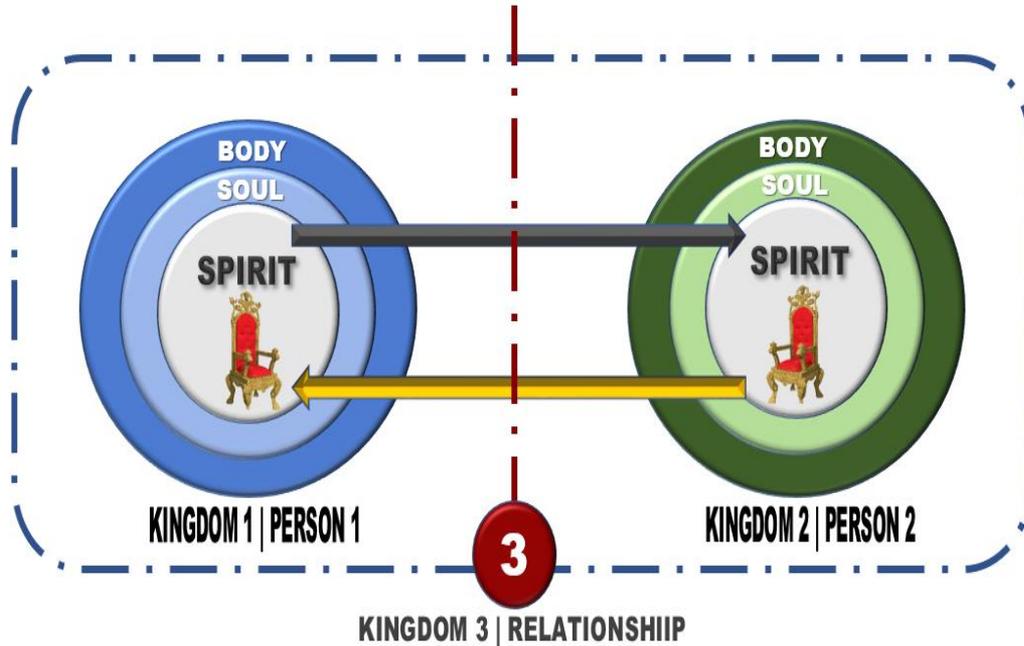
Whatever is rejected by the present consensus and therefore perceived as being bad for society!

God is the Judge of knowing good & evil:

1. **God's Word** is established and settled in Heaven and no man, beast or spirit can change this (Psalm 119:89).
2. **God's Laws** are based on God's character, in fact, His Laws reveal the details of each of the characteristics of who God is.
3. **Man is bent toward** making evil good and good evil – this is a result of man's fallen nature (Isaiah 5:20).
4. **This is what happens** when man becomes the standard setter instead of honoring what God has already established as His Law/Character.
5. **Since God is the establisher** of His Character/Law, then God is the only One who has the right to judge what IS good and evil.
6. **Have the disciple read** a loud each box – starting with God's Laws of the absolute.

Relativity puts the emphasis and dependence on relationships outside of that with Christ within the indwelt believer.

Three Kingdoms



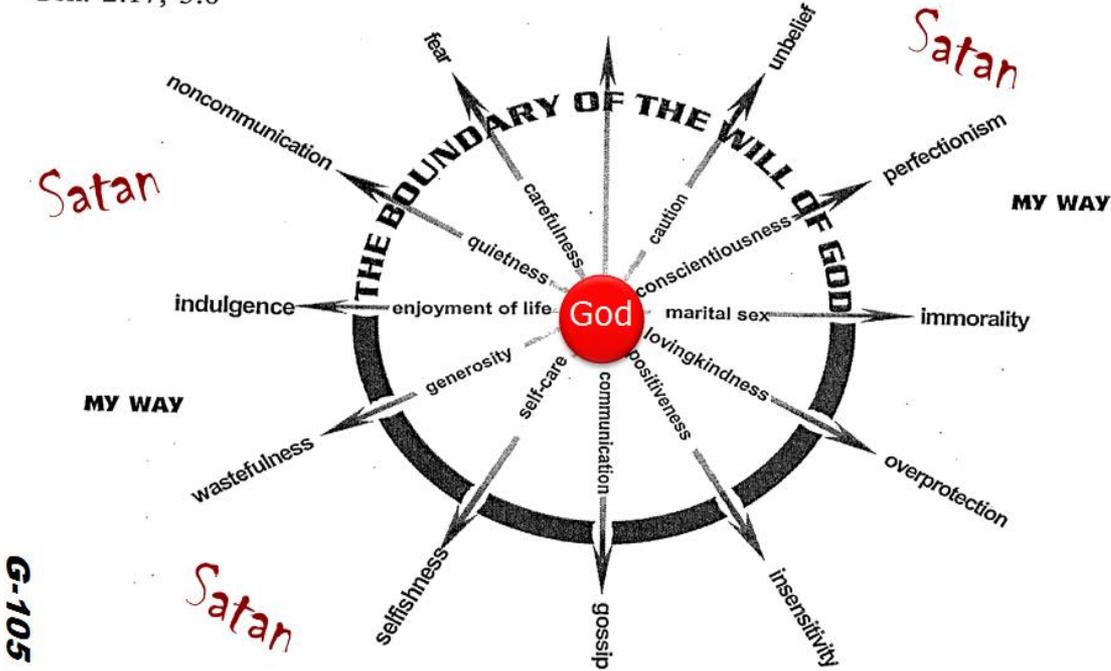
People think they own their own lives but the Truth is, God owns each of our relationships:

1. **People in the two inner kingdoms** try to rule each other by their own ideas, strategies, and standards. They are daring to control the third kingdom – the relationship.
2. **Stinky thinking is** whoever rules the third kingdom (relationship) rules the other two kingdoms (self & others).
3. **Truth:** each person needs to give up their own Godship, so God can rule all three kingdoms, which belong to Him.
4. **The line that is drawn** between the two kingdoms, shows us how we attempt to divide, or end, the relationship – by way of divorce, death, or dissolution.

Fact: Kingdom fighters are deceived into thinking that ownership of personhood and relationship is their “right.” God owns each person, as well as the relationship.

Formation of Sin

Gen. 2:17; 3:6



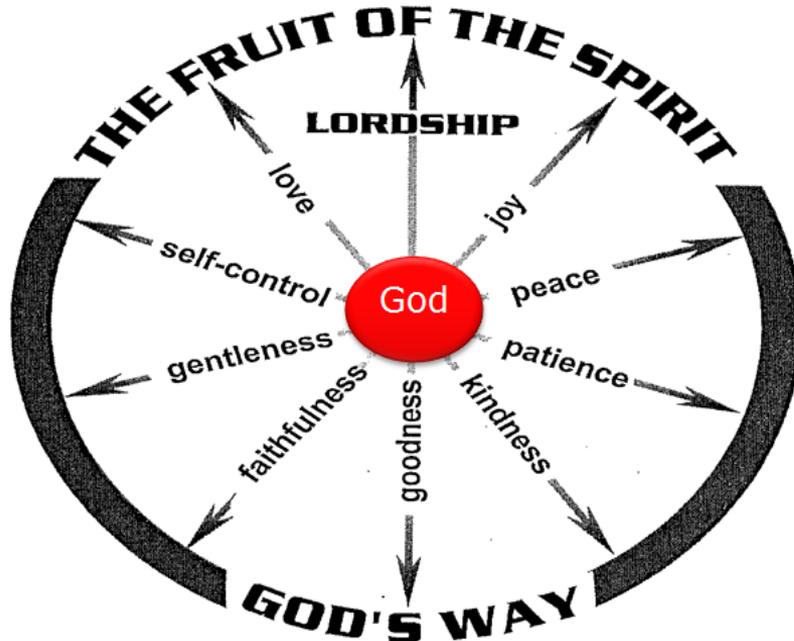
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Living within the boundaries of God's will is where the indwelt believer is protected from deception:

1. **Satan is NOT** a creator but manipulator of what has been created – taking something good over the boundaries of God's will.
2. **All sin is a perversion** of something God created as good, honorable and protective.
3. **When someone pushes** normal actions beyond the bounds of God's Holy ways, they begin to function as "god." Satan is the author of Godship and when we function in it, we glorify him.
4. **Godship is** doing things Satan's way – self-life.
5. **Pushing beyond God's will** places blockage between the soul and spirit – denying real fellowship with Christ from within.
6. **True needs are always met** within the boundaries of God's will through Christ.
7. **All sins start out as righteous** actions within God's will. Satan uses sin in the mortal body to draw us over the line in order to turn a righteous act into a sinful deed.

Fruit of Spirit – God’s Way

Gal. 5:22-23



God provides a way of escape for all indwelt believers from crossing over – Christ, who lives in the believer:

1. **Jesus wants to be Lord and Master** of the believer’s life AND to BE their very life.
2. **Godship is attempting to** take the role of Christ, which results in a stronghold that rises up between the soul & spirit. Christ is such a respecter of choices, He will wait as long as it takes to have that believer come to repentance – remove the stronghold.
3. **Christ in you wants to** be Lord, Savior, Husband, Master and Life. Anytime the believer starts using terms as “my or mine,” then Godship will be used to break the person and lead them to repentance.
4. **Christ reigns in the believer** by way of the indwelling Holy Spirit. This is why we don’t use the term Christian but rather indwelt Christian. Christian means follower and indwelt means life within. There are over 200 cult in the world that use the term Christian, actually it is a good term for them – they follow a “Christ” but are not indwelt by THE authentic Christ.

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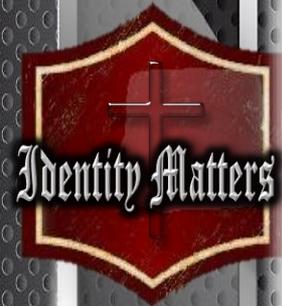
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REJECTION

Rejection is withholding love from self, others, and God. There are two types of rejection: overt and covert. Overt rejection is “obvious or known rejection, i.e. “I hate you.” Covert rejection is “subtle or unknown rejection, i.e. smiling on the outside while judging on the inside. Both of these forms of rejection are consequences of Godship applied, either by self or by others. Without question, we believe that rejection leads to individuals attempting to find life “externally” (Romans 15:7).



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Purpose of This Teaching

Key Truth

Rejection is inevitable. When we react to being rejected, it causes many negative consequences in our lives – primarily by using our “godship” patterns. Rejection is the most common consequence of GODSHIP. We need to be grown into inviting rejection into our lives and learn to “turn the other cheek.”

Key Verse

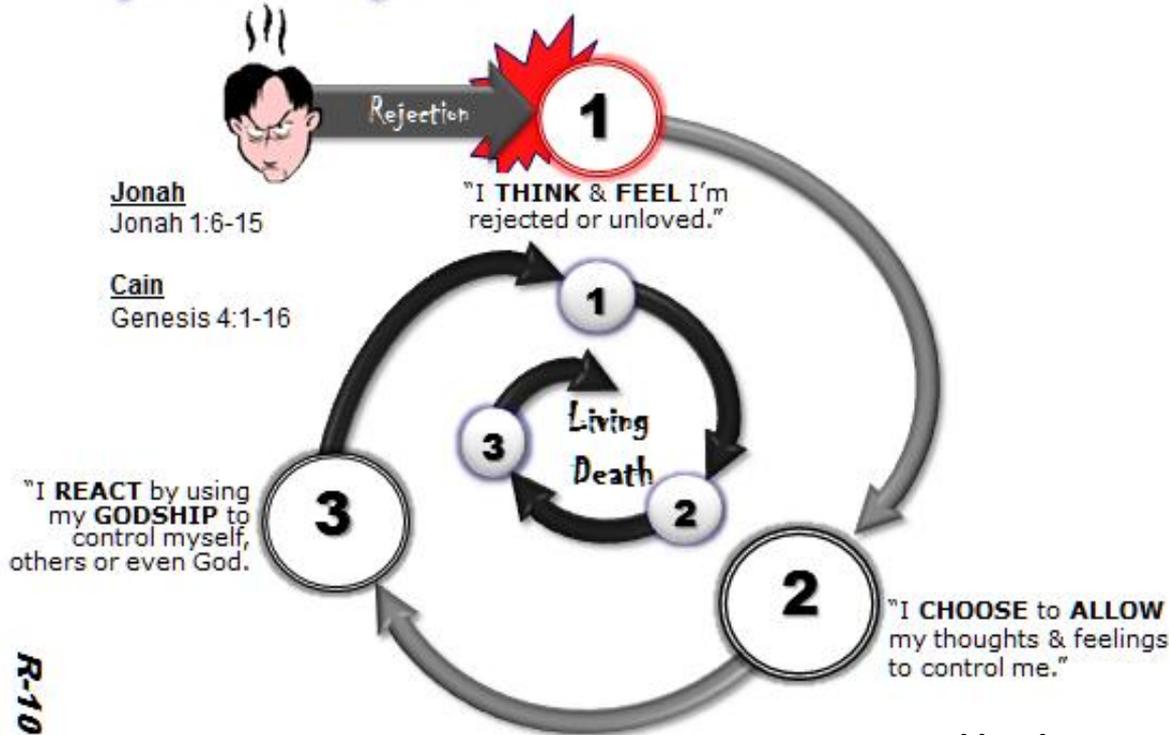
Romans 15:7

Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

Goals in Discipleship

For each of us to identify someone who has rejected us and so we can evaluate the results of that rejection. We must learn to turn away from the temptation of using our flesh – godship. We need to learn to embrace the pain in order to give the love.

Rejection Cycle



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Rejection is normal, natural, and neutral – that is if you live on this earth:

- **Everyone gets rejected** in life but not everyone gets “sucked” into the rejection cyclone. How the indwelt believer handles the initial rejection becomes the key.
- **Rejection is knowingly** or unknowingly withholding love. Since God is love (1 John 4:8), when a believer is withholding love – they are withholding God from another. Not good!
- **Notice the three steps of this cyclone:**

1. It starts with a rejecter (you or the other person). One typically exercises Godship first and the other starts to “think and feel” they are not being loved. We call it the “suck zone” - Satan pulling you in (Gen. 4:5a).
2. The rejected chooses to allow the rejection to control them (Gen. 4:5b).
3. As a result, the rejecter grabs from their own Godship bag and fires it back – reacts.

Since the rejecter is inclined to Godship, the Godship on Godship battle begins until a the rejection cycle is formed.

Rejection: Resulting Godship

TWO TYPES OF REJECTION

1 OVERT...
Obvious or
Known



OVERT

- "I hate you"
- Physical Abuse
- Name Calling
- Outward Actions of Dislike or Hate

2 COVERT...
Subtle or
Unknown



COVERT

- "I have no time for you"
- No Discipline
- Neglect
- Performance
- I love you but...

Biblical Definition:

- Withholding God from Another

Human Definition: Withholding Love & Relationship from Others

Rejection is the result of Godship:

- **The Biblical definition** of rejection is **withholding love**, since God is love it is withholding God from another.
- **The human definition** is withholding love & relationships from others.
- **Overt:** is obvious or known rejection. Example: physical abuse, name calling and general actions of "hate."
- **Covert:** is subtle or unknown rejection. Example: little time spent with someone, neglect and performing for others.
- **Disciplers need to** draw out both types in the process of gathering data on their disciple. These areas and forms of rejection contain many expressions of Godship – both on the receiver and rejecter's part.

It should be the goal of the discipler to seek out the areas of Godship that need to be addressed and confessed.

Feeling Rejected

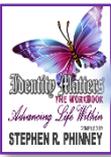
John 12:25a

- 1. I AM FILLED WITH SELF-PITY.
- 2. I FEEL THAT LIFE "ISN'T WORTH IT?"
- 3. I AM SELF-OCCUPIED.
- 4. I AM UNABLE TO EXPRESS MY FEELINGS.
- 5. I AM EASILY DEPRESSED.
- 6. I INSULATE MYSELF EMOTIONALLY.
- 7. I AM FOCUSED ON MY FEELINGS.
- 8. I AM CONTINUALLY EXAMINING MYSELF.
- 9. I AM PERFECTIONISTIC.
- 10. I AM LACKING IN SELF-DISCIPLINE.
- 11. I AM IRRESPONSIBLE.
- 12. I AM FILLED WITH WORRIES, DOUBTS, & FEARS.
- 13. I AM SELF-CONDEMNING.
- 14. I FEEL GUILTY.
- 15. I TRY TOO HARD TO PLEASE.
- 16. I ANSWER ONLY WHAT I THINK OTHERS WANT TO HEAR.
- 17. I FEEL EVERY CONVERSATION RELATES TO ME AND TAKE IT PERSONALLY.
- 18. I CLING LIKE A LEECH TO ANYONE WHO FINALLY ACCEPTS ME.

A person being rejected often times has thoughts and feelings of the following:

- **The rejected usually has** inward and outward reactions – this diagram lists inward reactions.
- **Notice the numerous references** to “self” in these sentences. All these statements are expressions of self-love (Godship).
- **Key:** the more you love your life, the more rejection and loss of life you will experience (John 12:25).
- **When self sets the standards** for good and evil, all judgments are corrupt and relative (G-103).
- **Godship is at the root** of all actions and reactions of rejection. It is either the rejecters Godship or the rejected when a choice is made to react by allowing the rejection to control them.
- **Each rejected person is responsible** for their actions or reactions – nobody “makes” you feel or do anything.

Discipler: make sure you explain each item on this page.



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REACTING TOWARD OTHERS...

- 1. I AM RESENTFUL.
- 2. I AM BITTER.
- 3. I REBEL AGAINST AUTHORITY.
- 4. I HAVE CONFLICTING FEELINGS OF LOVE AND HATE.
- 5. I AM DISTRUSTFUL.
- 6. I AM UNABLE TO ACCEPT OR EXPRESS LOVE.
- 7. I HAVE DIFFICULTY TOLERATING OTHERS.
- 8. I SPEND LITTLE TIME WITH THEM.
- 9. I VENT HOSTILITY IN PUNITIVE WAYS.
- 10. I MAKE OPEN STATEMENTS OF REJECTION.
- 11. I GIVE VERBAL ACCEPTANCE—WITH EMOTIONAL REJECTION.
- 12. I MAKE TOO MANY DECISIONS FOR THEM.
- 13. I GIVE TOO LITTLE GUIDANCE.
- 14. I MAY ABUSE THEM PHYSICALLY.
- 15. I REFUSE TO COMMUNICATE.
- 16. I GIVE MORE IMPORTANCE TO OTHER PEOPLE OR THINGS.
- 17. I INTENSELY REJECT ANYONE WHO REMINDS ME OF
SOMEONE WHO HAS REJECTED ME.

SUMMARY: *“You reject me; I’ll reject you!”*

Romans 12:17

1 Thessalonians 5:15

1 Peter 3:9

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All behavior starts with an attitude and quickly moves to an action or reaction:

- **Notice that each** of these reactions are an **attempt to protect oneself** by rejecting self and others.
- **This list gives** insight on **how a person tends to relate** to those who have rejected them.
- **People living in rejection** may even reject those who have not rejected them. Their reactions become relationally habit forming and thus **reacting even when they are being loved**.
- **Key:** reactions are a form of revenge, and as we know this is Godship.
- **We are mandated by God to block or stop any root of bitterness** from forming in our hearts (Heb. 12:15). When it does, it is certain to defile self, others and the believer’s fellowship with Christ.

Discipler: have the disciplee give examples of each of the reactions they identify with the most.



Reaction Toward God

Job 40:1, 4-8

Romans 9:20-21

- 1. I RESIST GOD'S AUTHORITY.
- 2. I AM UNABLE TO TRUST GOD.
- 3. I VIEW GOD AS A TYRANT.
- 4. I AM ANGRY AT GOD.
- 5. I REJECT GOD.
- 6. I HAVE LITTLE REAL FELLOWSHIP OR COMMUNION WITH GOD.
- 7. I AM UNABLE TO RECEIVE GOD'S LOVE.

SUMMARY: Rejecting God

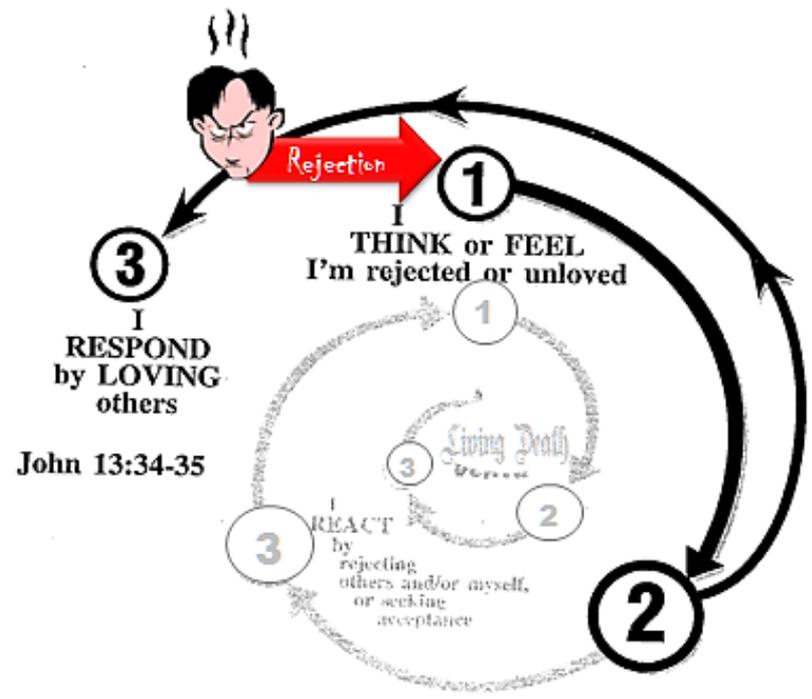
Jesus said *“what you do unto the least of these my brethren, you do unto Me.”*

Reactions toward others normally ends up in the believer's relationship with God Himself.

- Since the rejected **thinks God is rejecting them** in the same way others reject them, they tend to think God is withholding love from them.
- **Believers actually reject God** when He doesn't measure up to their standards. The covert reality is they want God to obey them.
- **Satan's goal is to have the rejected accuse God of things he himself is guilty of** – resisting authority, no trust, viewing God as a tyrant, angry, rejective, no time for God and unable to be or give love.
- **Rejecting God puts the rejecter above God** and this is why we call this Godship.

Discipler: this list is critical – it is the pinnacle of this teaching, that of showing the rejecter their choices of reaction can definitely affect their relationship with Christ in them.

Stopping the Rejection Cycle



John 13:34-35

2 Cor. 5:17

2A) I CHOOSE to ALLOW those thoughts and feelings to control me

2B) OR I CHOOSE to BELIEVE

LAM: Blessed
Chosen
Holy
Blameless
Loved
Adopted
Accepted
Redeemed
Forgiven

Eph. 1:3-8

Stopping the rejection cycle is impossible without Christ manifesting Himself in the believer.

- **When we are rejected**, we have a choice. We can choose to allow the rejection to control us or choose to believe what God says is true about us.
- **The truest things about us** are what Christ IS in us, which is all the attributes of His very Life.
- **No one can change who we are** in Christ no matter what the rejecter says or does to us.
- **The Model: The key is to allow** Jesus' response to the rejection by trusting Himself to His Father who judges righteously. His focus was the Father, and He loved the people who reviled (rejected) Him.
- **The reaction lists in the past three diagrams are from believing what others say about us.** If the rejecter can have that much power over us, how much more can God have in our lives if we believe Christ within us?

Discipler: carefully walk the disciplee through this diagram putting a special emphasis on the new #2 – I choose to believe what Christ says.

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CONFERENCE

INTERNAL / EXTERNAL

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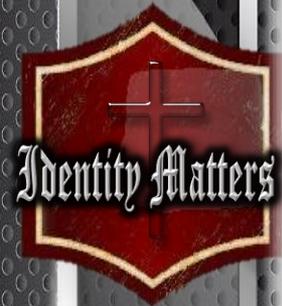


Advancing Life Within



EXTERNAL / INTERNAL

External/Internal is an individual attempting to gain love, acceptance, and significance from external resources - idolatry. Since Godship sets up “self-rule,” the individual works to turn negative externals into positive ones, by making use of self-effort.



Purpose of This Teaching

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Key Truth: External/Internal

Indwelt Christians need to be delivered from the deception that life is found externally in things or people or in Christian service. If believers do not know what external things or people that motivate them to change by self-effort – they cannot yield these idols to Christ for absolute deliverance & identity exchange.

Key Verse

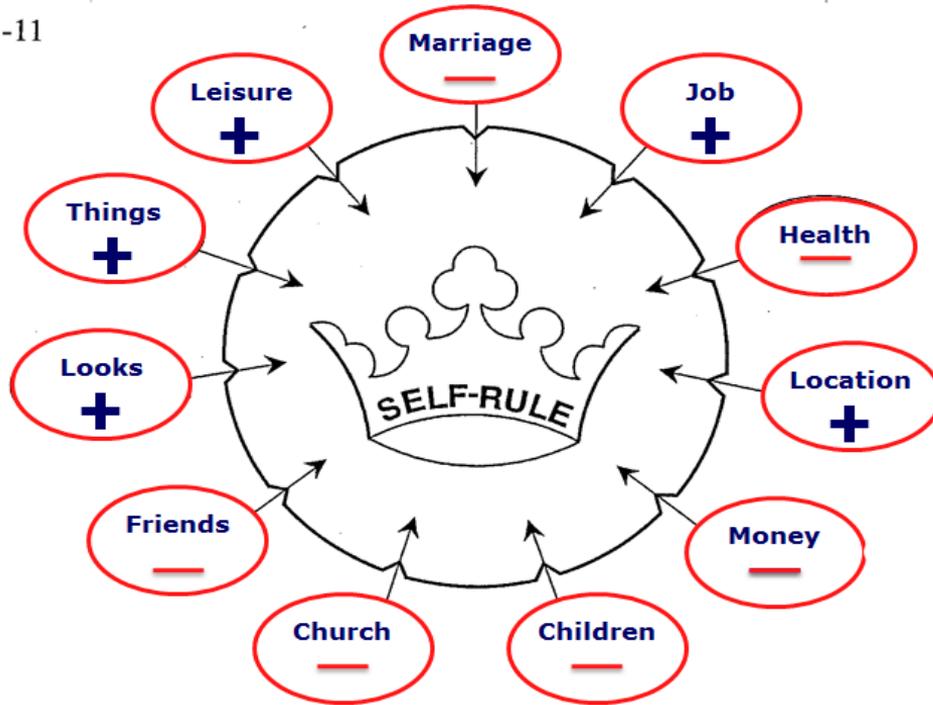
2 Corinthians 4:17-18, *For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.*

Goals in Discipleship

To identify the idols in his/her life that need to be confessed. Christ is inviting us to admit to God that our focus has been in the wrong direction and that He wants to rule our lives through the great exchange of "Not I, but Christ."

External/Internal Fulfillment

Eccl. 2:1-11



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People attempt to find life and confess what they believe to be true about themselves from the source.

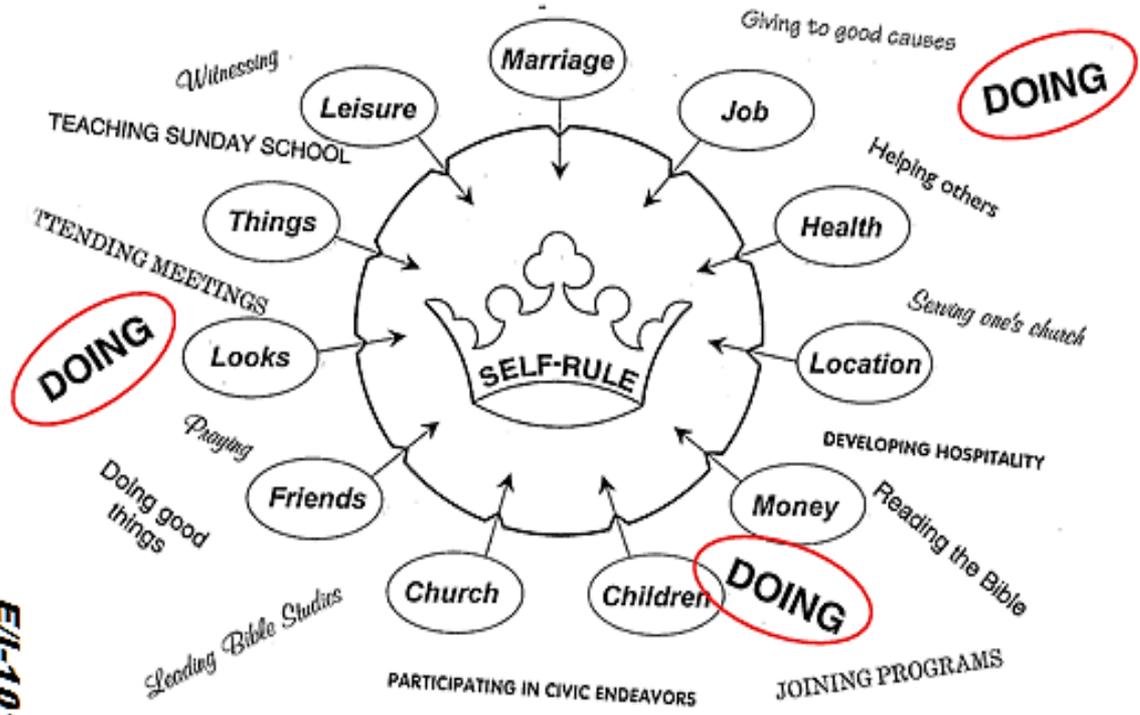
The diagram is a picture of a person's life. Central to this life is a crown showing self-rule and a person attempting to find life in external people, places, and things.

- **The arrows pointing inward** show the **attempt** to draw life from the outside – one of the biggest lies in which believers suffer.
- **For example:** Men often try finding fulfillment in a job; women often try seeking fulfillment in their marriage or children.
- **Self-rule**, or self-life, is an attempt to make the external things positive (+), to overcome what in reality is a big negative (-).
- **Since failure** to turn negatives into positives is certain, the believer becomes disappointed and thus, blames and condemns others for their "unhappiness."

Discipler: it is imperative that you find out which of these circled items are negative and positive in the disciple's life.

Christians Doing To Get

Ecc. 1:14



Many times, an indwelt **believer does good things** when feeling life is unmanageable and out of control.

- **All these activities can be worthwhile** and are NOT necessarily wrong things.
- **But the focus is on external fulfillment**, resulting in more self-rule and fleshly deeds.
- **Notice how busy** this diagram looks. It reveals how being busy can overtake a person's life.
- **Many Christians are encouraged** to "get busy serving the Lord" and can experience burnout.
- **Satan wants us to focus on the externals** – for he is the god of the external things. God wants us to focus on the internal mind and Life of Christ.
- **External focus is legalism** – DOING.
- **Looking internally** is being focused on BEING who you are in Christ Jesus.

Discipler: Make sure your disciple makes a solid connection with external DOING vs. internal Life in Christ.



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Everything BUT God

- ✓ Call a friend for advice before going to Christ.
- ✓ Turn to food, drugs, and other externals to fill the vacuum.
- ✓ Try to figure it out with your own mind.
- ✓ Turn to external "self-help" resources to "figure it out."
- ✓ Buy something to distract you from the pain.
- ✓ Get more education to solve the problem.
- ✓ Get angry or become a "control freak" to get results.
- ✓ Work harder to overcome.
- ✓ Get overly busy to try to forget the real problem.
- ✓ Give money, time, and effort to soothe your conscience.
- ✓ Get divorced or get a new spouse.
- ✓ Move from church to church until you find an "ear tickler."
- ✓ Sleeping to escape the overwhelming circumstances.

Lastly, they call on God!

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Turning to everything but God is most likely the biggest challenge for any indwelt believer.

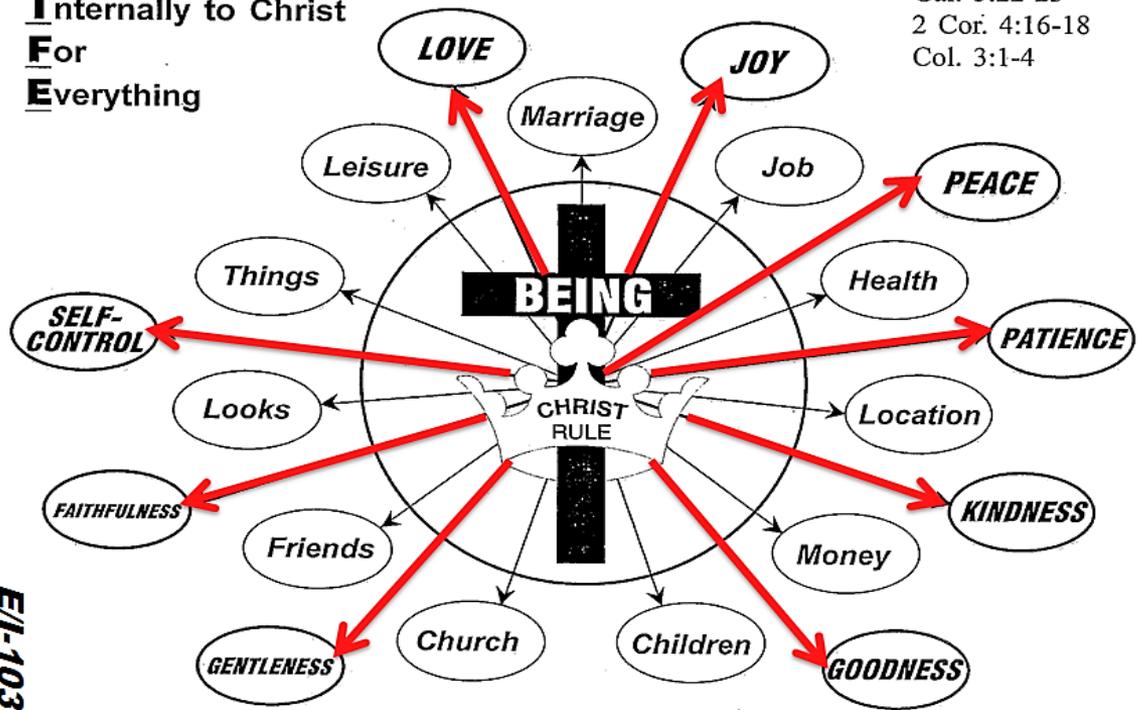
- **One way man plays god** (Godship) is trying to solve problems without God.
- **People want to be "god"** of their own lives and live independently of God – fixing things before God has a chance to fix it.
- **Satan will provide** fascinating diversions to keep a person from coming to God, saved or not.
- **Even indwelt Christians do not** often think of coming to God first to seek His direction and comfort.
- **Key:** Jesus looked to His Father for *everything*. Wouldn't it behoove us to do the same?
- **Read John 5:30** to your disciple.

Discipler: Have your disciple read down the list aloud and note which "fixes" he/she has attempted to use in solving their "problems."

Christ In You Doing

Looking
Internally to Christ
For
Everything

Gal. 5:22-23
 2 Cor. 4:16-18
 Col. 3:1-4



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Christ doing the living inside the believer is the starting point of the victorious life.

- **The Life of Christ is** expressed in the believer by way of the manifestation of the fruit of the Spirit, which is Christ's Spirit.
- **Doing has been replaced with BEING.** Now the believer is a human being, NOT a human doing. This person "looks internally to Christ for everything."
- **"Being" is resting in Christ** for the purpose of releasing Christ's doing through the believer. He gives the believer the practical doing from His Life and resources.
- **Now the focus is giving** instead of getting. The objective is to meet the needs of others at church, job, and home instead of looking to those people to meet our needs.
- **If Christ rules on the inside** of the believer, then victory for the person is experienced even when the externals remain negative.

Discipler: Have your disciple note that the arrows are pointed outward from the Life of Christ.

Identity Matters

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PROBLEMS PROBLEMS

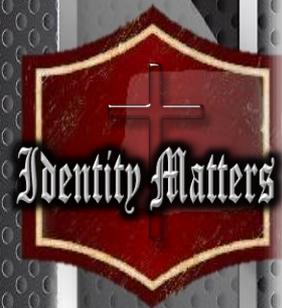
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Advancing Life Within

PROBLEMS

Problems are direct consequences of self-life efforts. God then uses these problems to bring the believer to the end of their own resources, or self-life, in order to create a dependence on Christ's Life from within. We believe that suffering is the key component to learning obedience to Christ Jesus, who actually lives in the born-again believer. It is these problems that reveal the person's flesh (Heb. 5:8).



Purpose of This Teaching

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Key Truth: Problems

Indwelt Christians need problems! God allows problems or trials in our lives to bring us to the end of our self-life, or to an issue in which we are being selfish. God has a purpose for all conflict and difficulties, for it is certain to lead us to the inward life of Christ. For the unsaved, it could lead them to the great exchange – Salvation.

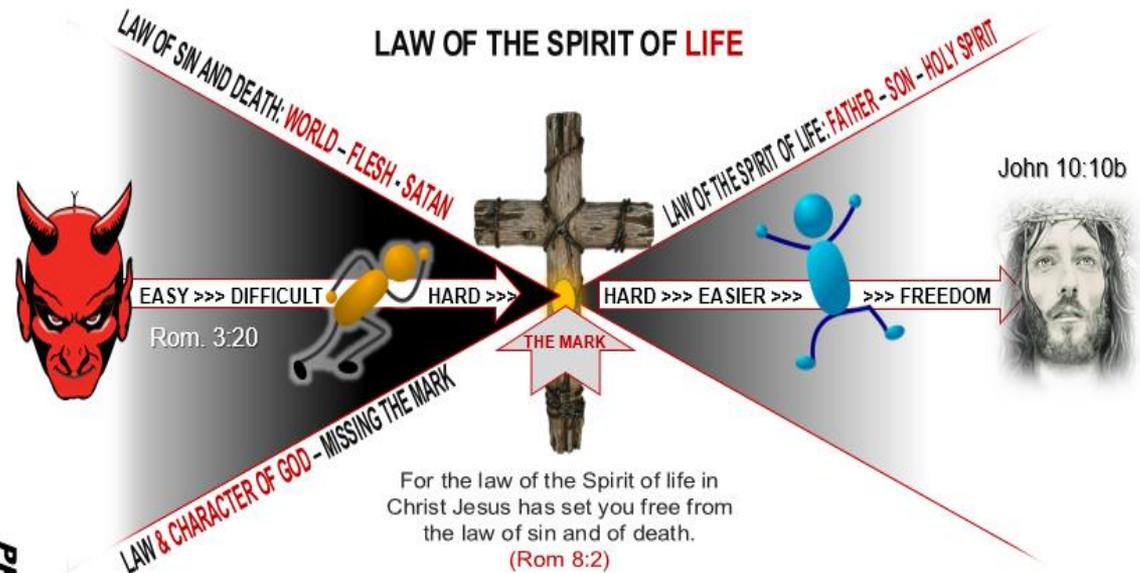
Key Verse

Romans 8:28 – “And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.”

Goals in Discipleship

With Christ’s assistance, identify the areas in the indwelt Christian’s life that steal their rest, to die to them; and to thank God for the trials, issues, and/or people which are possible contributors.

DEATH TO LIFE

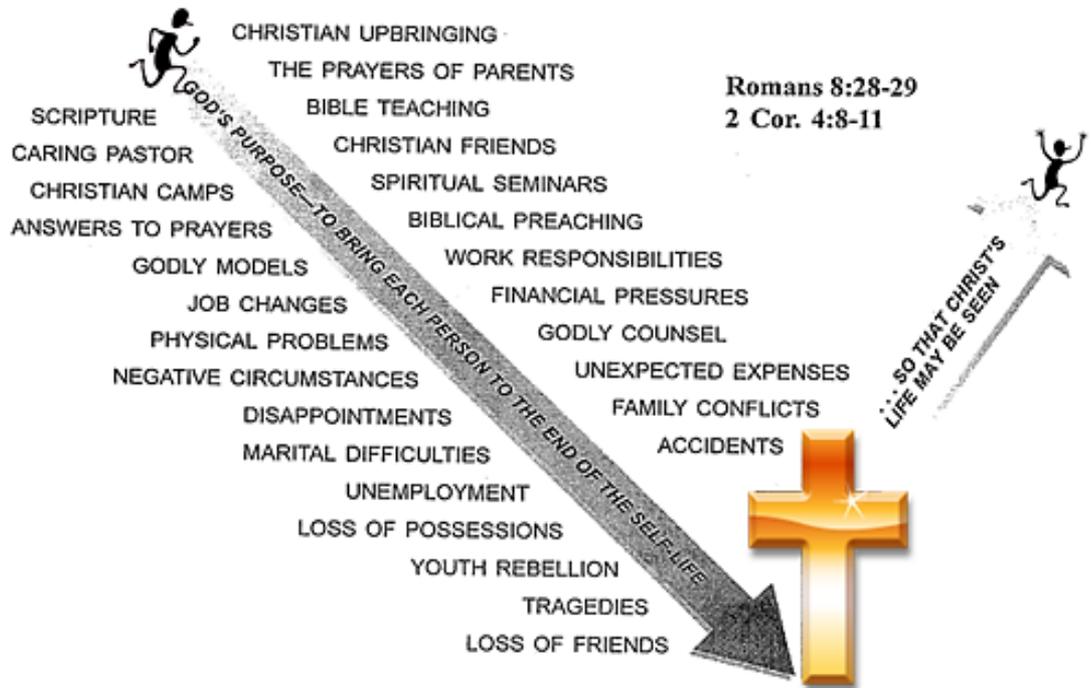


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This is a powerful diagram, if used correctly, in the discipleship process.

- **The left wedge shows** how God uses the world, Satan, and the disciple's flesh as "cattle rails" to guide the individual either to Salvation or to the end of a believer's self-life.
- **It is a wide gate** (Matt. 7:13) in the beginning. But the closer one is brought to the Cross, the more narrow the passageway becomes, in order to prepare a person for the narrow gate – the born-again birthing canal.
- **There are two dimensions of the Cross:** the 1st is Salvation (Christ died for all) and the 2nd is identification with and in Christ – (I died with Him -Gal. 2:20). Due to this reality, many born-again Christians must be put through the deduction process of coming to the end of themselves by way of God using the world, Satan, and their flesh all over again.
- **The wedge on the right** is the life of an indwelt Christian being guided (cattle rails) by the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus.

God Uses Everything



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God's purposing to bring each believer to the end of the self-life.

- **God uses both desirable things** and difficult things to bring His children to the end of all forms of selfishness and flesh.
- **Christ's life seen in the disciple** is the wonderful result of their dying to the self-life.
- **Read Rom. 8:28-29:** "And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."
- **Christ in the believer** uses everything to conform His Bride to the image of Himself.
- **The appropriation of** co-death, burial, resurrection, and ascension can be embraced in order to experience Christ living through the believer.
- **Now the believer can** look back and be thankful in all things – the good, as well as the most trying and difficult things.

Well Meaning Detours



Col. 2:8
James 1:2-4

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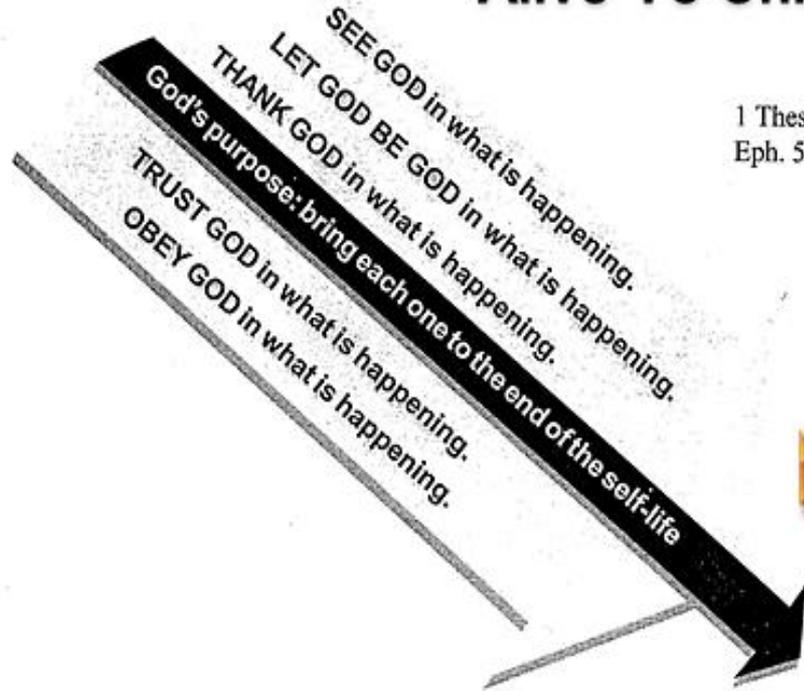
A human tendency, for all unsaved or saved alike, is to put roadblocks in place to stop the process of God bringing us to the Cross.

- **God allows WHAT** we go through; we choose HOW we go through it.
- **Detours can be set by people** who care for us and don't want us to hurt (Colossians 2:8).
- **We are best at setting up detours** – foolish choices expressing an attempt to block God from doing what He does best - grow His children.
- **Every situation**, even our choices of setting up detours, God will use to draw us to Christ.
- **An escape or relief may look good** to the self-life, but the greater value is what the Lord want to accomplish through our problems.
- **These detours are** ways believers “fix the fix that God has fixed on us to stop us from fixing” self, others, and difficult circumstances.

Discipler: It is imperative you draw out what type of detours your disciple uses to block God from bringing him/her to the end.

Dead To Self-life & Alive To Christ's Life

1 Thess. 5:18
Eph. 5:20



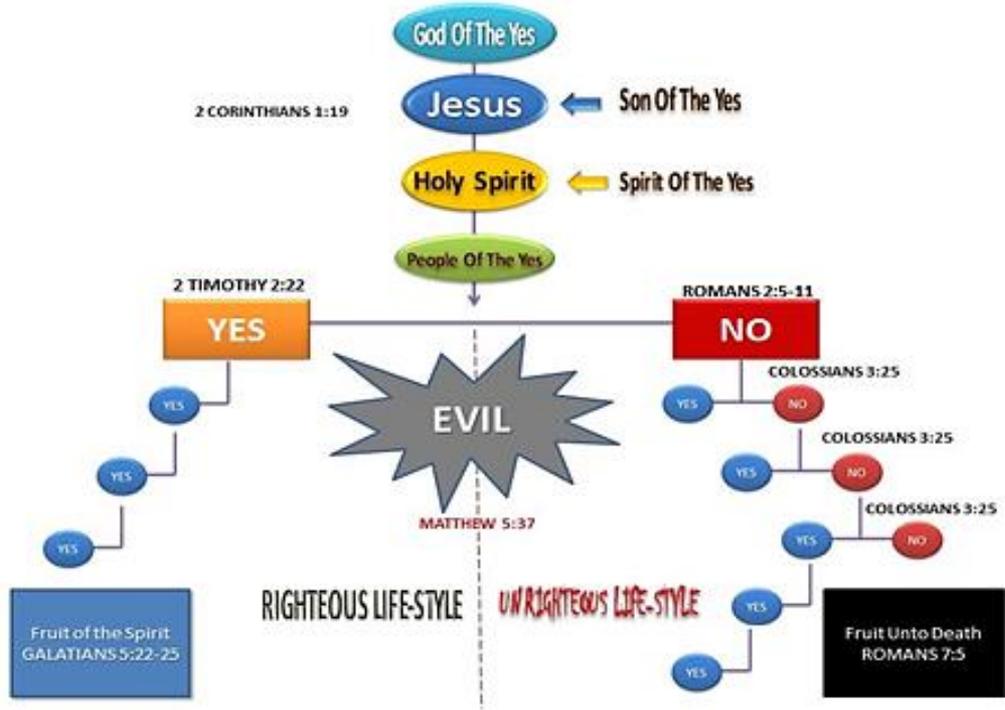
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God's purpose is to bring each indwelt believer to the end of the self-life.

- **Problems can cause** one to be *bitter* or *better*. It is all decided from a single choice.
- **Against all fears**, believers can choose to trust God – turning the focus away from the circumstances and focusing totally on God's plan.
- **Seeing God's purpose is** more important than solving the situation that is bring discomfort.
- **God is sovereign** – stop arguing and allow Christ within to reign as Lord.
- **Trusting God is** *not* based on feelings, but on the reliable character of the Father, Himself.
- **Does seeking God**, thanking God, trusting God, and obeying His voice lead to success and fulfillment? No. They lead to the Cross of identification – death to “my way” and Life released through Christ.

Discipler: Have the disciple read aloud each item stated on the diagram.

PEOPLE OF THE YES



Jesus said, "Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No' 'No.' For whatever is more than these is from the evil one" (Matt. 5:37).

- **God, the Father, commands** of Jesus, and He obeys with an affirmative "yes."
- **The Holy Spirit is 100%** obedient to the Words of Jesus, by being a Spirit of the "yes."
- **The Holy Spirit sets up** believers with a decision, in order to become a people of the "yes."
- **When believers continue to obey** and say "yes," they live a lifestyle of righteousness.
- **When believers disobey** and say "no," they can be set up by the Holy Spirit for a new decision of the "yes." This will be a continual process until the believer chooses "yes" as a lifestyle.
- **When people give** neither a "yes" or a "no," they begin to function in chaos - what we call the "evil zone." These people keep one foot in righteousness and the other in unrighteousness, resulting in becoming lukewarm.

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Discipler: Have the disciple read aloud each Scripture stated on this diagram.

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Identity Matters

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MY FLESH

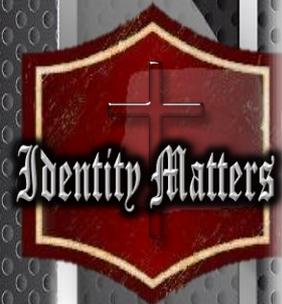
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Advancing Life Within

MY FLESH, GOD'S ENEMY

Flesh exhibits patterns, reactions, and/or sinful actions that reveal (my) an individual's self-life - trash left behind by the old nature. These fleshly reactions lead the believer to Life (Christ) or death (flesh) decisions. If the believer continues to choose self-life decisions, we believe God will bring this person to the end of himself through consequences formed by their own flesh. This, without question, leads the person to repentance (Luke 9:23).



Purpose of This Teaching

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Key Truth: My Flesh

Indwelt Christians walking after the flesh produces problems! When a believer chooses their own way over God's way, that person is walking after the flesh, leading to death. Satan lived out his self-life and became God's enemy, and thus, was removed from Heaven. The believer's flesh is a direct reflection of the life of our enemy.

Key Verse

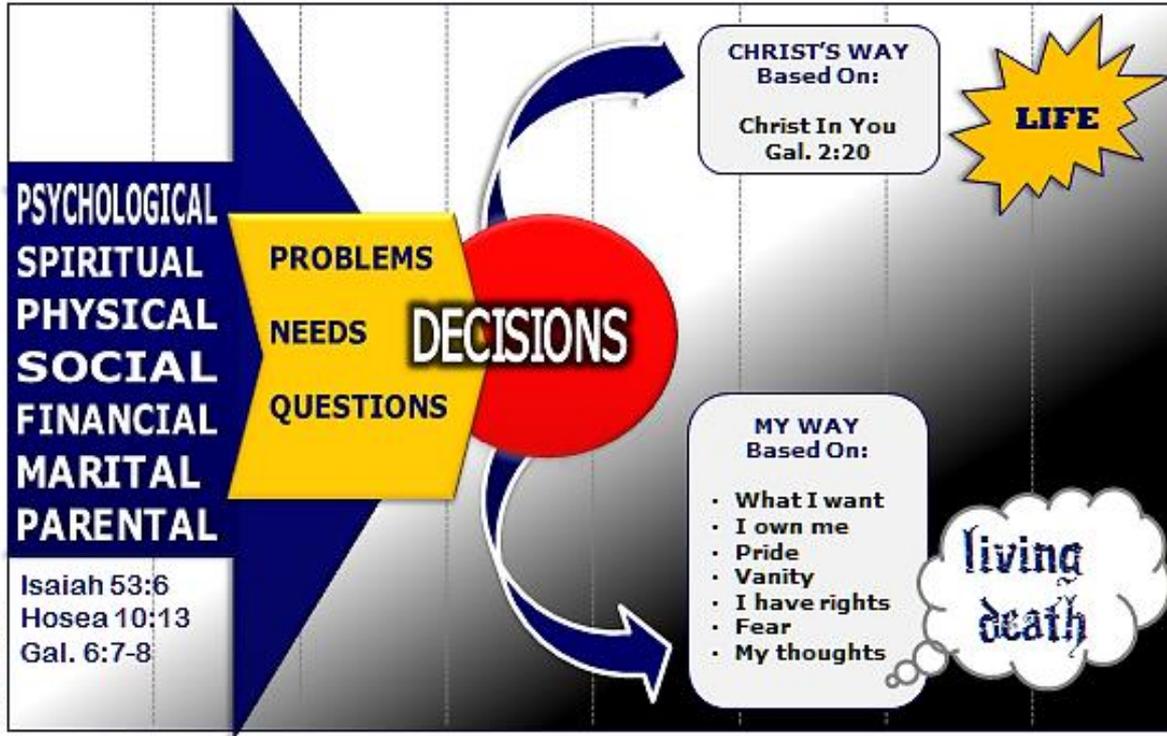
Romans 8:6-8 – *"For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God."*

Goals in Discipleship

To reveal that when the indwelt believer is NOT making life (Christ's Life) decisions, but rather death decisions (self-life), he/she needs to be led to the Cross for confession and restoration.

Life & Death Decisions

Deut. 30:19-20



Christ not only has the ability to make Life decisions through the believer, but He will do it.

- **This diagram points out** that the seven areas of life will lead to problems, needs, and questions setting the believer up for a decision.
- **Decisions are made either** “my way” (according to the flesh) or “God’s way” (according to the Spirit).
- **Each decision is a matter of Life** in Christ or death, depending on how it is made (Duet. 30:19-20).
- **Many believers make decisions** without any thought of what God says. This is why they experience a “living death.”
- **Decisions made “my way”** are based on a will other than God’s. Jesus didn’t come to do His will, but only the will of His Father, which is done through the believer.

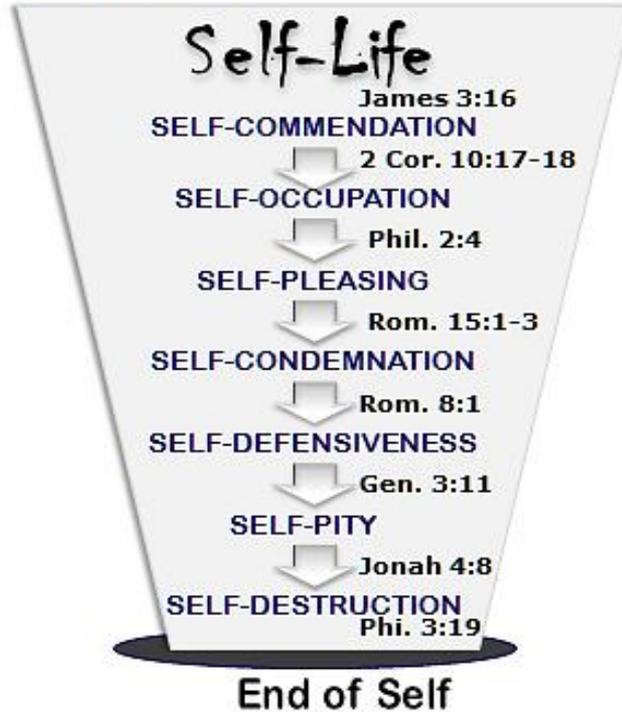
Discipler: Have the disciple read aloud each Scripture stated on this diagram.

Downward Spiral



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Matthew 16:25a



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Christ is interested in bringing all indwelt believers to the end of themselves.

- **Focusing on oneself**, or the self-life, is a death spiral because it is a path away from God (Rom. 8:6).
- **This shows the natural conclusion** of making decisions of living death. A consistent choosing of "my way:" leads to a fleshly lifestyle.
- **James 3:16 reveals** to us how the downward spiral starts with a strong self-life.
- **Self demands** "self-life spoiling."
- **Self-commending** always leads to being occupied with SELF.
- **Self-occupation** leads to self-pleasing, then to self-condemnation and self-defensiveness, if confronted.
- **After confrontation**, self-pity settles in and finally, ends in self-destructive behavior.
- **All these are used** by God to allow the disciple to slip into the dark place of being at the end of himself.



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Upward Spiral

Ministry To Others



John 15:16

OUTREACH

Matt. 28:19-20

SPIRITUAL FREEDOM

Gal. 5:1

MATURE LOVE

1 John 4:11-12

EXPECTATIONS FROM GOD

Psalms 62:5

WORSHIP & PRAISE

Psalms 50:23

CROSS-BEARING

Matt. 16:24

DENY SELF

Luke 9:23

Christ As Life



End of Self-Life

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It is estimated that over 90% of ministry workers minister from their own mind, rather than the mind of Christ from within.

- **Understanding** exactly who's mind the believer functions from is crucial in daily living.
- **All Christ as Life** living starts with denying self from the believer's brokenness.
- **Bearing one's own cross** cannot be done until the self-life is rendered dead with Christ.
- **Appropriation** with the believer's co-death, burial, resurrection, and ascension results in pure and honest worship of God – no longer self.
- **When releasing the mind** of Christ from within occurs, the believer's expectations can and will be from God.
- **Mature love** is not a choice, but a result of abiding in the indwelling Life of Christ.
- **Spiritual freedom** comes with the fruit of the Spirit, when Christ as Life is rendered as life.
- **Ministry to others** is the pinnacle of realizing and appropriating the mind of Christ from within.

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Identity Matters

DISCERNING THE FLESH

TEST YOUR MOTIVES: Proverbs 18:1

Are my decisions to benefit my FLESH?

- Am I doing it for my self-interest? (Phil. 2:3-4)
- Is it against God's Word? (Ps. 119:11)
- Is it contrary to those in authority? (Rom. 13:1; Heb. 13:17)
- Am I feeling frustrated, angry, or fearful? (Gal. 5:16-21)
- Is there a lack of contentment and of God's peace? (1 Tim. 6:6)

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If so, the result is DEATH, LOSS, AND CORRUPTION!

Are my decisions through the Spirit from within?

- Am I doing it in and through Christ? (2 Cor. 5:15)
- Am I acknowledging God's sovereign control in everything and trusting Him to work things out through me? (Rom. 8:28)
- Am I confident that Christ is in control? (Gal. 5:1)
- Am I free from self-condemnation? (Rom. 8:28)

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If so, the result is LIFE, PEACE, AND GRACE!

Few enjoy being tested. This diagram asks questions begging for an honest appraisal – flesh or Spirit.

- **Box #1 reveals** questions that test the believer's motive in determining fleshly decisions.
- **It is imperative the disciple understands** self-life decisions promote: self-interest, going against God's Word, rebellion against God's authority, development of fleshly feelings, and the revelation of a lack of commitment to the Life of Christ from within.
- **Box #2 reveals the evidence of a believer** walking in and after the Spirit.
- **Walking in the Spirit gives** the believer benefits of: Christ being released in them, submitting to the sovereignty of God, allowing Christ to do the self-control through them, trusting in Him, confidence in Christ (rather than self), and freedom from self-condemnation.
- **This kind of living produces** Life, Peace, and Grace in daily living and decision making.

Discipler: Make sure to have the disciple read each question, look up the Scriptures, and answers the questions.

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REPENTANCE

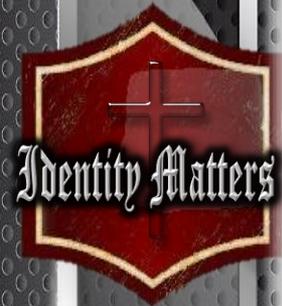
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REPENTANCE

Repentance is the process of confessing one's sins, turning away from the self-life, and returning to a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ from the inside out. This cannot be done effectively unless the Holy Spirit brings revelation to specific areas of the flesh that rise up against Jesus Christ. Once true repentance has occurred, the indwelt Christian can begin to apply their identity in Christ to all of life's situations and circumstances (Psalm 119:59).



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Purpose of This Teaching

Key Truth: Repentance

Indwelt Christians need to repent often. Sin cannot be ignored in the life of and indwelt believer. When we turn away from God and sin, we must turn back to Him through repentance. Forgiveness is an act of Jesus Christ that is to be claimed and *not* "begged." His final act of forgiveness is eternal and forever lasting: past, present, and future.

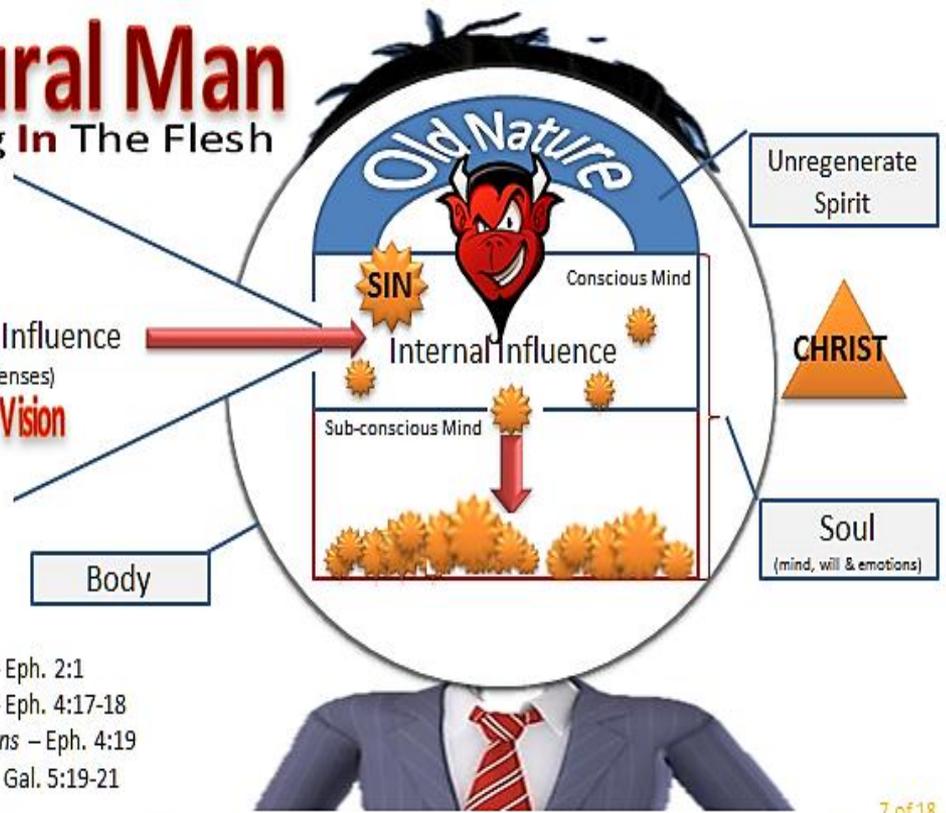
Key Verse

Romans 8:9 – *"However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him."*

Goals in Discipleship

To teach the design and function of the Natural Man (unsaved), the Spiritual Man (saved), and the Carnal Man (believer walking AFTER their flesh). To help identify where believers are currently walking after their flesh, come to an honest appraisal, and repent. Through this, the believer can walk in the Spirit.

Natural Man Walking In The Flesh



Man:
Spirit – Eph. 2:1
Mind – Eph. 4:17-18
Emotions – Eph. 4:19
Body – Gal. 5:19-21

Unsaved Man: Unregenerate In The Flesh & Walking After The Flesh (1 Cor. 2:14)

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It is estimated that 90% of the self-proclaimed “Christians” in the world are not indwelt by the Life of Christ – revealing they are of “*Natural Man.*”

- **Note that Satan**, who is of the world, influences through external resources – the 5 senses.
- **Since the person is unsaved**, his influence matches the unregenerate Adamic nature of their internal function; thus, this person openly receives Satan’s control over their being.
- **Satan plants seeds** of unrighteousness in their conscious mind, which settles into the recesses of their sub-conscious. The result: being mastered by sin.
- **Note:** In the “Natural Man,” the Trinity of God (God, the Father; Jesus, the Son’ and the Holy Spirit) are external resources – NOT internal.
- **The spirit is detached from God**, the mind is darkened, and the body is enslaved.

Discipler: Make sure to have the disciple read each verse stated on this diagram.

Spiritual Man Walking In The Spirit

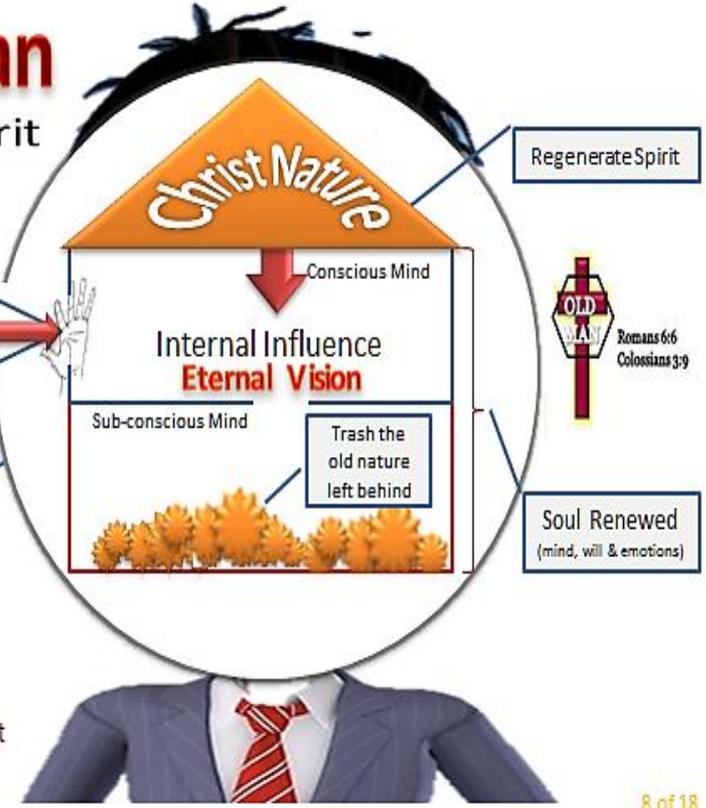


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External Influence
(Through 5 Senses)
Demonic Vision

Body Yielded

Spiritual Man:
Spirit – That of Christ
Mind – Being Renewed
Will – Choosing Truth
Emotions – Controlled by Christ
Body – Yielded to Christ



Saved Man: Regenerate In The Spirit & Walking After The Spirit (Rom. 6:12-13)

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When a true indwelt believer appropriates who they are in Christ, true redemption is seen in the mind, will, and emotions.

- **In a believer**, two **obvious changes** have taken place. The “old man” has been crucified with Christ on the Cross and now, the mind and Life of Christ is living and breathing through the person.
- **The body is yielded to the Life of Christ**, as well as functioning as a temple for the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19).
- **The Holy Spirit** (who is in this person) is freely controlling every part of this person’s mind, will, emotions, and body (Gal. 5:16-17).
- **Temptation from Satan** is blocked (the hand) due to the believer fully knowing sin’s power is broken and he is no longer a slave to Satan’s power, schemes, and sins (Rom. 6:14).
- **Keep in mind that** the “trash the old nature left behind” is what the Bible calls “sin that is in me” (Rom. 7:17).

Discipler: Help the disciple understand this is a picture of the normal indwelt Christian life.

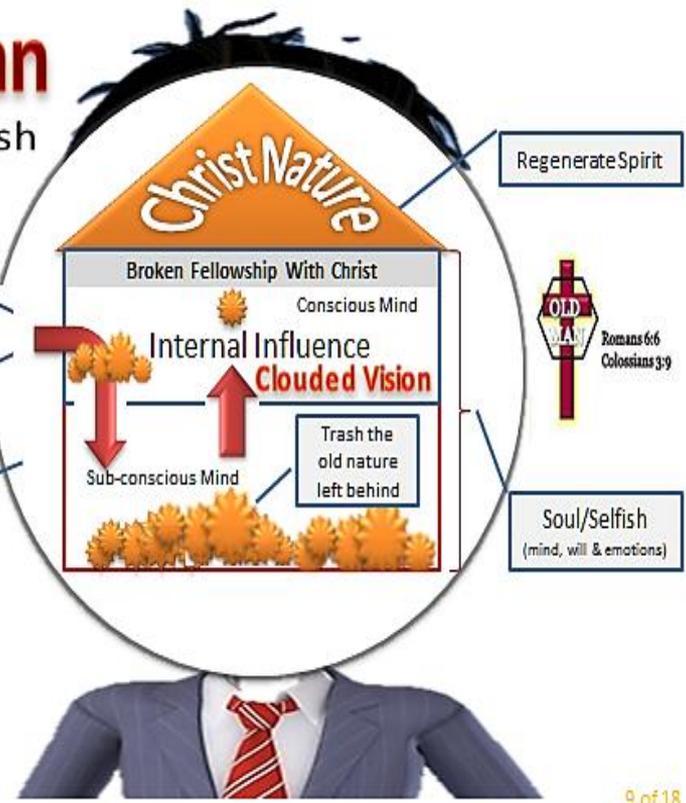
Spiritual Man Walking After the Flesh



External Influence
(Through 5 Senses)
Demonic Vision

Body Yielded to Flesh

Spiritual Man:
Spirit – That of Christ
Mind – Set on the Flesh
Will – Choosing Lies
Emotions – Controlled by Flesh
Body – Yielded to Flesh



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Saved Man Functioning Selfish: Regenerate In The Spirit & Walking After The *Flesh* (Rom. 6:12-13)

Even a true indwelt believer can submit to the temptations of Satan and function as IF they were an unbeliever.

- This is the **unfortunate condition** of many indwelt Christians today.
- The **“old man” IS dead**. This person is indwelt by the Spirit, but is yielding their five senses to the external temptations and influences of Satan brought into the mind, will, and emotions - resulting in a fleshly lifestyle.
- **Christ’s Life inside the believer** is hindered in sanctifying this person in mind, will, emotions, and body (1 Thessalonians 5:23).
- **Since sin has NO power** over the believer, a simple choice of repentance can be appropriated and deliverance quickly obtained.
- **The position of the believer** being in Christ does not change. What changes is their mind, will, and emotions.

Discipler: Help the disciple understand this is a picture of a carnal indwelt Christian life.

THE U-TURN OF REPENTANCE



Without true repentance – victory is impossible.

- **Repentance starts with** a person considering their own way and how their way insults the WAY of God. This cannot be done without an honest appraisal.
- **A complete step-by-step** outline is seen in diagram REP-102.
- **Repentance is not** just feeling sorry – that is a sorry of regret (2 Cor. 7:8-10). It is a complete yielding to the Life of Christ from within. This is the **key** to all forms of growth in Christ.
- **According to Luke 15:11-24**, there are **FOUR** phases to true repentance.
 1. Change of *Mind* – “he came to his senses.”
 2. Change of *Will* – “I will get up.”
 3. Change of *Feelings* – “I am no longer worthy.”
 4. Change of *Conduct* – “he got up.”
 5. *Confession and Restitution* – “I have sinned.”

True change in character *only* come when these four phases of an honest appraisal are appropriated.

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IDENTITY MATTERS

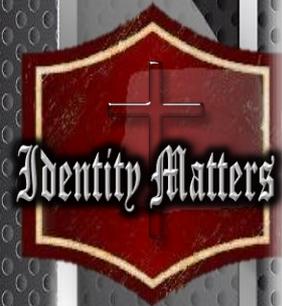
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IDENTIFICATION

This is one of the most commonly accept terms used to describe the exchanged life. Since behavior comes from identity, what one believes to be their identity (Christ or self) makes a significant impact on daily living. It is of utmost importance that the indwelt believer places their identity in the message of identification with Christ in His death, burial, resurrection, and ascension.



Purpose of This Teaching

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Key Truth: Identity Matters

An indwelt Christian is a new creation. The born-again believer has been given a regenerate spirit – that of Christ Jesus. The “old self,” “old man,” or “old nature,” has been crucified with Christ and is to be considered dead and gone. Meaning and purpose in life should now flow from this new identity.

Key Verse

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

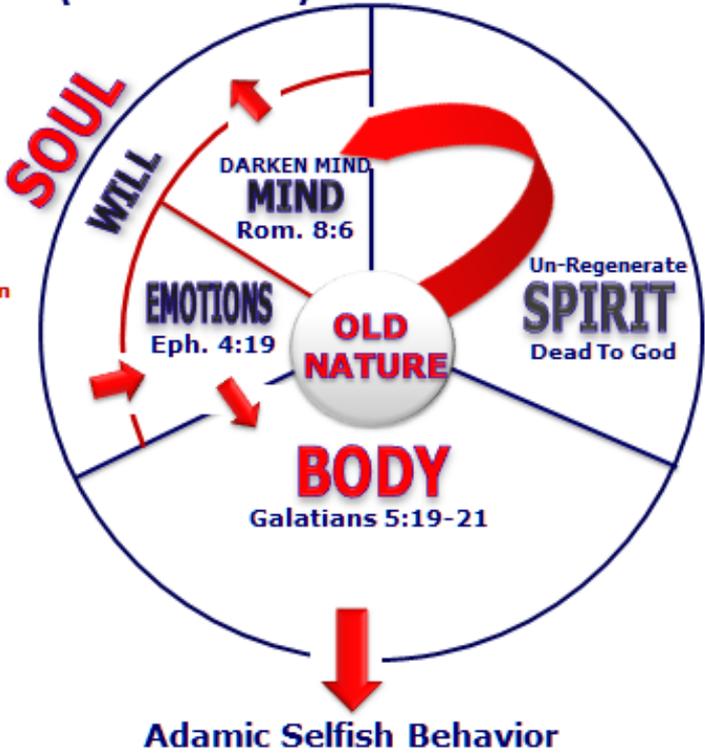
Goals in Discipleship

To reveal our true and heavenly purpose of demonstrating the very Life of Christ through our mind, will, emotions, and body. It is *in* and *through* our new identity that believers have a new intimacy, indwelt obedience, dependence, and love relationship with Christ from within.

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UNSAVED MAN (IN THE FLESH)

Titus 3:3
Choosing Sin



Living Outside
Of Man

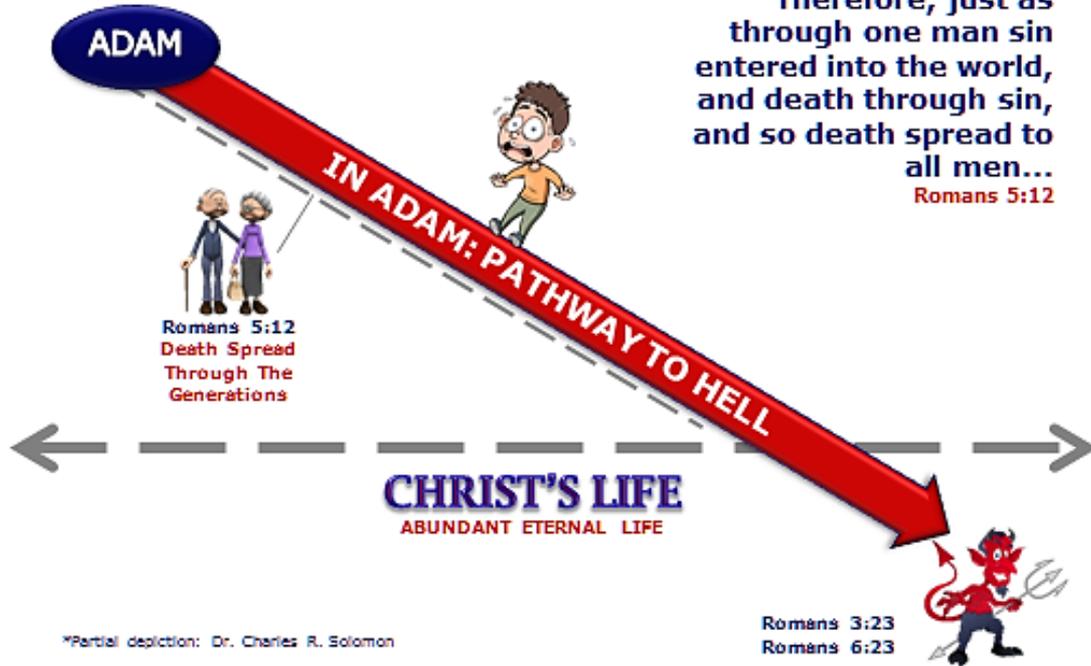
Romans 5:12
All Born Dead In Sin

An unsaved person is in the flesh, walks after their flesh, and has their identity as flesh.

- **Every person IS a spirit** (identity), HAS a soul, and **purpose LIVES** in a body.
- **Meaning and of life** flow from our identity.
- **God desires believers** experience fullness of life, as we choose to seek meaning and purpose from Him. This cannot be done until we accept Christ.
- **This diagram depicts an unsaved person.** He is dead to God; has a darkened mind, enslaved will, and damaged emotions; and has a body forced to submit to the Adamic nature – the reflection of Satan.
- **People tend to emphasize** the area of their lives they think is their primary identity, i.e. how they look.
- **The unsaved spirit is** the Adamic nature. It burdens the mind with fleshly thoughts, forming an enslaved will. This results in damaged emotions dumping into the body as selfish behavior.

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IN ADAM (LIVING DEATH)



*Partial depiction: Dr. Charles R. Solomon

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men...
Romans 5:12

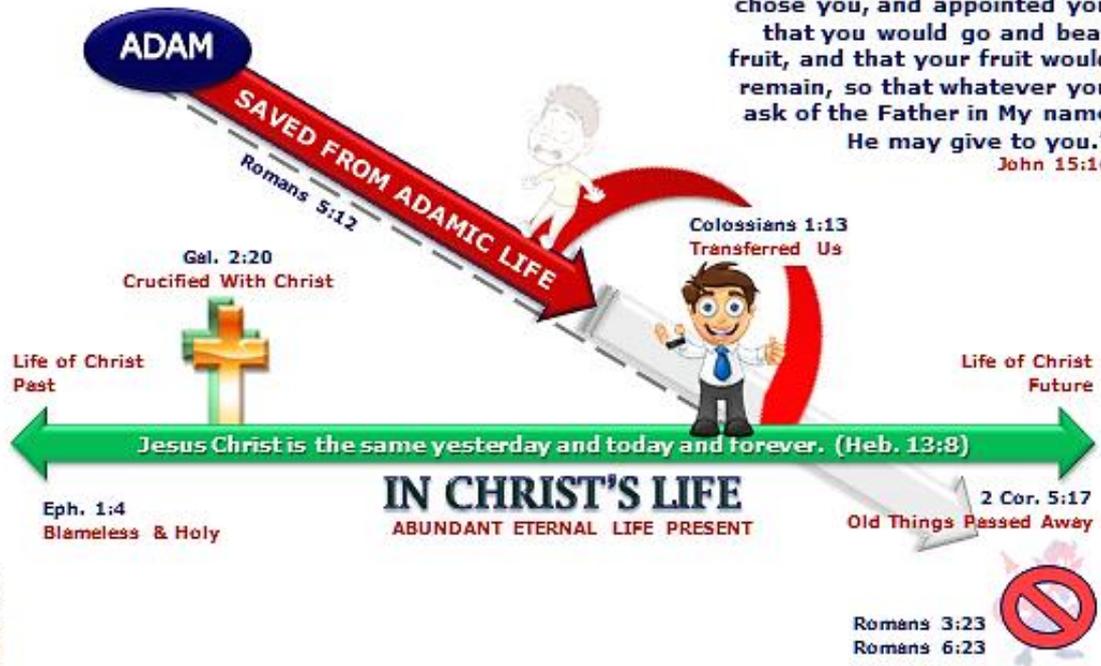
Being in and born into Adam is the reason the unsaved go directly to Hell.

- **Due to Adam's sin choice**, sin entered the world and then spread to all men through the seed of Adam.
- **Sin travels through man's seed**. This is how Adam's nature entered into mankind and thus, our identity became sin.
- **Being IN Adam means** we received Adam's spiritual death, his nature to sin, and inherited the title of "sinner."
- **By birth, we are related** spiritually and physically to Adam. Thus, we are under the sentence of death, both spiritually and physically – resulting in punishment in Hell.
- **The horizontal line** is the Life of Christ – eternal Life.

Discipler: It is imperative to make sure your disciple understands that all go to Hell, unless Christ indwells them through Salvation – no exceptions!

CHRIST CHOOSING YOU

"You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you."
John 15:16



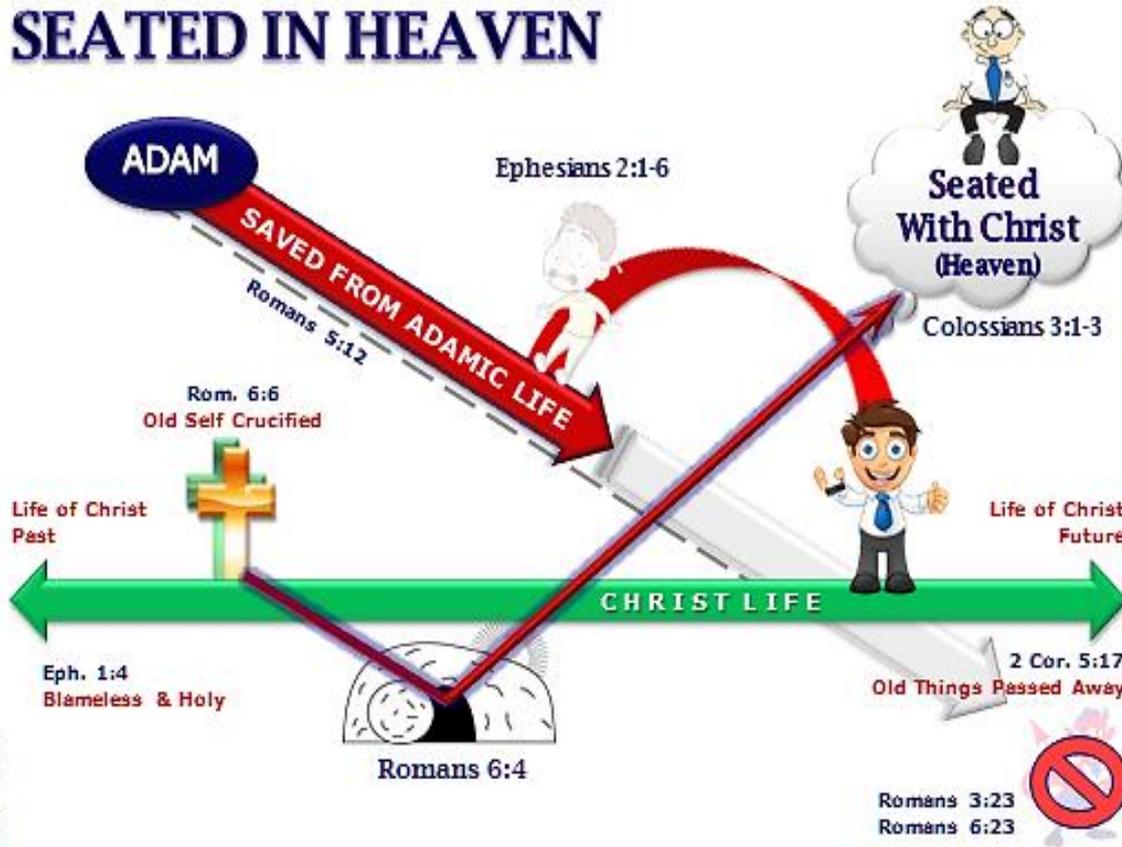
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One of the most prevalent demonic beliefs in the church today is "choosing Christ." Jesus said, "You did not choose Me but rather I choose you" (John 15:16, emphasis added).

- It needs to be clear in discipleship and leading people to Christ that **Jesus does the choosing**. Most are shocked by this Truth.
- **Once He chooses us**, we are "transferred" and placed into Christ's Life – Eternal Life.
- **Christ is the same** yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8), so we are given a new past, present, and future. We become blameless as our old history was erased, we have a new view on today, and a fresh future offering us the same rewards offered Christ in Heaven.
- **Because we are given Christ's past**, it gives us the reality that we have been crucified, buried, raised and, seated with Him in Heaven (Rom. 6:1-6; Gal. 2:20).

Discipler: It is imperative to make sure your disciple understands that all those who have the indwelling Life of Christ go to Heaven.

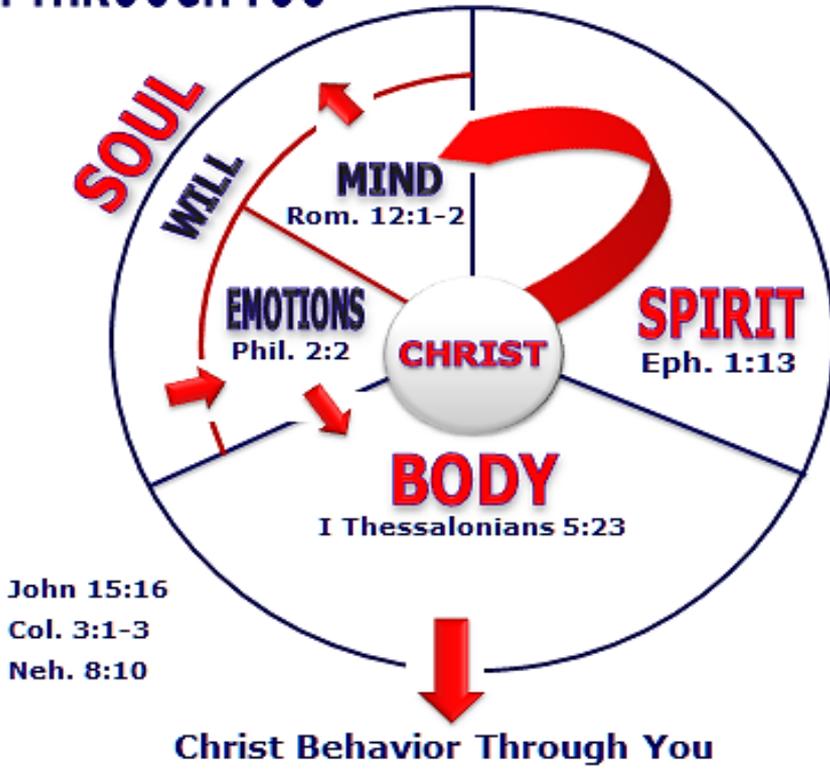
SEATED IN HEAVEN



Knowing the difference between *condition* and *position* is pivotal for the believer.

- If the believer questions their death with Christ, they WILL question their burial, resurrection, ascension, and certainly, their new position of being IN Heaven seated at the right hand of God.
- The only things we carry away from our Adamic lineage are our mind, will, emotions, and body. It sounds like a lot, but it isn't. Since life comes from the spiritual condition of the man, having the nature and Life of Christ as our spirit gives us new past, present, future, and identity.
- False teachings tell us that Eternal life starts for the convert at the day of our Salvation. Truth being said, the moment we are placed in Christ at Salvation, we inherit all of Christ's Eternal Life – forever, in the past and forever, in the future.
- There are three worldviews for the believer: hanging on the cross (poor me), sitting in the tomb (darkness and despair), or seated at the right hand of God (looking down on earthly things).

CHRIST THROUGH YOU

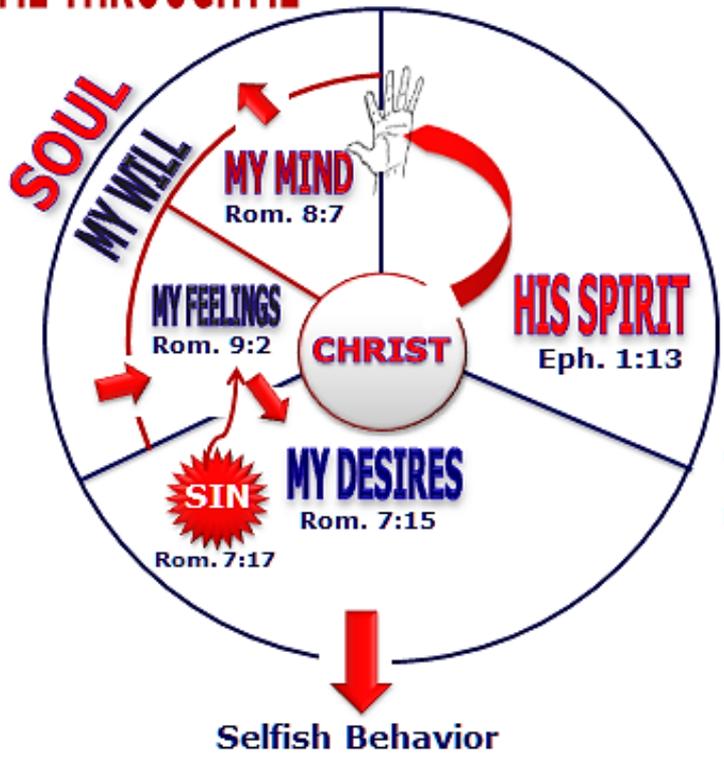


Christ as Life is the clearest and most important doctrine for the Bride of Christ to embrace.

- **First, note that Christ lives** in the center of the believer's life, but only works through the Spirit to renew the mind.
- **Also note what Eph. 1:13 says:** "In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation--having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise."
- **From this passage,** we are certain what happens after listening to the message of Truth (the gospel of our Salvation) - **the believer becomes sealed.** It would take a being larger than God to break that seal – this is why Salvation is secure.
- **Once Christ's mind is released** in the believer, their mind becomes renewed. The mind always demands for the will to take action. Once a choice of belief is made, emotions are given by God to validate belief.
- **Since emotions are hormones** and hormones are of and in the body – behavior is formed.

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ME BEING ME THROUGH ME



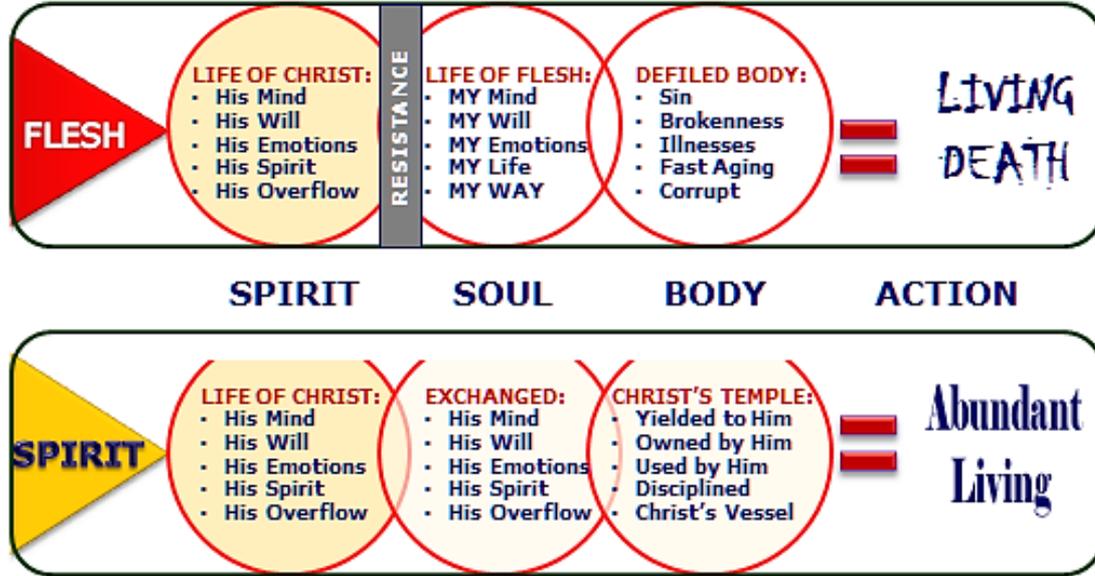
For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am NOT practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.
Romans 7:15

A friend once told me that 90% of the self-proclaimed Christians in the world do NOT have Christ in them.

- **Notice that Christ is still** at the center of the selfish believer's life. False teachings reveal that Christ jumps on and off the "throne" at the command of human choice. This is NOT the design of Christ. He will not submit to man's self-rule, nor adjust His Father's doctrines for our morbid thinking. Christ is on the throne and He will never step off – not even for His Bride.
- **In knowing this**, the focus now is on the "hand" between the soul and the spirit. The hand is **symbolic for strongholds & speculations** that rise up against the knowledge of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5)." It is these speculations (human reasoning) that block the flow of Christ in us.
- **Once this flow is blocked**, the human mind reverts back to its own speculations as truth, logic, and perceptions. Remember, the WILL and EMOTIONS will flow obediently and selfish behavior will become the norm of the day.
- **While all this is going on**, Satan is tempting through sin in the body to confirm his will through emotions/passions.

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IT'S YOUR CHOICE



"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Romans 12:1, 2

Just about every indwelt Christian you ask this question: "Would you rather have living death or abundant living" and they would choose abundant living, while they go on choosing living death.

- **Notice the difference** between the spirit, soul, and body of the one walking after the flesh and the free flow of Truth in the one walking and IN the Spirit.
- **Walking after the flesh** is choosing to believe that our thoughts, feelings, and appearance define who we are.
- **Walking after and IN the Spirit** is choosing to believe God's Word and allowing Christ to direct the believer in and through them by way of the soul and body.
- **Walking after the flesh** results in a daily lifestyle of LIVING DEATH.
- **Walking in and after the Spirit** results in ABUNDANT LIVING.
- **Believers are the literal** temple of the Holy Spirit. This is why walking IN and after the Spirit is crucial.

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RIGHTEOUSNESS

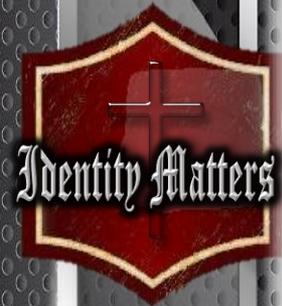
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RIGHTEOUSNESS VS. SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

True righteousness can only be found in the One who is Righteous – Jesus Christ. Once a convert receives Christ into their lives, they become the Righteousness of Christ (2 Cor. 5:21). Self-righteousness is a fleshly and ungodly form of humans mustering up their own rightness before God and man (Rom. 10:3).



Purpose of This Teaching

Key Truth: Righteousness

Indwelt Christians need to stop living for acceptance from others and begin living from the acceptance given through Christ. He accepts the believer as righteous. As each convert walks in their new identity, their mind is being renewed and they will then believe what Christ says about them is true, in order to make the choice to walk in and after the Spirit.

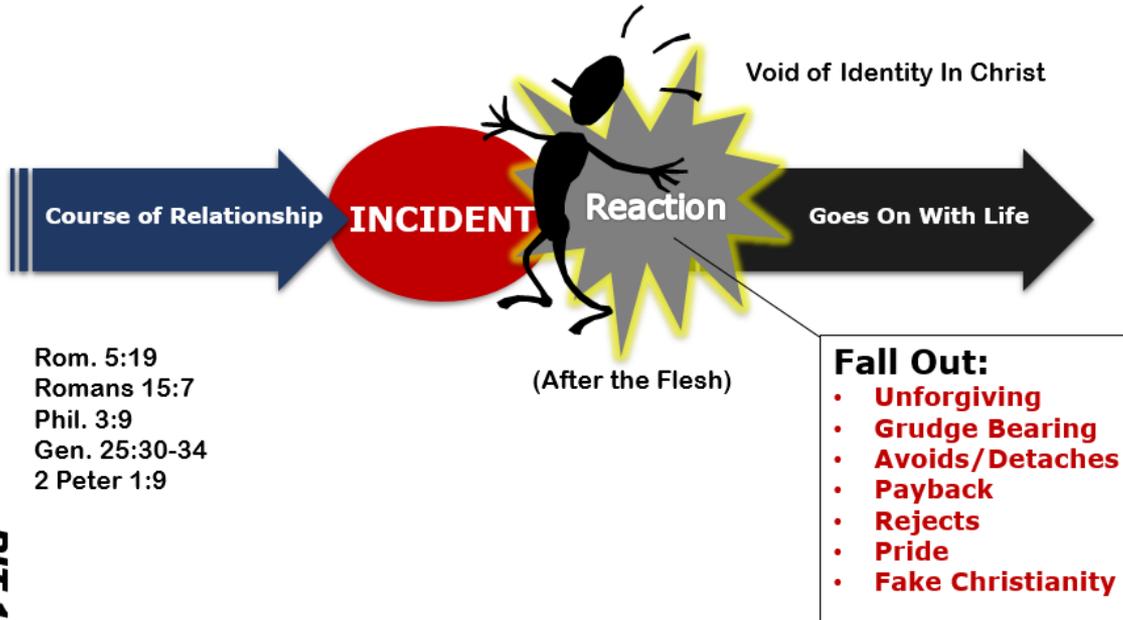
Key Verse

Romans 5:19 - "For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous."

Goals in Discipleship

It is imperative we show all indwelt believers where they are placing their faith and works – in and through the Life of Christ or by means of self-effort (which produces more unrighteousness).

Incident & Reacting



Rom. 5:19
Romans 15:7
Phil. 3:9
Gen. 25:30-34
2 Peter 1:9

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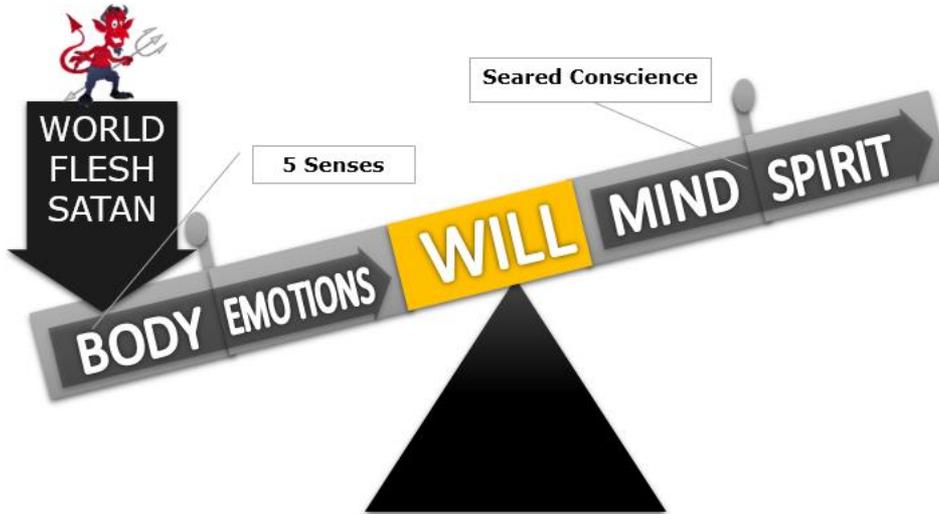
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Reacting to rejection, persecution, and distress has become the “norm” for believers, but not necessary.

- **This is a picture of a believer** NOT being aware of their identity in Christ – reactions confirm this.
- **As this person moves** along in life “something happens” to cause pain.
- **When the circumstances** are seen as rejective, this person explodes with a reaction after the flesh.
- **This person is living** by circumstances, NOT by releasing the Life of Christ from within.
- **Due to a lack of awareness** of their identity in Christ, the person’s heart condition remains unchanged. Without embracing the Life of Christ from within, choices of a Godly response won’t be made.
- **The believer has a guarantee:** Christ will NOT react in them – for He knows who He is.
- **Continued choices of reacting** will produce unforgiveness, grudge bearing, detachment, acts of revenge, pride – resulting in *fake Christianity*.

The Will Is The Key

CHOICES AFTER THE FLESH



Walking After The Flesh
(Romans 8:6)

Indwelt Christians do have the ability to make choices after the flesh and present themselves as an unbeliever.

- **This diagram is based on Rom. 8:6:** “For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.”
- **Satan, the “wannabe” ruler** of this world, wants to set our minds on the believer’s flesh, by stirring up sin that is in us that is NOT us (Rom. 7:17). The mind of Christ is not consulted in this decision.
- **Initially, Satan’s appeal is made** through the 5 senses of the human design. This is in order to get at the sin that is in us, moving the person to a decision through fleshly stimuli.
- **This form of deception causes** us to dismiss what we know (as a believer) to be True, for the purpose of the choice to follow the sin desire in our mortal bodies.
- **Continuing to make wrong choices** is like adding weight on one side of the teeter-totter. If this continues, a stronghold can form.

TWO POINTS OF TRUTH



Acts 7:55-60
1 Cor. 4:1-4

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Conflict, rejection, and persecution is to be expected by all believers – but they don't have to "react."

- **When unpleasant incidents occur**, we do not have to REACT after the flesh, but can RESPOND by allowing Christ to manifest through us, as believers.
- **Notice the importance of Truth** applied. Only after Truth is applied can right choices be made to walk in and after the Spirit.
- **Repentance**, extending and seeking forgiveness, restitution, unity, and restoration are impossible without applied Truth and identity appropriation in Christ.
- **When the Truth of our identity** in Christ is in place prior to an incident, the believer is free to respond in and through Christ by way of the Holy Spirit.
- **Choice #1:** reveals the Truth being applied late, but still in time for fruit of Spirit
- **Choice #2:** reveals Truth being applied during the incident, which immediately releases the Spirit to do the responding through the believer.

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The Will Is The Key

CHOICES AFTER THE SPIRIT

Heb. 12:1-2
Duet. 30:19



Walking After The Spirit
(Romans 12:2)

As is the case with many exchanged life workers, the discipler will find this diagram to be key.

- **God wants His Son** in the Bride to influence the believer's decisions through His indwelling Spirit bearing witness with God's Truth.
- **Jesus said we should live by the Word** of God and His Word lives in us in the personhood of Christ. Therefore, in having the mind of Christ, we have the fullness of the Word in Life form by way of the Holy Spirit (Matt. 4:4).
- **Since we have the Word** living in us, when the Word is used externally – it bears witness with itself and provides confirmation to the believer.
- **Right choices are made by** hearing God's Word internally (Life of Christ) and externally (written Word), rather than by what we see or feel.
- **Because we are IN Christ** and Christ is IN us, we are able to hear and understand the Word as a single interpretation – that of the mind of Christ.
- **The more choices we make** by listening to Christ from within, the more eternal weight of glory is stored up for the believer (2 Cor. 4:17).

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Faith Is:

A CHOICE IS BASED ON GOD'S TRUTH, INTERNALLY & EXTERNALLY, EVEN THOUGH IT MAY NOT SEEM TO BE TRUE, SO THAT WHAT IS TRUE ABOUT ME ALREADY MAY BECOME TRUE IN MY DAILY EXPERIENCE. FAITH IS THE PROCESS OF BRINGING WHAT IS IN THE UNSEEN (SPIRIT WITHIN) INTO THE SEEING WORLD, THROUGH CHRIST AS LIFE LIVING.

*Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
(Hebrews 11:1)*

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Nothing can be done or accepted by the Heavenly Father unless it is DONE by faith.

- **Faith is a choice** based on what God says.
- **True faith is put in us** upon Salvation through Christ and the life the believer lives is to be according to the faith Christ has in us (Gal. 2:20b).
- **Christ is the only being that can** please the Father. Therefore, it would behoove the believer to release the mind and Life of Christ within, to do the actions of faith by making use of their mind, will, emotions, and body.
- **Feelings only join Truth when** Truth is applied in the mind. Feelings don't change Truth, nothing can – not even Christ (not to say that He would).
- **Conclusion:** True FAITH is the process of bringing what is in the unseen world of Christ into the seeing world of man through Christ as Life living.
- **Daily manifestations** and experiences of the Lord's joy, peace, and contentment will be evidence of choosing to walk in and after the Spirit.

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EXTENDING FORGIVENESS

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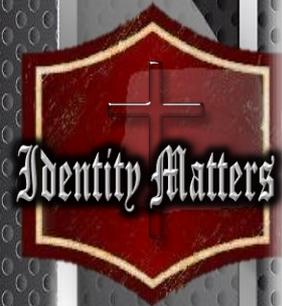


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EXTENDING FORGIVENESS

Extending Forgiveness before God, in prayer, is forgiving anyone who has hurt you. Once an indwelt believer gets to this point, he is usually quick to release all anger and pain before God, extending forgiveness to those who initially hurt him, and in many cases, is ready to seek forgiveness from others whom he has hurt (Matt. 5:22-24).



Purpose of This Teaching

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Key Truth: Extending Forgiveness

Indwelt Christians are required by God to forgive as they have been forgiven. We must forgive anyone who has hurt us and against whom we hold anything. Freedom from anger and pain can come by extending forgiveness before God in prayer.

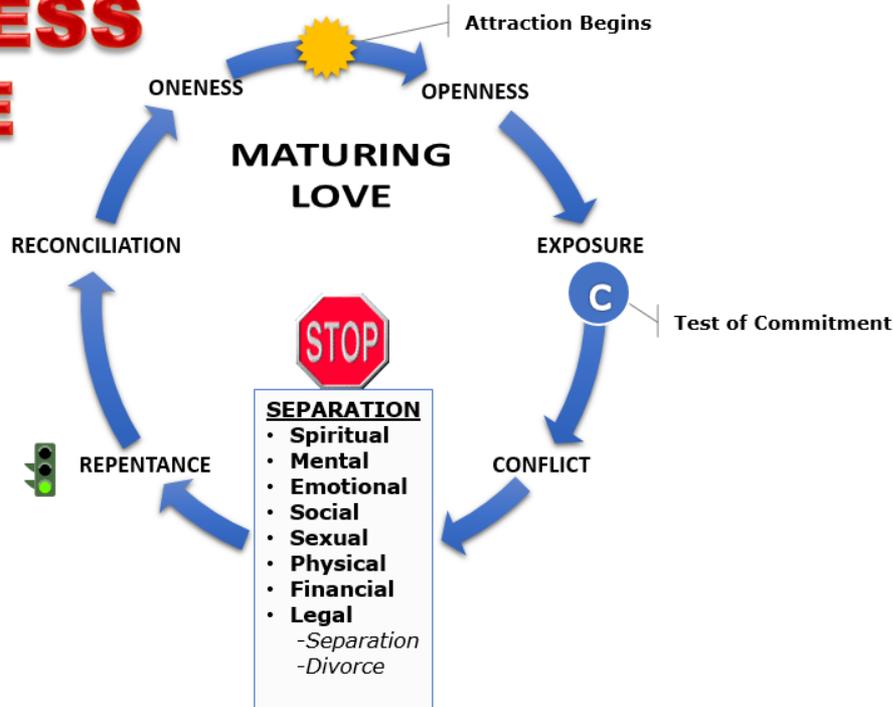
Key Verse

Colossians 3:13 - *"Bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you."*

Goals in Discipleship

It is imperative we show all indwelt believers the power of forgiveness. It should be our goal to identify any and all individuals who have hurt those we are discipling and to reveal the details of how to extend forgiveness in prayer.

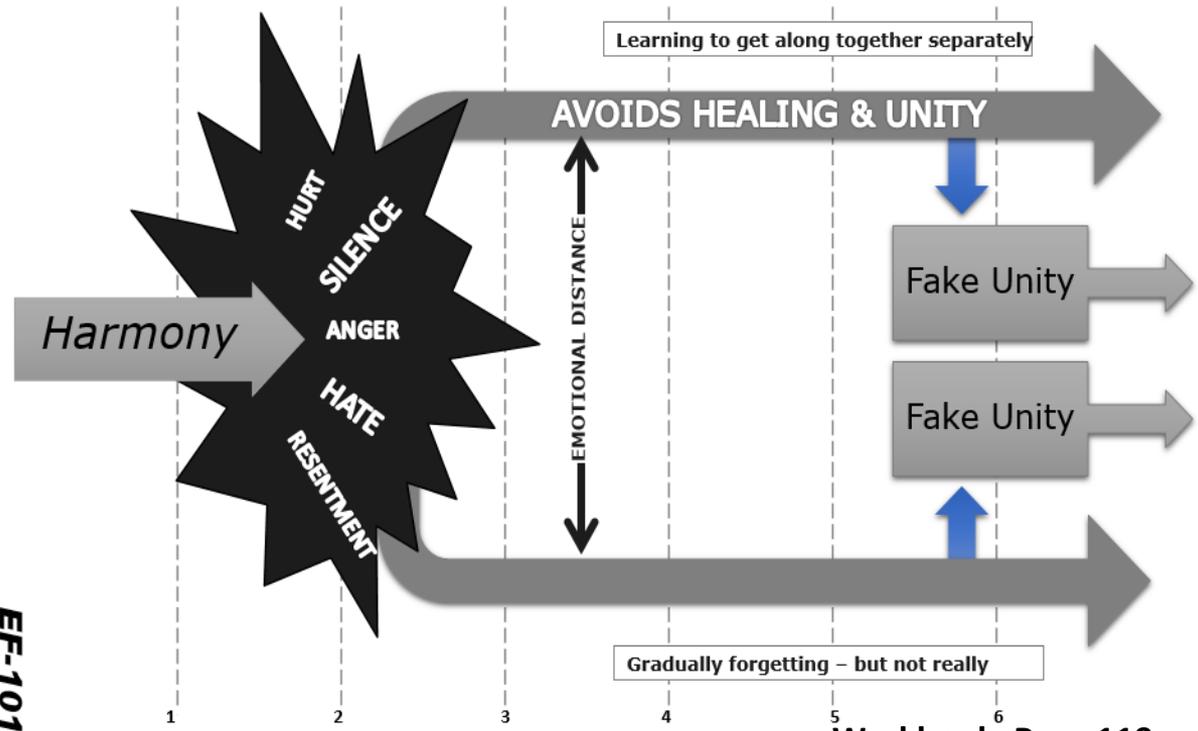
ACHIEVING ONENESS CYCLE



Achieving oneness with another human is the most important and practical deed a believer can do.

- **This process fits any voluntary relationship.** For example: marriage, parenting, friends, business partnerships, etc.
- **Relationships begin with attraction**, leading to openness. Openness opens the door to EXPOSURE, which sets up for the test of commitment (just how loyal and faithful the relationship is and how much conflict the two can endure).
- **Exposure activates CONFLICT** and conflict tests the level of selfishness in the relationship. Conflict oftentimes breeds SEPARATION, which starts with spiritual, moves into mental/emotional, dumps into the social and if married, sexual. Physical avoidance or separation always follows social issues and financial and legal issues will occur – particularly in a marital environment.
- **Separation remains until there is repentance** on both parties in owning their part in the hurt that caused the separation.
- **Once repentance occurs**, reconciliation can be pursued without conflict. Reconciliation stimulates oneness and oneness grows into a mature love.

PERSONAL CONFLICT WITHOUT FORGIVENESS



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One of the leading forms of destruction in the church today is “Christians” pretending unity – it is the key deception that plagues the emergent church.

- **What do most people do** with conflict? Ignore it!
- **When conflict happens**, an emotional explosion erupts resulting in hurt, silence, anger, hate, or resentment!
- **The numbered lines** on the diagram represent time passing – hours, days, weeks, months, or years. This reveals time does NOT heal all things.
- **When believers are hurt**, they don’t want to forgive immediately. Gradually, the intensity of the emotions subsides; but without true forgiveness, oneness and unity no longer exist.
- **Choosing not to forgive** someone who has hurt you will eat at you like a slow growing cancer.
- **After a period of time**, many step into “fake unity” to “get along” and avoid more hurt. They don’t realize, or refuse to, that *forgiveness is the only way to true unity.*

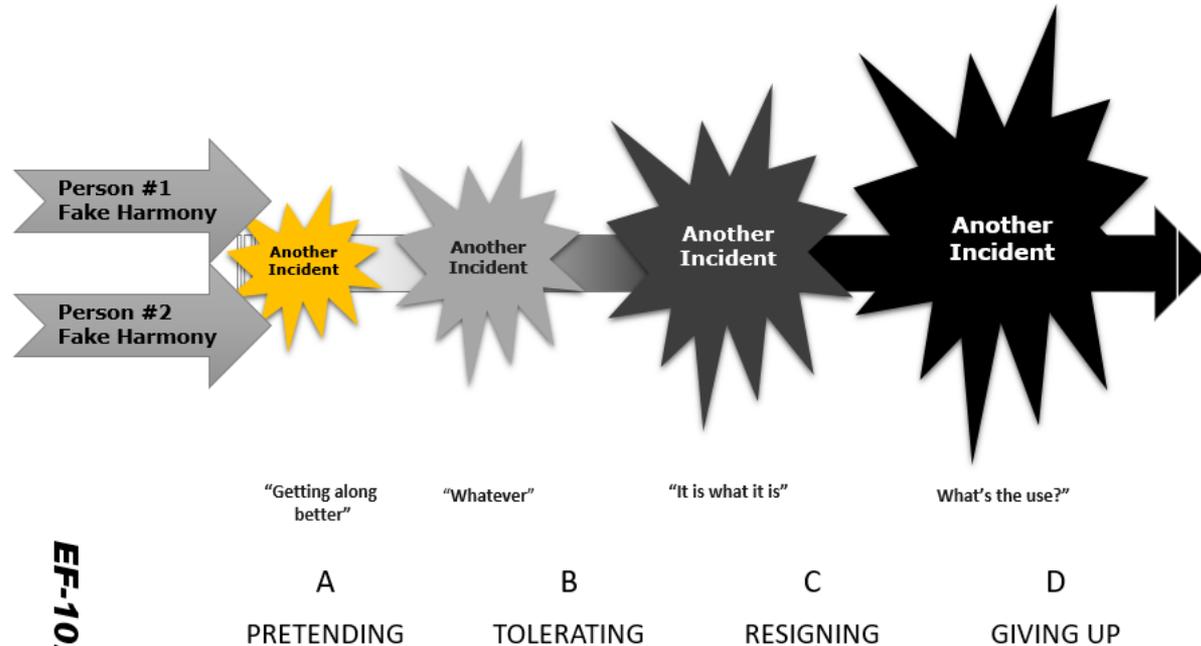
CONTINUAL CONFLICT WITHOUT FORGIVENESS

Proverbs 13:10; 28:25

Proverbs 14:3; 11:2

Proverbs 21:24; 16:18

Proverbs 15:25; 29:23



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Believers in Christ sometimes are the worst with believing lies, i.e. "time heals all things." Truth is, time heals nothing, but it does turn believers lukewarm.

- **Without forgiveness**, conflicts tend to escalate or force both parties to give up.
- **In the diagram**, notice the conflicts and the emotional distance are getting larger – primarily because the people involved don't come back together by forgiveness.
- **Pride is the fuel that forms the barrier** to forgiveness. Notice how the verses listed are all in reference to PRIDE. Pride is the demonic manifestation of destruction and chaos.
- **Notice how after each incident**, the attitude becomes more and more emergent – pretending; tolerating; resigning; and finally, giving up.
- **Local churches** (especially in small communities), tend to tolerate belief differences. These result in gossip, slander, and label assassination.
- **Fleshly, tolerable actions** always result in emergence – that of *universalism*.



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FORGIVING OTHERS

Purpose Statement

Offering forgiveness, in and through Christ, to those who have hurt you is one of the most freeing actions you can demonstrate here on earth. This homework assignment will include listing: the act, your hurt, the ramifications, and your sinful reactions to the way the offender hurt you. Once you have done this, you will need to depend upon the Eternal Forgiver who lives and indwells you – Christ. If you are not a Christian (never have asked Christ into your life), these actions will be temporary and not eternal.

Offering Forgiveness Is Not . . .

It is *not* "acting" as if it does not bother you anymore. It is *not* disregarding, tolerating, excusing, overlooking, or closing your eyes to the wrong another person has done against you. It is *not* "letting time pass" after the offense has been committed. It is *not* "forgetting" or "pretending" that the offense happened. It is *not* "resigning" yourself to the other person's actions by saying, "Oh well, it's just the way he/she is."

Key Statement:

Forgiveness is functioning with another as if he or she never committed the offense in the first place. Without true forgiveness, you will stay resentful; lack in joy; and act offended any time you see, hear of, or meet someone who reminds you of this offender.

Process of Offering Forgiveness

1. Make four lists. Column #1: List how the offender hurt you. Column #2: List how you felt regarding the hurt. Column #3: List the ramifications. Column #4: List your sinful reactions to the offense.
2. Admit to God how you felt regarding the offense.
3. Admit to God you have been holding this person guilty for this act.
4. Admit to God your reactions to this offense, and the person, are sin.
5. Claim God's forgiveness for your reactions (sin).
6. Extend forgiveness, in prayer before God, for the hurt this person has caused you.
7. Put the offender in God's hands and join Him in doing what He wants to bring healing.
8. By choice, your feelings most likely will not match. Live each day as a free man.
9. Agree with God that you are willing to be reconciled to the offender and allow Him to love the offender through you.

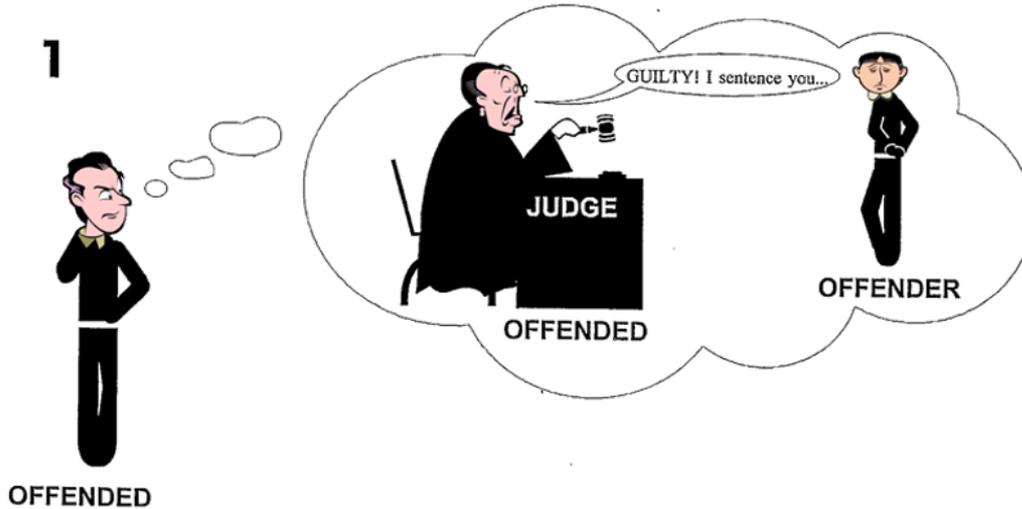
Scriptures to consider: Psalm 62:8; Luke 6:37; Romans 2:1; 2 Corinthians 5:17-18; Colossians 3:8, 12-13; Hebrews 12:14; 1 Peter 5:7; and 1 John 1:9.

This itemized list and definitions are important for the disciple to read out loud before the homework assignment is given.

1. Read and study the **Forgiving Others: Purpose Statement**. Answer any questions.
2. Read and study **Offering Forgiveness is Not**. Answer any questions.
3. Read and study the **Key Statement**. Answer any questions.
4. Read and study the **Process of Offering Forgiveness**. Answer questions item by item.
5. Look up the **Scriptures** listed at the bottom of the page (right column).

I Am The Judge

1



When I am offended, in my mind I see the offender as guilty. Only God has the right to execute judgment (Ps. 9:7-8; Acts 17:31). My attempt to lay guilt on the offender by setting a standard is reacting after the flesh. For example: “This person should not have treated me that way” (Matthew 7:1-5).

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Judgment is reserved for one single entity – God, the Father. Anyone who steps into this role will be judged (Matt. 7:2).

- **James 4:12** says, “There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you who judge your neighbor?” God is the one and only perfect judge! We must allow Him to be the Judge.
- **God made it possible** for believers to forgive: by sending His Son to forgive us and placing His Son in us, so we have power and life to forgive others.
- **Functioning as a judge** is Godship – playing god.
- **If the disciple sees the offender as guilty**, judgment has already ensued. By laying guilt on the offender, we are replicating the acts of the “accuser of the brethren” – Satan.
- **Any offended who says**, “I deserve better treatment than this” is covertly, or not, saying one deserves better treatment than Christ Himself – bad Godship.
- **Key:** While the offended are being reviled, they need to keep silent and entrust themselves to Him who judges righteously (1 Peter 2:23).

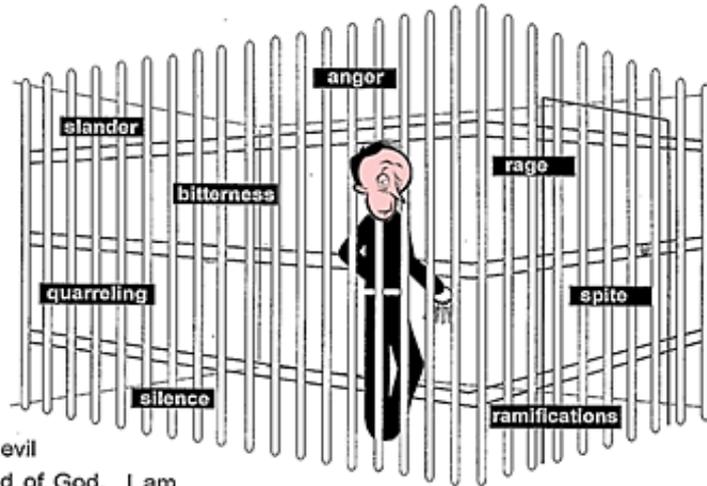
Jail Time The Results Of My Fleshly Reactions

2

I may react silently and "stuff" my bitterness or wrath. Or I may express it in abusive speech or actions, slander, or swearing. The result is the same.

Ephesians 4:26-27, 31-32
1 Peter 5:8-9
Ecclesiastes 7:9

Going to bed angry gives the Devil a foothold to torment me, a child of God. I am actually held prisoner by reacting after the flesh. This control of the flesh and torment by the Devil can only be stopped by extending forgiveness. The offender should ask forgiveness from me, but may never do so. Consequently, I must initiate forgiveness. Notice I have the keys to freedom in my hand.



Even though it appears that when an offended person judges another for inflicting pain on him/her, it puts the offended in a jail of self-condemnation.

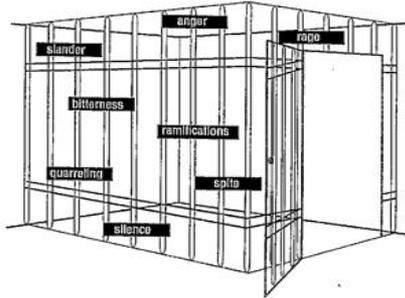
- **Although the offended person** judged the offender as "guilty" because of lack of forgiveness, the offended person continues to live in turmoil.
- **Unforgiveness results in** a person living in a prison of his/her own making.
- **One offense by the offender** results in a minimum of five reaction sins by the offended.
- **The bars of the "jailed" person** are actually the offended person's anger, resentment, etc. - all sins against oneself and the offender.
- **The offended person tries to use anger, bitterness, and spite** for protection. But the bars actually become the offended person's own turmoil, as many times, the offender doesn't even know what he/she did. Who really is in bondage here?
- **The steps of forgiveness** are the keys to being set free from this prison. Notice how the person in jail has the keys in hand to free himself, but normally does not use them.

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Get Out Of Jail Free Card I Choose To Extend Forgiveness

I can achieve freedom by extending forgiveness. By using these keys I am set free from the prison and torment. Now the truth about me can be seen and realized. These keys can be applied in any order.

3



KEYS
TO
FREEDOM

Key #1 - I admit to God how I felt hurt regarding this offense (Psalm 62:8).

Key #2 - I admit to God that I have been holding the person guilty for the act, the hurt, and the ramifications of the offense (Luke 6:37; Rom. 2:1).

Key #3 - I now extend (give freely) my forgiveness to the person for that action, my hurt, and the ramifications of the action. This forgiveness is extending grace to the offender as Christ extended grace to me (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13).

Key #4 - I now put the offender into God's hands and let go. I will allow God to work in this person's life

in His time (1 Peter 5:7).

Key #5 - I now name and confess (agree with God) that my sinful reactions and attitudes (including holding the offender guilty) were wrong. I ask God to show me areas of godship and repent (1 John 1:9).

Key #6 - I choose to live as the new creation that I am (2 Cor. 5:17). This means I accept that God has forgiven me and I lay aside my fleshly reactions (Eph. 4:31; Col. 3:8, 12).

Key #7 - I tell God I am willing to be reconciled to the offender and allow Him to love the offender through me (2 Cor. 5:18; Col. 3:14; Heb. 12:14).

The offended can achieve freedom by extending forgiveness. By using these keys, the believer is set free from the prison of torment.

- **For most people**, forgiveness has not been clearly understood and, therefore, ineffectively applied. The goal of this process is to fully consider all the aspects of extending forgiveness.

- **To prepare to extend forgiveness**, one should make four lists.

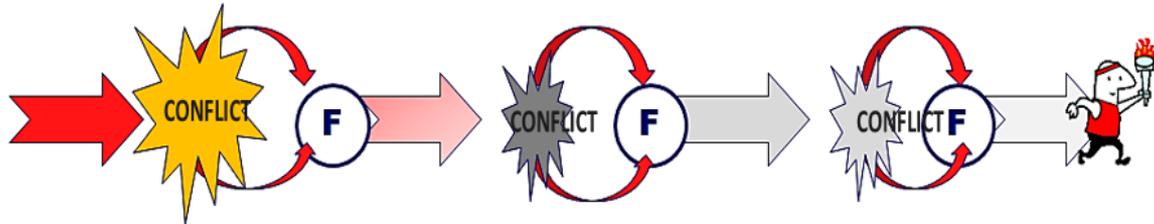
1. **List the offense** – what the person did or didn't do.
2. **List feelings**, as a result of being hurt.
3. **List the ramifications** of the offense. Consider all seven areas of life affected.
4. **List your own sinful reactions**.

Remember, for every single offense put on us, there are a minimum of five reaction sins.

Note: There are seven keys to freedom: admitting to God how I was hurt, admitting to God in holding offender guilty, freely forgiving the offender, placing the offender in God's hands, confessing sinful reactions, choosing to live in Christ, and telling God of my willingness to reconcile with the offender.

Conflict With Forgiveness

*Then Peter came and said to Him, "Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven."
(Matthew 18:21-22)*



*Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.
Ephesians 4:31-32*

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This illustration could become one of the most powerful diagrams you use in the discipleship process.

- **Conflicts diminish** in size and frequency when both parties give and receive forgiveness. Even one-sided forgiveness can diminish conflict.
- **Forgiveness removes** hidden anger and facilitates harmony.
- **God commands** that all wrath, anger, etc., "be put away from you" (Eph. 4:31-32).
- **According to Matthew 18:21-22**, we are to **forgive as often as it takes** – 70 X 7 a day. Forgiveness is a Christ as Life lifestyle.
- **When one stops playing God**, by setting standards, the believer is not offended as often.
- **This completes Part 1** of the reconciliation process. Part 2 is seeking forgiveness. Part 3 is rebuilding trust. Both part 2 and 3 are covered in the next lesson – Seeking Forgiveness.



Test Of Forgiveness

1. Do you still see the offender as not guilty?
2. Are you sincerely thanking God for the lessons learned during the pain (Rom. 8:28-29)?
3. Can you talk about your hurt without getting angry, without feeling resentful, and without the slightest thought of revenge (Eph. 4:31)?
4. Do you have a willingness to accept your part of the blame for what happened?
5. Can you revisit the scene or the person(s) involved in your hurt without experiencing a negative reaction?
6. Are you rewarding with good those who have hurt you (Rom. 12:20-21)?

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The “**Test of Forgiveness**” is a good way to find out if the disciple has truly extended forgiveness to the offender.

- **Many people say** that they forgive and yet, continue to hold the other person guilty – very common.
- **The offended may still be under conviction** before God and suffer from feelings of “guilt.” Yet, true forgiveness means the offended should not see the offender as guilty any longer.
- **God is working through all things** to change the believer into the image of His Son within the believer. Therefore, the offended can actually offer thanks before God.
- **True forgiveness will result in** doing good to those who have hurt me, rather than avoiding the offender to protect myself, or the offender’s reputation.
- **Forgetting is NOT a test of forgiveness** – for many use “grace” as an excuse to avoid and not deal with the practical aspects of extending and seeking forgiveness.

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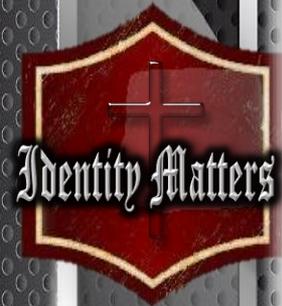


Advancing Life Within



SEEKING FORGIVENESS

Seeking Forgiveness is the process of going to an individual whom you have offended by action or reaction, seeking their forgiveness, and restoring the relationship when possible. Once the believer has extended forgiveness before God on how he was hurt, he usually is released to go and seek the forgiveness for his part in the offense. We find that when a believer reaches this stage of discipleship, he begins to rest, abide, and walk in the Spirit in the truest sense.



Purpose of This Teaching

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Key Truth: Seeking Forgiveness

Indwelt Christians are required by God to go and seek forgiveness from all those whom they have offended - by direct actions of hurt or reactions from being hurt by the offender. It is a vital part of the indwelling Life of Christ to show observers how Christ can forgive through believers.

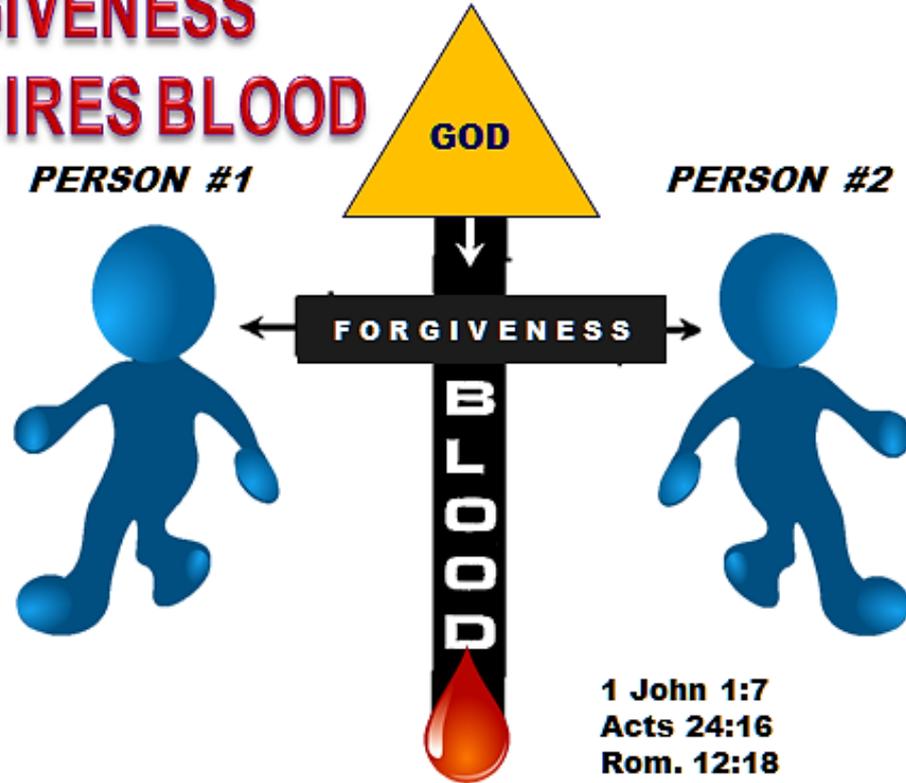
Key Verse

Matthew 5:23-24: "Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering."

Goals in Discipleship

It is imperative we show all indwelt believers how Christ forgives in and through them. This lesson will walk believers through the 12 keys found in the Word, regarding the steps to seeking forgiveness from others.

FORGIVENESS REQUIRES BLOOD

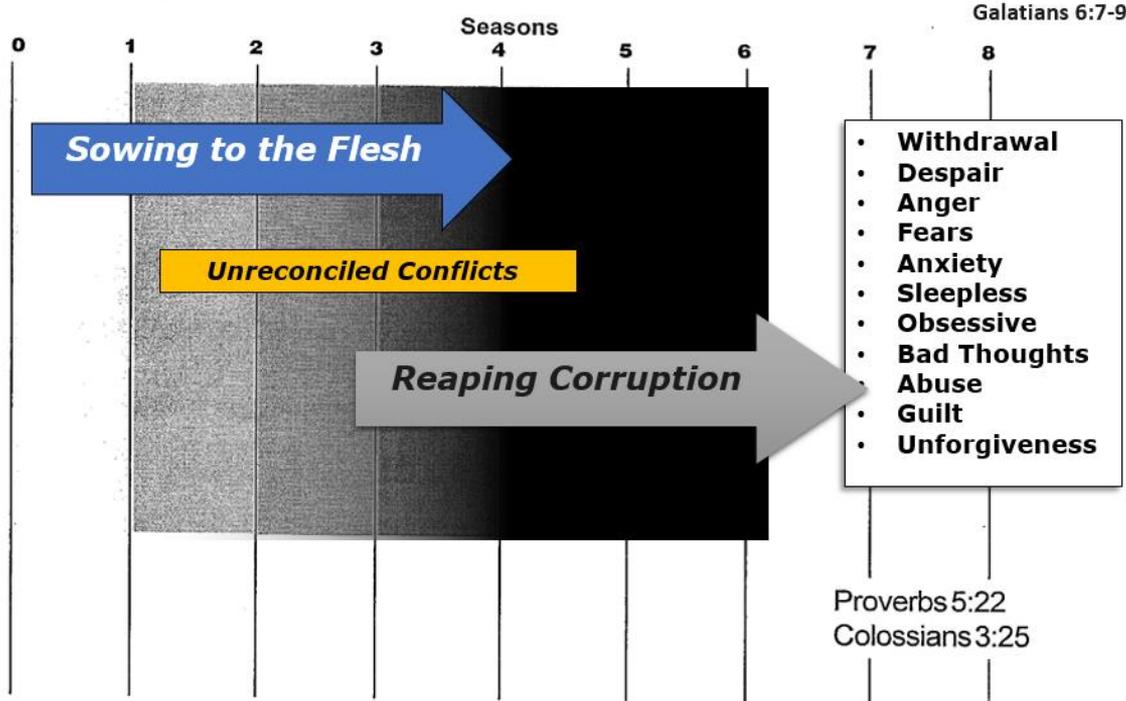


Someone has to pay for the sins of the offender and the offended! *Unforgiveness* is the process of making another pay for the offense(s), which he/she have no power or ability to pay.

- **Total forgiveness** for the believer has been accomplished by the shedding of Christ's blood on the Cross (Heb. 9:22). Any other forced payment is a form of *revenge*.
- **Unbelievers have no ability** to forgive or extend forgiveness, so demanding it is fruitless.
- **Christ Jesus forgives** through the believer from the inside out. This is how the believer has the power to forgive others. This is the *only* way true and lasting forgiveness can be accomplished.
- **In Acts 24:16**, Paul desired to have a **clear conscience before God** and man – he accomplished this by Christ in him doing the forgiving.
- **We must be at peace** with all men and this, too, is done through Christ in us (Rom. 12:18).
- **We are moved by the indwelling Life** of Christ to show offenders the power of HIS forgiveness. This is so they will go to Him.

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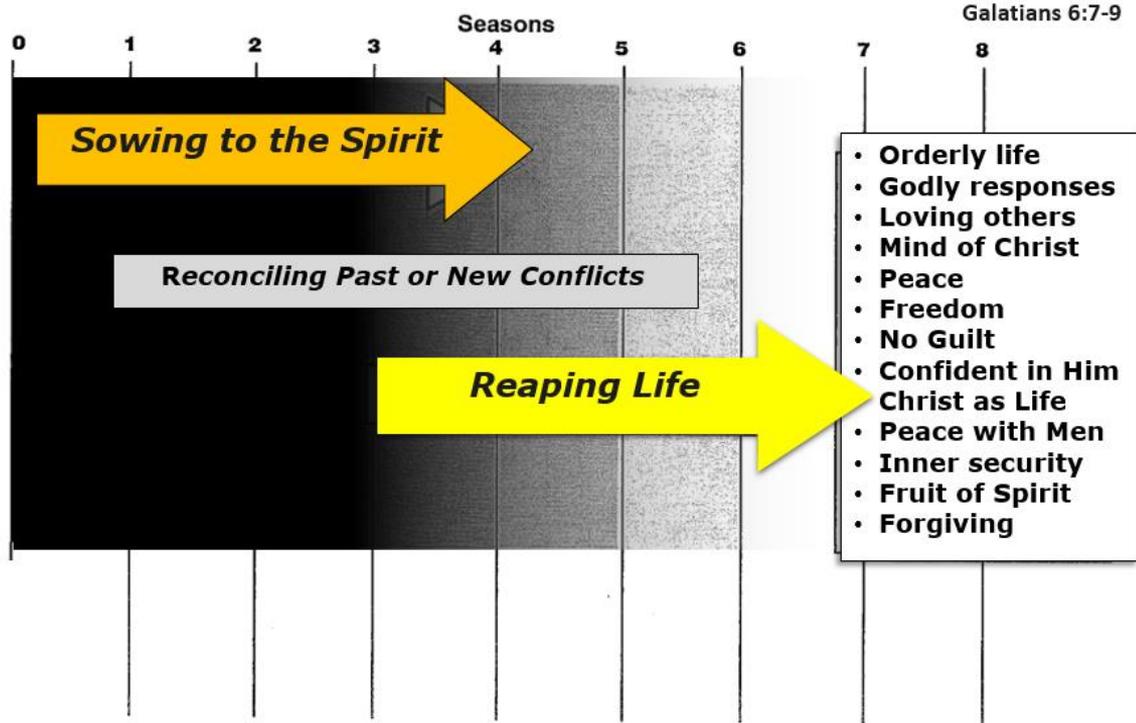
Sowing To The Flesh – Sowing & Reaping



The **simple principle** of sowing is most realized in the arena of unforgiveness.

- **Laws of Sowing and Reaping:**
 1. You reap what you sow (Gal. 6:7).
 2. You reap more than you sow (Hosea 8:7).
 3. You reap in proportion to what you sow (2 Cor. 9:6).
 4. You reap in a different season (Gal. 6:9).
- **“Sowing to the flesh”** violates Christ within the believer. For example: judging, lying, or abusing people violates Christ and His Word. It also leaves unreconciled conflicts.
- **Not resolving these conflicts** by seeking forgiveness is more bad sowing.
- **Corruption will come**, but will come in a different season. (In the diagram: shown by the lines and the darkening of the segments.)
- **Sowing to the flesh** and reaping corruption lead to the actions, such as: withdrawal, fear, anxiety, and even physical problems. (in box in diagram)

Sowing To The Spirit – Sowing & Reaping



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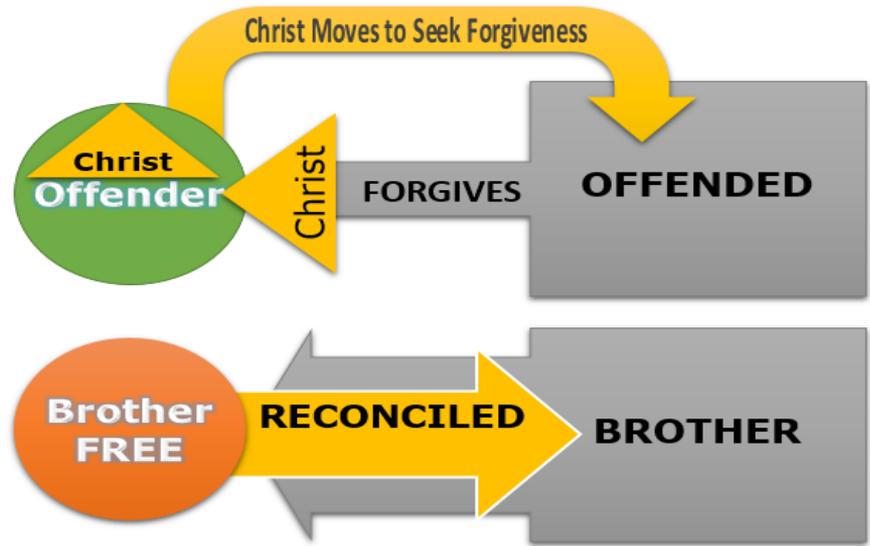
The simple principle of sowing is most realized in the arena of extending and seeking forgiveness from others.

- **A believer who sows to the Life of Christ** from within will reap eternal life, as well as an abundant life in Christ (Gal. 6:8).
- **Sowing to the Life of Christ** (Spirit) will produce fruit that will be manifested by the Holy Spirit through the believer.
- **Believers should not lose heart** in sowing to the Life of Christ, even though they will not see the immediate results (Gal. 6:9).
- **Sowing to the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus** is reconciling past or new conflicts as a way of living. (This will result in the positive responses found in the box on the right, next page.)
- **No matter how many seasons** it takes to move from darkness (consequences of fleshly unforgiveness) into the light and Life of Christ (forgiveness as a lifestyle), the **believer should maintain faithfulness** in sowing to the Spirit.



SEEKING FORGIVENESS

Rebuilding Relationships



MATT. 5:23-24

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Probably one of the biggest roadblocks of rebuilding damaged relationships is the fear of being hurt all over again.

- **Unity should always be** the goal of an indwelt believer. The fighting is over and both parties are working together for the Lord's glory – at least we hope.
- **Both the offender and the offended** have a responsibility to rebuild the relationship. If one party is an unsaved person, keep in mind this individual has no power to extend or seek forgiveness. All their actions are purely performance-based.
- **It is Christ Jesus who motivates** the believer to seek forgiveness. Therefore, He will use His inward power to accomplish this work. If the offended is a believer, it will be Christ within responding through them to forgive the offender.
- **Key:** Beyond extending forgiveness, the offended needs to give up their standards (godship) that the offender does not meet. Only when the offended recognizes that his life is not his own, will he be able to be vulnerable to the offender again.

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Seeking Forgiveness

Purpose Statement

Humility breeds freedom. When someone chooses to seek the forgiveness of someone they have hurt, they provide an opportunity to demonstrate the power of Christ's forgiveness. It is a great way to reveal the gospel. Seeking forgiveness is simply this; honestly reviewing how you hurt another by words, actions or lack of action. It is going to that person (preferably in person) and saying, "I was wrong" for whatever you did to create pain in their lives – then asking for their forgiveness. Forgiveness is "giving freedom before the offended has the opportunity to unveil bitterness."

Seeking Forgiveness Is Not . . .

It is not going to another to "put things behind you" or "get the monkey off your back". It is not "smoothing over" what you did and it is certainly not bringing up their actions that "caused" you to hurt them. It is humbling yourself before them, confessing your sin and not considering their sin, or hurt, done unto you.

Process of Seeking Forgiveness

1. Make three lists. Column one, who you hurt. Column 2: how you hurt them. Column 3, how you acted toward them after you hurt them. See example:

Who I Hurt	How I Hurt Them	How I "Act" Toward Them
Mom	Told her to "bite a rock"	† Avoided her † Gossiped about her † Skipped over birthdays † Refused to return calls † Etc.

2. Make sure you "extend forgiveness" before God if they hurt you.
3. Pray through the "Seeking Forgiveness" list.
4. Rehearse what and how you are going to say it.
5. Reject any defense, excuses, or blame.
6. Pray and get counsel for the "right timing."
7. Call the person to set a time. The phone conversation should go something like this; *Mom, I am calling to find a time to get with you regarding seeking your forgiveness for some things I believe I have done to hurt you. What is the best time for you?*
8. If they want to do it on the phone, delay. Plead to do this in person. If they refuse to meet with you in person or circumstances dictate that you can't, ask for a phone time that is best for them.
9. When the meeting starts, thank them for allowing you to do this.
10. Go down column two and three and say "I was wrong for _____, would you forgive me for this?" Wait for the answer and repeat this process until you have completed the list.
11. At the end of the meeting, thank them again. Now ask them is there anything you can do to assist in restoring the relationship. If the request is reasonable, do what they ask of you.

Understanding that seeking forgiveness is only half of it – learning what it is NOT is the critical piece.

- **The importance in being reconciled** with others (Matt. 5:23-24). **The Lord desires uncluttered worship.** Knowing someone has something against you will hinder your worship.
- **Read aloud the Purpose Statement.** Reiterate the fact that they may not have intended to offend, but the other person may be offended.
- **The solution is obvious.** Go to the person he/she has offended and seek forgiveness.
- **The believer should seek forgiveness** in such a way that it is easy for the offended person to forgive.
- **The offender's obedience** in seeking forgiveness sets themselves to be free from the burden of the offense - even if the other person doesn't forgive.
- **Read aloud** the paragraph *Seeking Forgiveness Is Not.*
- **Walk through each step of seeking forgiveness.** Clarify all points of confusion.

Rebuilding Relationships

<p>REBUILD RELATIONSHIPS</p> <p>OFFENDER <i>needs to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ listen to other person's hurts, needs, and desires. ▶ prayerfully and practically care for the other person's very life. ▶ go out of his/her way to demonstrate I am trustworthy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ make restitution and more. <i>Numbers 5:7</i> ▶ go over and above what would seem to be obvious or expected. 	<p>OFFENDED <i>needs to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ forgive the offender. <i>2 Cor. 2:7-8</i> ▶ bless those who curse you. ▶ pray. ▶ love. ▶ do good. ▶ turn cheek. ▶ give. ▶ do unto them. <i>Luke 6:27-32</i> ▶ keep no record of wrong. ▶ always trust. ▶ always hope. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ always love. <i>1 Cor. 13:5-7</i> ▶ be willing to let the other fail, which could include hurting you again.
<p style="text-align: center;">BOTH <i>need to</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ thank the Lord for His ministry of reconciliation. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ pray for and/or with this person. ▶ spend time with the person, in his/her wants and needs. 	



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Most who see stepping stones in a creek will use them when crossing the water. That is the principle of this diagram.

- **This guide prepares** the disciple to seek forgiveness.
- **It is important to** have an **honest evaluation** to see how one person has hurt or offended another.
- **Sometimes when we** go to seek forgiveness, the person does not forgive – this is of little importance.
- **Read aloud** the **“Offender Needs To”** list and look up each verse.
- **Read aloud** the **“Offended Needs To”** list and look up each verse.
- **Read aloud** the **“Both” Need To** list and look up each verse.
- **Pride is the major factor** and hindrance in successfully seeking and extending forgiveness (Luke 14:11).
- **The second most used** reason and hindrance is **self-protection** (John 17:22).

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REST, ABIDE, WALK

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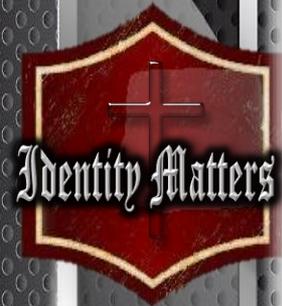


Advancing Life Within



REST, ABIDE AND WALK

Resting, Abiding, and Walking are the result of appropriating true forgiveness in all areas of life. It is living in the present, releasing the Life of Christ in you to be obedient to the Father through your mind, will, and emotions. When an indwelt believer gets to this point in growth, he is able to confront the self-centered view of life and to embrace the challenge of releasing the mind of Christ from within. Resting in Christ is a perfect place to be in showing the Love Life of Jesus (Matt. 11:28).



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Key Truth: Rest, Abide, and Walk

Indwelt Christians should have a passion and desire to come to Christ when they are weary and heavyhearted. Jesus wants to give His Bride rest, when we feel stressed or not. We need to have a Christ as Life view of life and not a self-focused view. We should not allow anything or anyone to steal our rest – that's *idolatry*. We need to admit when we are not resting and ask Him to manifest His peace through us.

Key Verse

Matthew 11:28-30: *"Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS."*

Goals in Discipleship

It is imperative that we bring all those to whom we are ministering into a place of rest. Help each to live IN the present and in obedience. Confront the self-focused view and challenge the disciple to shift to the view of "Christ is my life and He lives through me."

REST

Matthew 11:28-30

ARE YOU WEARY and BURDENED?

- Come unto Him.
- Embrace Him.
- Learn from Him.
 - † He is meek.
 - † He is lowly.

Philippians 2:5-8

MEEKNESS IS TO GIVE UP WHAT IS RIGHTFULLY YOURS.

- He became of no reputation.
- He became a slave.
- He humbled Himself.
- He gave up His life.
- He became our life.
- He is the fullness of power.

Philippians 2:3-4

LOWLY IS GIVING UP SELF INTEREST.

- He regarded other people as more important.
- He regarded the interests of others as more important.

Christ lived the Life of Rest

The most difficult choice in an indwelt believer's walk is to *rest in Christ*. It might be the most difficult choice for the believer, but it is the easiest for Christ.

- **Becoming weary and heavy** with burdens are a result of trying to stand in Christ's role, as our Husband – without His resources. Believers cannot rest when they are stealing from the role of Christ within.
- **Coming to Christ** means abandoning what was taking Christ's place (what was blocking the rest) in one's life, resulting in walking after the Spirit.
- **Embracing and learning from Him** means releasing Christ from within to do His Way in and through the believer.
- **Being meek**: The key is releasing Him to be of no reputation, to be a servant, humbling Himself, giving up His life, becoming our life, and displaying His power in and through the believer.
- **Giving up self-interest** produces rest. By allowing Him to regard other people as more important, we are releasing Christ in us to shine. But this can only occur when the believer is resting.



REST

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Hebrews 4:9-11

WE ARE COMMANDED TO REST

- There remains a Sabbath rest for God's people.
- The one who rests has rested (ceased) from His works.
- Therefore, labor (be diligent) to enter into His rest from within.

Isaiah 40:28-31

GOD IS IN CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE

- God does not grow weary or get tired.
- He gives strength to the weary.
- Those who wait on the Lord will gain new strength.

Rest = Releasing God To Have Control

It is a great threat allowing others to have control of our lives – even if that “other” is God.

- **God, the Father, desires** His children to rest, in order for His Son to enjoy them as His Bride.
- **Worry, doubts, and fears block the** believer's ability from allowing the free-flowing restful life of Christ to come forth.
- **When indwelt believers rest**, they cease from their won labors, because Christ has finished all the work in and through them. Those, who worry, still believe there is work they must do FOR Christ.
- **Laboring to rest** is done by accepting the Truth that Christ truly does desire to live through the believer. Once this happens, one can choose to receive all circumstances as from God, rather than just enduring them.
- **Since God possesses all strength**, all wisdom, and all knowledge, the believer can rest and be assured that Christ within will manifest these Fatherly qualities through the believer.



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ABIDE Abiding = Releasing Christ In You

John 15:1-2

DO YOU WANT TO BE FRUITFUL?

- *Jesus* is the Vine.
- *The Father* is the Vinedresser and *you* are the branches.
- He desires the branches to be fruitful.

John 15:2-9

HOW DO YOU BEAR FRUIT?

- The branch (you) cannot bear fruit on its own.
- You must abide in the Vine (Christ in you).
- You must abide in His love within you.

John 15:10-11

HOW DO YOU ABIDE IN HIM?

- Keep His commands (this is about relationship – not commandments).
- Your joy will be full!
- Christ will live and function through you.

Abiding is releasing Christ in the believer to do the living through the inward dwelling of Christ.

- **Notice:** there is an intimate relationship (abiding) between the Vine (Jesus), the Vinedresser (the Father), and the branch (the believer). The Vine and the Vinedresser pour their lives into the branch, for the purpose of the overflow of the Life of Christ (John 15:1-2).
- **It is absolutely impossible** to be fruitful outside of intimacy (abiding) in the Vine. The believer must maintain an inward intimacy with Jesus, in order for this fruit to manifest (John 15:2-9).
- **Knowing how to abide** is allowing Jesus to keep His Father's commands in and through the believer, being dedicated to His pleasure by way of intimacy (relationship), and desiring to submit to Him (John 15:10-11).
- **Abiding in His Life** from within results in an overflowing joy that comes from Him.



WALK Walking = Releasing The Fruit

Galatians 5:16-17

WALKING AFTER & IN THE SPIRIT

- When we walk after and in the Spirit (sap), it is impossible to sin.
- The flesh opposes the Spirit.
- The Spirit opposes the flesh.
- You cannot fulfill the desire of the flesh while walking by the Spirit.
- The sap is the Life juice (Spirit) that is in Christ.
- The sap flows out of the Father into Christ and out of Christ into the believer (branch).
- The human body (temple of Holy Spirit) is used for production of fruit of the Spirit.
- The Vinedresser, the Vine, and the branches are all required elements of God's design to get the fruit to the unsaved world.

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Walking in and after the Spirit is a lifestyle of resting, abiding, and releasing the fruit of Christ's Life.

- **The key to a victorious life** is “who is doing the living” through the believer. The areas of life directed by the Spirit (Christ) will produce righteousness. The areas life directed by the flesh (self) produce sin (Galatians 5:16-17).
- **Walking in and “after” the Spirit** means the Holy Spirit actually becomes the Life source, the supplier, and the one doing the living in our mortal bodies. He will do it all, if we choose to release Him to do the doing in us.
- **The believer makes choices** all day, every day regarding who will lead and direct his/her life – Christ or the self-life (Joshua 24:15).
- **The being in control of the Christian life can be identified by the fruit** coming forth from that life. The fruit of the Spirit and the works of the flesh are at war against each other.
- **Read through each bullet point** aloud to the disciple. Make sure your disciple understands each point.

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

PAST

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**REPENT
RECONCILE
THANK**

Psalm 119:59
Eph. 4:32
Matt. 5:23-14
Eph. 5:20

PRESENT

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OBEY

John 14:21

FUTURE

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TRUST

Jeremiah 29:11-12
Matt. 6:25-34

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It is estimated that the majority of indwelt believers make their daily decisions based on the past – fearing what could happen to them in the future.

- **Living in the past** drags yesterday's problems and sin into today. This sabotages the promised rest for the believer, in the present.
- **Regarding the believer's past:** he/she can only repent of his/her sinful choices, reconcile damaged relationships, and thank God for all He has been doing in their life.
- **Trying to control the future** causes anxiety, because the believer cannot know the obstacles. Great amounts of flesh are expended worrying about all the possibilities.
- **The future can only be trusted** to the One who controls it – Christ. He purposes only good to those who love Him and choose to live in obedience to Christ, in the present (Jer. 29:11-12).
- **Believers can only rest** in the Life of Christ in the present; *not* in the past or the future (Matt. 6:33-34).
- **Regarding the present:** We must focus on obedience, which flows from Christ in a loving relationship with Him.

YOUR WORLDVIEW



PROBLEMS
CIRCUMSTANCES
FEELINGS

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

GOD

Self-Life View

Does God seem so small that you are unable to trust Him?
Fact: you see most clearly what is closest to you – so you decide.



GOD

Hebrews 12:2

PROBLEMS
CIRCUMSTANCES
FEELINGS

Christ-Life View

Viewing your worldview and its problems, circumstances, and feelings through Christ in you – making use of His view.

Worldview is birthed through identity and identity is revealed through daily decisions.

- **Worldview is key to perception.** You can cover the sun with a penny if you hold it close enough to your eye. It seems as though it has covered the sun, even though there is no comparison in the actual size.
- **When the believer's primary view** is their problems, then they become bigger than God – like a penny seems bigger than the sun.
- **The intensity of our response** to problems, circumstances, and feelings is a measure of our selfishness. The more the believer loves self, the more he makes a stake in circumstances. When making decisions based on how he is affected, he becomes the standard, *instead of* Christ within.
- **Believers must remember** that focusing on God, or on their circumstances, is a choice God gives.
- **When their primary focus is God**, problems, circumstances, and feelings become smaller. Resting, abiding, and walking in the Spirit only occurs when the worldview is through Christ from within.

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LOVE LIFE

Love Life is the pinnacle of the Christian Life. Once appropriating the aforementioned 10 definitions/steps, the indwelt believer begins to embrace the two primary commandments spoken of by Christ: love the Lord with your whole heart and secondly, love your neighbor as yourself (Mark 1:30-31). The result is, when we obey we have no condemnation. When we have no condemnation, we have confidence toward God. Then, whatever we ask through Christ, we receive (1 John 3:21-22).



Purpose of This Teaching

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Key Truth: Love Life

Indwelt Christians should consider the other person more important than themselves. Dependency upon Christ within will bring a Life of obedience, which will sprout the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Each will overflow into the lives of others.

Key Verse

1 Timothy 1:5 - *"But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."*

Goals in Discipleship

It is essential we see if those we are ministering to understand all the Truths of Christ as Life and why their Identity Matters. We need to assist in focusing their desires on obeying God and giving the Life of Christ away to others. This is all accomplished though each believer accepting their identity in Christ.

THE PINNACLE LOVE = Releasing Christ to Love

AS A GOAL	Matthew 22:37	THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT IS...
	† Love the Lord with all your heart.	
	Matthew 22:39	THE SECOND GREATEST COMMANDMENT IS...
	† Love your neighbor as yourself.	
END RESULT	Ephesians 4:12	THE BRIDE (CHURCH) IS EQUIPPED.
	† Christ in you is the reason for being equipped.	
	Colossians 3:14	THERE IS UNITY.
	† Oneness in Christ offers oneness in His body.	

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The Love of Christ indwelling the believer is released as a goal and a result.

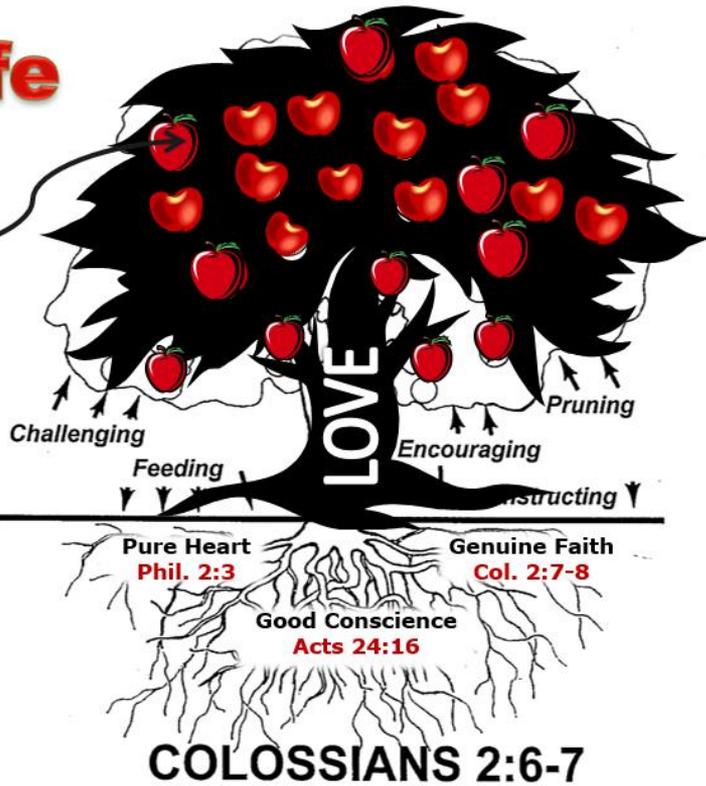
- Read **Matthew 22:36-40** to your disciple.
- Jesus summarizes all the Law and the prophets into these two commandments: love God and love others. This love has nothing to do with feelings – it is a *choice* of obedience.
- Love is not only central, but reveals the evidence of Christ in the believer.
- God is love (1 John 4:8). Jesus became love, indwells the believer by way of the Holy Spirit, and then reveals true love through the believer.
- When a person chooses to walk in and after the Spirit, love flows from the believer as a result.
- An expression of loving God is fruitless unless it is given away to others – that's the point of love. When you love someone, you are giving God to that person.
- Unity in the body of Christ comes by and through an offering of love from/through Christ.

Tree Of Life

Life and Fruit of Spirit

1 Corinthians 13:4-8

1 Timothy 1:5



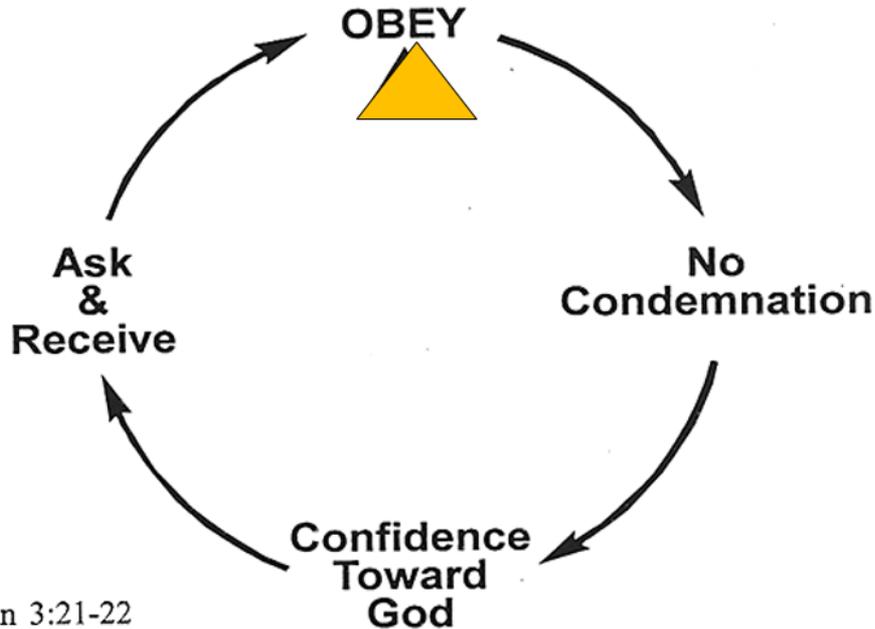
COLOSSIANS 2:6-7

Above and beyond all the fruit of the Spirit, *love* is the pinnacle of the full expression of Christ in the believer.

- **Most interpret love** as a feeling. In God's reality, it is a person.
- **Self-centered love** is fleshly lust, for praise and approval from others or self.
- **Love will only manifest** from a pure heart (Phil. 2:3). A pure heart is evidenced through considering others more important than self.
- **True love (God)** comes from a good conscience. This means no unreconciled relationships between God and man.
- **The believer's wrong choices** can damage the flow of God's love, which comes from the Life of Christ within.
- **God's love comes from** a genuine faith – bringing the unseen Life of Christ into the seeing world. This will only come through a dynamic love life with Christ.

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LOVE EQUALS OBEDIENCE



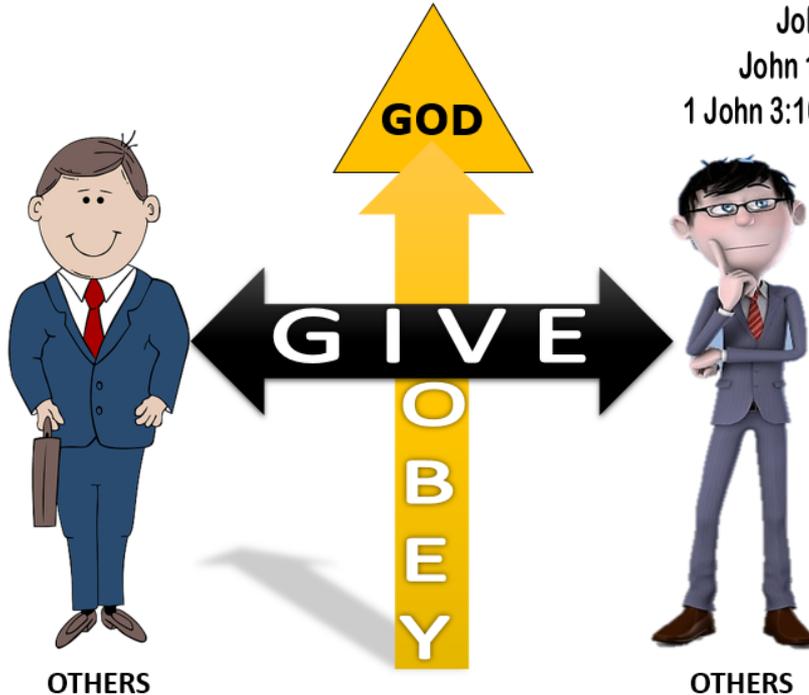
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Love and obedience go hand in hand; one without the other makes the other null and void.

- **This diagram shows that** we experience NO condemnation when we obey Christ within (1 John 3:21-22).
- **Condemnation comes from** the believer's own heart, NOT from God (Rom. 8:1).
- **We feel confident toward God,** when we know we have done what God tells us.
- **When we feel confident toward God,** we can go before Him and make our requests known. God says He will answer our requests (John 15:7).
- **A believer can harden their heart** to God by knowing what He wants done and refusing to do it. This person will have little confidence towards God and little intimacy with Christ from within. God doesn't shut off our relationship with Christ; we just act as if He did – the error is on our part.
- **Obedience affects all** aspects of our prayer life.
- **The cycle of love and obedience** is continuous, when we release Christ to fulfill the Law in us.

LOVING OTHERS



John 3:16
John 13:34-35
John 15:12-13,17
1 John 3:10, 14, 16-18

Love is cheap, unless it is an extension of Christ Life from within, resulting in giving one's life away.

- **Read** 1 John 3:10, 14, 16-18.
- **Love toward others** is expressed, as we GIVE to others.
- **This is *agape* LOVE** (Christ's Life), flowing through the believer.
- **This kind of LOVE** has a motive that is right and righteous. Knowing the difference between Christ's love and self-love is the key.
- **Releasing Christ in us** to love through us is a decision of the will – obeying God.
- **God's love is a deed of Christ**, *not* of our own effort or works.
- **True evidence of Christ in us** is manifested in our willingness to give our lives away to others spiritually, psychologically, and even physically.
- **Giving of one's possessions** does not prove we have Christ in us, but giving Christ through our possessions does.

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