

OVERVIEW

This study is designed to be taught in small groups. Keeping the group size small allows you to schedule lessons with flexibility so no one misses. It is critical that students hear all four lessons. The lesson can be taught in two different styles:

- **Presentation Style:** The teacher uses the PowerPoint presentation and instructor notes to teach the course. Students are given a pre-printed notes sheets to fill in the blanks during the presentation.
- **Reading Style:** The teacher reads through the book together with the student. At the end of each lesson, the student and instructor fill in the review questions at the end of each chapter.

PREPARATION

Relationships

Before starting the study, try to build friendship and trust with your student(s):

- People don't care what you know if they don't know that you care.

Location

The environment you meet in will have an impact on the effectiveness of the study:

- Select a place that is comfortable, quiet, and has minimal distractions. It should also be in a convenient location for your student(s).

Communication

Your students need to know when and where you will be meeting:

- Confirm the lesson time and location by text or phone prior to meeting.

Prayer

Spreading the Gospel will provoke spiritual opposition because it is a offensive attack against the powers of darkness:

- Pray for spiritual protection and direction for you and your student(s). Pray that God would break through spiritual strongholds and mental arguments that prevent people from receiving the truth.

Study

It is very important for you to be prepared to teach:

- Go over the current lesson content prior to the meeting to refresh your mind.

TEACHING TIPS

Arrival

Your "entrance" will set the tone for the entire lesson:

- Arrive 5 minutes early and greet the students warmly and cheerfully with hugs and handshakes. Don't be late or come in a bad mood.

Setup

Your presentation setup should be very quick:

- Practice setting up in advance so you don't delay the lesson starting because of technical difficulties.

Materials

Make sure your student(s) have their Bible, a pen, and their printed notes sheet before starting the class.

Speaking

Your speaking style is very important:

- Speak clearly and confidently, pausing after each key statement to scan your notes and allow the student to fill in their note sheet. Don't talk too fast.

Focus

It is very important to maintain focus and stay on the course content:

- Present high level facts about Bible stories. Don't go into the details needlessly. This will be too much information for your students and distract from the main theme of the study. Each lesson should only take about an hour to teach.

Scripture Readings

It is very important to read the scripture verses out loud:

- Use the ESV or NLT translation for better comprehension of the scriptural meaning.

Questions

Students may raise questions during the study:

- Answer the question if you can do so quickly. If you feel the question is off-topic or will take too long to address, write it down for discussion later.
- If you don't know the answer to a question, acknowledge it and tell the student you will research the question and get back to them with an answer.

Plant the Seed

We are planting the eternal, incorruptible seed of the Word of God. We cannot control its growth, but we know that it will grow when it is planted in good soil.
The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise. Proverbs 11:30

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This guide will help you determine what technology you will use to display the Bible 101 presentation to your students. Regardless of what method you choose, you should be completely proficient in it before your first class. This will reduce the chances of technical difficulties that can delay or distract your students.

- **PowerPoint:** The Bible 101 presentation is created in Microsoft PowerPoint, the standard presentation software for desktop and mobile devices.
- **PDF:** The presentation is also available in Portable Document Format (PDF). This is a commonly used file format that can be opened by any computer. This format is available as a backup.

There are several different ways you can setup the presentation depending on the technology you have available. Select the configuration(s) that best fit your available devices and class environments.

SOFTWARE

The best way to present the Bible 101 is via Microsoft PowerPoint. PowerPoint comes preloaded on most PCs.

- **What about Mobile devices?** PowerPoint is a free download for iOS and Android devices. (phones and tablets) You can download it on your mobile app store today.
- **What if I have a Mac?** PowerPoint does not come preloaded on Apple computers but it can be purchased from Microsoft. If you have a Mac, we recommend using the PDF versions of the presentation and playing them in Acrobat Reader using **View > Full Screen Mode**.

FILE STORAGE

In order for PowerPoint to access the presentation files, they must be stored locally on your device or in the cloud.

- **Laptop users:** Download the four presentations from thebible101.org and store them in a folder on your hard drive.
- **Mobile users:** For mobile users it's a little more complicated. We recommend using a cloud storage service such as **Dropbox.com** to store your PowerPoint files. Dropbox.com is a free file cloud file storage service. PowerPoint for mobile has a feature that connects directly to your Dropbox account, allowing you to launch your presentations.

DISPLAY OPTIONS

Now that you have the software and the files you must select a method to display the presentation to your students. Here are some recommended options:

- **TV Screen via HDMI:** You can display the presentation on your TV using a HDMI cable from your PC/Mac to your TV's HDMI port. You will need to purchase a Mini-HDMI or Mini Displayport (Apple) adaptor to use this method. This adaptor will allow you to connect your PC or Mac laptop to your TV's HDMI port. Make sure you select the HDMI source on your TV. The display will mirror your desktop and you can launch the slideshow in PowerPoint.
- **Laptop Screen:** You can present directly on your laptop screen by launching the presentation in PowerPoint and selecting **Slide Show > Play From Start**. Advance the presentation using the arrow keys or a remote control if you have one.
- **Tablet Screen:** You can present on your iPad or Android tablet using PowerPoint mobile. Start PowerPoint and open your presentation file from your Dropbox folder. Select **Slide Show > From Start** to launch the presentation. Swipe from right to left to advance the slide.
- **Phone Screen:** This method is not recommended but it can be used in special situations. Start PowerPoint mobile on your iPhone or Android phone. Open the presentation from your Dropbox folder and touch the slideshow icon to start the slideshow.
- **TV Screen via Apple TV:** If you already own an Apple TV, you can project your iPhone or iPad screen to your TV screen using AirPlay. First, turn on Apple TV. Then launch the presentation on your phone or tablet using PowerPoint mobile. Swipe up from the bottom and select **AirPlay Mirroring** from the iOS menu. Select Apple TV. Your iPhone/iPad screen will now display on the TV screen. (**Note:** Apple TV requires a wifi network.)

TECH TIPS

- Make sure you test your presentation method completely before your class.
- Store any cables or adaptors you may need in a bag with your instructor guide so you don't forget them.
- Practice setting up your presentation quickly.
- Always have a backup plan in case of technical problems.

Instructor name: _____

Student(s): _____

☐ LESSON 1: THE PROBLEM

Date: _____ Start time: _____ End Time: _____ Attendance: _____

Notes: _____

☐ LESSON 2: THE PLAN

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☐ LESSON 3: THE SOLUTION

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☐ LESSON 4: THE JOURNEY

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FEEDBACK: HOW DID IT GO?



Formally introduce yourself if needed.

Make sure everyone has their notes sheet, pen, and Bible.

Open with prayer:

Father, we thank you for the opportunity to study your Word today. Our hearts are open and our minds are alert. We humbly ask you to open our eyes that we may understand the message you have sent to us, and give us a heart to obey it to the best of our ability. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.



Have you ever tried to put together a jigsaw puzzle without the picture on the front of the box?

- What are the results? - Incomplete and disconnected pieces of the picture.
- The Bible can be an intimidating book! (explain)
- Many people piece together their understanding of God from random pieces of truth and teaching they pickup from preaching, conversations, television, and movies.
- The result is incomplete and disconnected pieces of truth. (and some untruths)
- This Bible study is designed to show you how the pieces of the puzzle fit together to form the “BIG PICTURE”.

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How do we know God exists?

Four proofs:

- Nature
- Testimony
- The Bible
- The Nation of Israel

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God is a spirit. (Read John 4:24)

Explain wind analogy. (Ruach and Pneuma)

4 witnesses of God's existence:

- **Nature** - DNA code example
- **Testimony** - changed lives, healed marriages, broken addictions, forgiveness, REAL CHANGE. (This is a great place to mention your personal story of deliverance or healing.)
- **The Bible** - historical and prophetic accuracy
- **The Nation of Israel** – Reborn after 2000 years of non-existence

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No. God has given us a process to judge what is true.

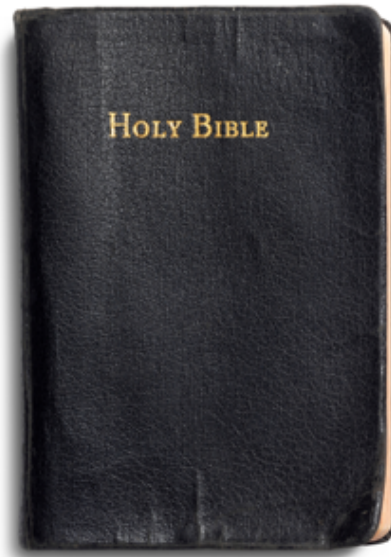
Explain the process of judging truth:

- **Experience** – firsthand.
- **Knowledge** – others experience.
- **Conscience** – is it right or wrong?

Where these three intersect is where we judge truth.

- Our **conscience** makes us aware of God.
- The Bible gives us **knowledge** of God.
- When we respond to God, we **experience** the results in our lives.

Is the Bible true?



This is the question we must answer in life:

Do you believe the Bible is true?

People will tell you Bible is flawed, changed, altered, or irrelevant.

They are wrong...they don't know the facts.



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You may even be skeptical yourself. That's OK.

Let's take a look at the facts and make an informed decision.

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- Written from 1500 BC to 96 AD.
- Divided into an Old and New Testament or covenant.
(agreement)
- Inspiration means “In-Spirit”
- **READ:** 2 Timothy 3:15-17
- **READ:** Galatians 1:11-12
- *Canon* means “sacred collection”.
- Early church leaders agreed on the 27 books of the NT
- Explain the criteria used to select the books.

That explains how the scriptures were determined, how did
they physically get here?



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It is important that we understand what a scribe is...



A scribe was a person whose job was to copy sacred scrolls with accuracy and legibility.

The job was done by hand and by candlelight and was very tedious.

The work of a scribe was then checked for accuracy before the copy was considered complete.

This is how sacred scrolls were copied in the ancient world.

There are some discrepancies that have been discovered but they are minimal and well documented.

There was also the issue of languages...



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There were three things that prevented people from being able to read the Bible:

- **Illiteracy or lack of translation** – Couldn't read Hebrew, Greek, or Latin.
- **Technology** - No printing press.
- **Institutional Control** – Bibles were costly and owned by the Catholic church.



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- In the 1500's William Tyndale translated the Bible into English.
- John Gutenberg invented the printing press in 1450.



This is a picture of one of the remaining rare Gutenberg Bibles.
(Latin translation)

In 1611, the King James version of the Bible was completed.

The King of England (King James I) commissioned it's translation.

The KJV was the predecessor of the modern Bible we use today.



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- Do research to verify the source of the translation.
- NLT, ESV, NIV are good translations to read and study.
- Avoid “fad” translations.

The Dead Sea Scrolls



Explain the story of the Dead Sea Scrolls:

- Found in 1946 in a cave in Qumran near the Dead Sea.
- Previously, the earliest manuscript we had dated to the 1000 AD.
- The Dead Sea Scrolls were 1000 years older!
- They were virtually identical.
- We have 28,000 manuscripts of the New Testament.
- If someone tried to change it, it would have been discovered.



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Some people think the Bible contains a bunch of good stories that teach us about life but don't really connect.

That's not true either.



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There many characters and subplots, but this is the message of the entire Bible.

READ: John 3:16

READ: Mark 10:45

Let's start our study in the first book of the Bible: Genesis.

Genesis



Genesis tells us about creation:

- God created the universe in six days and rested on the seventh.
- Explain how God created Adam:
 - **Read:** Genesis 2:7
 - Formed him from the dust. (body)
 - Breathed the breath of life into him. (spirit)
 - Man became a living soul.



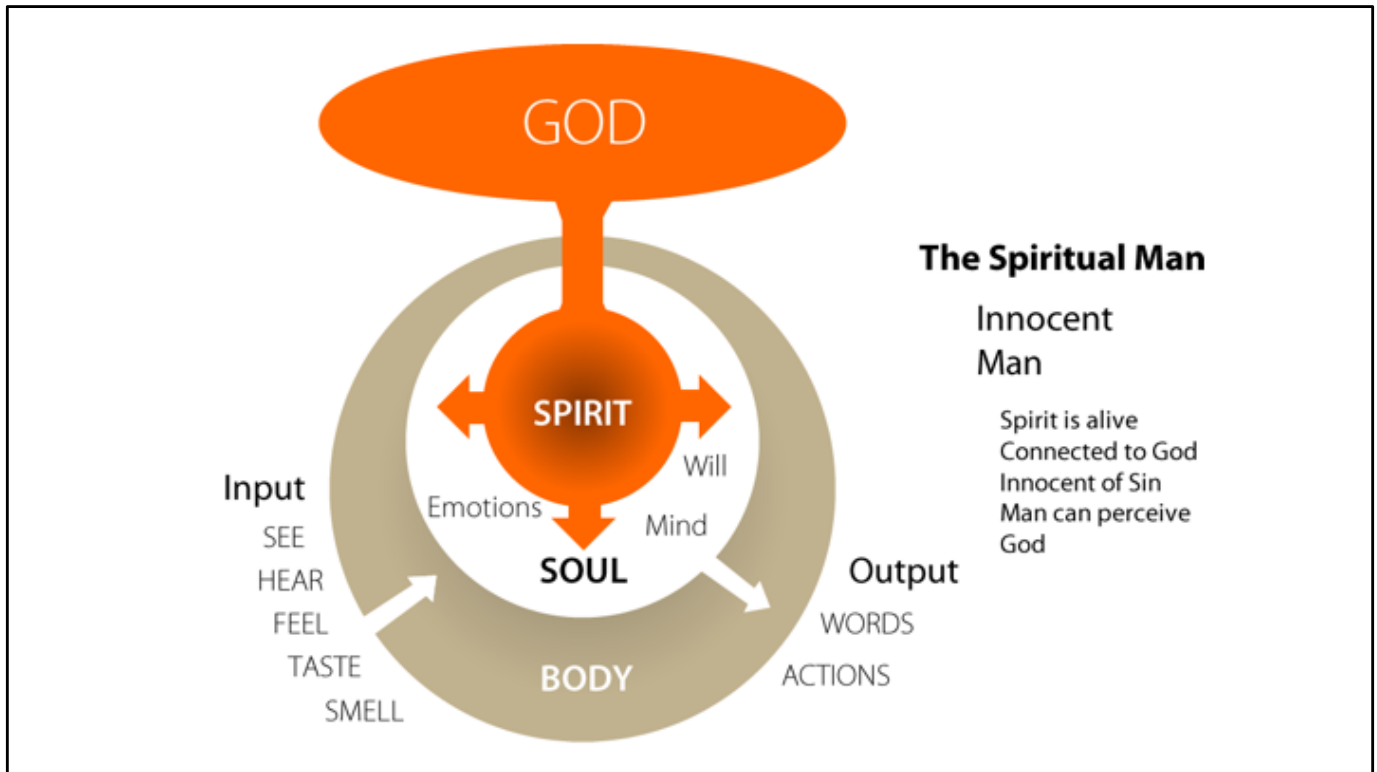
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1 Thessalonians 5:23:

Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again.

Let's take a closer look at the relationship between the body, soul, and spirit.



Explain the spiritual man:

- **Body:** skin, organs, blood, bone, etc.
- **Spirit:** Your power source of life from God.
- **Soul:** Where the body and spirit meet; thoughts, emotions, will

Think of it as a computer:

- Your body is the hardware,
- The spirit is the electricity that powers it,
- The soul is the software.

Death occurs when the spirit departs the body.

- One no longer breaths. (breath of life)

Adam and Eve were created to live forever and in close fellowship with God.



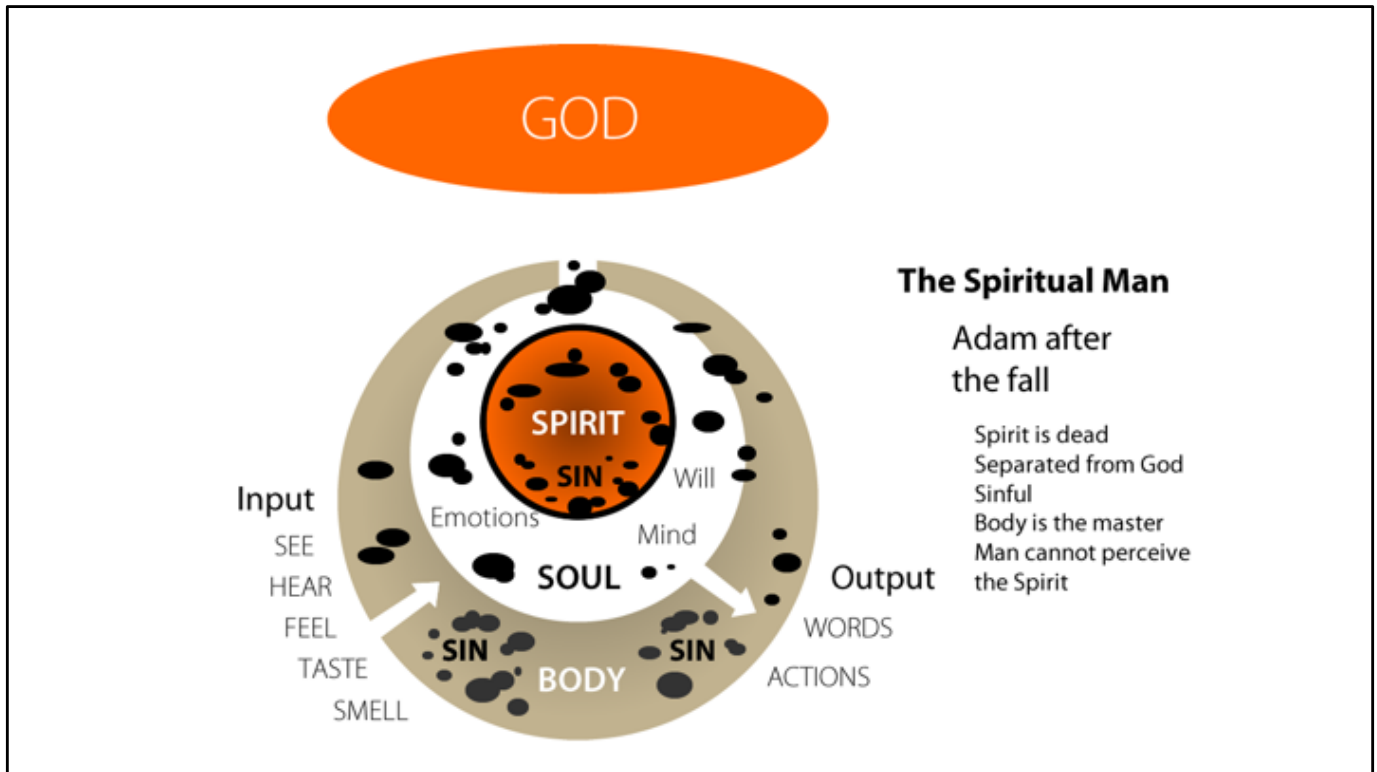
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Something terrible happened in the garden of Eden.

- Adam and Eve sinned.
- Satan in the form of a snake tempted Eve. (Explain)
- Satan is a spirit and he is the enemy of God and His people here on Earth.

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- **READ:** Romans 8:20-21



Explain the effects sin had on Adam and Eve:

- They were separated from God
- They were now slaves to their sinful desires.
- They began the process of aging and dying.

Sin is the root of all problems in the world today.

READ: Romans 5:12-21

So what is sin anyway?



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- We have all sinned.
- The Greek word for sin means "missed the mark"
- We are born with sin from Adam. Explain inherited sin and committed sin.
- The punishment for sin is death.

READ: 1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Hebrews 9:22 says "For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness."

The only way around this was to have someone else pay the price on our behalf...



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Christ did not come immediately, that was not God's plan.

In the meantime, mankind became very wicked under the influence of their flesh and the devil.

God looked for faithful men that he could use to restore righteousness on the earth.

READ: Hebrews 11:1-16



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- Cain killed Abel over sacrifices. This shows the struggle between good and evil.
- The Earth became so wicked God decided to destroy it.
- Explain the story of Noah and the Ark. (briefly)

Several hundred years later God spoke to a man named Abraham...



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- Abraham called out of Haran. Explain concept of separation.
- God promised Abraham a son. Explain how Sarah was old and barren.
- Ishmael born of Hagar. Explain how this was human effort.
- Isaac born of Sarah. Explain how this was the son of promise.
- God tests Abrahams faith by telling him to sacrifice Isaac. Explain how this is a foreshadowing of Christ.
- **Read:** Genesis 22:13
- Abraham had tremendous faith.
- Abraham was called the “Father of the Faithful” (Galatians 3:7)



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Faith is when we believe what God's Word says, even when it doesn't appear to be possible, or we don't understand it.

Simply put, faith is trusting God.

We trust God based on His character, not because we understand everything.

Hebrews 11:6 says "And it is impossible to please God without faith. Anyone who wants to come to him must believe that God exists and that he rewards those who sincerely seek him."



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Read: Genesis 17:1-14

The nation of Israel exists today because of this covenant.

God keeps His promises!

Galatians 3:6 says that we are Abrahams children when we have faith in God.

- Isaac had Jacob and Esau. Explain how the blessing went to the second born Jacob instead of the firstborn Esau. (Romans 5:15)
- Jacob's name was changed to Israel.
- Israel had 12 sons. They became the tribes of Israel.
- Joseph had a dream the world would bow down to him.
- His brothers sold him into Egypt as a slave.
- Joseph was imprisoned on false accusation.
- Interpreted The King of Egypt's dream.
- Saved the world from famine.
- Brought his family to Egypt.

Pyramids of Giza, Egypt



In closing, lets review what we learned today:

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- The facts about the Bibles authenticity.
- Sin is the reason that we need a Savior.
- Faith is the first step to please God. (Abraham)
- How Israel ended up in Egypt. (Joseph)

In our next lesson, we will learn how God revealed His plan to save us through Moses and the nation of Israel.



Questions or comments?

Ask each student to do the following before the next lesson:

- Read Lesson 1 in the book again.
- Spend 30 minutes alone praying. Ask God to lead you and guide you on your quest to find truth.



Welcome to Lesson 2 of The Bible 101.

Make sure everyone has their notes sheet, pen, and Bible.

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Explain the situation in Egypt:

- 215 years later.
- Joseph and brothers are gone.
- Israel grows to 2 million+ people.
- Slaves to the Egyptians.

God sent Moses to lead them back to the Promised Land.

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Point out the map on page 22 of the book.



Leaving Egypt is a picture of repentance which means to change your thinking.

Explain the story of Moses.

- Ten plagues.
- Death of firstborn.
- Explain the Passover as a type of Christ.
- The blood of the lamb applied to the doorpost protected them.
- **READ:** 1 Corinthians 5:7

Israel left Egypt the night of Passover.

Egypt represents SIN and the worldly system.

Leaving Egypt is a picture of repentance which means to change your thinking.

Explain how God is calling to come out of this sinful world, and follow Him.



The Red Sea crossing is a picture of baptism.

Explain what happened when they left:

- Trapped in by the desert and the Red Sea.
- Egyptian army pursues.
- God parts the waters.
- Egyptian army drowned.

The Red Sea crossing is a picture of baptism.

- Our sins are washed away.
- We are now FREE from the bondage and slavery of sin.



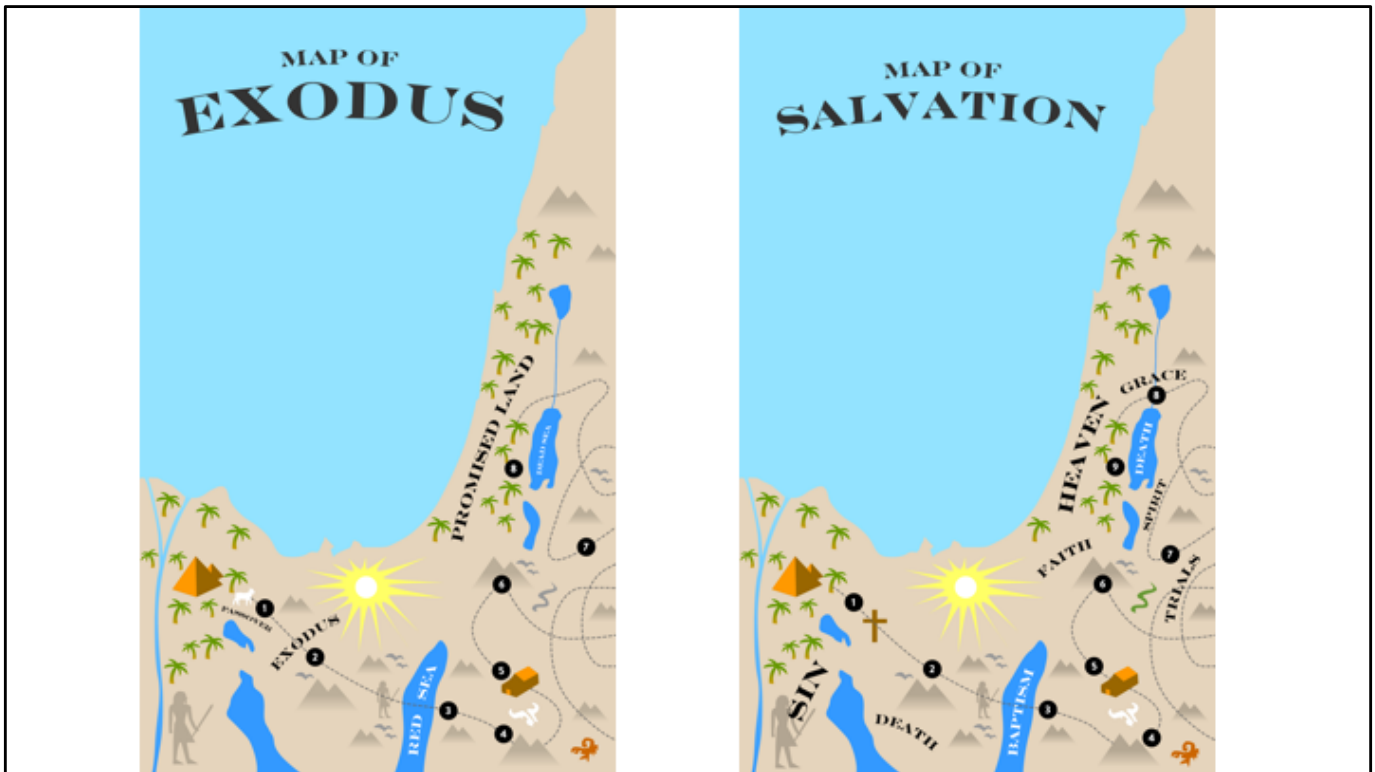
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Explain what happened after the crossing:

- They were free, but not in the Promised Land yet.
- Their faith was tested. (story of the spies)
- They failed the “faith” test.
- Wandered In wilderness for 40 more years.
- All adult men died. (Except Caleb and Joshua)

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- Life is difficult in the wilderness.
- Our faith is tested by trials and suffering.
- We must learn to put our trust in God.



Explain these two maps and how they relate.

For us, the Promised Land is Heaven.

In many ways, we can enter into the Promise Land in this life when we learn God's Word and obey it. (Kingdom principles)

God is the King in the Promised Land of Heaven.

God's Kingdom comes when we do His will here on Earth.



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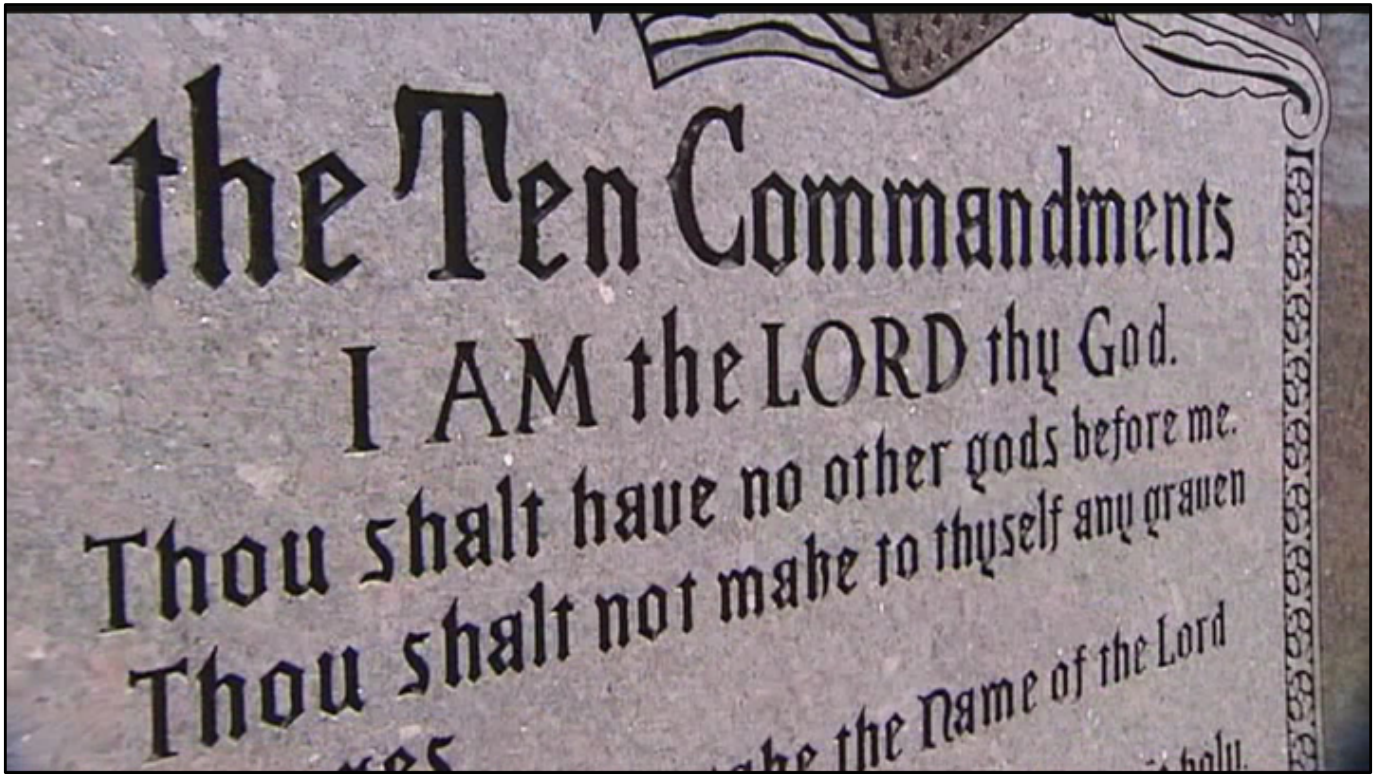
An important thing happened in the wilderness:

- Moses was given instructions at Mount Sinai.
- The Law, the first five books of the Bible. (Jews call it the Torah)
- Contained the tabernacle plan, offerings, festivals, laws, punishment, etc.

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The righteous nation of Israel would be an example to the nations of the world.

- Idol worship was sinful and widespread in other nations.



I want to pause here and explain something:

A common attack on Christianity is to point out some cruel or harsh verses from the Mosaic Law in order to discredit the entire Bible.

They may ask: "Do you believe in stoning someone caught in adultery?"
(No)

3 Types of law:

- Religious Law (worship, temple sacrifices, ritual purity)
- Moral Law (personal conduct, murder stealing)
- Civil Law (community, property, speeding ticket)

Laws were combined into one without separation and distinction.
Punishment was enforced locally.

Don't be confused that Christians do not keep the Law of Moses.

The New Testament helps us understand what was fulfilled by Christ and what we still need to keep in the New Covenant.



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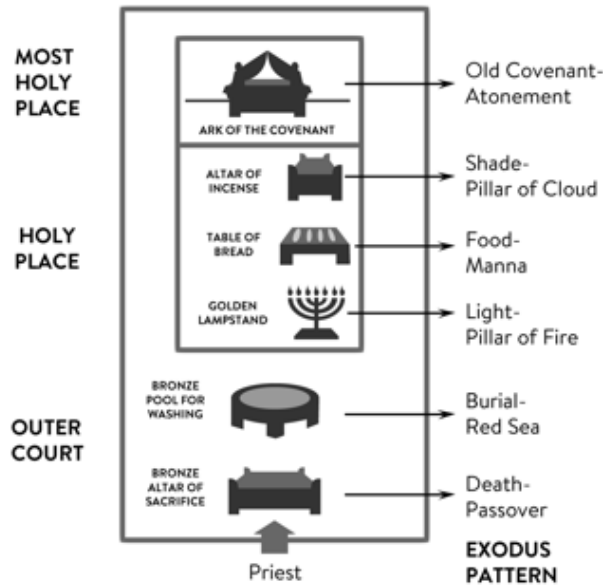
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The Tabernacle was a focal point of worship and provided a place for people to offer sacrifices and offerings to God.

The tribe of Levi had the special task of serving and administering the activities in the tabernacle.

MAP OF THE TABERNACLE



Explain the tabernacle layout and how it relates to the Exodus:

- Altar of sacrifice (Death – Passover)
- Pool of water (Burial – Red Sea)
- Holy Place (Resurrection – Shade, food, light)
- Most Holy Place (Covenant – Atonement)

Later in this study, we will learn how this pattern relates to our salvation and daily walk with God.

- Explain the day of Atonement
- Only a temporary solution
- Pointed to Christ, the final sacrifice for sin

READ: Hebrews 10:1-18



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After 40 years in the wilderness, Israel was spiritually ready to enter the Promised Land.

- The land was occupied by strong nations.
- Joshua is the leader.
- Joshua is a type of Christ. (explain)

In the Promised Land, Israel was successful as long as they obeyed the terms of the Law.

- Victory at Jericho (obeyed Gods plan)
- Defeat at Ai (Achan's disobedience)

Willful disobedience leaves us, our family, and church vulnerable to Satan's attack.

It is important that we read and obey God's Word.



God sent Judges to defeat Israel's enemies in the Promised Land.

Israel was victorious and possessed the Promised Land.

- They did not drive out the inhabitants.
- Result: attacks and cultural influence.
- Israel had no king, the Law and prophets governed.
- Every man did what was "right in his own eyes."
- Result: Tremendous oppression.

READ: Judges 2:1-2

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- A Judge was almost like a super hero. (military/prophet hybrid)
- Sampson and Gideon are the most well known Judges.

Israel cried out to Samuel for a king.

- Israel wanted to be like other nations. (imitating the world)



King Saul was a symbol of man's rebellious nature.

Saul became Israel's first king.

He started out good, then went bad.

Saul did things his own way, not God's way. (disobedient)

King Saul was a symbol of man's rebellious nature.

He was tall and good looking, strong, everything you want in a king, but his heart was corrupt.

God looks on the heart, not the outer man.

The next king would be handpicked by God and would be a man "after God's own heart." (King David)



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Tell the story of King David:

- He defeated Goliath. (You and God can defeat any giant)
- He defeated enemies. (Jebusites, captured Jerusalem)

David was not perfect. (Story of Bathsheba)

- David is also an example of grace. (God's favor)
- David sincerely repented and God forgave him.
- We can also receive God's mercy and forgiveness through grace.



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David's son, Solomon, became king when David died.

- Solomon had great wealth and prestige.
- He asked God for wisdom to judge right from wrong.

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- A time of great peace and prosperity.
- The golden age of Israel.



What did the temple look like?

- This is a model of the temple.
- It was beautiful!

This is the place God chose for His name to be honored.

Many believe this is the original site where Abraham was going to offer Isaac.



Psalms is a book of lyrics that gives
praise to God and describes the
struggle between the righteous and
the wicked.

King David was highly skilled as a musician and songwriter.

**Psalms is a book of lyrics that gives praise to God and
describes the struggle between the righteous and the wicked.**

David understood secret to spiritual victory: praise and worship.

Worship is an important part of our devotion.

Proverbs is a book of wisdom by Solomon.

Ecclesiastes is the search for the meaning of life.

READ: Eccl. 12:13-14



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Israel began to decline as a nation:

- Israel had wicked and righteous kings.
- Idol worship was a big problem.
- Today, idols can be anything we prioritize higher than God. (explain)
- **Thought:** Where are we sacrificing our time, money, and energy?
- Israel broke God's covenant, the prophets warned of coming judgment

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- Judah in the south



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- Jerusalem and the Temple were destroyed.
- The people were taken to Babylon in captivity.

Even in captivity, God protected His people:

- Esther (saved the Jews from extermination)
- Shadrach, Meshach, Abednego (saved from being burned alive)
- Daniel (saved from lions, gave prophecies of the future)



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God used Nehemiah to rebuild the city.

- The job was difficult and dangerous.
- There was opposition from other groups in the area.
- The temple was also rebuilt. (Zerubbabel oversee)

This was the same temple that Jesus would walk in about 500 years later.

The Temple Mount in Jerusalem



What about the temple mount today?

This is the epicenter of spiritual warfare in the world.

Explain the history of the Temple Mount:

- Destroyed in 72 AD (Roman soldiers split the stones looking for gold that had melted in the cracks.)
- Now occupied by 2 Muslim holy sites: the Al Aqsa Mosque, and Dome of the Rock. (explain)
- Current situation: Under Jordanian control, Jews not allowed to pray.
- Wailing wall. Explain that it is one of the few remaining structures of the second temple and is considered holy by the Jews.

Keep your eyes on the temple mount, it is key to endtime events.



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Israel's struggle to keep the law was a great disappointment to God. Fortunately...

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Explain the limitations of the Law:

- It was hard to keep.
- It made people want to sin more.
- It addressed the symptoms of sin, but not the cause (the heart)
- People who were good at keeping the law thought they were superior to others. (Pharisees)



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Matthew used these scriptures in the NT to prove Jesus was the messiah:

- The virgin birth was prophesied by Isaiah. (Matthew 1:22-23)
- Jesus birthplace was prophesied by the prophet Micah. (Matthew 2:5-6)
- John the Baptist was prophesied by Isaiah. (Matthew 3:3)
- Jesus' home town of Nazareth was also prophesied by Isaiah. (Matthew 4:15-16)
- The purpose of Jesus' ministry was prophesied by Isaiah. (Isaiah 61:1-2 and Luke 4:17-21)



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No scripture was given.

The Persian empire was followed by the rise and fall of the Greek empire. (Alexander the Great)

After that, a new nation rose to rule the world:

The Roman Empire.



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Thought: If the Bible is true....

Than what can be more important than studying it, understanding it, and obeying it?

Nothing!

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- The Gospels are the first four books of the New Testament. (Matthew, Mark, Luke, John)
- They each tell about Jesus' life and ministry from a different point of view.
- They are repetitive.
- Jesus' ministry lasted about 3.5 years

Each Gospel has a different focus:

Matthew - Written by tax collector and disciple Matthew

- Shows Jesus as the Jewish Messiah.

Mark - Written by Mark, a close associate of Peter

- Shows Jesus as a servant.

Luke - Written by Luke, a doctor and companion of the Paul

- Shows Jesus as a human being. (Son of Man)

John - Written by John the disciple.

- Shows the divinity of Jesus. (Son of God)



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How was Jesus born?

- The Christmas story is very familiar to us.

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- Joseph was upset because he was not the father
- An angel appeared to Joseph to reassure him

READ: Matthew 1:20-21

- Born in Bethlehem with many signs and wonders.
- They were warned by an angel to flee to Egypt to avoid being killed.
- Later returned to city of Nazareth.
- Jesus' cousin was John the Baptist.



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- John was the link between Old and New Testament.
- Unusual man, lived in wilderness, Nazarite.
- Baptized followers and preached repentance.
- Recognized Jesus as Messiah:

John 1:29 says: The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

- John baptized Jesus in the Jordan River.



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- After baptism, Jesus was led into the wilderness for 40 days.
- Satan tempted Jesus to sin three times.
- This reminds us of the Israelites who wandered in the wilderness 40 years after crossing the Red Sea. (baptism)
- Here is the pattern: After repenting and being baptized, our faith will be tested.



This is a picture of the Judean wilderness in Israel that Jesus prayed and fasted in.

That's why we must pray and fast:

- Fasting helps us draw closer to God by denying our physical bodies.
- Fasting is a sacrifice of something valuable to God.
- Fasting releases spiritual breakthrough. (not instantly)
- It makes us more effective in the Kingdom of God.

After Jesus was tested, he was ready for ministry.

What did Jesus do in His ministry?



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Matthew 4:23 says:

Jesus traveled throughout the region of Galilee, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness.

- Jesus healed many people.
- Trained the 12 disciples for leadership.
- Opposed by religious leaders. (Pharisees)

Why? They didn't understand who Jesus was.

They were expecting the Messiah to come in glory and military power, not humbly as a teacher.

Who was Jesus?



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This is why we refer to Him as the Son of God.

Proof:

- Performed miracles. (numerous)
- Controlled nature. (Mark 4:39)
- Never sinned. (1 John 3:5)
- Made statements only God could make. (John 10:33)
- Forgave sins. (Mark 2:5-10)
- Accepted worship. (John 9:38)
- Fulfilled prophecies of the Messiah.
- Rose from dead and ascended to Heaven. (Acts 1:9-11)

He was God in a fleshly body like ours.

Read: Matthew 16:13-17 and 26:63-64

Matthew 1:23 calls Him Emmanuel, meaning “God with us.”

So we know who Jesus is, why did He come?



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- This would be the final solution to the sin problem from Adam.
- (Explain how this was revealed in the Passover in Lesson 2)
- Jesus became the final Passover Lamb.
- Jesus' death gave Him the right to save human beings from judgment and death.
- God found a way to save us without violating righteousness and justice.



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- Jesus endured tremendous pain and suffering for us.
- He was beaten viciously.
- Nailed to a wooden cross by hand and foot.
- Perhaps the most excruciating, shameful death conceivable...



The Romans used the crucifixion execute criminals and terrorize the people.

- Prophesied in detail by the prophet Isaiah.
- **READ:** Isaiah 52:13 – 15 and all of chapter 53
- On the cross Jesus gave forgiveness to those who crucified Him:
 - He said “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”
- Jesus cried with a loud voice “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
- He was quoting Psalm 22. (**READ:** Psalm 22:1-18)
- He gave up His spirit and died.
- This is the single most important act that has ever taken place in history.

Why would God do all this for you and me?



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- Love is the chief characteristic of God.
- **READ:** John 3:16, Romans 5:8, 1 John 4:8
- God is the perfect balance of love and justice.
- The justice of God requires punishment for sin.
- The love of God sent His Son to die for our sins.
- God loves every human being regardless of what they have done.
- **READ:** Ephesians 3:14-19



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- Jesus broke the curse of sin and death from Adam.
- After 3 days, Jesus rose from the dead. (explain)
- Jesus appeared to His disciples and gave them final instructions.
 - To wait for a special baptism of the Holy Spirit.
 - To establish the church by making disciples.

Jesus sacrifice does not automatically apply to everyone...



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- **Read:** John 3:3-6
- Being born again puts us in a new family.
- We are no longer Adams seed.
- We belong to Christ.

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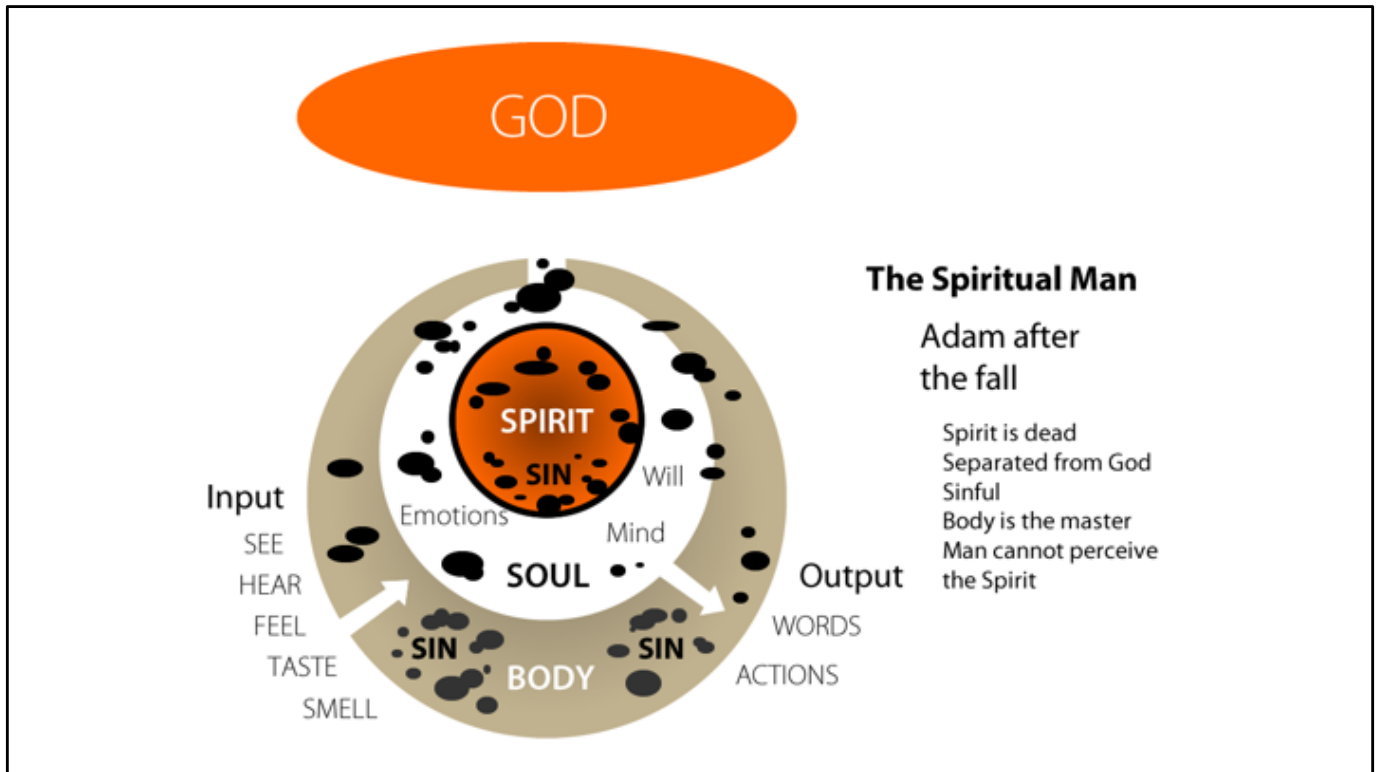
- **READ:** Acts 2:36-38
- **Repent:** change your mind.
- **Baptism:** immersion in water, calling on name of the Lord.
- **Holy Spirit:** A gift that gives you power to overcome.
- Tongues were often associated with the Holy Spirit filling in Acts.
- Millions have experienced this infilling.
- Some people disagree about what you need to do to be saved.
- It's not our job to judge others, but to obey the word of God.
- Christ is the focus, not a formula.



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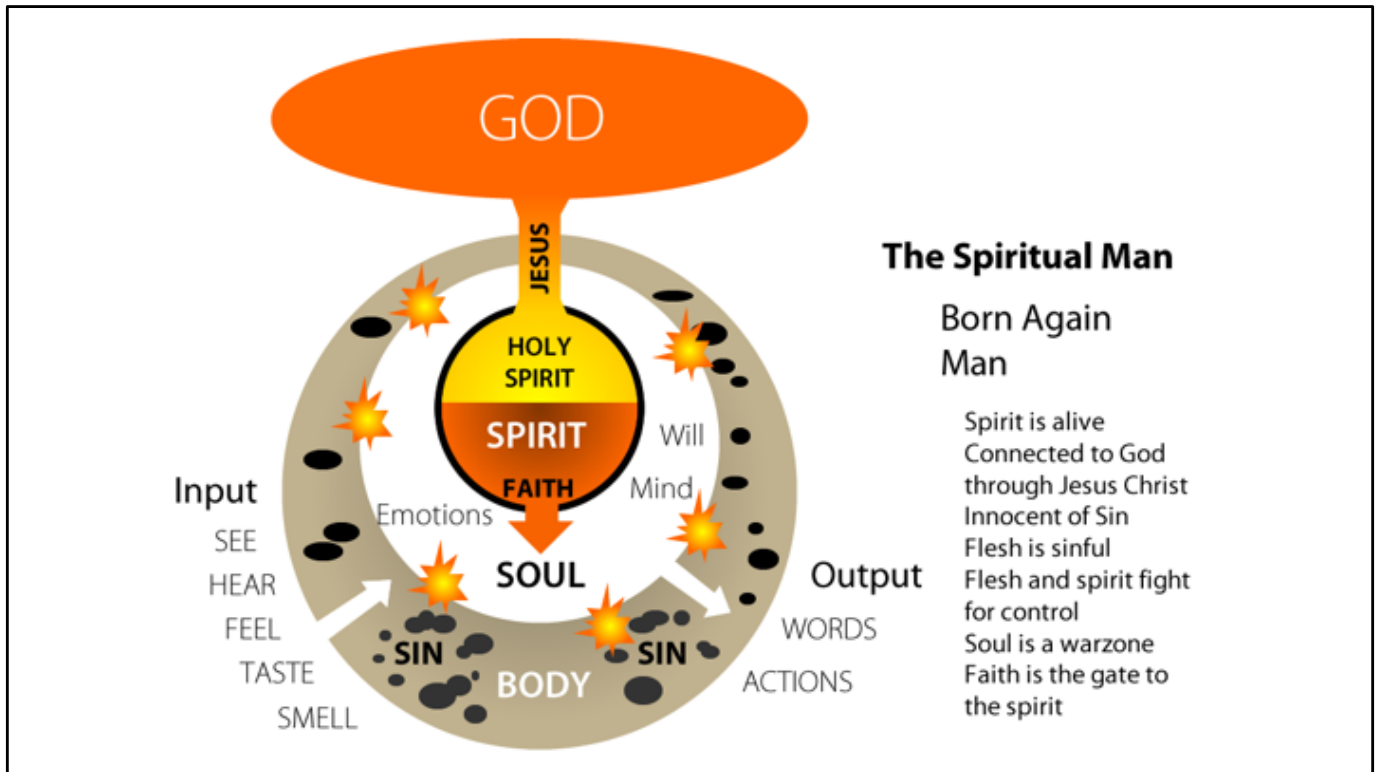
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- Remember, how we died spiritually when Adam sinned?
- When we are born again, that spirit is reconnected and restored to right standing with God.



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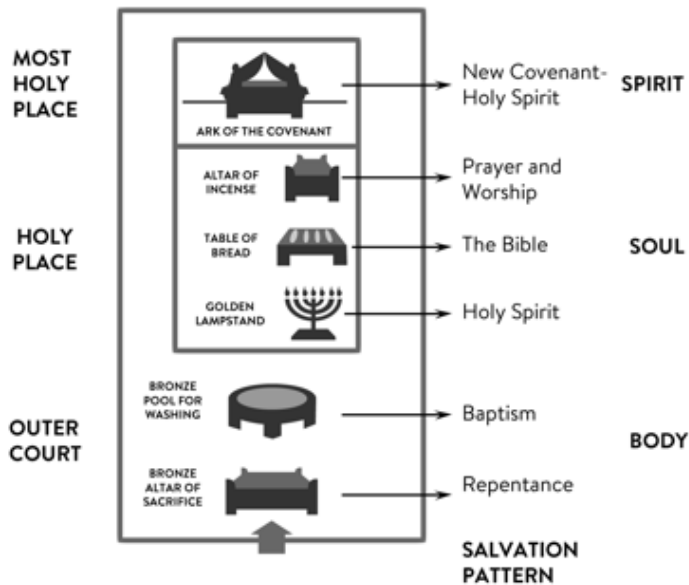
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- Our body is the master.
- We cannot perceive the Spirit.



Explain born again man...

- Our spirit alive and connected to God through the Holy Spirit.
- Flesh is still sinful, but the spirit fights against it.
- The soul is a war zone between the spirit and body.
- Bible reading, prayer, and worship activate faith.

MAP OF THE TABERNACLE



Remember the tabernacle plan?

Explain how it relates to salvation:

Body: The outer court. (Repentance and baptism)

Soul: The Holy place. (The Bible, prayer, and the Holy Spirit)

Spirit: The Most Holy Place. (Covenant relationship with God)

If you have not been born again, you need to prayerfully consider doing so after this Bible study if you believe this message.



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What happens after you are born again?

- You become part of the church.

Not just a local church, **THE** church.

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READ: Acts 2:42-47

The church started in Jerusalem with mostly Jewish believers.

How did it end up spreading all around the world?



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- Religious Jews persecuted the Christians.
- The Gospel was spread to other nations by Apostles and missionaries.
- A Pharisee named Paul persecuted the church very badly. (explain)
- Then something amazing happened...



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Thought: CS Lewis once said:

Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.

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2. Repentance
3. Baptism
4. The Word of God Protects
5. The Spirit Leads
6. Faith is Tested
7. Discipleship is learned
8. Physical death
9. Heaven



Why is this lesson called the Journey?

- Remember Israel journeyed to the Promised Land?
- We must journey through this life to make it to Heaven, our “Promised Land.”
- God knew it would be difficult journey, so he inspired the Apostles to write letters or “Epistles” to help us.



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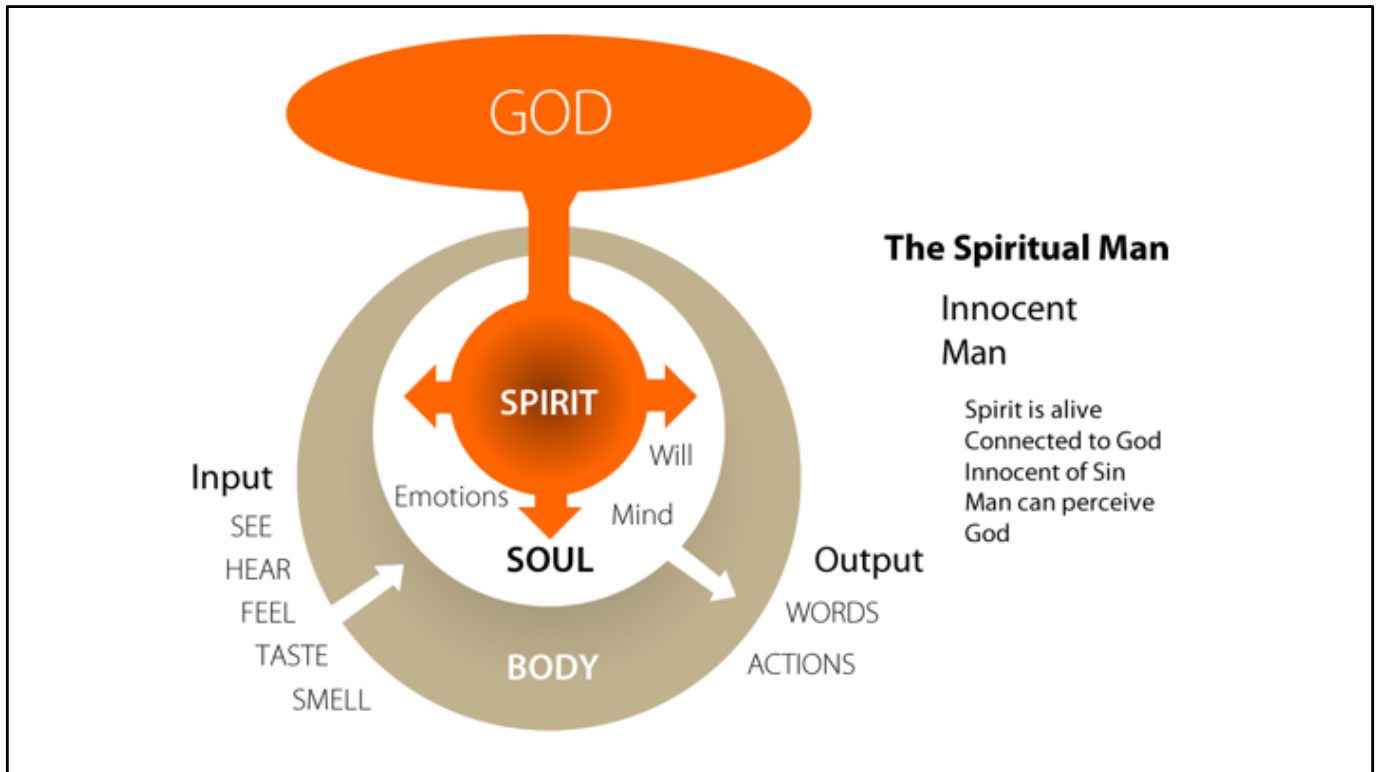
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- They teach us how to live the Christian life.
- This is called discipleship or spiritual growth.

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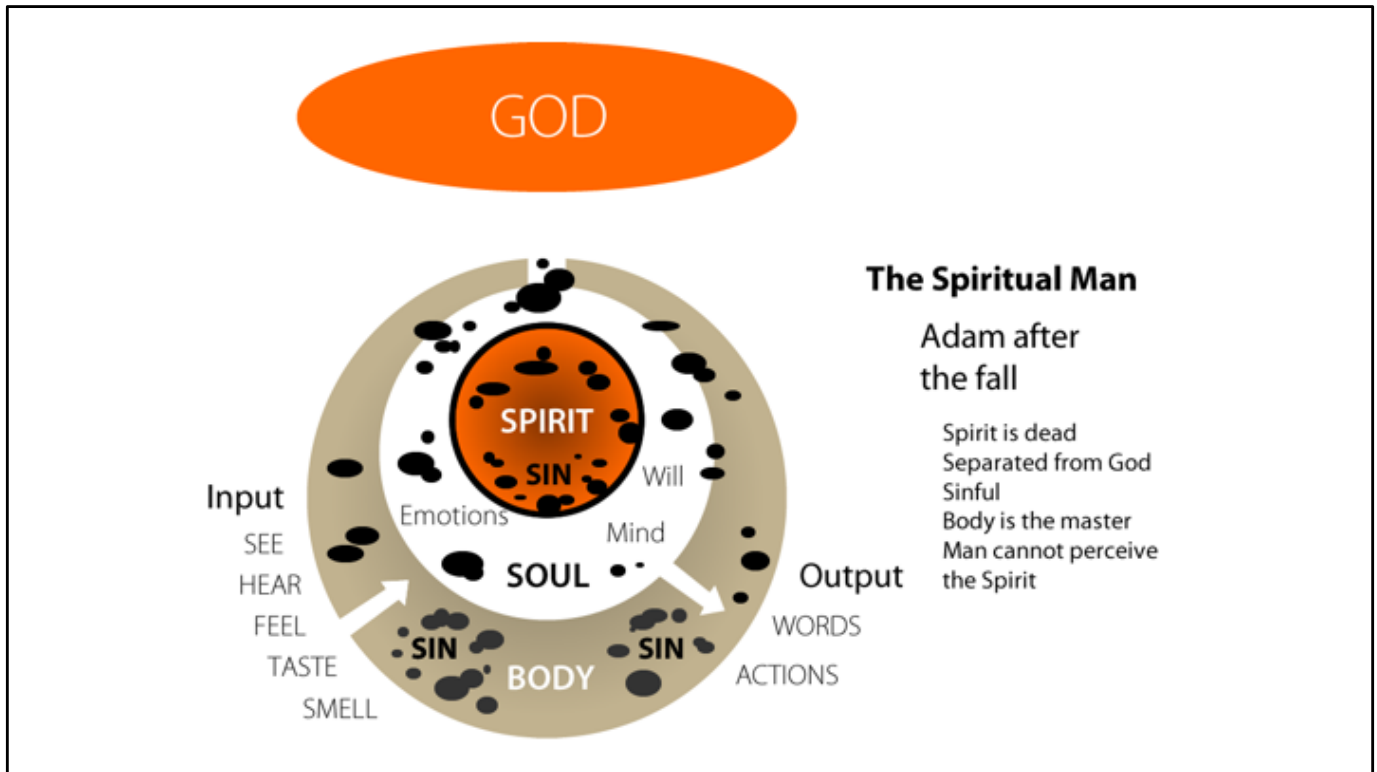
- Remember, humans consist of three parts: body, soul, and spirit.

Let's take a closer look at this relationship...



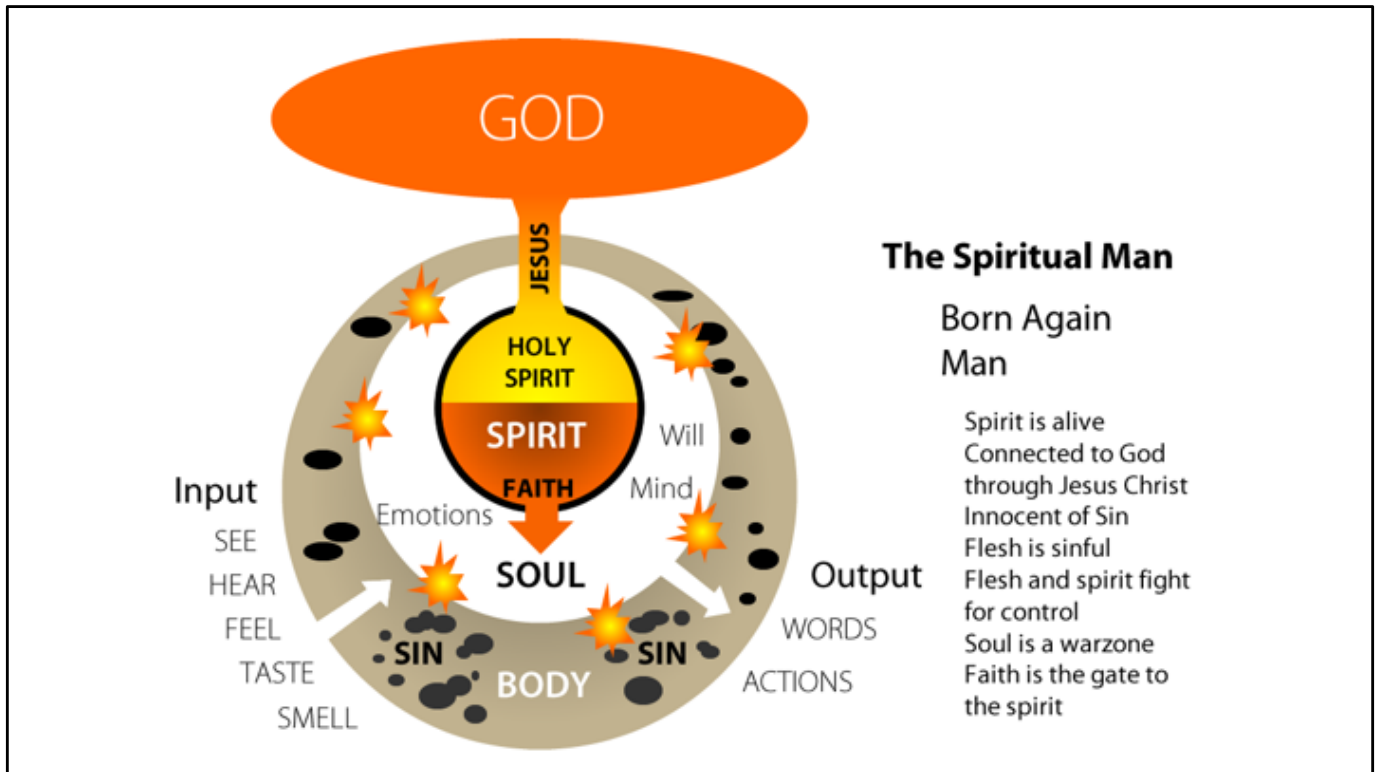
This diagram represents Adam before he sinned.

- He had fellowship with God.
- His body was immortal.
- He was innocent of sin.



This diagram represents Adam after he sinned. (and the whole human race)

- We are separated from God by sin.
- We are “flesh centered,” our body is the master.
- Our body is aging and dying.
- We know right from wrong. (conscience)



This diagram represents a born again person:

- We are reconciled or “re-connected” to God through Christ. (The Holy Spirit)
- Our flesh and spirit fight for control.
- Our body is still aging and dying.
- We can receive from the Spirit through faith.
- If we let the flesh control us, our soul will be corrupted.
- If we let the Spirit control us, our soul will be renewed.

READ: Romans 8:1-14



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As disciples, we should seek after spiritual things and work to put aside the sinful things our bodies desire.

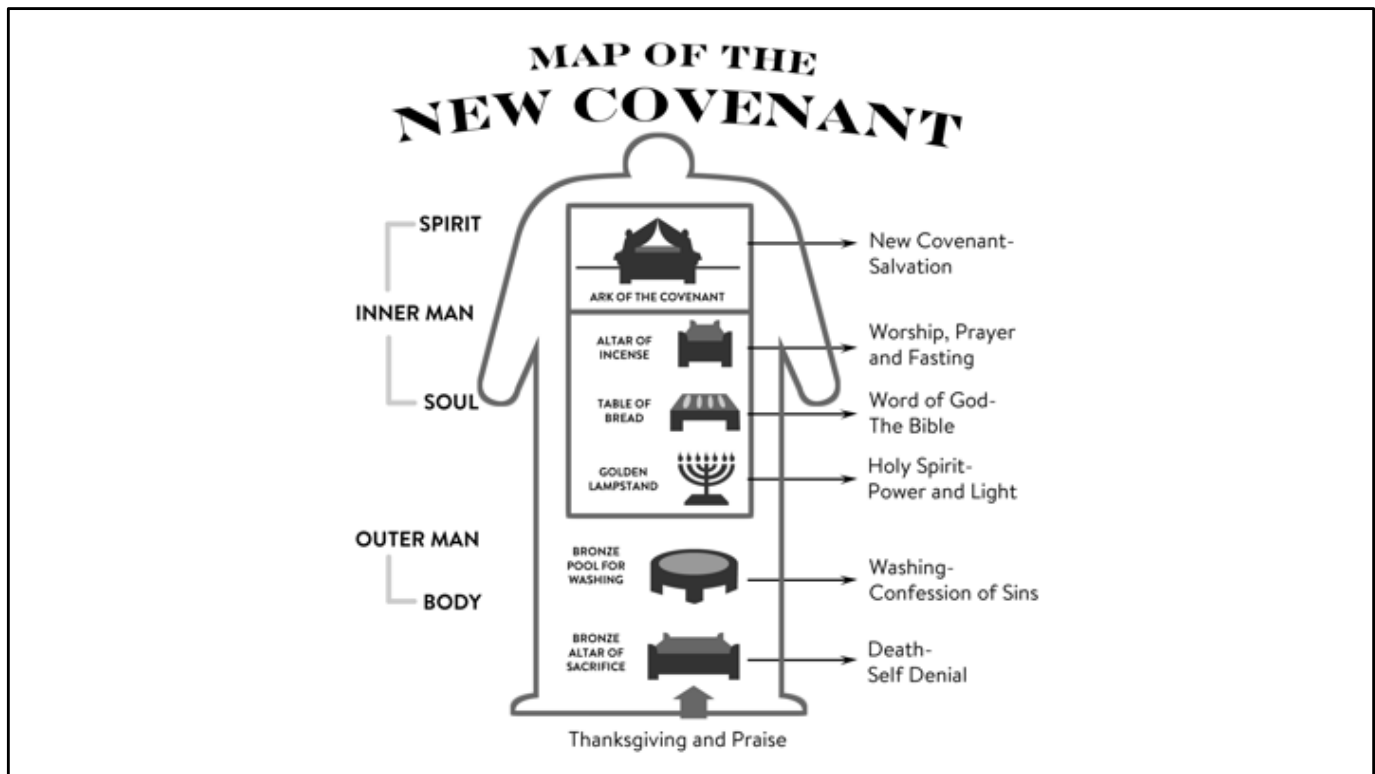
There are three things the body wants:

- The lust of the eyes: things that look good.
- The lust of the flesh: things that make us feel good.
- The pride of life: things that make us look good to other people.

So how do you walk in the spirit? There are several ways:

We walk in the spirit through our thoughts, prayer, worship, study, fasting, and giving.

Explain each one.



Remember how we studied the Tabernacle pattern back in lesson 2 and 3?

The same pattern applies to our daily life as Christians.

- The altar represents self-denial.
- The pool represents confessing of sins.
- The items in the Holy Place represent daily communion with God.
 - Lampstand- The Holy Spirit
 - Table of Bread- The Bible
 - Altar of Incense- Worship, prayer, and fasting
- The Ark of the Covenant represents the Holy Spirit inside of us, writing His laws on our hearts and minds. (Hebrews 10:16)
- Instead of a tabernacle, WE are now the temple of the Holy Spirit. (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)



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As a Christian, It is very difficult to handle moral failure. (sin)

- Our flesh still desires sinful things.
- Our spirit is renewed and desires righteousness.

This causes great conflict and frustration in the inner man, and can cause some to give up.

Gods grace helps us overcome sin and covers and protects us when we *do* sin.

READ: Romans 5:20-21



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Some people think that grace makes it “okay” to sin.

- That’s not true!

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- If sinning doesn’t bother you, then you either don’t have the Holy Spirit, or you have suppressed it so long, you no longer feel it.
- The Holy Spirit also gives us supernatural power to overcome and suppress our sinful nature.
- (Tell your story of deliverance, or someone you know.)
- When we overcome our desires to sin through the Spirit, spiritual growth takes place...



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- It is wise to be patient with ourselves and others as we grow and overcome our weaknesses and sins in this life.
- As we grow “fruit” is produced.
- The results or “fruit” of the Spirit is: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. (Galatians 5:22)



The scriptures often compare us to trees:

- Trees take time to grow.
- Our roots are hidden in the ground.
- Our root system supports us. (stability, foundation)
- Our roots must be in the word of God, prayer, worship, and obedience **when no one is looking.**
- The leaves on our tree are the visible aspects of our walk with God.
- Fruit is the good works that we produce out of our walk with God.
- Others enjoy the fruit that we produce.
- Our church should be full of the fruit of the Spirit



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- God sees our true motives and intentions.
- We can't earn salvation, it comes from a **genuine change of heart.**



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- God desires to be our purpose and passion in life.
- He is not interested in religious duty to appear good to others.
- **READ:** Philippians 2:12-15
- We should be very concerned about showing the results of our salvation.
- This will be a blessing to other believers in the church.



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Have you ever wondered why Jesus had to leave?

- Jesus said it was more beneficial for us that He go and return in the form of the Holy Spirit.
- **Read:** John 16:7-8
- When we are filled with the Spirit, we will do the work of Jesus Christ.

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- The church was designed to do as a group what Jesus did as an individual.
- The church has five different ministry roles: Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers.
- **READ:** Ephesians 4



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A gift is a supernatural ability given to an individual to help the church:

- Some of those gifts are:
Word of wisdom, word of knowledge, gift of faith, gift of healing, working of miracles, prophecy, discerning of spirits, different kinds of tongues, interpretation of tongues.
- **READ:** 1 Corinthians 12

As Christians, we should prayerfully seek to be used in these gifts.

- (Give example of recent manifestation of the gifts.)



Satan uses false doctrine to try to corrupt and defeat the church.

Why are there so many different religions and denominations?

- In the dark ages, truth was suppressed.
- As truth was restored, new denominations were formed with each revelation.

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- **READ:** Jude 1:3-4
- This is why studying the scriptures is so important.

Here are some examples of false doctrines:

- Unscriptural teachings and traditions of men
- Salvation earned by works, not grace.
- Sin is permissible under grace.
- Everyone will be saved, regardless of whether they obey the gospel.

It is very important that we stay alert at all times and are balanced in Spirit and Truth.



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The last book of the Bible, Revelation, is a prophetic book that tells the future of the world.

So, what is going to happen in the future?

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- God is not judging the world at this time.
- This is the time of God's grace and favor.



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- At the end of the Church Age, God will gather all the believers that have died and are currently alive.
- This is the first resurrection, also known as the “Rapture”.
- All believers will stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ and be rewarded for what we did as Christians here on Earth. (Bema Seat)
- Think about that moment. Do you want to receive a reward? (explain)
- **READ:** 2 Corinthians 5:9-10

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- After the first resurrection, there will be a terrible time of suffering and punishment for those on Earth.
- The entire world will be deceived and follow a leader called the "Antichrist."
- In the end, Christ Himself will return again and defeat the Antichrist in the Battle of Armageddon.
- Then there will be 1000 Years of righteousness, Satan is bound.
- After the end of the 1000 years, the White Throne Judgment will be held.
- God will judge all who have died in their sins.
- This is the second resurrection of the dead.

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- **READ:** Matthew 24:3-14, 30-51

Are we in the end times? You be the judge.

- We must be ready at all times, regardless.
- Life is uncertain and could end at any moment.

Being aware and prepared for the afterlife is the most important thing you can do.



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So, what happens to people when they die according to the scriptures?

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- We will have new bodies to replace our old, sinful ones.
- Heaven is not what popular culture has portrayed it to be.
- 1 Corinthians 2:9 says:
That is what the Scriptures mean when they say, “No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him.”
- Heaven will be amazing!

But what about those that reject the Gospel?



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The final destination for those who reject the Gospel is the Lake of Fire, a place of punishment and torment.

- There are several words in scripture that are translated as “hell”:
- **Sheol/Hades**- The grave. (place of the dead prior to judgment, conscience regret and discomfort)
- **Gahenna**- The lake of fire. (final destination of Satan and the wicked after judgment)
- **READ:** Revelation 20:11-15



At the beginning of this study we talked about truth.

- Sometimes the truth is difficult to accept.
- Many are uncomfortable discussing the afterlife.
- If there was a terrible storm headed your way, wouldn't you want to know so you could protect yourself and your family from disaster?
- It would be foolish to ignore the danger.

The good news is that we are still living in the time of God's grace and favor!

- God had warned us in His word of the coming judgment, and provided a way of escape.
- **READ:** Matthew 7:13-14

Here is the question: **What will your response be?**

Your Response



If you are deciding now to believe this message and become a Christian:

- Follow God's plan and be born again.
- (Make sure the student knows you are willing to pray with them or initiate baptism)

If you have already decided to follow Christ and been born again:

- Be blessed and strengthened in your faith.
- Dedicate yourself to spiritual growth.
- Share this message with others.

If you still aren't sure this is true:

- Pray earnestly and ask God to show you what to do.
- (Ask if there are any questions they need answered to help them make a decision.)

Closing Prayer



Instructor note: Be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit at the closing of this course. Some students will be open to conversation immediately, others will need time to process what has been said. **It is important not to aggressively force a decision.** You can always reconnect later and start the conversation.

Here are some questions you could ask if you feel that the time is right:

- “What do you think of the Bible study?”
- “Did I ever tell you my story about coming to Christ?”
- “So, how are you doing spiritually?”
- “If you believe, is there anything stopping you from being baptized?”