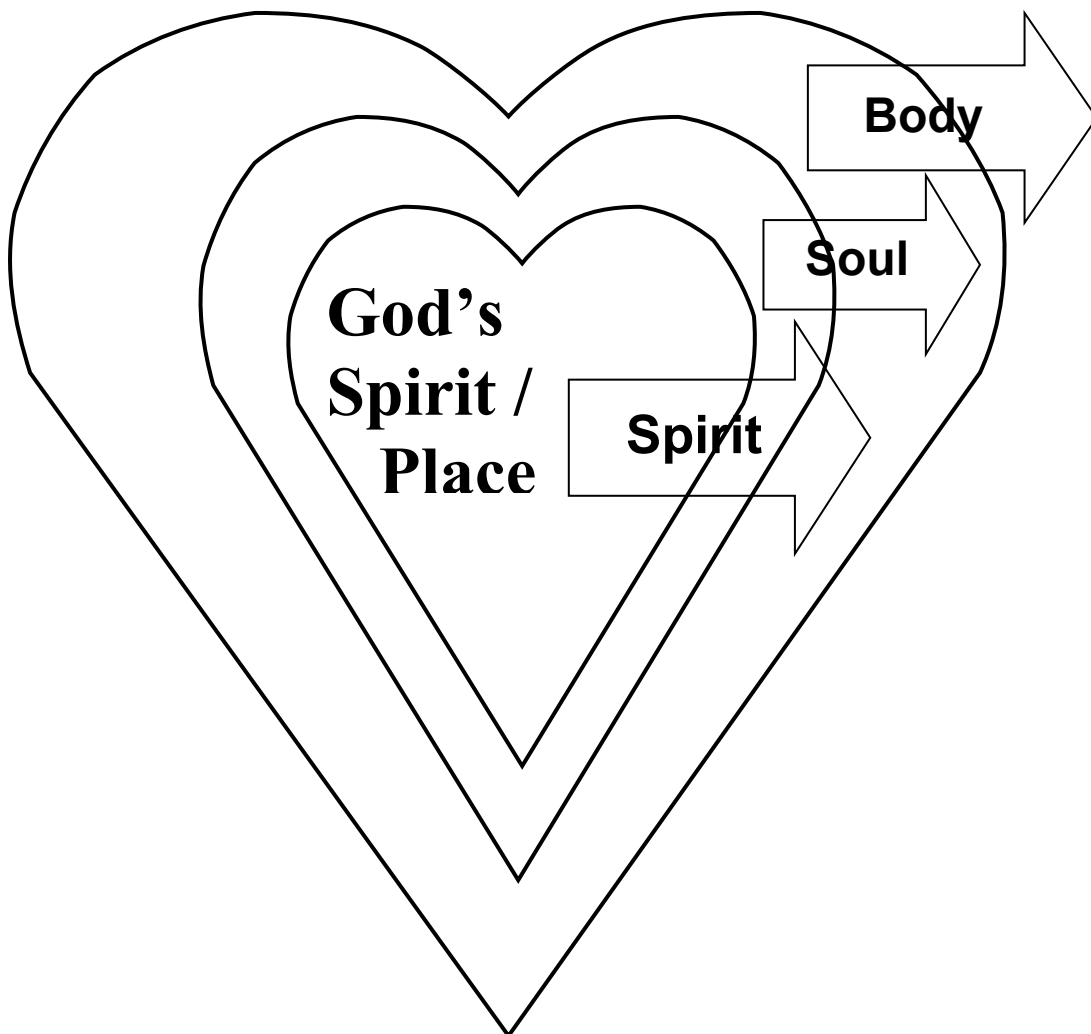


An Introduction to Volume II

**A Fundamental Understanding of Mankind's
Spiritual Struggle & God's Remedy**

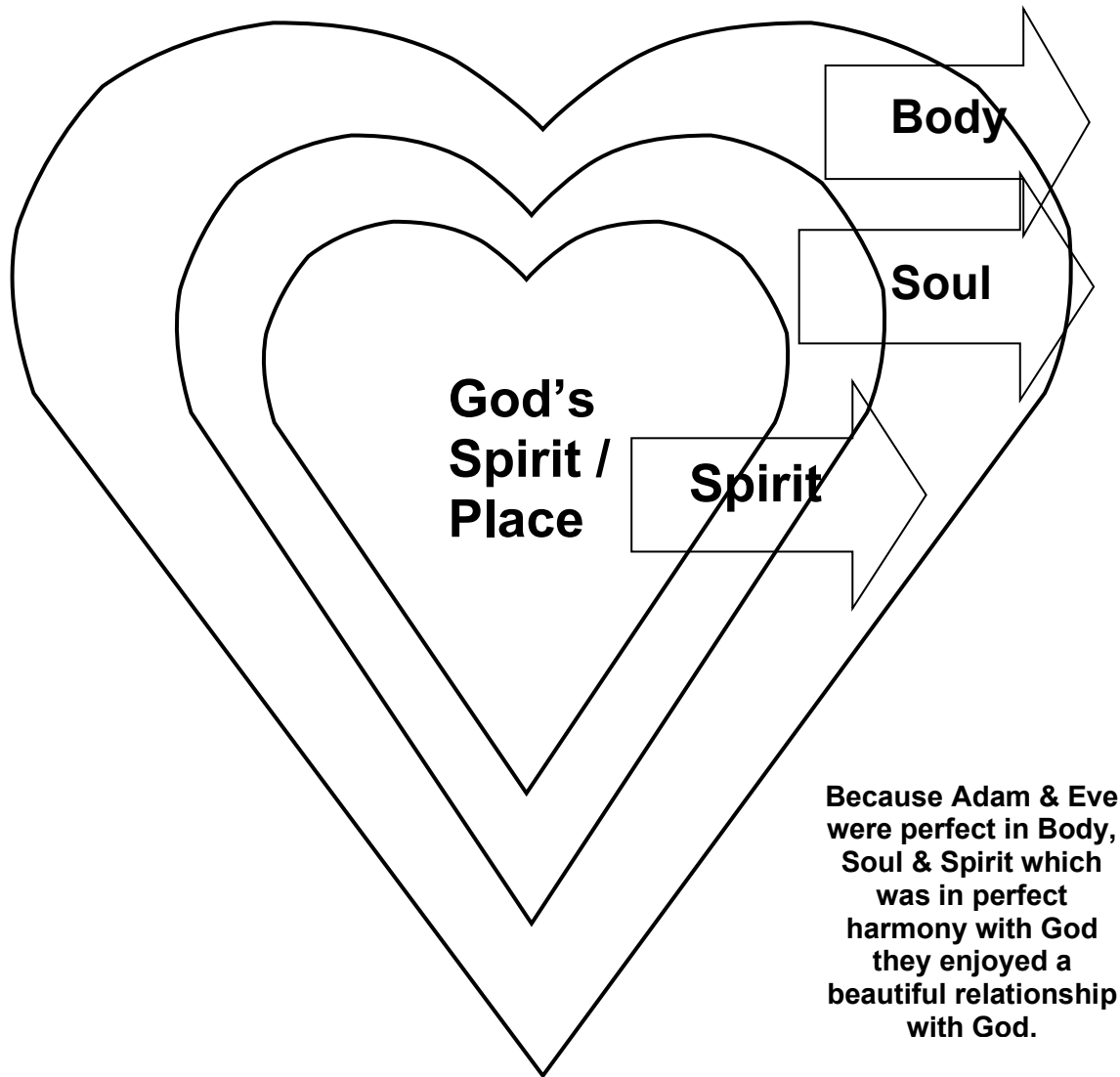
God's Spirit (God's Place)



A Critical understanding:

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. – Genesis 1:27

In the beginning God and man lived in perfect harmony with one another.
Man was perfect in body, soul, and spirit.



But Adam & Eve succumbed to the temptation of the serpent (read Genesis chapter 3) which broke their wonderful relationship with God and from that time on all of mankind has suffered the consequences of their failure.

Romans 5:12 –

“Through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned”



Sin brought spiritual death which broke the relationship between man & God.

Sin corrupted the Soul, took the Spirit of God's Place in the human heart and ultimately caused physical death and eternal condemnation.

Sin replaced God's Spirit as the primary influence in the heart of man.

Nevertheless, God did not abandon man completely rather as the image bearer of God, Man has a consciousness of God that causes him to be aware of something missing deep within his soul.

Ecclesiastes 3:11b –
"God has set eternity in their hearts."

I call this witness of God in the human heart –
"GOD'S PLACE" – because it is the place where God's Spirit had dwelt in the human heart and can only properly be filled by God's Spirit. alone.

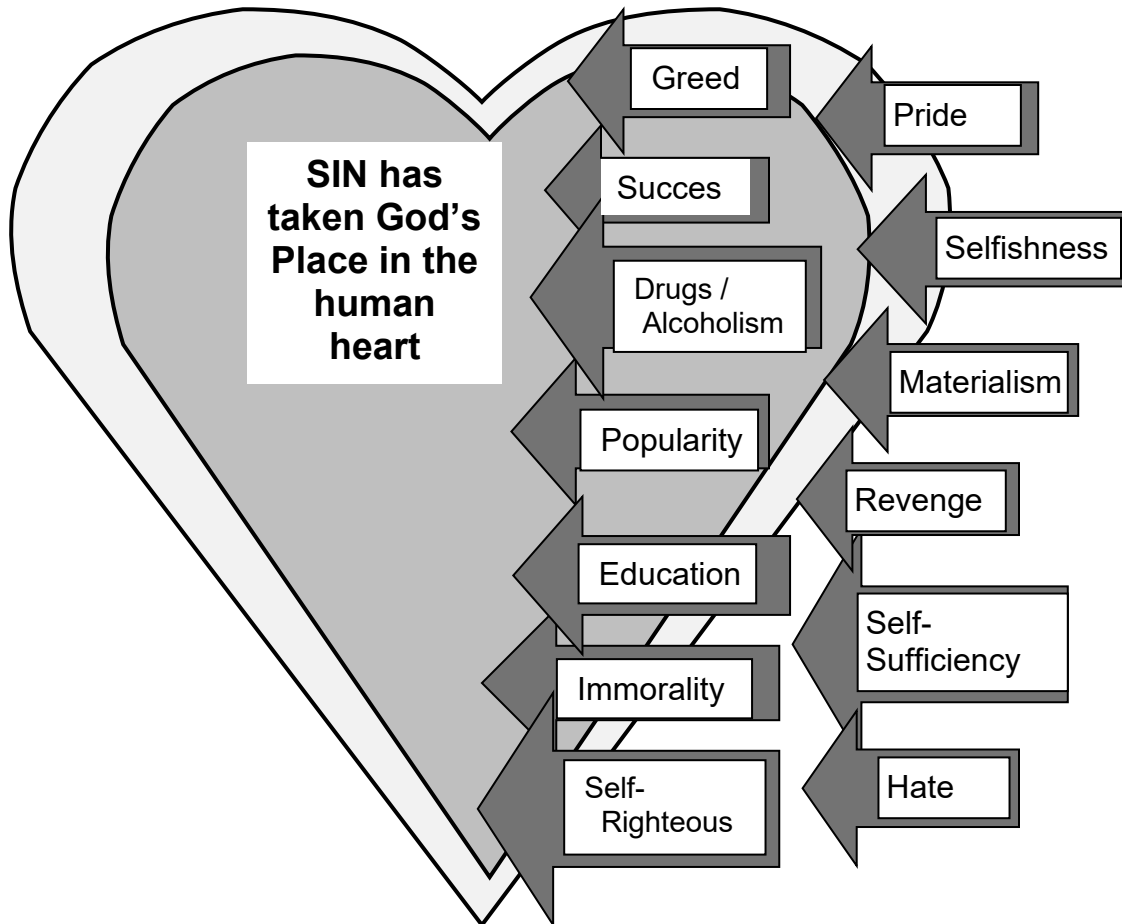


No matter what a person does to solve the sin problem, the core issue of the heart remains the same. Nothing a person does can eradicate sin or can adequately fill God's Place in the human heart.

Man is totally incapable of solving the "Sin" issue.
No matter what he does to fill
"God Place,"

his attempts only temporally pacify, at best, the yearning of his heart for God.

Listed on the next page are a just few of the many ways people think that they can meet the deepest need of their heart – fill "God's Place" that only God can properly fill. Nothing else but God can fill that part of a person's life.



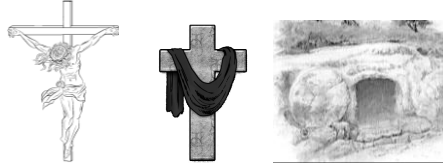
Instead of the Spirit of God residing at the center in the heart of mankind, a Sin Nature has taken God's Place rendering it impossible for any human to resolve their sin issue. Therefore, a person's sin nature is the primary influence in every person's life and his relationship with God has been broken.

**Romans 3:23 –
“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”**

**Romans 6:23a –
“The wages of sin is death.”**

But this is what God Did!!

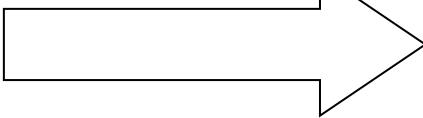
John the Baptist declared that Jesus is
“the Lamb of God who takes away the
sin of the world”



1 Peter 2:24
Jesus bore our sins in
His body on the cross, so
that we might die to sin
and live to righteousness.

Psalm 32:1
How blessed is he
whose transgression is
forgiven,
Whose sin is covered!

Romans 8:1-4,6



Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.

³ For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, **God did:** sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as *an offering* for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh,

⁴ so that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

⁶ For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace,

God's Love, Mercy and Grace are beyond our ability to fully comprehend. That's why we must accept His offer of forgiveness by Faith.

JOHN 3:16

"For God —

THE GREATEST PERSON

so loved —

THE GREATEST MOTIVATION

the world, —

THE GREATEST UNDERTAKING

that He gave —

THE GREATEST ACT

His only begotten Son, —

THE GREATEST GIFT

that whoever —

**THE GREATEST OPPORTUNITY /
INVITATION**

Believes —

THE GREATEST SIMPLICITY

in Him —

THE GREATEST ATTRACTION

shall not perish, —

THE GREATEST PROMISE

but —

THE GREATEST DIFFERENCE

have —

THE GREATEST CERTAINTY

Everlasting Life." —

THE GREATEST POSSESSION

Now that the sin issue has been resolved by God, a person can begin a new relationship with Him.

John 1:12

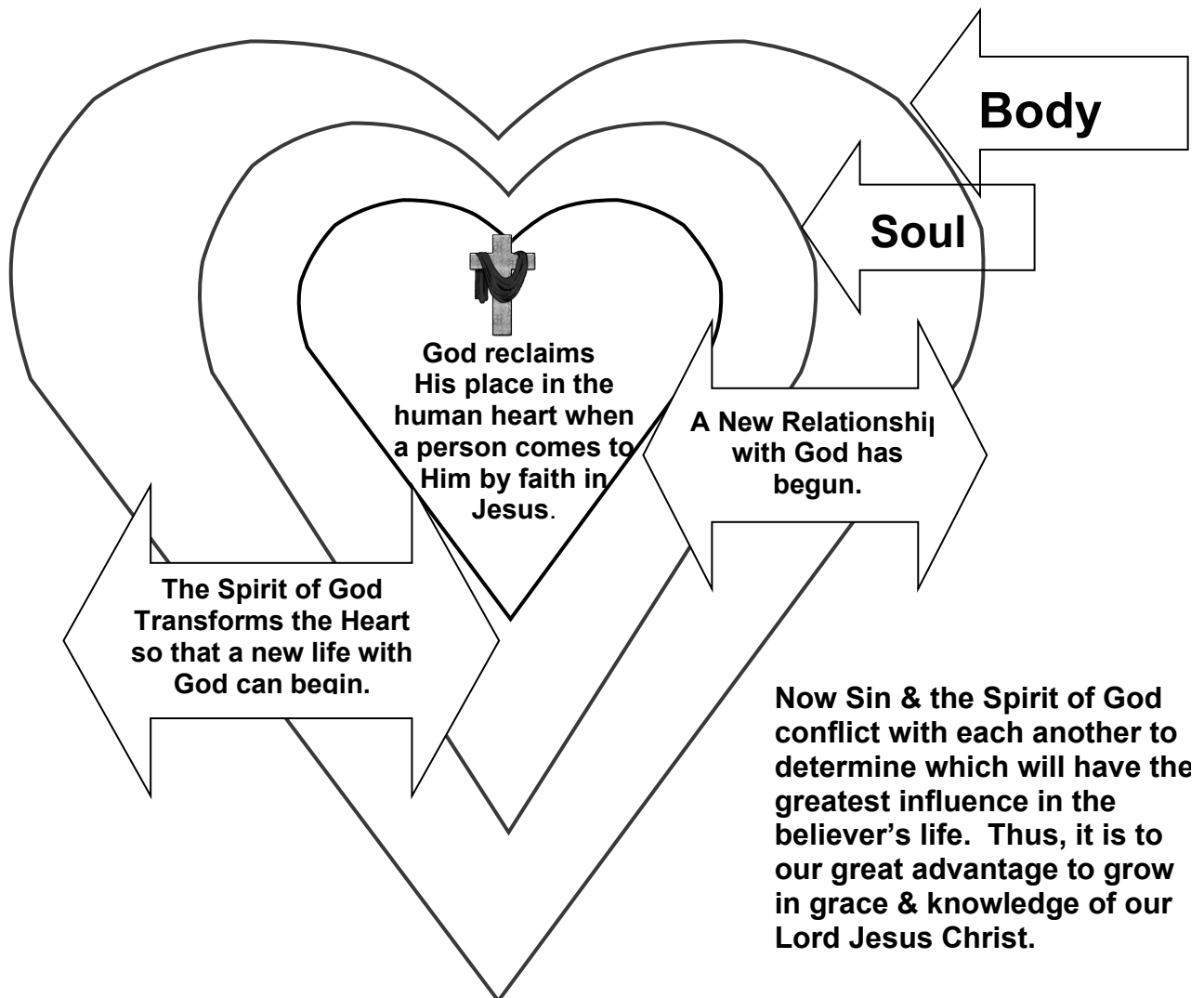
But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 3:1a

See how great a love the Father has bestowed on us, that we would be called children of God.



II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

This Fundamental Understanding of Mankind's Spiritual Struggle & God's Remedy is Critical to Understanding God's Work in the Affairs of Men as Revealed in the Bible and with the Materials written in this Book.

The Bible

“This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are unchangeable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be saved, and practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to nourish you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter. Here, heaven is opened, and the gates of hell disclosed. Christ is its grand subject, our redemption its design, and the glory of God its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. Read it slowly, frequently, and prayerfully. It is a mine of wealth, health to the soul, and a river of pleasure. It is given to you here in this life, will be opened at the judgment, and is established forever. It involves the highest responsibility, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its contents. *It is the door to abundant Life; the way to genuine Liberty, and the revelation of God's Love. It guarantees wisdom, success and satisfaction. It is practical for every generation and what a person does with it will determine their destiny.*

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II Timothy 3:16-17

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.