

You Can Receive Forgiveness of Sins

And Sin Entered Genesis 3:1-7

Satan's Attacks

He questioned the Word of God
He called God a Liar

1 John 2:15-17

Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

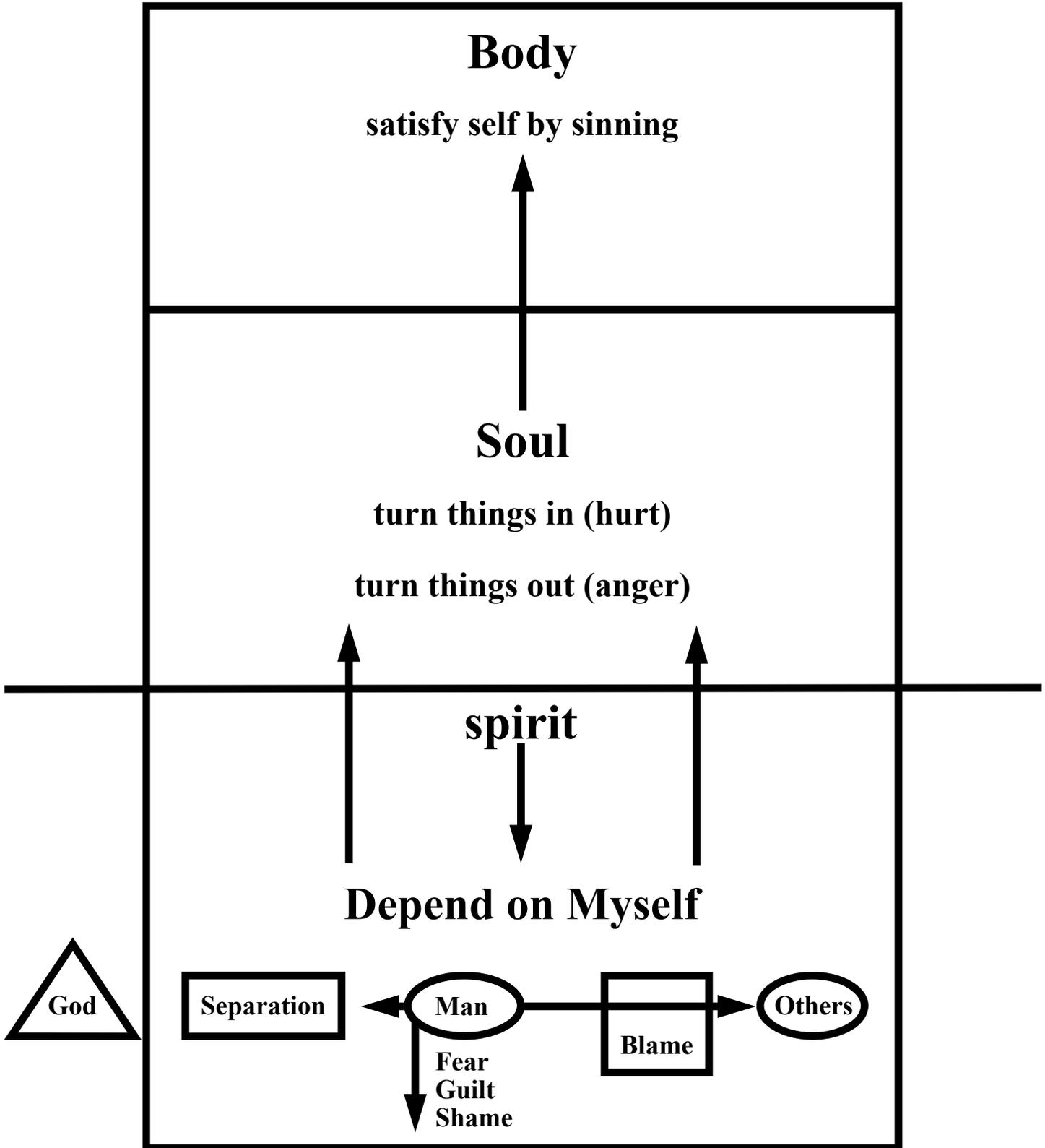
And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Three ways we are tempted Genesis 3:6

1. **the lust of the flesh**
the woman saw that the tree was good for food
2. **the lust of the eyes**
it was pleasant to the eyes
3. **the pride of life**
a tree desirable to make one wise

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. Genesis 3:6-7

The Consequences of Sin



Genesis 3:7-13

Christ Died to pay the Penalty for our Sin

The penalty for our sin had to be paid to restore our relationship to God

Hebrews 9:22

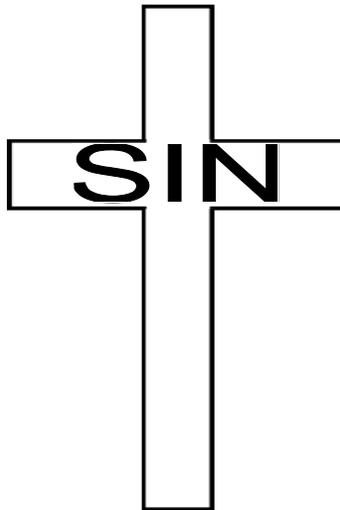
And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.



The Father sent Christ to pay the penalty for our sin on the cross

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.



John 3:18

He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The Father was Satisfied with the Payment

Propitiation means that which satisfies a Holy God

1 John 4:10

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Hebrews 2:17

Therefore, in all things He had to be made like His brethren, that He might be a merciful and faithful High Priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

**The Father was satisfied with the blood of Christ
The Father showed He was satisfied with the
blood of Christ by raising Christ from the dead**

The Father had the stone rolled from the tomb to show that Christ is Risen

Luke 24:2-7

But they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. Then they went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. And it happened, as they were greatly perplexed about this, that behold, two men stood by them in shining garments. Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, saying, 'The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again.'"

**Why do you seek the living among the dead?
He is not here, but is risen!**

**the
tomb
was
empty**

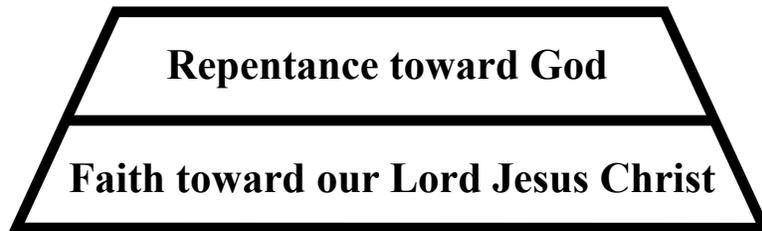
**the stone was
rolled away**

To Accept Christ's Payment we must Repent of our Sin

Paul taught that salvation is based on repentance and faith

Acts 20:20-21

...how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

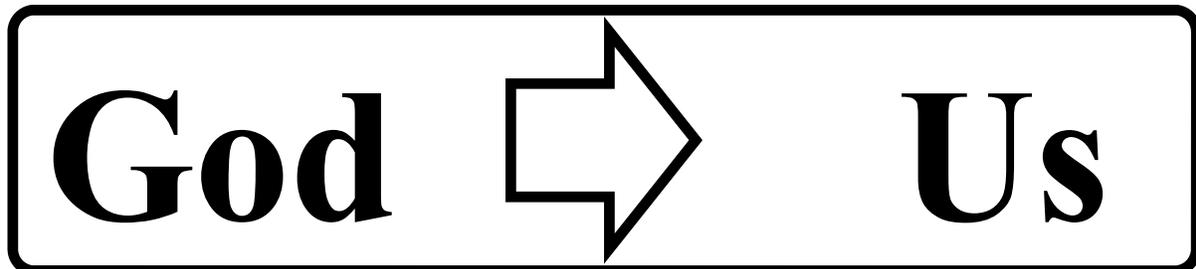


Repentance is a change of mind which produces a change of actions

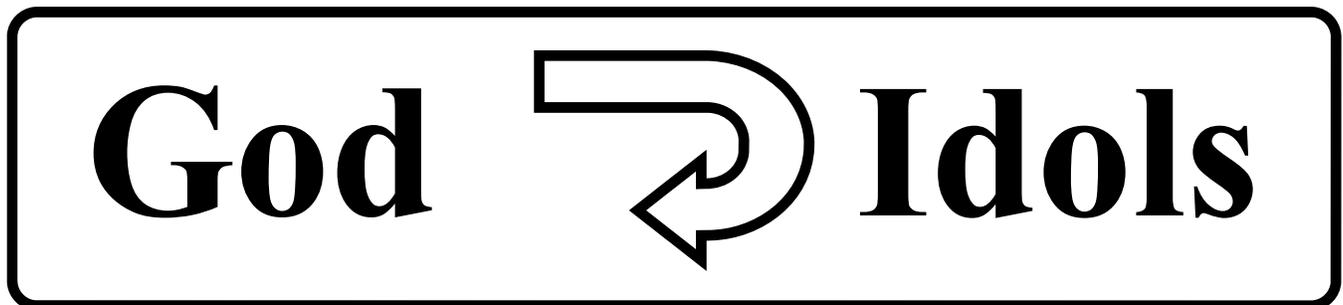
1 Thessalonians 1:9

For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God...

When Adam sinned we turned away from God and went our own way



In repentance we turn to God from idols to serve the living and true God



Understanding Saving Faith

Saving Faith is believing that Christ died for your sins, believing that God raised Christ from the dead and choosing to depend on Christ's payment for your sin and not your own efforts to be right with God. It includes three parts:

1. **A firm persuasion** based on hearing that what God has said about Christ and His death and resurrection are true. - 1 Corinthians 15:3-6

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

2. **A personal surrender** to Him. - John 1:12

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

3. **A new walk** produced by such a surrender. - 2 Corinthians 5:7

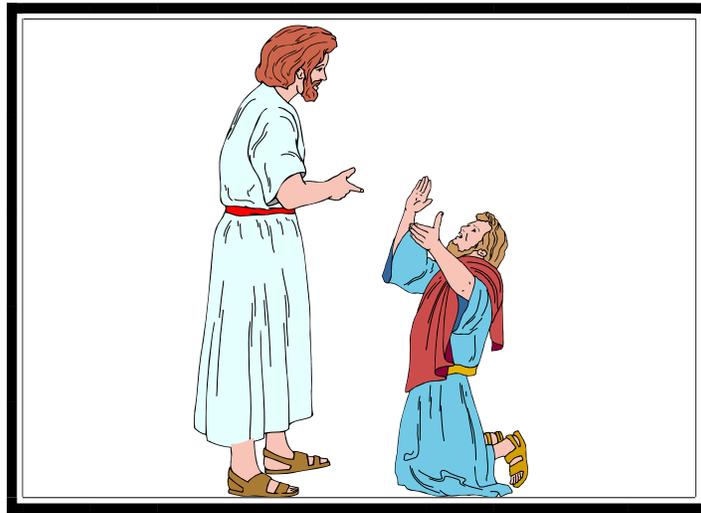
For we walk by faith, not by sight.

Believe	Surrender	New Walk
Do you believe: that Christ died for your sins that the Father was satisfied with Christ's payment that the Father showed He was satisfied by raising Christ from the dead?	Have you surrendered: the control of your life to Christ so that He is now in charge instead of you?	Are you enjoying: a new walk in the strength that Christ provides instead of your own strength?

Repenting and placing our faith in Christ

**We make the choice that the tax collector made
Luke 18:10-14**

“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”



**What we do and believe
Romans 10:9-10**

...that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

We confess with our mouth	Jesus is our Lord
We believe in our heart that	God raised Christ

**We are promised salvation
Romans 10:13**

For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

We become a new Creation

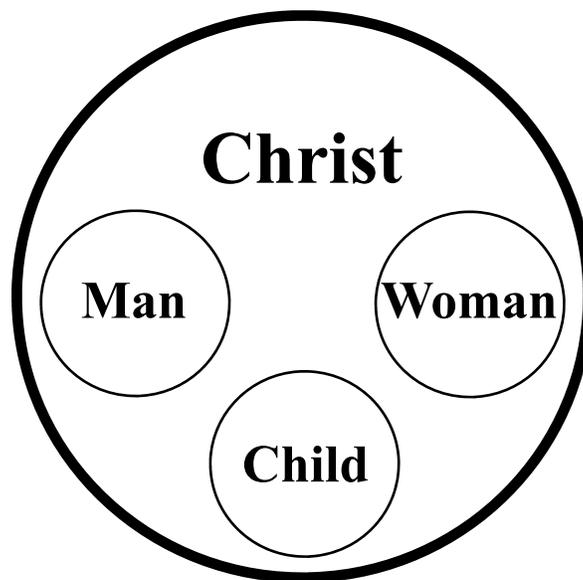
Before placing our faith in Christ, we were separated from God by sin
Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.



When we placed our faith in Christ, we became a new Creation
2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.



When we placed our trust in Christ, we received forgiveness of sins
Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...

We are given spiritual life

Our Former Condition Ephesians 2:1

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins...



**Separated from God
Dead in Trespasses and Sins**

Our New Condition John 1:12

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

God	Man
Holy Spirit	spirit
Father	soul
Son	body

**We become children of God
We are made alive
We have our sins forgiven and blotted out
Acts 3:19**

Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord...

We receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

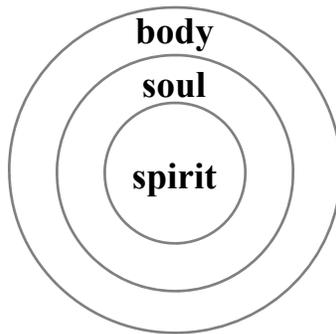
We lacked the Holy Spirit

2 Peter 2:17

These are wells without water, clouds carried by a tempest, for whom is reserved the blackness of darkness forever.

John 7:37-39

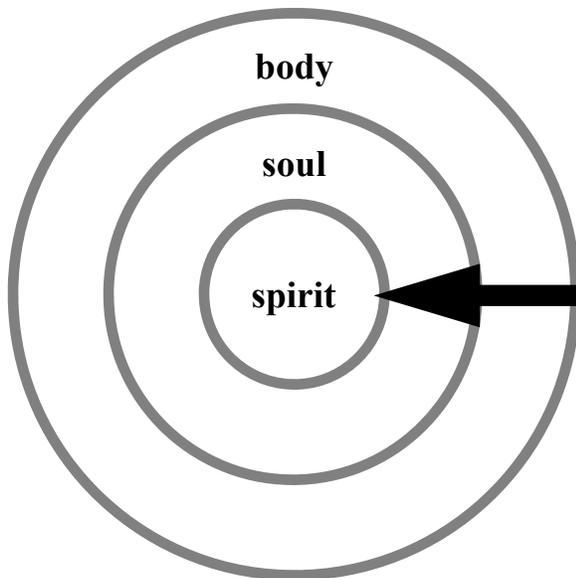
On the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out, saying, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water." But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.



At the moment of salvation we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit

Acts 2:38

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit..."



Holy Spirit

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Romans 8:16

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