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I. The Ministry of the Trinity in Evangelism

The Holy Spirit Convicts

John 16:7-11

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you. And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they do not believe in Me; of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

The Father Draws

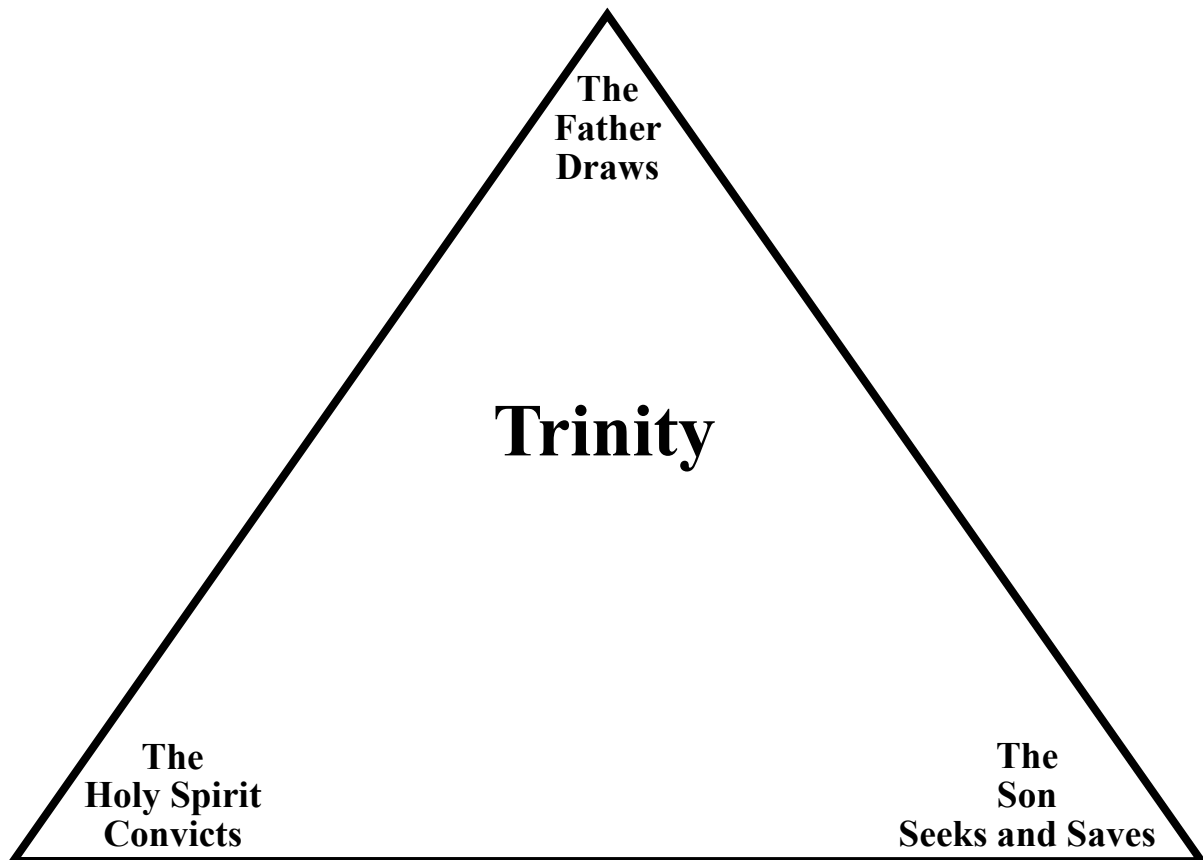
John 6:44

“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

The Son Seeks and Saves

Luke 19:10

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”



A. Working With the Holy Spirit in Evangelism

John 16:7-11

Christ promised to send the Holy Spirit
John 16:7

“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”

Christ promised that the Holy Spirit would do three things for the non-Christian

The Holy Spirit convicts or convinces
Convict means “to convict or to convince”
John 16:8

“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”

The Holy Spirit convinces of the sin of unbelief
John 16:9

“Of sin, because they do not believe in Me.”

The one sin that keeps people out of heaven is the sin of unbelief

The Holy Spirit convinces of the fact that Jesus Christ is the Righteous One
John 16:10

“Of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more.”

Christ is now in heaven so people cannot see Him
Since people cannot see Christ:
The Holy Spirit convinces people that Jesus is the Righteous One

The Holy Spirit convinces that Satan is already judged
John 16:11

“Of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

Satan thought he had won when Christ died
Satan knew he had lost when Christ rose from the dead
Satan is on death row awaiting the carrying out of that sentence
All those who choose to continue to follow Satan
will share in his judgment

Understanding the Sin of Unbelief

The sin of unbelief illustrated

Believe God or Believe Satan Genesis 2:17

“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Understanding the Way Satan Works

Satan Questioned the Word of God Genesis 3:1-3

“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?”’ And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.”’”

Satan Denied the Word of God Genesis 3:4

“Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die.’”

Satan Promised Adam and Eve Three Things Genesis 3:5

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

**their eyes would be opened - true
they would be like God - false
they would know good and evil - true**

The Choice that Adam and Eve Faced

believe God



believe Satan

Genesis 3:6

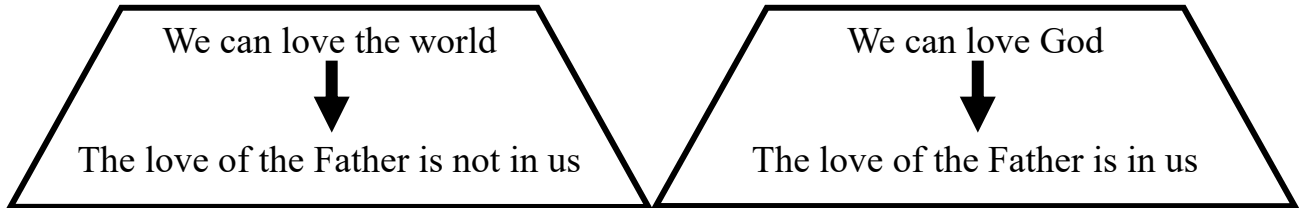
“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”

**Adam and Eve Chose to Reject the Word of God
Adam and Eve Chose to Believe the words of Satan**

**Understanding the Three Ways we are Tempted
1 John 2:15-17**

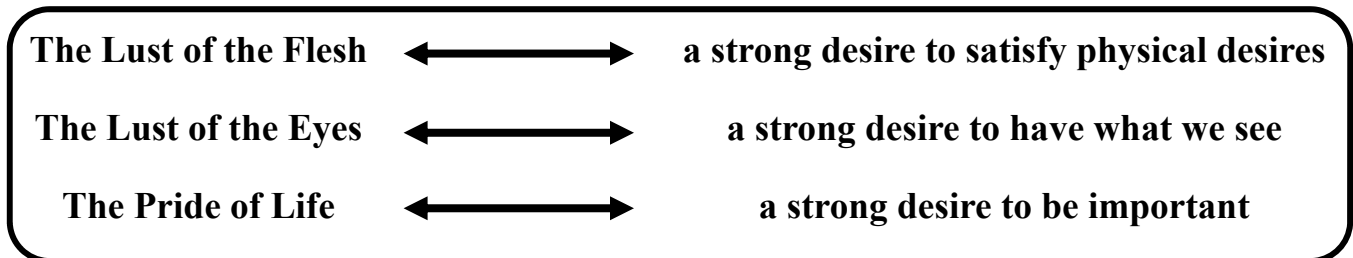
**The Choices we Face
1 John 2:15**

“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.”



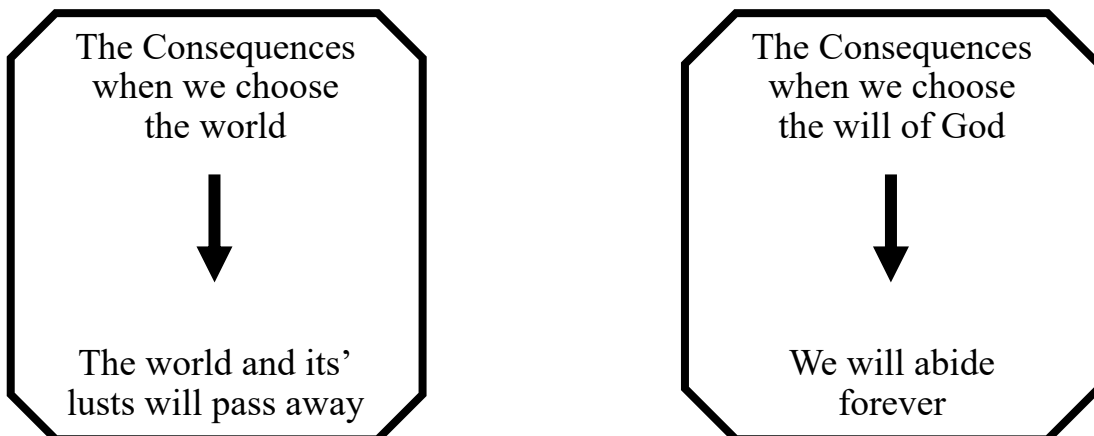
**Three Ways that we are Tempted in the World
1 John 2:16**

“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.”



**The Consequences we Receive
1 John 2:17**

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

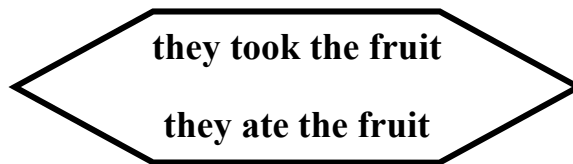


The Three Ways Adam and Eve were Tempted
Genesis 3:6

“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.”

the lust of the flesh	the tree was good for food
the lust of the eyes	the fruit was pleasant to the eyes
the pride of life	the tree was desired to make one wise

The Choice They Made



The Consequences They Experienced
Genesis 3:7–13

“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. And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to Adam and said to him, ‘Where are you?’ So he said, ‘I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; and I hid myself.’ And He said, ‘Who told you that you *were* naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you that you should not eat?’ Then the man said, ‘The woman whom You gave *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I ate.’ And the Lord God said to the woman, ‘What is this you have done?’ The woman said, ‘The serpent deceived me, and I ate.’”

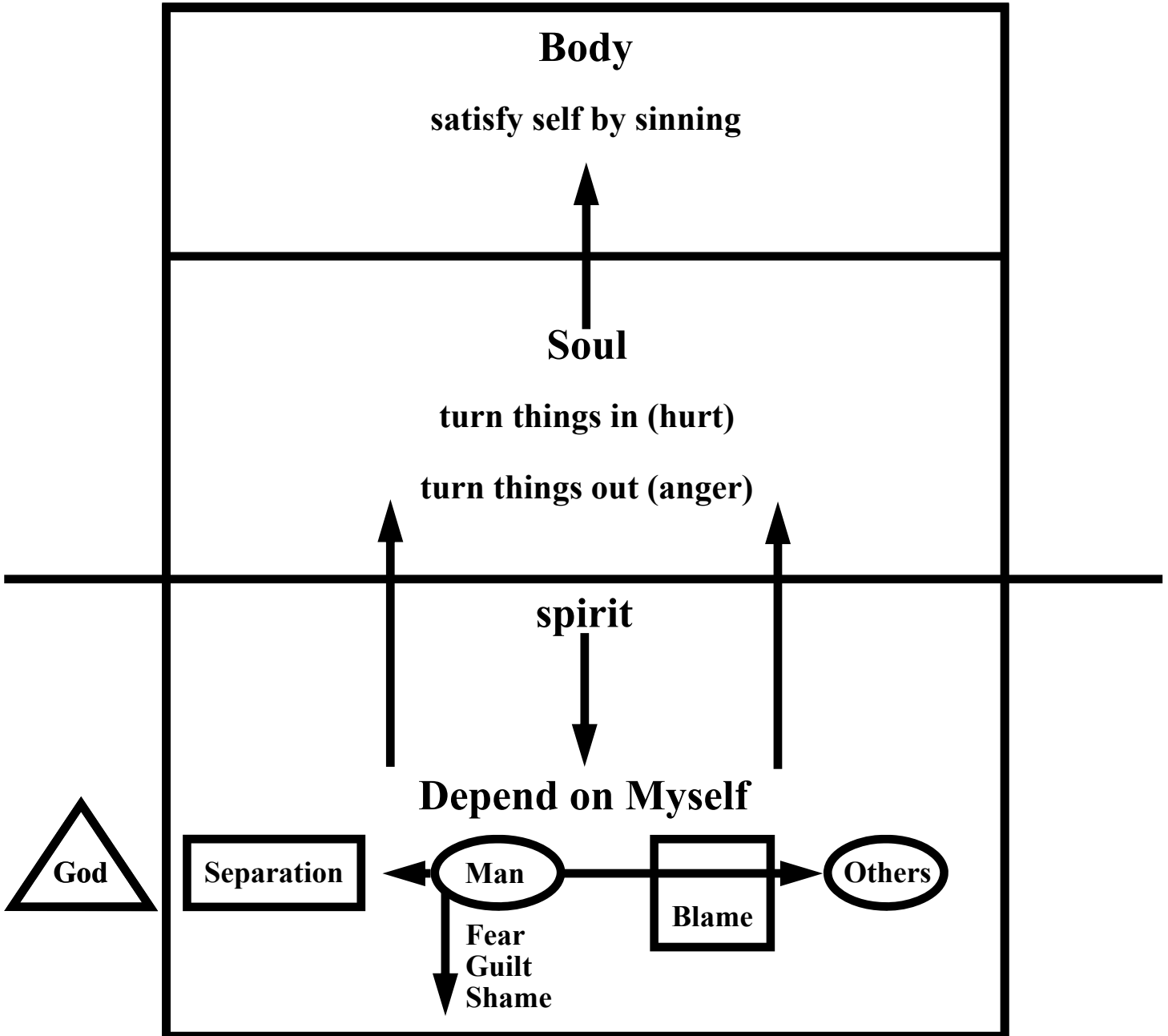
Spiritual death	→	Separation from God - verse 8
Physical death	→	930 years later - Genesis 5:5
Shame	→	Change within - verse 7
Fear	→	Change within - verse 9
Guilt	→	Change within - verse 10
Blame	→	Change with others - verses 12-13

The Consequences of Unbelief

**Spiritual Death (separation from God)
Experienced immediately - Genesis 3:7-10**

Physical Death - Experienced 930 years later - Genesis 5:5

The Consequences of Sin



Genesis 3:7-13—They passed on the consequences of unbelief to all people.

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Understanding the Fact that Jesus Christ is the “Righteous One”

The “Righteous One” first promised
Genesis 3:15

“...And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”



Christ



Satan

When Christ died, Satan thought he had won
This was like a bruise to the heel of Christ

The Judgment of Satan
Genesis 3:15

“And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel.”

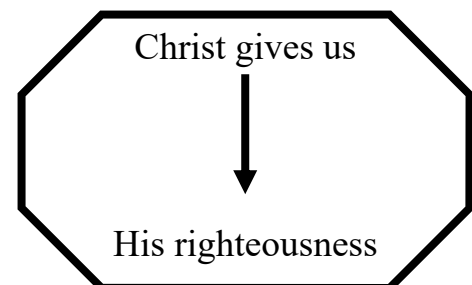
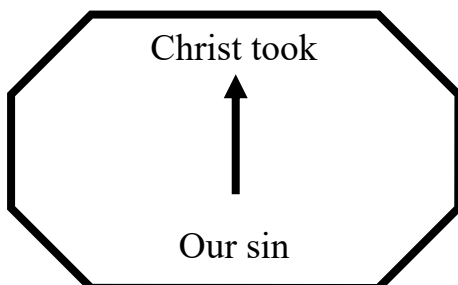
When Christ rose again, Satan knew he was judged
This was like a fatal blow to the head of Satan

Christ was the “Righteous One” who was without sin
1 Peter 2:21-24

“For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ‘Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth’; who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.”

Christ was the “Righteous One” who became sin for us
2 Corinthians 5:21

“For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”



Understanding the Fact that Satan has already been Judged

Understanding the Fact that Satan is already judged

John 16:11

“...of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

Christ defeated all principalities and powers

Colossians 2:15

“Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.”

God now offers eternal life as a free gift

Romans 6:23

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

Christ Defeated the one who had the Power of Death

Hebrews 2:14-15

“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their life-time subject to bondage.”

Christ releases all those who come to Him

Christ sets us free from the fear of death

God will One Day Carry out the Judgment that Satan Received

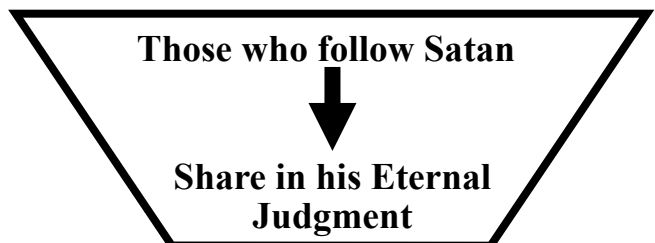
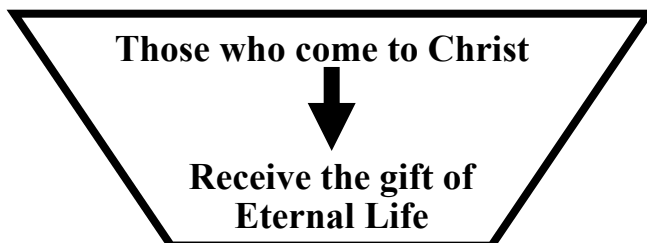
Revelation 20:10

“The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet *are*. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.”

God will also Carry out the Judgment of all who Follow Satan

Revelation 20:15

“And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”



B. Working with the Father in Evangelism

John 6:44

The Father Draws People to Christ

John 6:44

“No one can come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him; and I will raise him up at the last day.”

Some may show only a temporary interest because of their own needs

Mark 4:2-9

“Then He taught them many things by parables, and said to them in His teaching: ‘Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. And it happened, as he sowed, that some *seed* fell by the wayside; and the birds of the air came and devoured it. Some fell on stony ground, where it did not have much earth; and immediately it sprang up because it had no depth of earth. But when the sun was up it was scorched, and because it had no root it withered away. And some *seed* fell among thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no crop. But other *seed* fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.’ And He said to them, ‘He who has ears to hear, let him hear!’”

Some are like seed by the wayside

They have no interest and Satan immediately takes away what they hear

Mark 4:15

“And these are the ones by the wayside where the word is sown. When they hear, Satan comes immediately and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.”

Some are like seed on the stony ground

They show an immediate interest but take no Root

Mark 4:16-17

“These likewise are the ones sown on stony ground who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; and they have no root in themselves, and so endure only for a time. Afterward, when tribulation or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they stumble.”

Some are like seed among thorns

They have their interest choked by Riches or the Problems of Life

Mark 4:18-19

“Now these are the ones sown among thorns; *they* are the ones who hear the word, and the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.”

The Father draws all that He has Chosen

John 6:37

“All that the Father gives Me will come to Me, and the one who comes to Me I will by no means cast out.”

Some are like seed on the Good Ground

Mark 4:20

“But these are the ones sown on good ground, those who hear the word, accept *it*, and bear fruit: some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some a hundred.”

Hear the Word - to hear so that there is understanding

Accept the Word - to take to oneself or to accept

Bear fruit - to be fruitful or bear fruit of itself

The Father works through the Word

Acts 17:11

“These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.”

The Father leads people to accept the Word

Acts 17:12

“Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.”

Christ causes our lives to become fruitful

John 15:7-9

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.”

We work with the Father as we share the Word of God

We work with the Father as we help people search the Scriptures

We work with the Father as we abide in Christ

We work with the Father as we pray for the will of the Father

We bring glory to the Father by bearing much fruit

We work with the Father as we become His disciples

We work with the Father as we abide in the love of Christ

C. Working with Christ in Evangelism Luke 19:10

**Christ seeks and saves the lost
Luke 19:10**

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.”

Christ seeks His sheep until He finds them

**Christ is the Door for the sheep
John 10:7-9**

“Then Jesus said to them again, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who *ever* came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.’”

**Christ is the Door of the sheep
Christ protects His sheep so that they do not hear the robber
Christ is the Door through which all must enter
Christ will save all who come to the Father through Him**

**Christ seeks His sheep until He finds them
Luke 15:4-7**

“What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it? And when he has found *it*, he lays *it* on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he comes home, he calls together *his* friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost!’ I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.”

**Christ is concerned about every single lost sheep
Christ goes after the lost sheep until He finds it
Christ rejoices for every lost sheep that He finds
Christ calls us to rejoice with Him
Christ calls each sinner to repentance**

**Repentance Defined
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.”

**Christ saves His sheep by grace through faith
Ephesians 2:8-10**

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.”

**God saves people by grace through faith
God gives that faith as the gift of God
God does not save anyone by works
God saves us because we are His workmanship
God makes us new creations in Christ for good works
God has prepared those good works for us in advance
God has prepared us to walk in those good works**

**Christ sends us to be His witnesses just as the Father sent Him
John 20:21**

“So Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.’”

**Christ gave us the Holy Spirit to give us power to witness
Acts 1:8**

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**We work with Christ by depending on the power He has supplied
We work with Christ by being witnesses of Him
We work with Christ and He gives us His power to cross barriers
Jerusalem - the barrier of our own fear
Judea - the barrier of making contacts
Samaria - the barrier of another culture, religion or ethnic group
The end of the earth - the barrier of language**

**Christ gave us His Word because it is His Word that gives faith
Romans 10:17**

“So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”

**People come to Christ by hearing about Him
People come to Christ as they hear the Word of God
Christ calls us to share His Word and not our words**

Christ calls us to pray for boldness to share the Word of God

Acts 4:29-31

“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.’ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”

Ephesians 6:18-20

“Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.”

**Christ fills us with His Spirit as we pray for boldness
Christ makes it possible for us to speak the Word with boldness
Christ calls us to be praying at all times
Christ calls us to depend on the Lord to speak boldly
Christ calls us to be His ambassadors**

Christ is the One who opens what has been closed

Christ opens the eyes

Luke 24:31

“Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him; and He vanished from their sight.”

Christ opens the Scriptures

Luke 24:32

“And they said to one another, ‘Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?’”

Christ opens the understanding

Luke 24:45

“And He opened their understanding, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.”

Christ opens the hearts

Acts 16:14

“Now a certain woman named Lydia heard *us*. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.”

II. Working with the Trinity Through Prayer

2 Timothy 1:7

“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

When we are driven by fear:

1. We are experiencing the results of Adam’s fall - Genesis 3:7-13
2. We will fear people instead of fearing God - Romans 3:18
3. We will focus on the law (or man’s rules - Romans 3:19-20) when we are no longer under the law - Galatians 3:24-25
4. We will serve out of fear instead of love - 2 Timothy 1:7

When we are led by love:

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

“For the love of Christ compels us, because we judge thus: that if One died for all, then all died; and He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”

1. We no longer live for ourselves - 2 Corinthians 5:15
2. We no longer regard people according to the flesh - 2 Corinthians 5:16
3. We realize that we are new creations - 2 Corinthians 5:17
4. We realize that we have been given the ministry of reconciliation - 2 Corinthians 5:18
5. We realize we have been given the word of reconciliation - 2 Corinthians 5:19
6. We realize that we are ambassadors for Christ - 2 Corinthians 5:20
7. We realize that we have received the righteousness of God in Christ - 2 Corinthians 5:21
8. We pray for boldness to speak the Word of God - Acts 4:13, 29-31; Ephesians 6:19-20; Philippians 1:20

I. We will pray and share the good news of Christ with our relatives

“He first found his own brother...And he brought him to Jesus.” - John 1:41-42

Started Praying for: Prayer Answered:

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II. We will pray and share the good news of Christ with our friends

“Philip found Nathanael and said to him, ‘We have found Him of whom Moses in the law and also the prophets, wrote—Jesus of Nazareth, the Son of Joseph.’...Philip said to him, ‘Come and see.’” - John 1:45-46

Started Praying for: Prayer answered:

- 1.
- 2.
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III. We will pray and share the good news of Christ with our co-workers

“As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, ‘Follow me.’ ...Now it happened, as Jesus sat at the table in the house, *that* behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat down with Him and His disciples.” - Matthew 9:9-10

Started Praying for: Prayer answered:

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IV. We will pray and share the good news of Christ with our neighbors

“Now as soon as they had come out of the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John...And the whole city was gathered together at the door.” - Mark 1:29-33

Started Praying for: Prayer answered:

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III. Working with the Trinity as we share the Gospel

Sharing the Gospel begins with prayer

**We pray that Christ will open the spiritual eyes of individuals
We pray that Christ will open the Scriptures to individuals
We pray that Christ will open the understanding of individuals
We pray that Christ will open the hearts of individuals**

A. We work with the Trinity as we share repentance and faith

Our message is to include both repentance and faith

Acts 20:21

“Testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Christ came to call sinners to repentance

Mark 2:17

“When Jesus heard *it*, He said to them, ‘Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance.’”

Repentance is directed toward the Father

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.”

Faith is demonstrated by a true belief in Christ

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.”

Faith Comes by Hearing the Word of God

Romans 10:17

“So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

Faith is the only way to please God

Hebrews 11:6

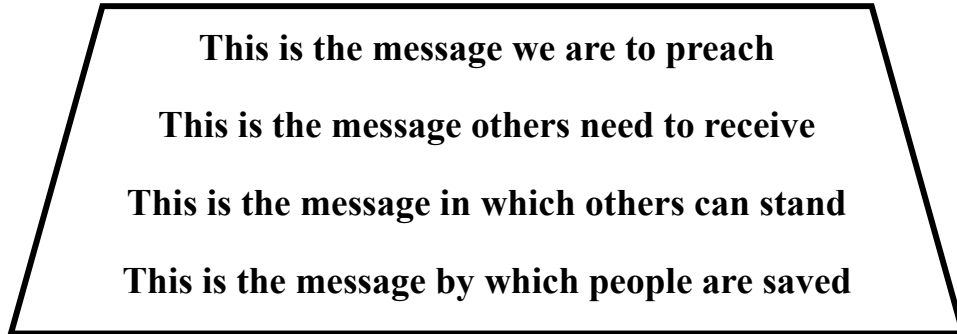
“But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

B. We work with the Trinity by making the Main Message the Main Message

1 Corinthians 15:1-6

The Message that Paul Preached 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

“Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.”



The Message that Christ Died for our Sins 1 Corinthians 15:3

“For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures.”

Christ Died

The Death of Christ was promised Isaiah 53:8-9

“He was taken from prison and from judgment, and who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgressions of My people He was stricken. And they made His grave with the wicked—but with the rich at His death, because He had done no violence, nor *was any* deceit in His mouth.”

The Death of Christ was for our sins Isaiah 53:5-6

“But He was wounded for our transgressions, *He* was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

The Evidence of His Death 1 Corinthians 15:4a

“...He was buried...”

**The Message that Christ Rose Again
1 Corinthians 15:4b**

“...He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures...”

Christ Rose from the Dead

**The Resurrection of Christ was Anticipated by Job
Job 19:25-27**

“For I know *that* my Redeemer lives, and He shall stand at last on the earth; and after my skin is destroyed, this I *know*, that in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. *How* my heart yearns within me!”

**The Resurrection of Christ was Promised by David
Psalm 16:8-11**

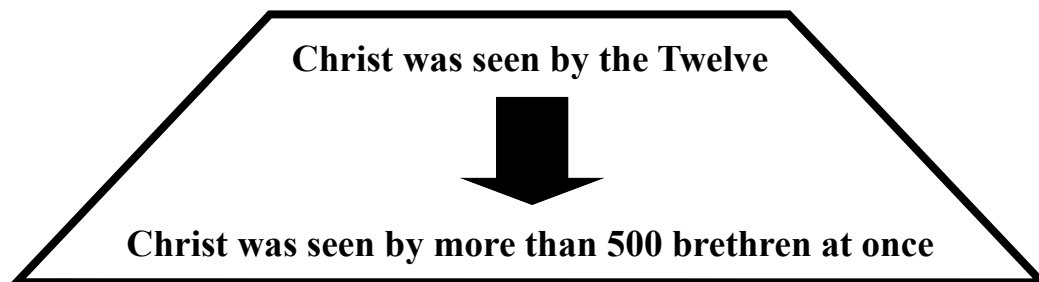
“I have set the Lord always before me; because *He is* at my right hand I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoices; My flesh also will rest in hope. For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

**The evidence of the Resurrection of Christ
1 Corinthians 15:5-6**

“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.”

**The Twelve were the official witnesses of the Resurrection
Acts 1:21-22**

“Therefore, of these men who have accompanied us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John to that day when He was taken up from us, one of these must become a witness with us of His resurrection.”



**Christ was later seen by Paul
1 Corinthians 15:8**

“Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.”

C. We work with the Trinity as we get people to search the Scriptures

**God says that His thoughts are higher than our thoughts
Isaiah 55:8-9**

“‘For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways,’ says the Lord. ‘For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.’”

**The thoughts of God are different than our thoughts
The ways of God are different than our ways
God created the heavens much higher than the earth
God says His thoughts are much higher than our thoughts
God says His ways are much higher than our ways
We work with God by sharing His thoughts from the Word
We work with God by sharing His ways from the Word**

**The way we work with the Trinity as people search the Scriptures
Acts 17:11-12**

“These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so. Therefore many of them believed, and also not a few of the Greeks, prominent women as well as men.”

**We encourage individuals to be fair-minded
such individuals will search for truth**

We encourage individuals to receive the Word
“to receive” means *to pay attention to what the Word says*

We encourage individuals to search the Scriptures regularly
God uses the Word to give people the gift of faith

We encourage individuals to get their answers from the Word
the Word is living and powerful - Hebrews 4:12
the Word does not return to the Lord void - Isaiah 55:11
the Word accomplishes what God plans - Isaiah 55:11

We look forward to God working through His Word
God causes many people to believe His Word
God draws both men and women through His Word

D. We work with the Trinity as we invite people to repent of their unbelief

Five things Christ wants to do for individuals

Acts 26:18

“To open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.”

**Christ wants to open their eyes
Christ wants to turn them from darkness to light
Christ wants to turn them from the power of Satan to God
Christ wants them to receive forgiveness of sins
Christ want them to have an eternal inheritance**

We work with Christ as we are obedient

Acts 26:19-20

“Therefore, King Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and *then* to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and do works befitting repentance.”

**We work with Christ as we are obedient
We share with people that they should repent
We share with people their need to turn to God
We encourage people to do works befitting repentance
works that are the result of repentance**

We help people understand the difference between dead works and works befitting repentance

Hebrews 9:14

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

Many people depend
on dead works



works will never
cleanse the conscience

We are called to depend
on the blood of Christ



Christ cleanses our conscience
from dead works

IV. Working with the Trinity in Follow-up

Christ makes us children of the Father

John 1:12-13

“But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

**People do not become children of the Father by physical birth
People do not become children of the Father by human desires
People do not become children of the Father by the will of man
People do become children of the Father by the will of the Father**

The Father chose us by His will before He created the world

Ephesians 1:3-5

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.”

**The Father has blessed us with every spiritual blessing
The Father chose us before the creation of the world
The Father chose us to be holy and without blame
The Father adopted us as children by Christ
The Father adopted us to Himself
The Father adopted us by His will**

The Holy Spirit bears witness that we are the children of God

Romans 8:14-17

“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father.’ The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with *Him*, that we may also be glorified together.”

**The Holy Spirit leads all who are the children of God
The Holy Spirit defeated the spirit of fear
The Holy Spirit adopted us into the family of God
The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit
The Holy Spirit gives assurance we are children of God**

A. Working with Christ in Follow-up

Christ calls us to Make Disciples by becoming Spiritual Parents

Christ commissioned us to Make Disciples

Matthew 28:19-20

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.’ Amen.”

One Command

Make Disciples

Three things we are to do to carry out that command

As you are going, Make Disciples of all nations

Baptizing them in the name of Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Teaching them to obey all that Christ commanded

Paul explained that we Make Disciples as we become spiritual parents

1 Corinthians 4:14-17

“I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn *you*. For though you might have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet *you do not have* many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel. Therefore I urge you, imitate me. For this reason I have sent Timothy to you, who is my beloved and faithful son in the Lord, who will remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach everywhere in every church.”

A spiritual parent does not shame God’s children

A spiritual parent does warn God’s children

A spiritual parent is not an instructor (mentor)

A spiritual parent provides the love of Christ

A spiritual parent provides a lifestyle to imitate

A spiritual parent provides:

The Love of a nursing mother - 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9

The Example of a godly father - 1 Thessalonians 2:10-12

Christ wants new Christians to learn to build on a solid foundation

1 Corinthians 3:11-13

“For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation *with* gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.”

Christ is the only true foundation

New Christians are to be shown how to build their lives on that foundation

Some works of Christians will last (gold, silver, precious stones)

(These works are purified by fire and are eternal)

These works will be rewarded - 1 Corinthians 3:14

Some works of Christians are temporary (wood, hay, straw)

(These works are for this earth and are only temporary)

The earth and its works will be burned up - 2 Peter 3:10

New Christians are to be shown how to be rooted and built up in Christ

Colossians 2:6-7

“As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

New Christians need to be shown how to walk in Christ

New Christians need to be shown how to be rooted in Christ

New Christians need to be shown how to be built up in Christ

New Christians need to be established in the faith

New Christians need to be shown how to abound in thanksgiving

New Christians will not grow properly without this foundation

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

“And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual *people* but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able *to receive* it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where *there are* envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like *mere men*?”

Without this foundation, new Christians will remain spiritual babes (toddlers)

Without this foundation,, new Christians will experience envy, strife and divisions

Christ wants new Christians to take root in His love

Five key things to pray for new Christians

Ephesians 3:16-19

“That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.”

Pray that they would be strengthened with might through His Spirit

Pray that Christ might dwell in their hearts by faith

Pray that they will be rooted and grounded in love

Pray that they would know the love of Christ that passes knowledge

Pray that they would be filled with all the fullness of God

Christ does not want Christians to remain spiritual toddlers

1 Corinthians 13:11

“When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

Speech of a spiritual toddler (self centered)

Understanding of a spiritual toddler (limited)

Reasoning of a spiritual toddler (thinks only of now)

Christ wants new Christians to understand and apply godly love

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

“Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.”

Love is patient

Love is kind

Love is not jealous, does not brag and is not arrogant

Love does not behave rudely, does not demand its own way

Love is not irritable, thinks no evil

Love does not rejoice in unrighteousness

Love rejoices in the truth

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things

Love never fails

Christ wants new Christians to learn to speak the truth in love

Christ has given spiritual leaders to help Christians mature

Ephesians 4:11-13

“And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.”

Some leaders provided our foundation

Ephesians 2:19-20

Apostles gave us eyewitness testimony of the resurrection - Acts 2:31-32

Prophets gave us the written Word of God - 2 Peter 1:19-21

Some leaders equip us for ministry

Evangelists equip us to share the Gospel

Pastors equip us to minister to one another

Teachers equip us to teach and apply the Word of God

Christ does not want Christians to remain immature (toddlers)

Ephesians 4:14

“...that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting...”

Spiritual toddlers are tossed to and fro

Spiritual toddlers are deceived by false doctrine

Spiritual toddlers are deceived by false teachers

Christ wants all Christians to learn to speak the truth in love

Ephesians 4:15-16

“...but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

God calls us to help each Christian learn to speak the truth

God calls us to help each Christian learn to speak in love

Christ calls us to help each Christian learn to do his or her share

Christ wants new Christians to continue growing

Christians can become dull of hearing

Hebrews 5:11-14

“Of whom we have much to say, and hard to explain, since you have become dull of hearing. For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need *someone* to teach you again the first principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes *only* of milk *is* unskilled in the word of righteousness, for he is a babe. But solid food belongs to those who are of full age, *that is*, those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.”

Christians can become dull of hearing

Christ wants Christians to become teachers of others

Christians who are dull of hearing need a spiritual parent

Such Christians need to be taught the first principles of the Word of God

Such Christians still need the milk of the Word

Such Christians are unskillful in the word of righteousness

Such Christians are still toddlers

Such Christians cannot understand the things that are solid food

Such Christians are not able to clearly discern good and evil

Christians need to be taught more than salvation

Hebrews 6:1-2

“Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary *principles* of Christ, let us go on to perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.”

Christ wants Christians to grow to maturity

Christians will not grow to maturity if they only hear how to be saved

Christians who are growing develop three characteristics

1 Thessalonians 1:2-4

“We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers, remembering without ceasing your work of faith, labor of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father, knowing, beloved brethren, your election by God.”

**Work of Faith
Labor of Love
Patience of Hope**

B. Working with the Holy Spirit in Follow-up

The Holy Spirit indwells new Christians at the moment of salvation

Christ said the Holy Spirit would live with Christians forever

John 14:16-18

“And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever—the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.”

**Christ promised to send another Helper
Christ said that Helper would abide with us forever
Christ said that Helper is the Spirit of Truth
Christ said He will dwell in us**

Christ first sent the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost

Acts 2:1-6

“When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and *one* sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language.”

**The Christians were all together when the Holy Spirit first came
The Christians were all of one accord when the Holy Spirit came
The Holy Spirit came in a way that was unique to that day
The Holy Spirit came like tongues of fire
The Holy Spirit gave the ability to speak in other languages that day
The Holy Spirit caused every person to hear in his own language**

Christ now sends the Holy Spirit at the moment of salvation

Romans 8:9

“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”

We are no longer in the flesh but in the Spirit

We have the Spirit of God dwelling in us

We do not yet belong to Christ if we do not have the Spirit

The Holy Spirit baptizes new Christians at the moment of salvation

The baptism with the Holy Spirit places the Holy Spirit in us

Luke 24:49

“Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.”

Acts 1:5

“For John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Romans 8:9

“But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.”

Acts 1:8

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

**The Father promised to baptize with the Holy Spirit
Christ promised to baptize with the Holy Spirit
Christ placed the Holy Spirit in us
The Holy Spirit now gives us power to witness**

The Holy Spirit gives new Christians boldness to witness

Acts 4:29-31

“Now, Lord, look on their threats, and grant to Your servants that with all boldness they may speak Your word, by stretching out Your hand to heal, and that signs and wonders may be done through the name of Your holy Servant Jesus.’ And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness.”

**Christ will hear our prayer for boldness to speak the Word of God
The Holy Spirit will give us that boldness to speak the Word of God**

The baptism of the Holy Spirit places us in the body of Christ

1 Corinthians 12:13

“For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free—and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.”

**The Holy Spirit places us in the body of Christ
The Holy Spirit baptizes both Jews and Gentiles
The Holy Spirit baptizes both slaves and free
The Holy Spirit causes all to drink into one Spirit**

The Holy Spirit seals new Christians at the moment of salvation

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

“Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.”

Ephesians 1:13-14

“In Him you also *trusted*, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.”

Ephesians 4:30

“And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.”

**God sealed us with the Holy Spirit as the guarantee of our salvation
God sealed us as the guarantee of our eternal inheritance
God sealed us until the day of redemption**

The Holy Spirit fills new Christians as they yield to Him

Christians filled with the Holy Spirit are yielding to the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18

“And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit.”

Christians filled with the Holy Spirit are also filled with joy

Acts 13:52

“And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.”

Christians filled with the Holy Spirit are able to speak with wisdom

Acts 6:3

“Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.”

The Holy Spirit fills us whenever we are yielding to Him

The Holy Spirit gives joy when we are yielding to Him

The Holy Spirit gives wisdom when we are yielding to Him

The Holy Spirit gives new Christians guidance to walk in liberty

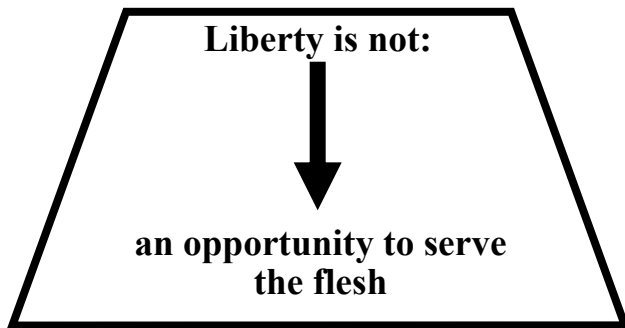
Galatians 5:1

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”

The Holy Spirit helps new Christians understand liberty

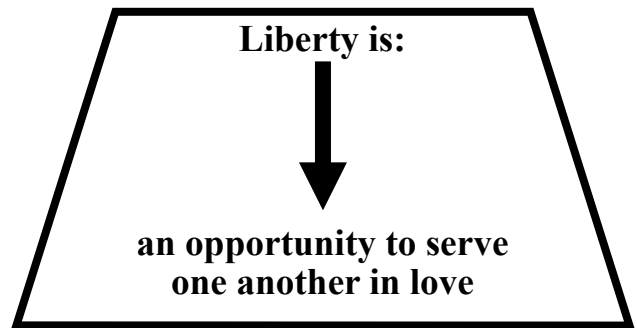
Galatians 5:13

“For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”



Galatians 5:15

“But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!”



Galatians 5:14

“For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’”

The Holy Spirit makes it possible for new Christians to walk in the Spirit

Galatians 5:16-17

“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.”

The flesh lusts against the Spirit

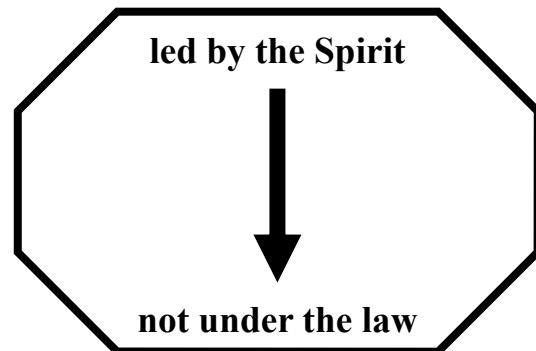
Galatians 5:19-21

“Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told *you* in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

The Spirit against the flesh

Galatians 5:18

“But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.”



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**The Holy Spirit leads new Christians to bear the fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5:22-23**

“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.”

**The roots determine the fruit
There are four roots mentioned in the New Testament**

**A Root of Bitterness
Hebrews 12:15**

“Looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled.”

**A Root of the Love of Money
1 Timothy 6:10**

“For the love of money is a root of all *kinds* of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”

**Taking Root in Christ
Colossians 2:6-7**

“As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.”

**Taking Root in the Love of Christ
Ephesians 3:17-19a**

“That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge.”

**The Holy Spirit helps new Christians learn to live in the Spirit
Galatians 5:25**

“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”

**Those acting out of pride
Galatians 5:26**

“Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.”

**Those who are Christ’s
Galatians 5:24**

“And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

Those who are conceited



**Provoke One Another
Envy One Another**

Experience Romans 7:14-25

Those who are Christ’s



**Crucify the Passions of the Flesh
Crucify the Desires of the Flesh**

Experience Romans 8:28-39

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C. Working with the Father in Follow-up

**The Father raised us up to walk in newness of life
Romans 6:4**

“Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

The Father views us as buried with Christ

The Father raised Christ from the dead

The Father says we are now able to walk in newness of life

**The Father says that we are now the temple of God
2 Corinthians 6:16**

“And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: ‘I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.’”

The Father says we are the temple of the living God

The Father says we no longer have agreement with idols

The Father says He will dwell in us

The Father says He will walk among us

The Father says He will be our God

The Father says we will be His people

**The Father promises to be our Father because we separate from idols
2 Corinthians 6:17-18**

“Therefore ‘Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.’”

The Father tells us to come out from idols

The Father tells us to be separate from idols

The Father tells us not to touch what is unclean

The Father says He will be a Father to us

The Father chooses to call us His sons and daughters

The Father has blessed us with all spiritual blessings because He chose us
Ephesians 1:3-4

“Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly *places* in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.”

The Father has blessed us with every spiritual blessing

The Father says that these blessings come from heaven

The Father says He chose us before the world was created

The Father says that He chose us to be holy

The Father says that He chose us to be without blame

The Father says that He chose us in love

The Father makes it possible for us to give thanks to Him for all things
Ephesians 5:20

“Giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

The Father says we can now give thanks always

The Father says we can now give thanks for all things

The Father says we can now give thanks in the name of Christ

The Father has qualified us to share the eternal inheritance
Colossians 1:12

“Giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.”

The Father tells us why we can give thanks

The Father has qualified us to share the eternal inheritance

The Father says this is the inheritance of the saints

The Father says that this inheritance is in His light (kingdom)

The Father and Christ have both loved us and given us everlasting consolation
2 Thessalonians 2:16

“Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and our God and Father, who has loved us and given *us* everlasting consolation and good hope by grace.”

The Father and Christ have both loved us

The Father and Christ have given us everlasting consolation
encouragement, comfort or consolation

The Father and Christ have given us good hope by grace
hope is the confident expectation of eternal salvation

The Father has sanctified us
Jude 1:1

“Jude, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, To those who are called, sanctified by God the Father, and preserved in Jesus Christ.”

The Father has called new Christians His own children

The Father has said that new Christians are sanctified
set apart from sin and make holy

The Father has sanctified us wholly
1 Thessalonians 5:23
our whole spirit, soul and body

The Father has given us every good and every perfect gift
James 1:17

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow of turning.”

The Father is the source of every good gift
this word for *gift* speaks of “*the act of giving*”
the word for *good* means “*that which is good in its characters and beneficial in its effects*”

The Father is the source of every perfect gift
this word for *gift* speaks of “*the gift that is given*”
the word for *perfect* means “*that which is mature or complete*”

The Father is the One who is unchangeable

The Father wants us to enjoy fellowship with Him and with Christ

1 John 1:3-4

“That which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And these things we write to you that your joy may be full.”

The Father wants new Christians to have fellowship with Him

The Father wants new Christians to have fellowship with Christ

The Father wants new Christians to have joy that is full

The Father has shown us His love by calling us His children

1 John 3:1-2

“Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.”

The Father has bestowed His love on new Christians

The Father has called new Christians the children of God

The Father says new Christians will be like Him

The Father says new Christians will see Him as He is

The Father comforts us in all our tribulation

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

“Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

The Father is the Father of mercies

The Father is the God of all comfort

The Father comforts us in all our tribulation