

Walk in The Spirit

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Holy Spirit Part 3: "*Walk in the Spirit*"
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Summary of The Spirit series

» Holy Spirit part 1: “Who is the Spirit”

- ▶ Person or a power
- ▶ God is the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
- ▶ Fruits of the Spirit

» Holy Spirit part 2: “Empowered by the Spirit”

- ▶ Receiving the holy spirit (Acts 1:8)
- ▶ Empowerment - Gods muscles
- ▶ Transformation
- ▶ Transformed - testify, declare, demonstration, impact

» Holy Spirit part 3: “Walking in the Spirit”

The Spirit Purifies Us

- ♦ Galatians 5:16-18 So I say, **live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature.** 17 For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. 18 But if you are **led by the Spirit**, you are not under law.
- ♦ Romans 8:13 For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if **by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body**, you will live,

So what does it mean to walk in the Spirit?

ROMANS 8: 5-8

Walk In The SPIRIT Not The FLESH



Investing in the word of God, means changing your mindset. It is to become spiritually minded and not carnally minded. What does this mean? Paul spoke of this in **Romans 8: 5 - 8**

“For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.”

Man
Seeking

Things =



Frustration

God =



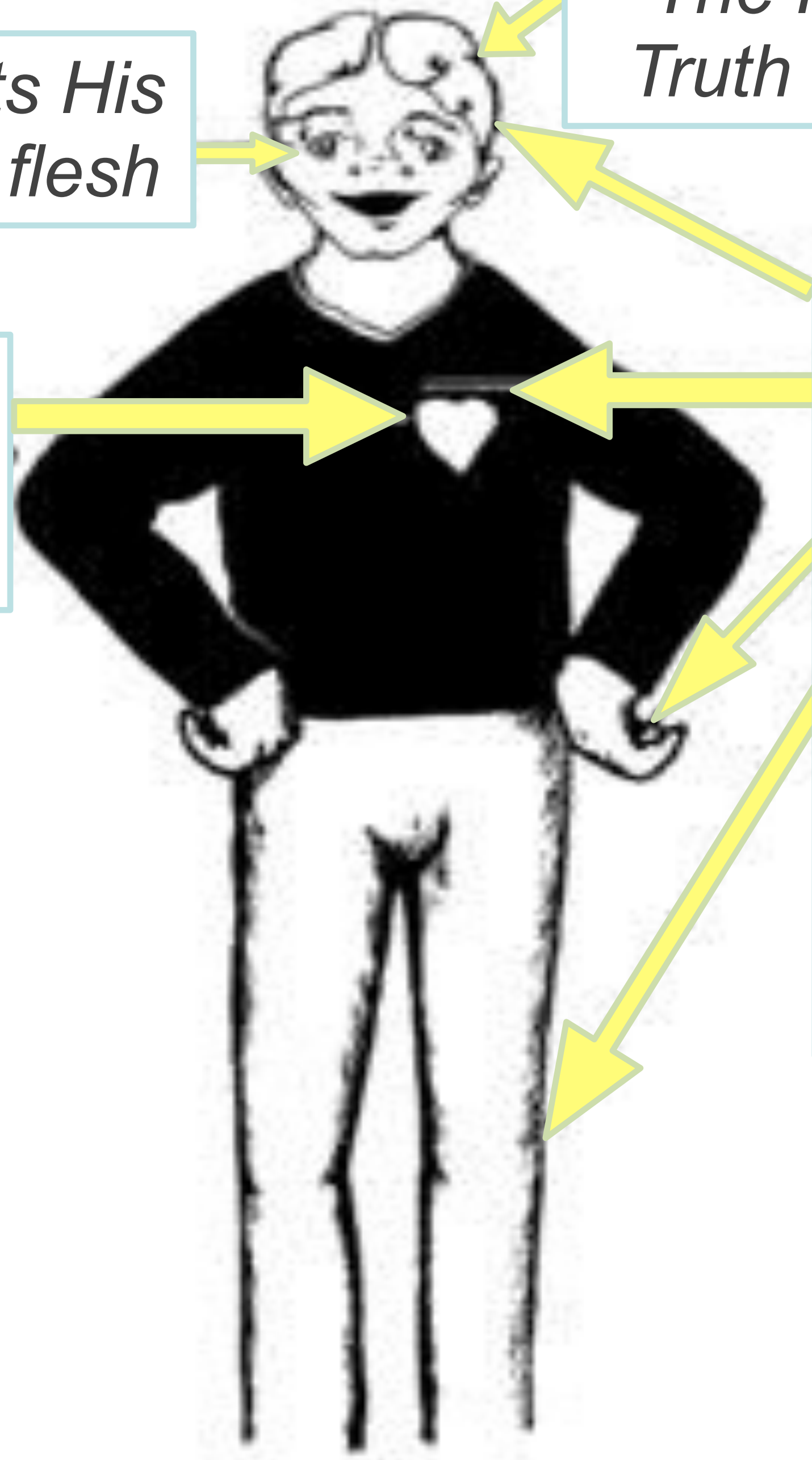
Security

*The Holy Spirit sets His
desire against the flesh*

*The Holy Spirit imparts Spiritual
Truth and Wisdom to the believer*

*The Holy Spirit produces
Christ-like Character in
the believer*

*The Holy Spirit
Empowers
the believer to obey God
(Being Filled with the
Spirit,
Setting the Mind on the
Spirit,
Being Led by the
Spirit)*



Holy Spirit

Word of God &
direct revelation

spirit

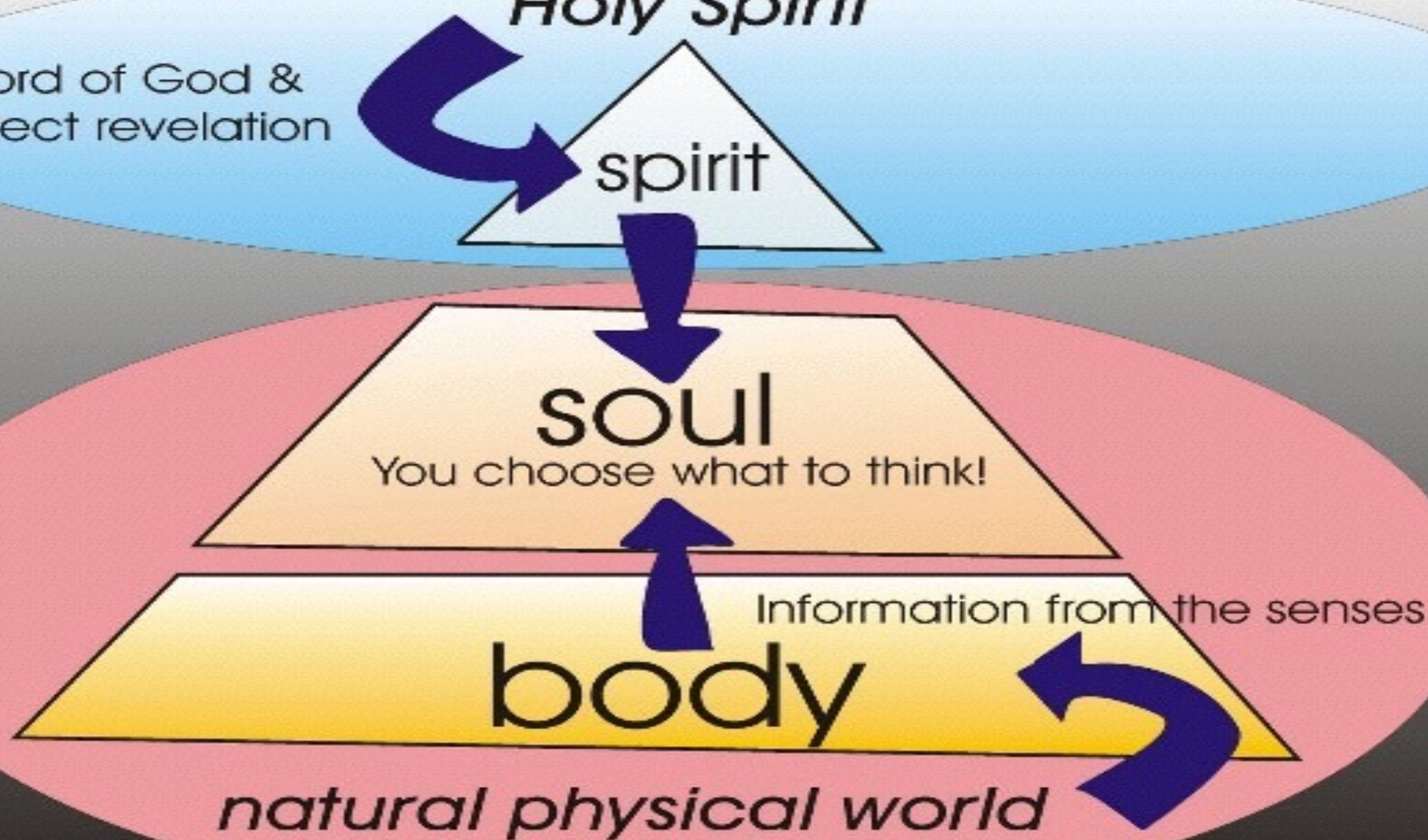
soul

You choose what to think!

Information from the senses

body

natural physical world



The "gates":

THE BODY GATES:

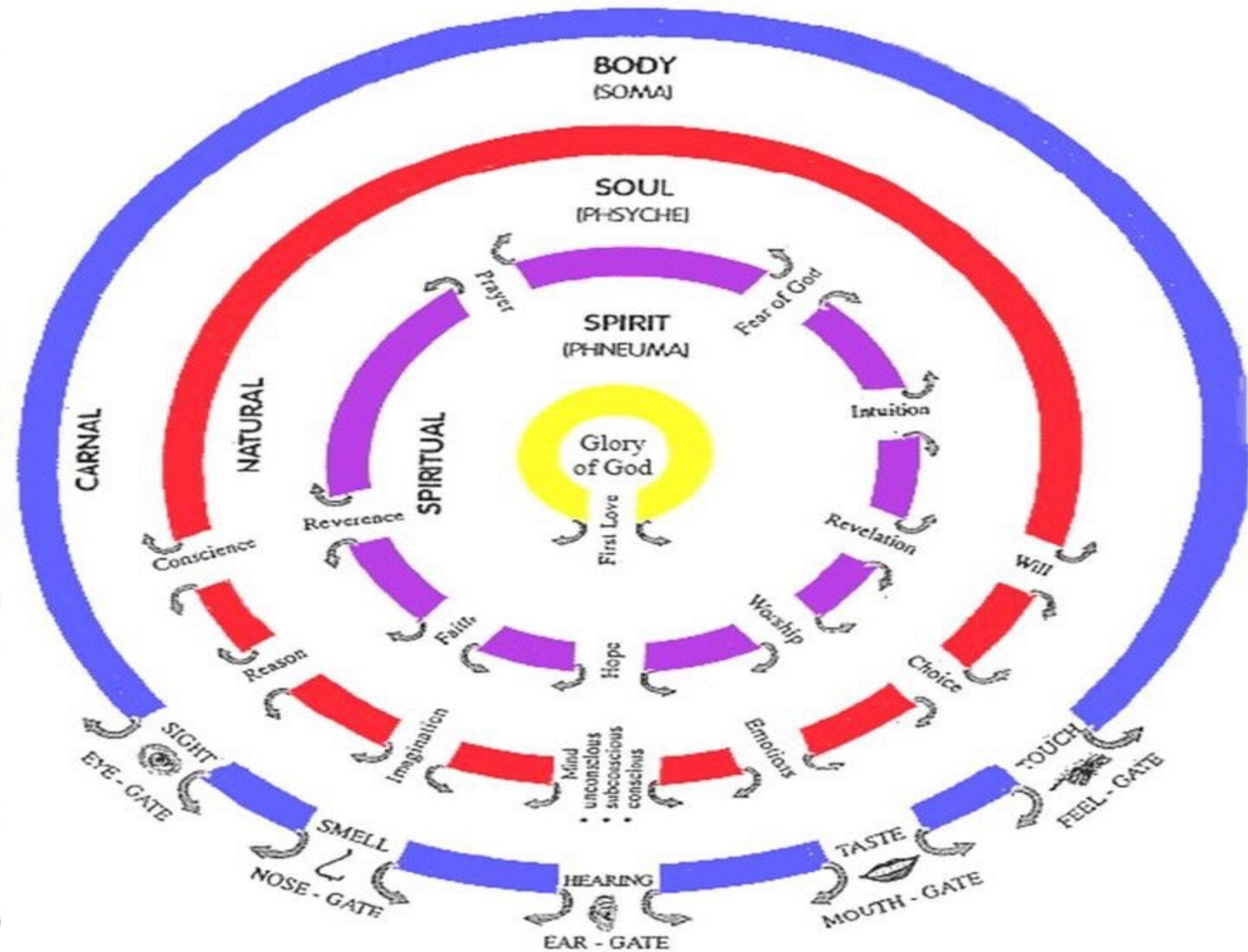
1. Eyes
2. smell
3. touch
4. taste
5. Hear

THE SOUL GATES:

1. Imagination
2. instinct
3. emotion
4. reason
5. Memory

THE SPIRIT GATES:

1. Faith
2. prayer
3. worship
4. Mind of Christ **1Co 2:16** "For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? **But we have the mind of Christ.** "
5. The inner witness ("still small voice") **1Ki 19:12** "And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a **still small voice**"



■ 1 Co.2:14-3:4, three men

**Natural
man
(2:14)
rejects**

**Spiritual
man
(2:16)
knows**

**Carnal
man
(3:1-4)
can't digest**

Save Yourself

But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned

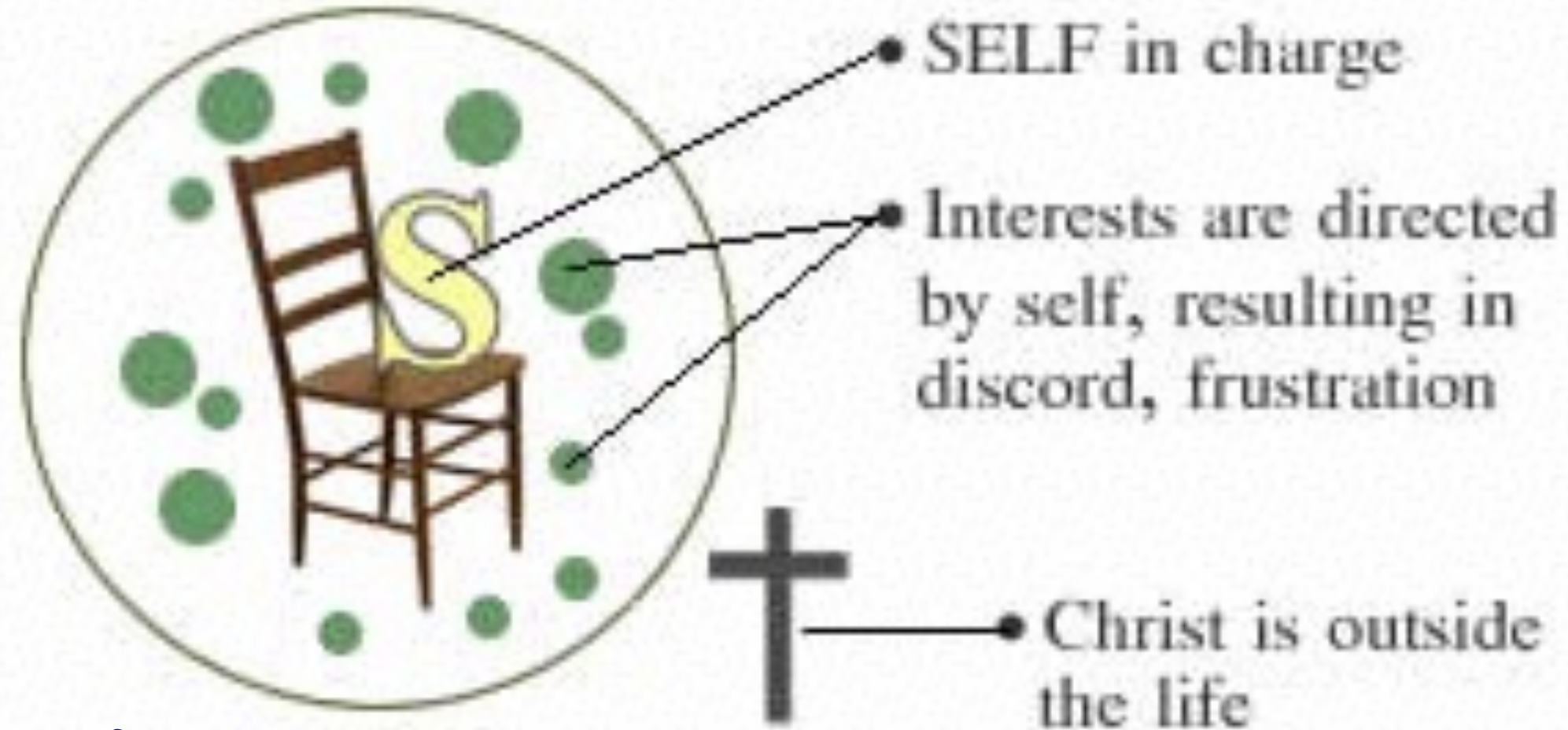
Jesus Saves

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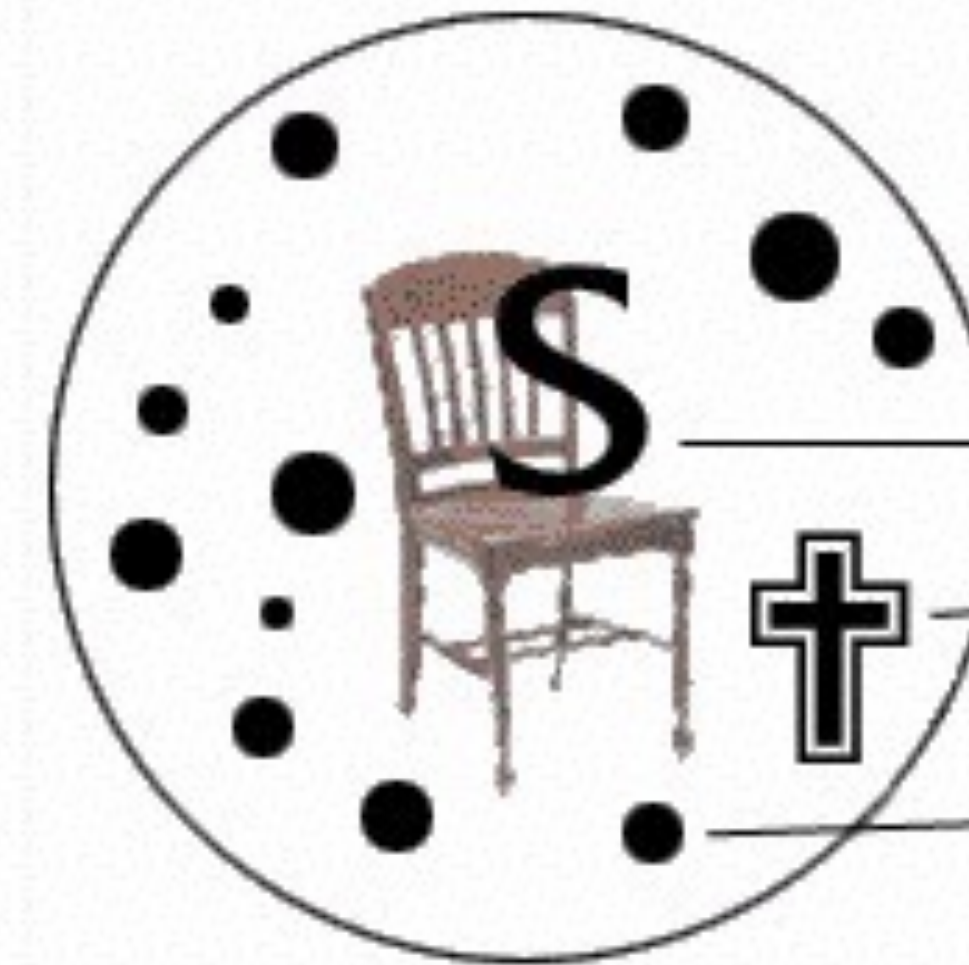
The carnal man: 1 Co. 3: 2-3 follows his senses, e.g. how he feels. The self is on the throne although he may have received Christ as Saviour, but is not yet Lord in everything and every choice.

The Self-Centered Life



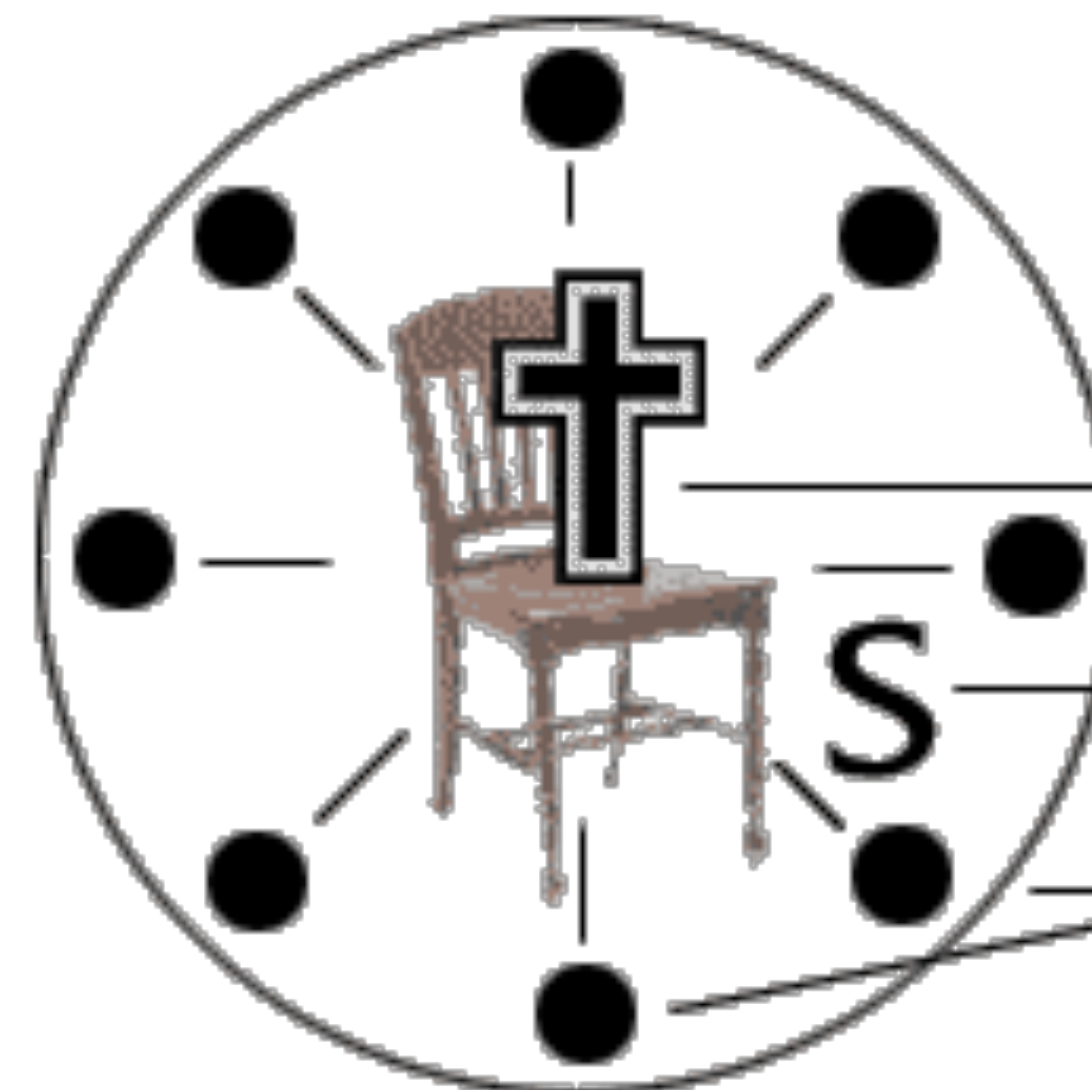
Natural Man

THE SELF-DIRECTED LIFE



Carnal Man

THE CHRIST-DIRECTED LIFE



Spiritual Man



SPIRITUAL WARFARE

FLESH Vs. SPIRIT

Sin Slaves Aren't Free To Do Good

“The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each

other, **so you are not free to carry out your good intentions.**” Galatians 5:17e NLT



Flesh

- The flesh pulls on the believer to do what Jesus has already done at the cross.
- The flesh pulls on the believer to place his focus & faith in himself.
- The flesh pulls on the believer to come under law rather than come under grace.

Results of Yielding to the Flesh

1. The Sin Nature reigns
2. The “works of the flesh” will manifest.
3. The Holy Spirit is frustrated and cannot make real all the benefits of the Cross.
4. The believer is left up to relying on his own will power and ability.
5. The believer experiences frustration, inconsistency and failure.

Self

spirit
soul
body

Temptation
World, Flesh, Devil
(1 John 2:16)

Tests & Trials
Circumstances
(1 Peter 4:12)

Spirit

- The Spirit pulls on the believer to trust & rest in Christ's finished work.
- The Spirit pulls on the believer to place his focus & faith in Christ & the Cross.
- The Spirit pulls on the believer to come under grace rather than come under law.

Results of Yielding to the Spirit

1. The Divine Nature reigns
2. The “fruit of the Spirit” will manifest.
3. The Holy Spirit is allowed free course to make real all the benefits of the Cross.
4. The believer receives the power and ability of the Holy Spirit.
5. The believer experiences victory over sin and a deeper relationship with Christ..

The Spirit versus the flesh

- Focus and faith in the total work of Christ
- Depend on grace and the life of Christ in u. Your position is nothing to you.
- Righteousness is a gift to be received
- You are conscious of the companionship of the Holy Spirit daily
- You are conscious of the love God has for you and want to love God only
- Blessings are God's gift
- WHAT ARE THE RESULTS?

- Focus on self and on doing
- Depend on your own good works, position, status, money etc.
- Righteousness depends on what you do
- You try on your own and forget the Helper
- You are conscious of rules and regulations and a strict adherence to those rules at any cost.
- You work for blessing

✝ Christ is in the life and on the throne

S Self is yielding to Christ

● Interests are directed by Christ, resulting in Harmony with God's plan



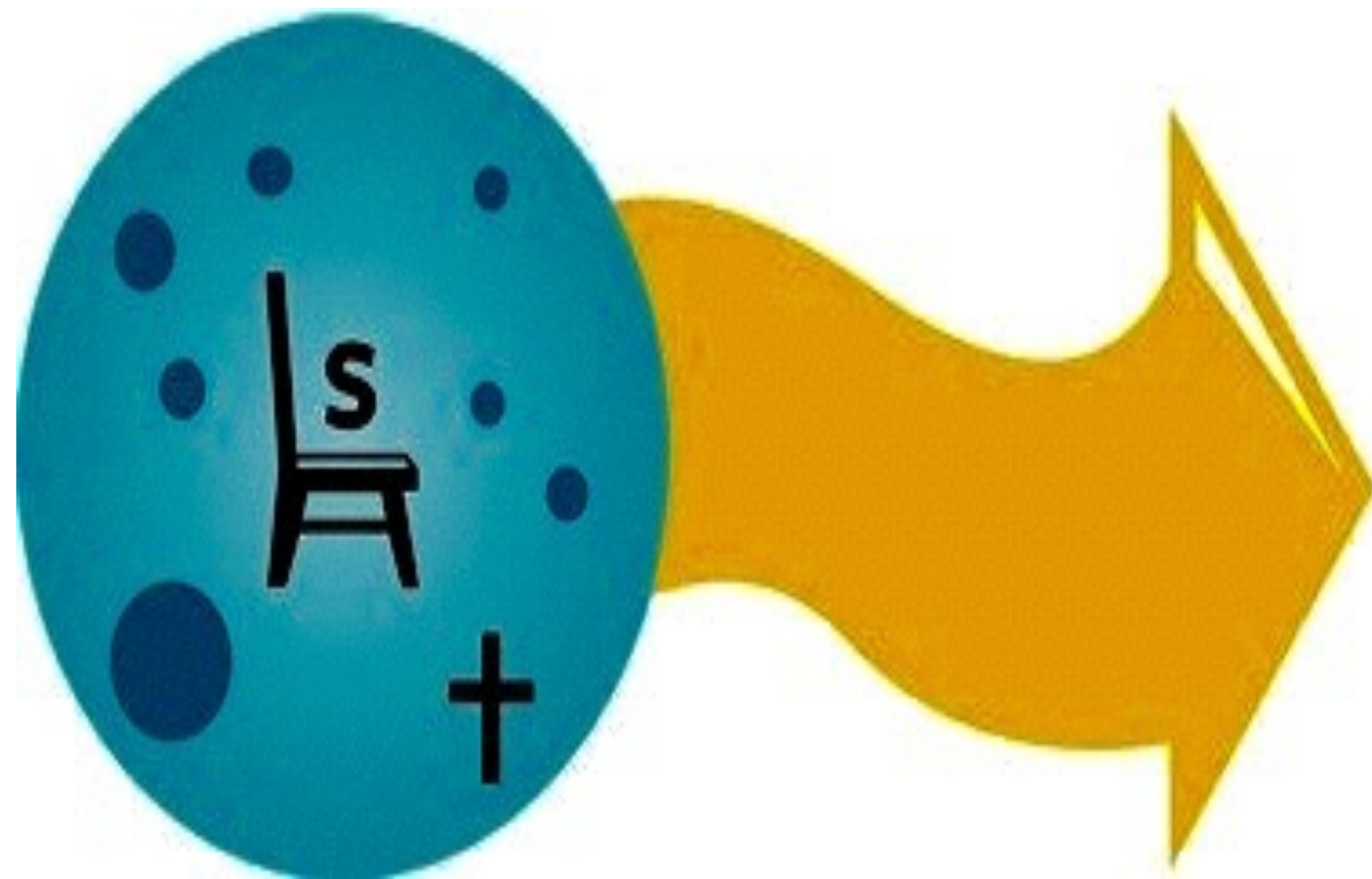
**FRUITFULNESS
ABUNDANCE**

Christ-Directed Life

- Love
- Joy
- Peace
- Patience
- Kindness
- Goodness
- Faithfulness



- Life is Christ-centered
- Empowered by Holy Spirit
- Introduces others to Christ
- Has effective prayer life
- Understands God's Word
- Trusts God
- Obeys God



Self-Directed Life

- S** Self is on the throne
- +** Christ is outside the life
- Interests are directed by self, often resulting in discord and frustration

RESULTS IN....

Ignorance of his
spiritual heritage
Unbelief
Disobedience
Loss of love for
God and for others
Poor prayer life
No desire for Bible
study



Legalistic attitude
Impure thoughts
Jealousy
Guilt
Worry
Discouragement
Critical spirit
Frustration
Aimlessness

Dealing with the body gates

- The Bible says: **MORTIFY THE DEEDS OF THE FLESH**
- **Romans 8:13** *For if you live after the flesh, you will die: but if you through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, you shall live.*
- **MORTIFY** means to embalm [a dead body]
- By what ? **BY THE SPIRIT**
- Meaning, **BY WORSHIP, PRAYER, FAITH, THE MIND OF CHRIST WHICH COMES BY THE WORD OF GOD, HEARING THE VOICE OF GOD.**

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