

The Reborn Identity – Design

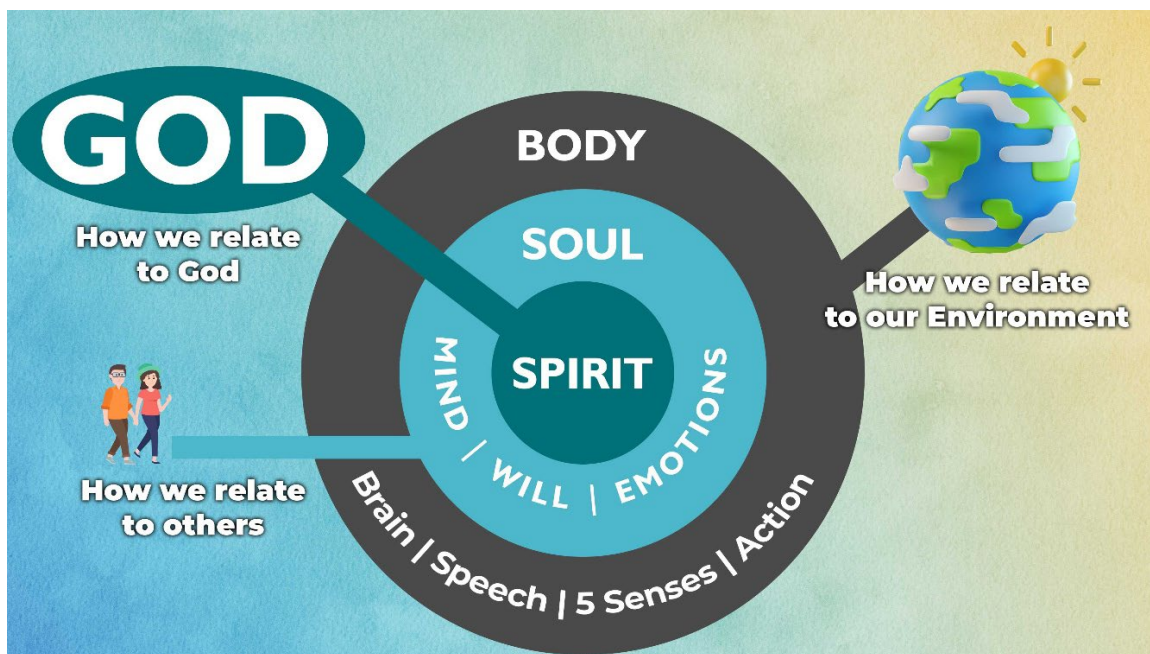
Your Design

You are a three-part whole: spirit, soul and body. “I am a SPIRIT who has a SOUL and lives in a BODY.”

- **1 Thessalonians 5:23** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Some only think of us as 2-part, inner and outer. That is true, just like an orange, and sometimes helpful to look at it like that, but that is not how God views us.

- **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.



Describe Picture

Man is a spirit, who has a soul, that lives in a body. You are designed to operate as a whole based on your spirit. Your spirit determines your identity.

We are made in God's image

- **Genesis 1:27** So God created man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.
 - What does in His image mean?
 - **John 4:24** God *is* Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."
 - We are spirit beings!

Spirit: The core of who you are.

- Relates primarily to God—where God dwells within you, and you are in union with Him.
- The part of you that holds your spiritual DNA.
- Uniquely created, where your whole person originates.

When we recognize that we are spirit, then we can live from our true identity.

- If you think you are a soul, then you try to live out an identity based on how you feel, or something that you think is important.
- If you think of yourself only as a physical being, then you live out of your flesh. This will result in hedonism, lust, and pride.

Soul: Personality

- Relates primarily to people (personality to personality) and to yourself.
 - Mind: how you think logically and reach conclusions.
 - Emotions: what you feel with
 - Will: your chooser—the center where all your choices happen.
 - Connects to one of two power sources: flesh or spirit.
- Uniquely created, where the action part of sanctification takes place.
- Remember, you are not your soul, you are spirit. That is why you can be being sanctified AND be righteous at the same time.

Body: A dwelling

- Relates primarily to the physical world around you.
 - The five senses, actions, speech
 - Brain: computer processor, processes data from your five senses, tells the body to act, tells the body what to say, gateway to the soul
- Uniquely created and is the #1 identifier to the rest of the world that you are you.

Spiritual Genetics

“Adam’s seed” in the book of Genesis—is the physical and spiritual genetic coding that we as humans inherited from him.

- When Adam sinned, his spirit became separated from God, and the life of God was no longer in him.
- **Romans 5:12** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned—
- When Adam died spiritually, we all died spiritually.

Genesis 3: the consequences for Adam and Eve, which were the consequences for every human born after.

- For women: pain in childbirth and they became subjugated by man.
- For men: they must now provide for the family through hard work.
- For both:
 - Death was introduced. Both Physical and Spiritual.
 - They lost their home.
 - It was for their protection - **Genesis 3:22-24** Then the LORD God said, “Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever”—²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from

which he was taken. ²⁴ So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.

- Spiritual death. They were no longer a part of God's genetic line, because their spirit was severed from Him. They now have an orphan spirit.
 - **Genesis 3:9** Then the LORD God called to Adam and said to him, "Where *are* you?"
 - God was asking because they were no longer connected. They died (separated) spiritually.

Sin Nature (Orphan Spirit)

Spiritual death does not mean humans no longer have a spirit—it means our spirits are dead to God. Death = Separation.

- At the point of original sin, Adam forfeited the authority God had given him, and gave it over to Satan.
- **Ephesians 2:1-3** And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ² in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, ³ among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.
 - We are born dead to God, with a sin nature – a desire for the things of the flesh and mind (imagination).

Upon birth, man has no choice but to live from the soul because while we have biological life, there is no spirit life.

- A spiritually alive person can have all needs met by God.
- A spiritually dead person has no choice but to look to the world around them to meet all needs.
- We must also live from our flesh, as there is only a sin nature. We are not connected to God so there is no Divine nature.



Man's basic problem at birth is that he is separated from God, and therefore, without life.

God's Holy Nature (a Divine Spirit)

When Jesus Christ came and died on the cross, He opened for everyone the direct connection to God.

- **Ephesians 1:7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace
- **Romans 5:10** For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

Jesus introduced us into His spiritual genetic line, which is directly from the Father, and made a way for us to be lifted out of Adam's family line and into His family line.



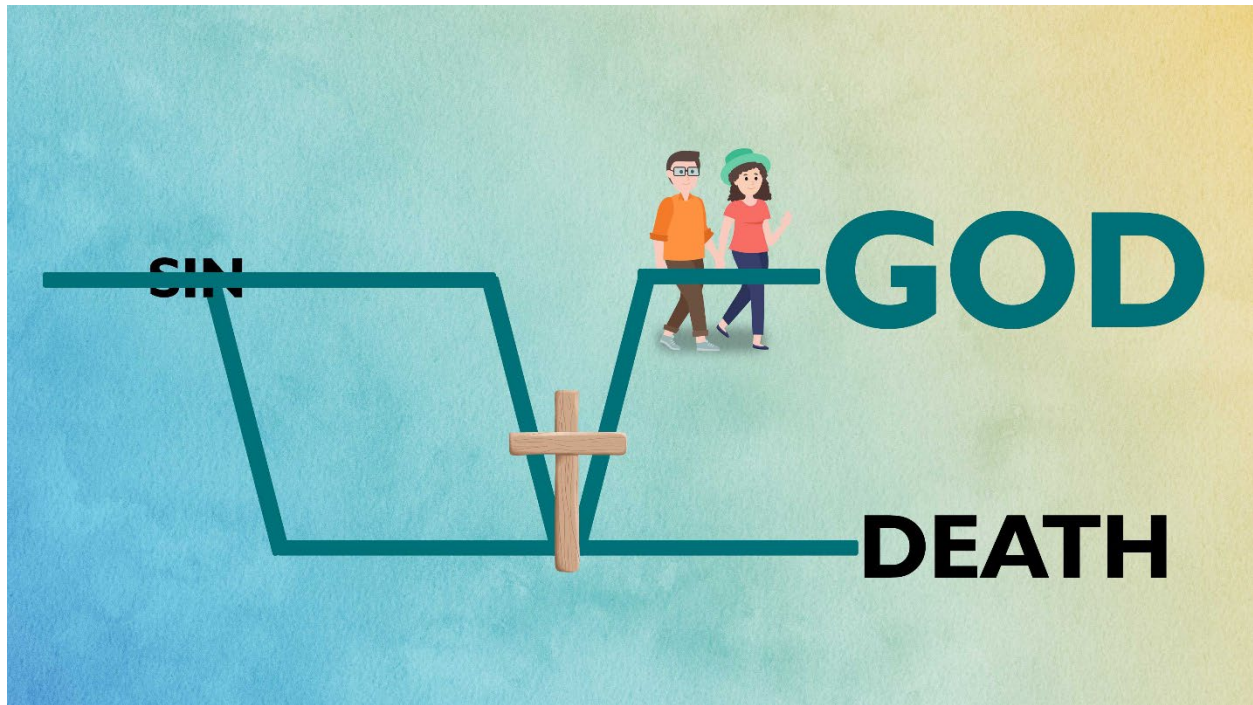
————— **GOD**

————— **SIN**

GOD



————— **DEATH**



1 Corinthians 15:47-49 The first man *was* of the earth, *made* of dust; the second Man *is* the Lord from heaven. ⁴⁸ As *was* the *man* of dust, so also *are* those *who are made* of dust; and as *is* the heavenly *Man*, so also *are* those *who are* heavenly. ⁴⁹ And as we have borne the image of the *man* of dust, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly *Man*.

When you come to Christ, you are put into Christ's family line, exchanging your orphan spirit for a divine spirit. God puts His holy nature, His divine spirit, His LIFE in you.

- **1 Corinthians 2:12** Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.
- **2 Corinthians 1:21-22** Now He who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us *is* God, ²² who also has sealed us and given us the Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.

You are now able to function as God originally created you to function—receiving your identity from Him—and He is the One meeting your needs.

1 Corinthians 6:17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.

- You are now alive (connected) to God
- **Ephesians 2:4-5** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved)

Why do I still sin?"

This question is rooted in looking to experience instead of what God says.

- Theology should never be based on experience.

A better question: "What does God's word say about me?"

- I used to be a sinner.
 - **Romans 3:10-12** As it is written: *"There is none righteous, no, not one; ¹¹ There is none who understands; There is none who seeks after God. ¹² They have all turned aside; They have together become unprofitable; There is none who does good, no, not one."*
- God through Jesus has made me brand new—righteous, holy, pure and perfect.
 - **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.

Now that we know what God's Word says about me, the second question can be, "Why do I still struggle with sin?"

The answer is – Next Week