

Patriarchal Age- before the flood.

**Gen 3:6-13;
Sin and Shame
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The **Two Trees** and What They Mean The Psychological **Effects of Sin and shame** and a **Holistic Redemption.**



**Temptation 3:1-5;
Sin 3:6-7;
Judgement 3:8-24;**

While in the beautiful garden
God's children enjoyed a perfect home.

In addition, they could eat of the **"Tree of Life"**
and all the other trees in the garden
except the **one forbidden tree.**

But Satan appealed to Eve's vanity
and insisted that **God had unduly restricted them.**

Satan further insisted that
she would not die as God had warned,
but promised **she would become wise like God.**

So **Eve** yielded to the temptation
and **ate** the **forbidden fruit**.

Then she shared it with her husband.

Instead of becoming wise,

they became ashamed and **tried to hide from**
God because **they knew they had sinned**.

In the **Bible** the word "**sin**"
means disobedience to God's will.

Gen 2:16-17; 3:1-7; 1 John 3:4;

Because of their sin **Adam and Eve died spiritually**
and **as a consequence of removal**
from the tree of life they began to die physically.



Characteristics of Humans.

Genesis 2:25;

unashamed, uninhibited & free

Integrated – at peace with themselves

Soon lost. – 3:7-8; Replaced with guilt,
shame, and anxiety

“The woman looked at the tree and it looked good - she saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise”

(Genesis 3:6;)

If you let your life **be driven by what LOOKS good**,
you will **doom your life to an existence of sin and misery.**

We are **never called to follow** that which **LOOKS good.**

We are **called to follow** that **which IS good.**

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The tree was...	Good...	Delight...	Desirable...
	for food	to the eyes	to make one wise
	The lust of the flesh	The lust of the eyes	The boastful pride of life

These three areas correspond to three types of temptation outlined in John 2:16; For all that is in the world, the lust of the FLESH and the lust of the EYES and the boastful PRIDE of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.

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These are still the **three "avenues"** of **temptation** Satan uses today. (Matthew 4:1-11; 1 John 2:15-17;)

Eve was deceived but **Adam was not.**
(1 Timothy 2:14;)

“And it was the woman, not Adam, who was deceived by Satan, and sin was the result.”

Evidently Adam chose to go with Eve, otherwise they would have certainly been separated. **He chose to die "for" her.**

Did Jesus choose to die for His Bride?
In what sense?

Lust of the eyes, Lust of the Flesh and the Pride of Life



Satan tries to tempt Jesus

Gen 3:7; "At that moment, their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they strung fig leaves together around their hips to cover themselves.

Their EYES were opened in the sense that they now realised that **they had disobeyed God** and for the **first time felt shame and fear**.

The **fear caused them to HIDE** from God and **their shame** caused them to want to cover their "**nakedness**."

What **they** and **we** often don't realize is that **nothing can be hidden from God**.

Psychological alienation

Theological alienation

The fact that clothing was not necessary for protection from cold tells us something about the climate and weather of this time.



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The First Sin.

Consequences of Sin. (3:7-12;)

Shame – knew they were naked.

Fear – hid from God.

Guilt – cast blame.

Before Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit:- The man and his wife were **both naked** and **were not ashamed**.
(Genesis 2:25;)

After they had eaten the forbidden fruit:-
Then the **eyes** of both of them were **opened**,
and **they knew that they were naked**; Gen 3:7;

A Sense of Shame.



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A Sense of Shame.

**Shame is a feeling we get
when we do something wrong.**

**Being ashamed to be seen by God naked
was a projection onto their body of the shame
they felt from the sin of their soul.**

Sin always has a psychosomatic effect.

**Shame is a healthy emotion if it motivates us to do
what God requires to make amends and be forgiven.**

In that case, shame is a good thing.

It's part of a healthy conscience.



Consequences of Sin.

Gen 3:9-11; “Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.” And He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?.”

LORD = YAHWEH.

LORD, written in all capitals represents the four letter word **YHWH**, the special covenant name of Israel's God, first given to **Moses**. (Exodus 6:2-4;)

We learn from Hebrews 1:10; that **Jesus is LORD:**
“He also says [to the Son]”

“In the beginning, O LORD, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.” See Psalm 102:1; & 25;



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We know from other scriptures that **this LORD God** who **walked and talked** in the garden of Eden with Adam and Eve **was really an angelic representative of God**, in this case, **of Jesus** (John 1:18; 5:37; 6:46; 1 Timothy 6:15-16; Genesis 18;)

God said His Name was in this angel.
(Exodus 23:20-23;)

See also Acts 7:30-32, 35, 38, 53; Hebrews 2:2-3;)

Gen 3:8-9; “Toward evening they heard the Lord God walking about in the garden, so they hid themselves among the trees.

Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?” He said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden,”

QUESTIONS OF CONDEMNATION.

The coming of the Lord is not with lightning or peals of thunder. Instead we read that “And they **heard the sound** of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day” (Genesis 3:8;)

Yet this had been enough for **the man and the woman to hide themselves.** It is now that **the voice of God** calls for them.

The God who Calls:-Then the Lord God called to the man; and said to him, “Where are you?” (Genesis 3:9;)

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There is something winsome about the picture that we see here of God calling for man as he hides in the garden.

It isn't merely a game of spiritual hide and seek. It isn't thank God that He did not know where Adam and Eve were hiding.

God's questions are designed to force Adam to come to terms with his sin.

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We often make the mistake of thinking that our prayers of confession are for God's sake.

**That is far too limited a view of God.
He wants us to confess OUR sins for OUR sake.**

**There is something about
prayer and confession that
brings healing to our own dislocated souls.**

Two Confessions. (Genesis 3:10-13;)

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and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

And He said, “Who told you that you were naked?
Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?”

**The truth comes out. It is that both Adam and Eve
had felt the shame of their nakedness.**

**Where there had before been no shame,
now guilt came and brought with it shame.**

It is not that guilt is necessarily bad.

Guilt is a proper thing to experience if you are guilty.

**When someone is guilty and does not experience
the accompanying feelings of guilt,
we say that such a one is pathological.**

**This is the kind of person who can commit
murders and never feel anything.**

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and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

When you are **guilty**, the first step
in **resolving** your situation is to
face your guilt and admit that you are guilty.

We call this **confession**.
It involves **seeing the reality of your guilt**
and **admitting that you are guilty.**

It is only when we have **come to this point**
that we will be ready to go to
the next step of **TRYING TO RESOLVE** that
which has **made us guilty** in the first place.



Ashamed of Their Bodies?

Gen 3:10; “And he said, “I heard the sound of Thee in the garden,
and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

I do not think **Adam** and **Eve**
were **ashamed for God** to see their **naked**
bodies. God had created those bodies
and pronounced them “very good.”

It was their behaviour they were ashamed of.
Hiding in the bushes was just a natural
response to a feeling of inward shame.

Look on the street or a TV screen. What has
happened to people’s shame for sin?

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and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

A **surface reading** of the passage seems
to indicate that **the Serpent initially told the truth.**

Their **eyes WERE** opened. **They DID** come to an
experiential understanding of good and evil.
And most importantly, they didn't die!

Or did they?

If we may read between the lines, then let me
Suggest that **a death DID take place on that day.**

It was a spiritual death. Their ability
to freely communicate with God was disrupted.
This is seen in **their reaction to the presence of God.**

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and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

So it is with sin. Sin doesn't look **so bad** when
you **get away from the presence of the Lord.**
But when HE comes, sin looks awful.

“And they **heard the sound of the Lord God** walking
in the garden in the cool of the day, and **the man and his wife**
HID THEMSELVES from the presence of the Lord God
among the trees of the garden. (Genesis 3:8;)

Have you ever **turned over a stone** on a sunny day
and seen a big Beetle or cockroach?

What does it do? It scurries out of the light.
It hates the light. It tries to hide from the light.
Adam and Eve tried to do the same thing.

Gen 3:10; “And he said, “I heard the sound of Thee in the garden,
and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

And this is **judgment**, that **the light is come into the world**,
and **men loved the darkness** rather than the light,
for their deeds were evil. For **everyone who does evil hates
the light**, and does not come to the light,
lest **his deeds should be exposed**. (John 3:19-20;)

**It's easy to be dirty in the dark. It doesn't show.
But put a bright light on dirt and everyone can see it.**

**That is why some people
don't like to be around Christians
if they are living the life they ought.
It makes others feel strangely uncomfortable.**



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and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

What brought the realization of **their nakedness**
and **the sense of shame** that accompanied it?

Was it **something in the fruit** itself that put
knowledge into the brains of Adam and Eve?

Or was it the projection of **a sense of shame**
for **disobeying God** onto their bodies?

**They not only tried to hide their bodies
but also themselves from the presence of God.**

Ashamed of What?



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Ashamed of What?

We can't really be ashamed of our bodies.
After all, God created them to be what they are.
There can be no natural shame between a married couple and God for God to see their bodies.

So the **sense of shame**
must have **come from** something else.

My theory is that the sin of their soul was what they were trying to hide and they had **a psychosomatic reaction.** They **transferred the sense of shame for the sin of their soul** onto their bodies.

Why Wear Clothes?



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Why Wear Clothes?

**Although we should not be ashamed of our bodies,
there are several reasons
why we should wear clothes in public.**

**Besides the comfort factor, to be protected from
cold or from the sun's rays, there is the effect our
nudity will have on those who must look upon it.**

**Some of our body parts
are more presentable than others.**

**I don't know how you feel,
I think most people, would rather not see
a bunch of naked people walking around.**

Public Nudity Today?

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COLONY
EXIT 1 MILE**

Gen 3:10; “And he said, “I heard the sound of Thee in the garden,
and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

Adam and Eve were **at first** naked
and **not ashamed** of their **nakedness**.

**Husbands and wives are not embarrassed
when they see each other naked
in the privacy of their homes when no one
else is present to see their nakedness.**

I do not think there is a natural shame in nudity.
There is embarrassment for most people
when they are caught naked in public.

And **most of us** do not want to live in a naked
society and **have to look at naked people.**

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A Time and Place.

There is a time and place for nudity
and there are times and places when
we do not want to be seen naked and
we don't want to see other people naked in public.

Most of us don't cover our private parts because we are
ashamed of having these parts **but because** they are
not the most beautiful and presentable parts of our anatomy.

And if we and everyone else went around naked, we
would be **too much of a distraction** to each other.

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A Time and Place.

James 1:5; “If any of you lacks wisdom,
he should ask God, who gives generously to all
without finding fault, and it will be given to him.”

1 John 1:8-10; “If we claim to be without sin,
we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will
forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

“If we claim we have not sinned, we make Him out
to be a liar and His word has no place in our lives.”

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The Story of Legion.

In Luke 8:26-39; there is a story about
a man possessed by many demons.

There were so many he, or the demons speaking
through him, told Jesus **his name was Legion**
because there were so many demons.

**A legion is a regiment of Roman troops
in number between 5 and 6 thousand.**

For a long time this man had lived outdoors
naked among the tombs.

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Clothed and in His Right Mind.

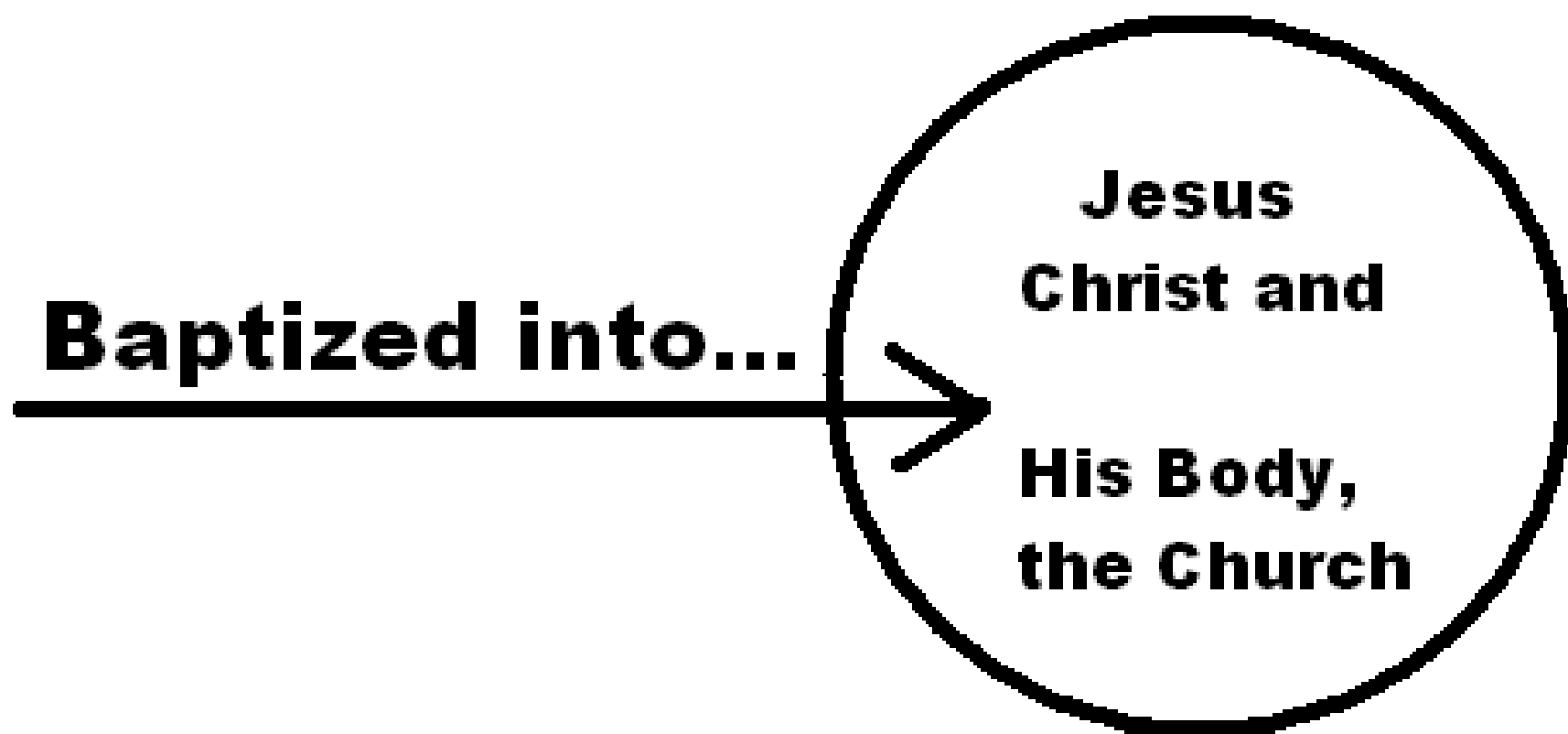
After Jesus cast out the demons, the people
in the nearby village came out to see him.

The Bible says **they found him
clothed and in his right mind.**

**Wearing clothes is normal in polite society
and nudity in public not normal.**

When **a person** comes to his or her
“**right mind**”
he or she **will want to cover up**

You are all sons of God through faith, in Christ Jesus. Because all of you who have been baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ (Galatians 3:26-27).



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A Covering for Sin.

**The shame of their soul
they projected onto their bodies.**

**There is no way possible for man to cover
his own shame. The transaction in the
factual story also has spiritual significance.**

**“When one is baptised in water for the forgiveness
of sins, he or she is also covered in Him
so that when God looks at him or her,
all He sees is His Son and not the shameful sins
that were forgiven by His blood. Galatians 3:26-29;**

We Can't Hide Anything from God.



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Getting back to the psychology of sin:-

**We can't hide the shame of our sin
by trying to cover it up in any way.**

**We certainly can
Never hide anything from God.**

**But we see all kinds of psychological problems
among humans caused by their rationalisations
or attempts to deny reality or because they act in
abnormal ways to deny or cover up sinful behaviour.**

DESIDERATA by Max Ehrmann

Go placidly amid the noise and haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible without surrender **be on good terms with all persons.**

Speak Your Truth quietly and clearly;
and listen to others, even the dull and ignorant;
they too have their story. **AVOID LOUD AND AGGRESSIVE PERSONS,**
THEY ARE VEXATIONS TO THE SPIRIT.
IF YOU COMPARE YOURSELF WITH OTHERS,
YOU MAY BECOME VAIN AND BITTER;
FOR ALWAYS THERE WILL BE GREATER
AND LESSER PERSONS THAN YOURSELF.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested in your career,
however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time.

EXERCISE CAUTION IN YOUR BUSINESS AFFAIRS;
FOR THE WORLD IS FULL OF TRICKERY. BUT LET
THIS NOT BLIND YOU TO WHAT VIRTUE THERE IS;
MANY PERSONS STRIVE FOR HIGH IDEALS; **and everywhere life is
full of heroism.**

Be Yourself Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be critical about love;
for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment it is as perennial as the grass.
Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth.

NURTURE STRENGTH OF SPIRIT TO SHIELD YOU IN SUDDEN MISFORTUNE. **Be gentle**
BUT DO NOT DISTRESS YOURSELF WITH IMAGININGS. MANY FEARS ARE **with yourself.**
BORN OF FATIGUE AND LONELINESS. BEYOND A WHOLESOME DISCIPLINE,

*You are a child of the universe,
no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here.* **AND WHETHER OR NOT
IT IS CLEAR TO YOU,
NO DOUBT THE UNIVERSE
IS UNFOLDING AS IT SHOULD.**

*Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors
and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with your soul.
With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world.*

Be Cheerful **STRIVE TO BE HAPPY.**

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and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

Good Mental Health. is predicated upon
seeing things as they are and
changing the things we don't like if we can.

Accepting the things we can't change
and having the wisdom to know the difference.

God can help us have the wisdom to know the
difference and He will forgive us of any sin
if we are willing to repent of and ask Him to forgive.
He gives us a “clean slate.”

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and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

Innocence, once lost, can never be restored.
There is the knowledge that you have sinned.
Once a sinner, always a sinner.

It's a little like the **nail holes in a board.**
Before the nails were driven into the board,
the board was unmarred.

When **God forgives a person's sins,**
it's like **He pulls out the nails.**
But can the holes also be removed?



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and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

Jesus was Naked
and **Publicly Shamed** for You.

If we ignore or sublimate our sense of shame
by brazen immodesty or rationalise it away,
we will suffer.

Remember, Jesus was naked and publicly shamed
for you so you won't have to be at the judgment.

**Your white robe of His righteousness,
will cover the shame of sin.**



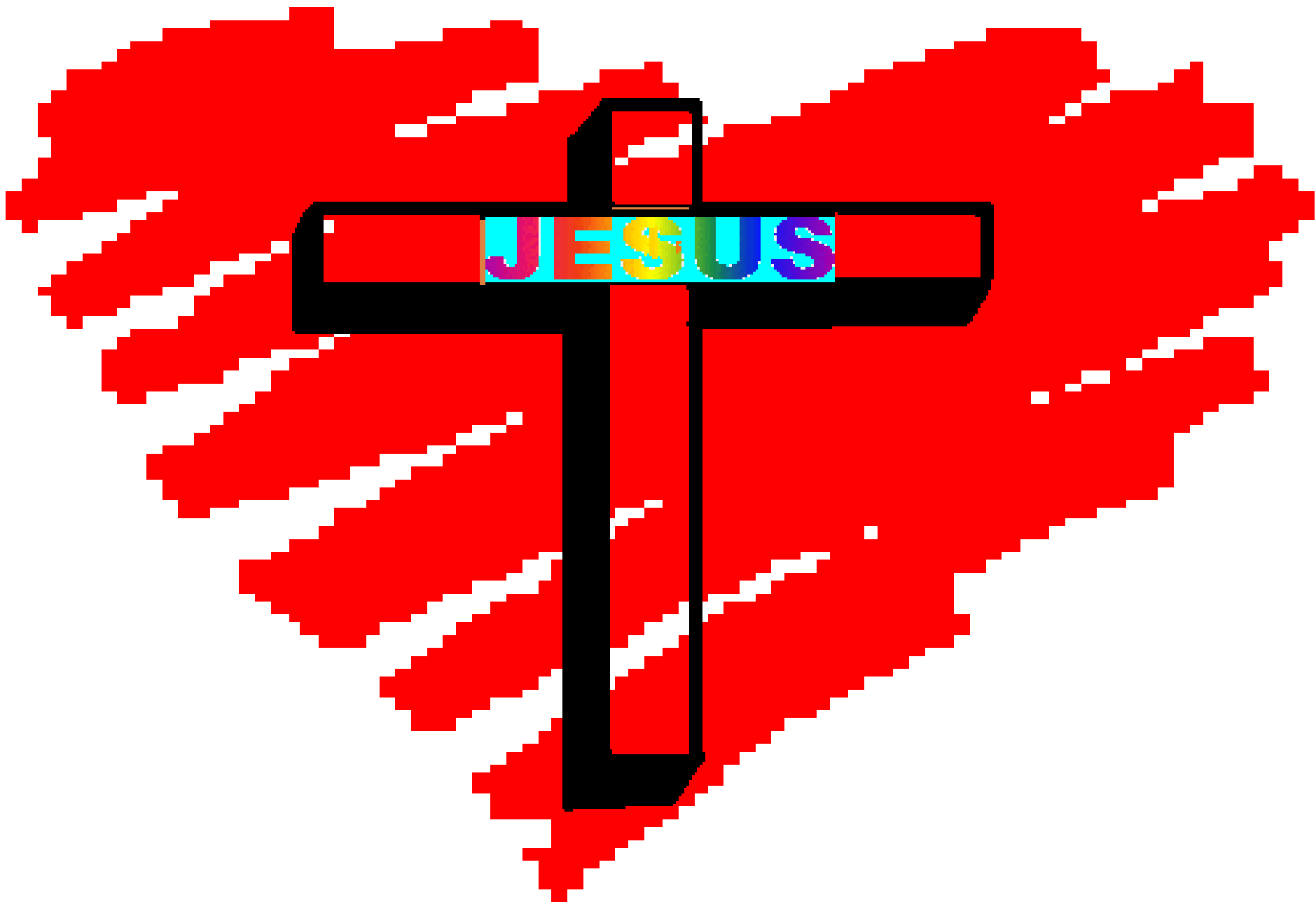
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A Full Redemption:- there is good news for us
sinners. **Jesus, by His work on the cross.**

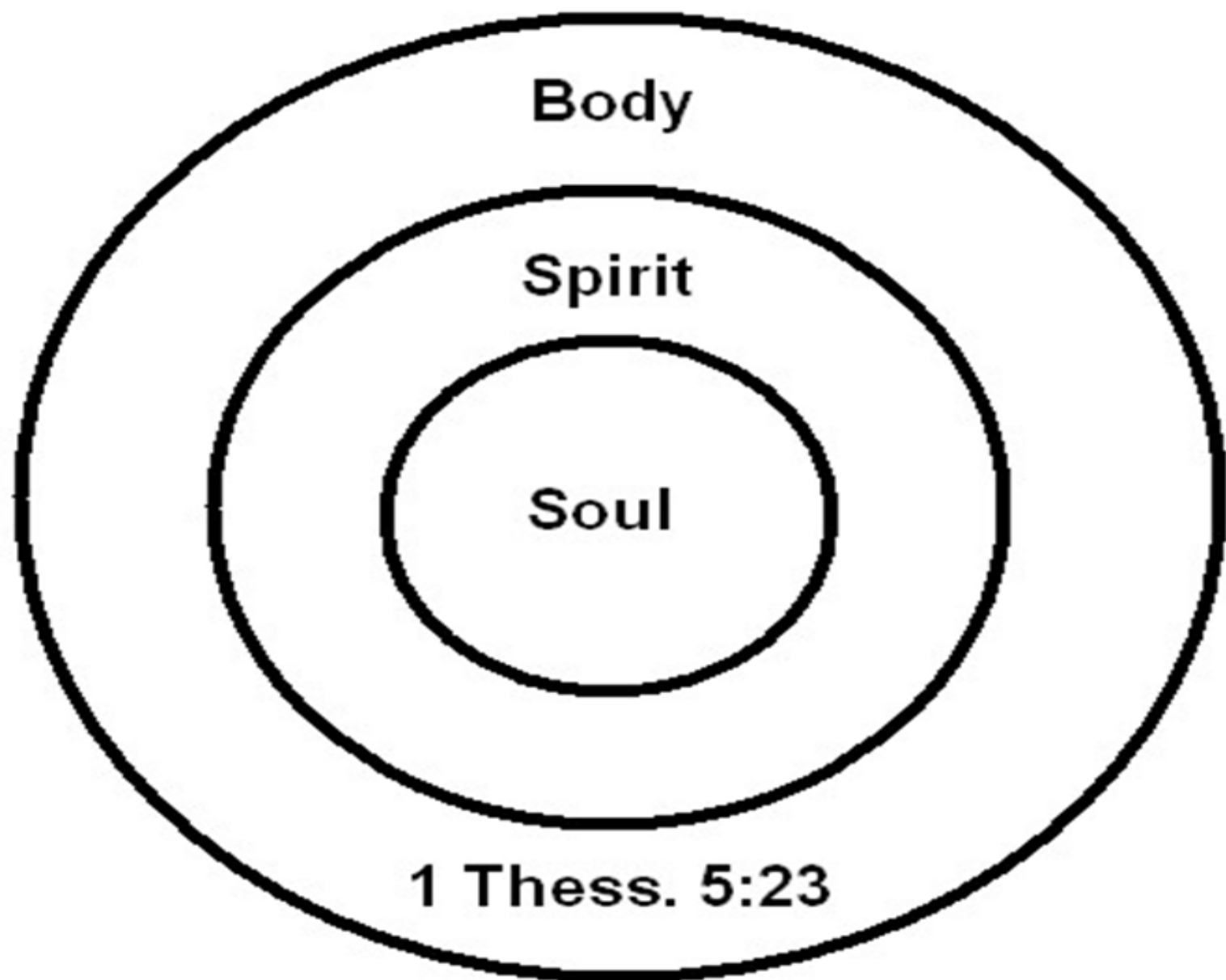
with His **burial** and descent into Hades,
His **resurrection** and His **ascension**,
provides a full redemption for man's body,
spirit and soul. (1 Thessalonians 5:23;)

The nails are pulled from our board when
God removes the guilt and punishment for sin.
He fills the holes with something better than wood

His Love and the Holy Spirit. (Romans 5:1-5;)
That is better than a restoration of innocence!



Man



1 Thess. 5:23

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A Holistic Redemption or Salvation:-

Jesus’ work of redemption was for the whole person. The body is redeemed at the resurrection at the Last Day.

(Rom 8:10-11, 23;)

The spirit is redeemed the instant it obeys the simple commands of the Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus. (Romans 8:1-2; 6:17-18, 1-4; 1 John 5:13).

The redemption of the soul (the mind) is a process that goes on all through a person’s life. This is the psychological redemption.

What is Better than Innocence?



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What is Better than Innocence?

Think about it. **Adam** and **Eve** would have had
an **easy life** there in that **luxurious garden**.

But what opportunities would they have had
to develop a strong character?

What happened to many of their descendants
illustrates the biblical principle
that no matter how bad things become.

If people honour and obey God above all others,
He can, and ultimately will,
bring good out of any bad situation.

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and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

Eternal Life Now:-

Jesus said that knowing God IS eternal life.
“Now this is eternal life: that they may know you,
the only true God, and Jesus Christ,
whom you have sent. John 17:3;

“To know,” by the Bible’s definition,
is to have an **intimate personal relationship** with
someone, **in this case, with God through His Son.**

**If we have that relationship, we know God
and what is more important, He knows us.
So we can have eternal life within us NOW.**

**Gen 3:10; “And he said, “I heard the sound of Thee in the garden,
and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”**

1 John 5:13;

**“I write these things to you who believe
in the name of the Son of God so that
you may know that you have eternal life.”**

**Romans 8:10; “But if Christ is in you,
your body is dead because of sin, yet
your spirit is alive because of righteousness.**

**“You were all immersed into Christ. So, you were
all clothed with Christ. You are all children of God
through faith in Christ Jesus. for all of you
who have been baptized into Christ, have
clothed yourselves with Christ.” Gal 3:26-27;**

WHAT WAS THE KNOWLEDGE?



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WHAT WAS THE KNOWLEDGE?

God had called the tree from which Adam and Eve ate, **“The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.”**

Was it **something in the fruit itself**
that enlightened the mind or **was it**
the experience of sinning against God,

and that realisation that brought the shame
that was then projected onto the body – **something**
spiritual that was transferred to the physical?

Was this the first evidence
of **a psychosomatic effect of mental stress?**

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and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

WHAT DID THEY LEARN?

I think **the tree** of the knowledge
of good and evil **represented God's law**
that defines good and evil or right and wrong.

In the sense that **God gave them**
a single command regarding that tree,
not to eat its fruit.

As symbols, the two trees stand for God's
laws in any dispensation. (Romans 8:1-2;)

THE CHOICE IS ALWAYS OURS.



Gen 3:10; “And he said, “I heard the sound of Thee in the garden,
and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil
stood as **a test of man's trust** in God.
Man will never be without such a test in this life.

Satan appears in **many forms** and serves God's
purpose in **bringing tests of our trust in God.**

God wants us to love and obey Him
because we have made
an informed and moral choice to do so.

Faith is therefore a moral choice.
No amount of kind of evidence will convince
the person who does not want to believe.

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The “Good” and How They Learned It.

The good they learned from the tree was
that had they not disobeyed God **everything**
would have remained good in their lives.

Once they lost that goodness,
they realised what they had lost.
Expressed in negative terms,
good is not having to suffer harm.

Adam and Eve had it good but **did not realize**
how good they had it until they lost what they had.
Now they know the difference.



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GOOD AND EVIL.

They now **understood** that **what they had done**
was evil because it brought **God's curse** upon them.

They **lost the good life** and **their close relationship**
with God. They now could **appreciate**
the difference between good and evil.

Obedying God is good because
it brings good to oneself and others.

Disobeying God is evil because
it brings evil (harm) to oneself and others.

No Knowledge in the Fruit



No "Smart Apple"

Gen 3:10; “And he said, “I heard the sound of Thee in the garden,
and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

**So, the knowledge was not intrinsic
in the fruit, whatever that was.**

**The knowledge was in the breaking
of the one simple law God had given them.**

**This is how we learn the difference between
good and evil today. We educate our
sensitive conscience by reading
or hearing God’s law expressed in words.**

**We also get knowledge of good and evil
through disobeying God’s laws
and experiencing the consequences
or seeing them happen in other people’s lives.**

Gen 3:10; “And he said, “I heard the sound of Thee in the garden,
and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

**We do not become sinners
until we disobey a law of God.**

Romans 7:9-11;

“Once I was alive apart from law; but when the
commandment came, sin sprang to life and I died.
I found that the very commandment that was
intended to bring life actually brought death.”

But **we become accountable for a sin**
if we have **learned the law** through **reading**
it or **hearing** it expressed, and **then break it.**

Adam and Eve were accountable
for their sin because God had told them
in simple terms **not to eat from the particular tree.**

We are not Born Sinners.



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Babies are not born sinners as some teach.

**We know many churches
teach the so-called
total hereditary depravity of man.**

**We know it from the fact that they sprinkle
water on babies' heads so if they die in
infancy or childhood they will not go to hell.**

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No Such Thing as a Sinful Nature.

As far as I can tell, **Augustine of Hippo**
in North Africa was **the first to teach**
that we inherited Adam’s sinful nature.

Roman Catholics and **many** of the churches
that come from **the Calvinist tradition**
teach this false doctrine.

The **New International Version** of the Bible
perpetuates this false doctrine
by **“translating” “flesh” as “sinful nature.”**

Their **mistranslation** is **common**
in the Book of Romans.

SARX means FLESH

Not sinful nature.

οἶδα γὰρ ὅτι οὐκ οἶκει' ἐν ἐμοί,
τοῦτ' ἔστιν ἐν τῇ σαρκί μου, ἀγαθόν·
το γὰρ θέλειν παράκειταιί μοι, το δε
κατεργάζεσθαι το καλον οὐ·

The underlined Greek word in Romans 7:18; means “flesh.” Its basic form when spelled with English letters is “SARX,” and it means “flesh,” not “sinful nature.”

God Formed Man's Body from Earth

Go **Forms** d Man's Spirit from Spirit

SPIRIT

Genesis 2:6-7

*The LORD God formed
the man from the dust
of the ground. "Formed".*
He did it once for the first man.



Zechariah 12:1

*The LORD...forms
the spirit of man
within him...*

"Forms" – He does it for
each individual.

EARTH

Gen 3:10; “And he said, “I heard the sound of Thee in the garden,
and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

1 Thessalonians 5:23;

May your whole **spirit, soul and body** be kept
blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Adam is the Father of Our Flesh.

Sometimes it is the **weakness of the flesh**
that **makes it easier** for us to sin. **But we are**
not born sinners just because Adam sinned.

So when Adam was put out from the garden
he began to die a physical death.

Therefore the **consequences of loosing**
access to the tree of life applies
only to our **flesh**, not to **our souls.**

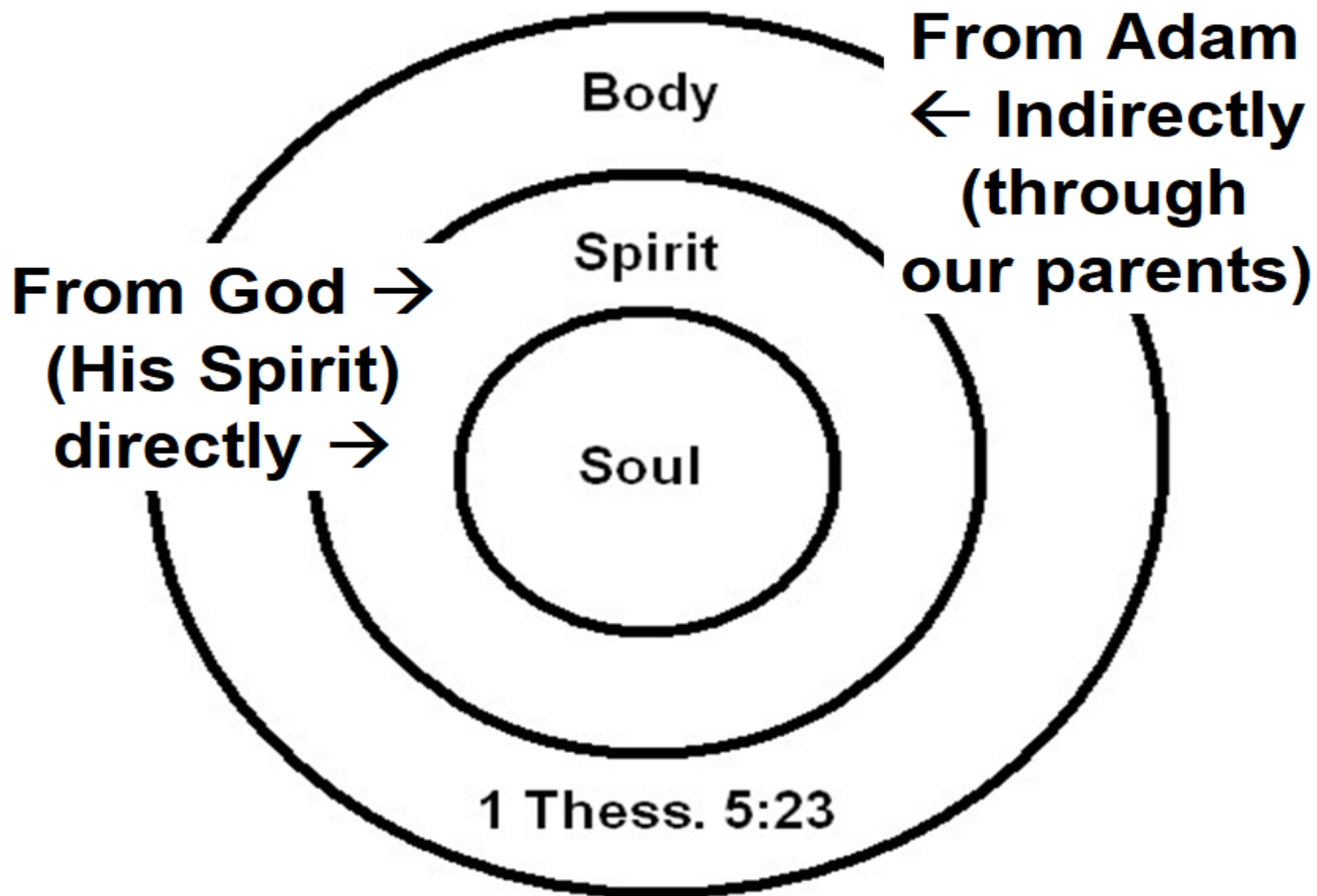
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God **“formed” (past tense)** man’s body
from the dust of the earth.

**This was a one-time thing. Only Adam’s
body was thus formed. (Gen 2:6-7;)**

God **“forms” (present tense)** each **man’s
spirit** within him, not from dust
but from His own Spirit. (Zechariah 12:1-2;)

Man



Gen 3:10; “And he said, “I heard the sound of Thee in the garden,
and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

Man is a Composite Being.

**As we said before, Adam is the father of our
flesh but God is the Father of our spirit.**

**Each person's spirit comes directly and
individually from God, formed inside each
person in the womb. (Zechariah 12:1-2;)**

**When we die the Bible says:- “the dust returns to the earth
as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.”**

**The soul is sinless until it chooses
to break a law that it has learned by the
usual means and knows to be a law of God.**



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**Eternal damnation is not the only
consequence of breaking God's law.**

**It's true that if we will not repent and get God's
forgiveness for a sin, we will
eventually end up in a very bad place.**

**But without doing or seeing evil for what it is,
we would not be able
to really understand what sin is.**

**And there are plenty of consequences of breaking
God's laws that will teach us the value of
obedience to Him and the horrors of disobedience.**

Gen 3:12; “Yes, Adam admitted, “but it was the woman you gave me who brought me the fruit, and I ate it.”

The man’s confession:- And He said,
“**The woman whom You gave** to be with me,
she gave me from the tree, and I ate.”
(Genesis 3:12;)

As confessions go, this one is barely adequate. The man enters into what we call the “blame game.” **He seems to hint that a part of the reason for HIS sin is because of the actions of others.**

He blames the woman. She is the one who gave him the forbidden fruit.

This suggests that he is also trying to place a portion of **the blame on God** who gave the woman in the first place.

Gen 3:13; "Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?"

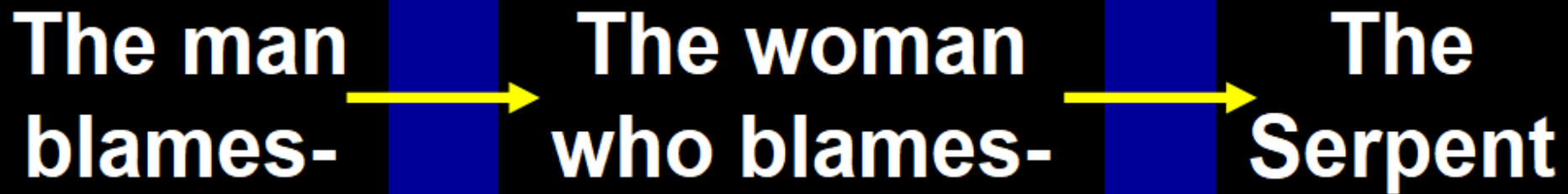
And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

The woman's confession:-

Just as the man placed the blame upon the woman,
so she also followed his example
and placed her blame upon the serpent.

**The man did not claim deception,
but she does.**

She states that **the serpent deceived her.**



By contrast, Jesus offered no retort or defence when He was falsely accused. He bore the guilt and the sin that belonged to us so that WE could be credited, with HIS perfect righteousness.

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The Curse of Sin:-

Think about **the consequences** Adam and Eve suffered for one act of disobedience. They suffered spiritual death that very day (**Spiritual death is eternal separation from God.**)

Isaiah 59:2; “**Your iniquities** have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.”

“The widow who lives for pleasure is dead even while she lives.” 1 Timothy 5:6;
This is true of everyone, not just widows.

The CURSE of SIN.



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Because they lost access to the tree of Life.
They began the **process of physical entropy**
or **decay** that would **bring about**
their physical death.

They were **removed** from the beautiful **garden**
with its easy comfortable lifestyle.

They were forced into **a life**
of struggle, pain and sorrows.

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The Bible defines **spiritual death**
as a **break in the fellowship**
man had – that **every man** had –
with God or **a severed relationship.**

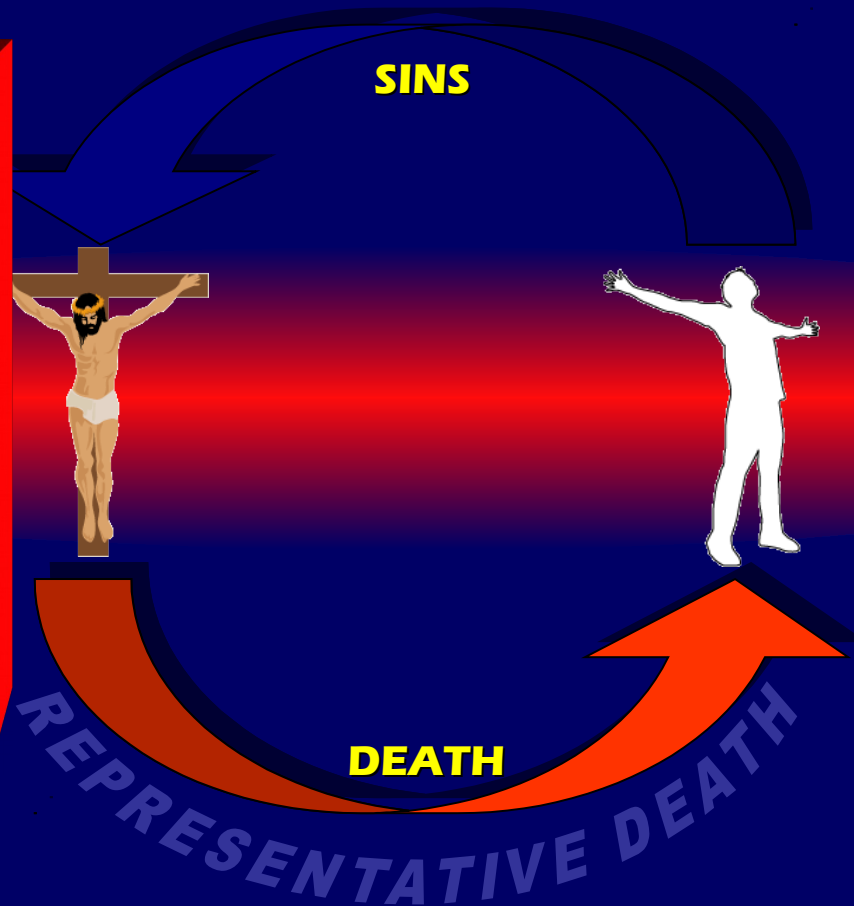
A person is **alive in his body of flesh**
but **is separated from God** for eternity
if he does not **reconcile himself to God.**

The reconciliation
must be on God's terms.
We cannot make the rules.

Christ's Sacrifice – Who Died?

1 Peter 2:24; “He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin.”

1 Peter 1:18-19;
“you were redeemed with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.”



Romans 6:8;
“Our old self was crucified with Him, That our body of sin might be done away with.”

Heb 9:22 ...without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

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and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself.”

Because of our sin and Spiritual Death:-

**Our only hope of redemption
Required the death of HIS ONLY SON.
This was GOD demonstrating GRACE
God’s terms of reconciliation involves:-**

**OUR FAITH, OUR REPENTANCE,
OUR CONFESSION OF OUR BELIEVE IN JESUS
AND HIS ABILITY TO SAVE US,
OUR OBEDIENCE IN BAPTISM,
OUR RISING TO WALK FAITHFULLY
WITH OUR GOD IN CHRIST EVEN UNTO DEATH.**

**“Know ye not, that
so many of us
as were baptized
into Jesus Christ
were baptized
into his death?”**

Gospel

in Bapt
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Romans 6:3-4

In Baptism
We Repent of Sin and Die to Sin
We are Buried in Water for the Remissions of Sin
We are Raised to Walk in a New Life

**“that like as Christ was
raised up from the dead by
the glory of the Father;”**



Dead to Sin

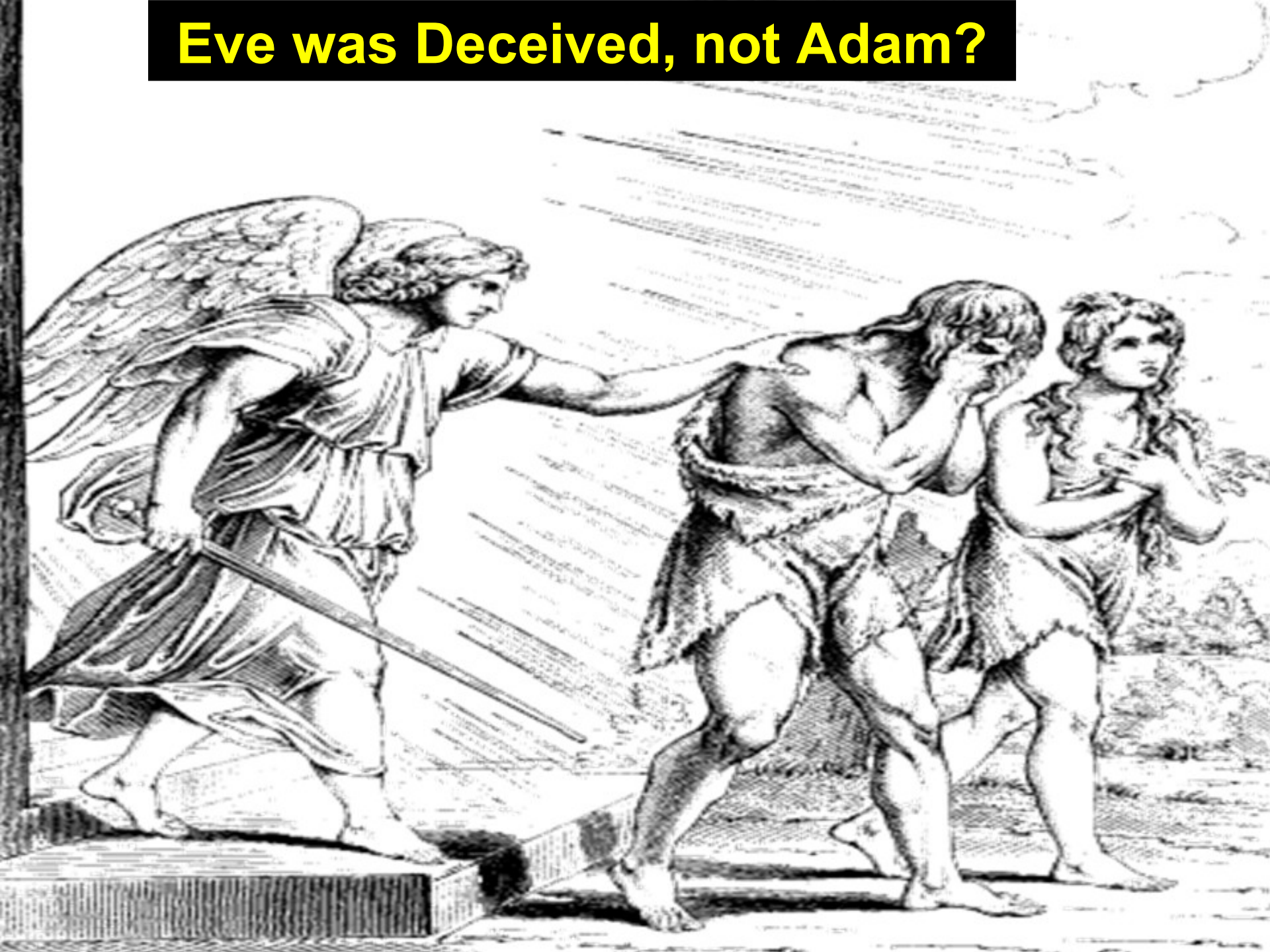


**“even so we also
should walk
in newness of life.”**

**“Therefore we are
buried with him by
baptism into death.”**



Eve was Deceived, not Adam?



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In 1 Timothy 2:14; Paul says the woman
was deceived but the man was not.
Nevertheless, **Adam ate** the forbidden fruit.

The question is “Why?” Think about it.
If he had not eaten the fruit **he would have stayed
in the garden**, or so he thought.
Eve would have been driven out alone.

**It is possible that Adam made a deliberate,
conscious choice to sin** so he could be with his wife.
What do you think?



Conclusion.

**Man had a close relationship with God
in the beautiful garden.**

His life there was pleasant.

But God had to test man's trust and love.

**Otherwise he would have been
just like a robot with no real choice.**

**But then God could not give man
the eternal reward He had planned for him.**

**In the new body God would give man after
a period of testing, man would live forever
in the presence of God and see His face.**

God gave man one simple law. He was to stay away from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil.

If he ate its fruit he would be eternally separated from God.

This is what He meant when He told the man that **in the day he sinned he would die.**

Man chose to defy God and disobey.
He lost an innocence he can not regain.

**But he can be TOTALLY forgiven
and restored to full fellowship with God.**

When man realised what he had done,
he tried to cover up his shame, his sense of failure,
by covering his body with a fig-leaf garment
and hiding among the trees.

He learned that he could not hide his shame
from God **but had to repent and restore**
his relationship with God on God's terms.

But there was **no real covering for sin**
until **God's Son** came to earth
and became **the Perfect Sacrificial Lamb.**



Like the first law, the second law of God is also a simple one. Man has to eat from the other tree, the Tree of Life, **now the Cross**, in order to be restored to fellowship with God. (Romans 8:1-2;)

Eating the Fruit of the Spirit's Tree of Life is re-enacting the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus in baptism in order to allow the blood of Christ to take away our sin.
Matt 28:19-20; Acts 2:38; Romans 6:4-6,17; Gal 3:26-27;

The cross of Jesus is called **"The Tree"**
in Acts 13:29; and 1 Peter 3:24;

As Jesus said:- (John 4:34).
"My food is to do the will of Him Who sent Me."

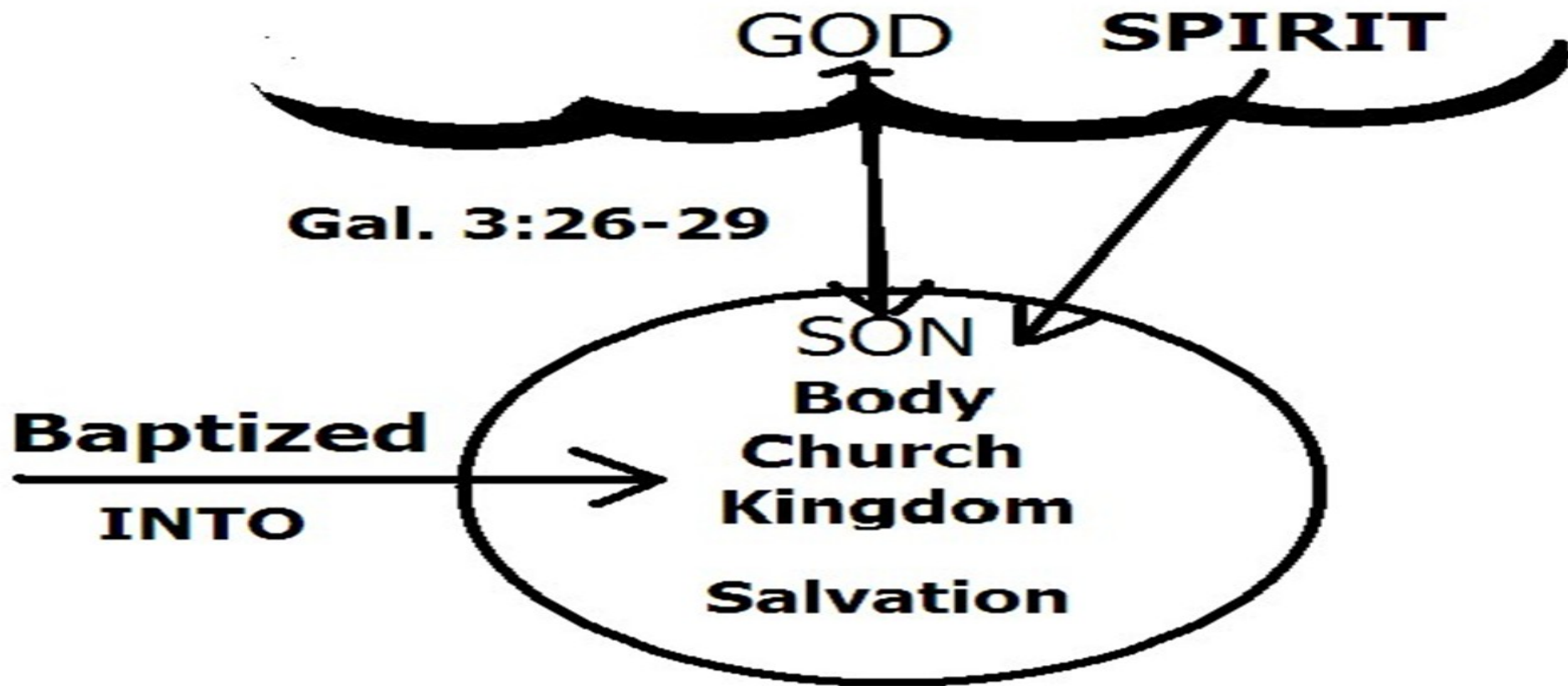
Cover Up:-

When you realise that you have sinned against God you will be ashamed.

There is only one way to cover that shame and that is to be clothed with Christ. (Galatians 3:26-29;)

As God provided clothing acceptable to Him, made from the skins of sacrificed animals, so He has now provided the only satisfactory covering for the shame of our sin in His Only Son.

Enter Him today through faithful obedience including baptism in water for the forgiveness of our sins. (Galatians 3:26-29; Acts 2:38;)



There is a **physical component** as well as a **spiritual component** in baptism.

When one **goes down into the water** he **loses the filthy rags of sin** with which he was covered and **puts on the white robe of righteousness** he receives in and through the Christ.

**God's Counselling:-
Remember the counselling God provided
for Cain (Genesis 4:7;)?**

**He has always provided counselling
for those who will listen.**

**He counselled the Jews to be baptized when
John the Baptizer came on the scene. When
they refused to be baptized the Bible says they
“rejected the counsel of God against themselves.”
(Luke 7:30;)**

**He counsels us to obey and be saved.
Mark 16:15-16;**

God's Counselling



Through **the gospel** and **the body of Christ**,
God has provided the redemption, spiritual and
psychological, that comes through the counsel
of those who are spiritual. (Galatians 6:1-2;)

Among these will usually be the elders
of the church, as well as other spiritual
men and women who have the skills necessary.

He promised that **all who obey Him**.
(Acts 2:38-39; 5:32) would **receive the Holy Spirit**
Who would be their counsellor.

Guided by the Holy Spirit,
we all have the counsel of God's word.

Gen 3:6-13; Sin and Shame

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Now we must pay the price
Unless Another takes our place,
And is our Sacrifice.**

**They could not hide the shame of sin
No matter how they tried.
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Our souls are saved from hell.**