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WHAT'S NEW ABOUT YOU?

If any man is in Christ he is a <u>new</u> creature

2 Corinthians 5:17

God created you a God-conscious being. He gave you the ability to think in terms of your own personal identity as related to Him. You have a built-in need to view life in terms of meaning and purpose. Meaning and purpose in life flow from identity. Personal significance is a driving objective. The constant search for meaning has always motivated man (Psalm 8:3-4). This need is met only when a person experiences Christ as his/her very life and identity (Philippians 1:21; Colossians 3:3).

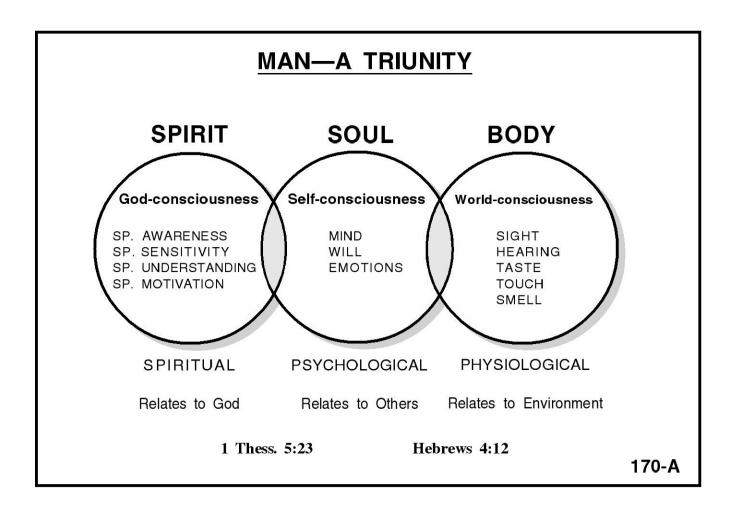
God's purpose is that through an intimate, obedient, dependent, love relationship with Him, you will receive and demonstrate the very life of Christ. His life, love, purity, patience, faithfulness, and power are meant to become yours and then be manifested through you.

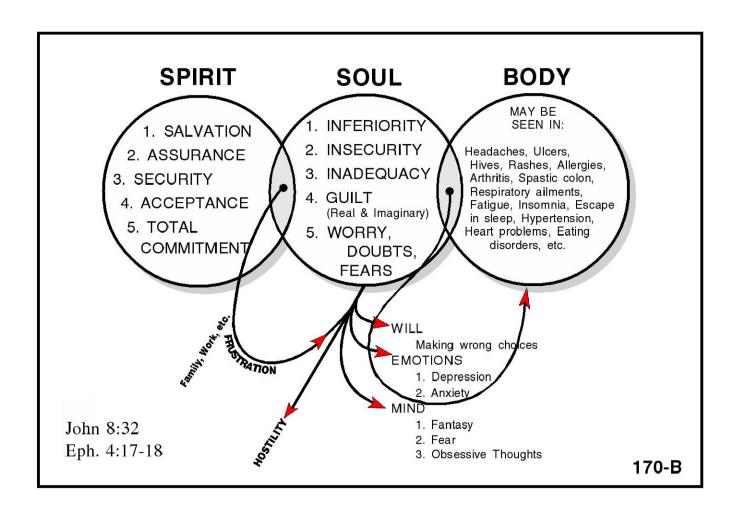
Adam and Eve lost the security of life through unbelief and disobedience. Following their rebellion, they tried to "make life work" with only human resources. Life's meaning and purpose thus had to be sought *within* the person, now that man had become god of his own life (Genesis 3:5). Identity, significance, and purpose must now be achieved by personal appearance, accomplishments, social status, possessions, or the earned acceptance of others.

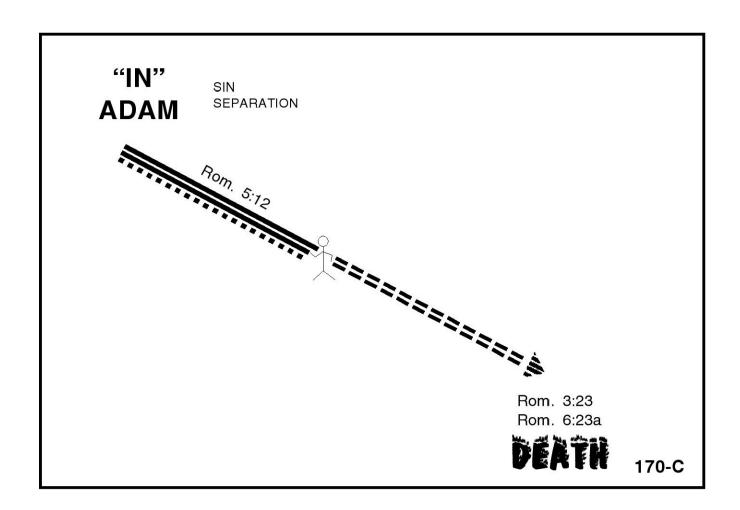
Sin is the deception that man can find meaning and purpose in life apart from a personal love relationship of obedience to the Creator of life.

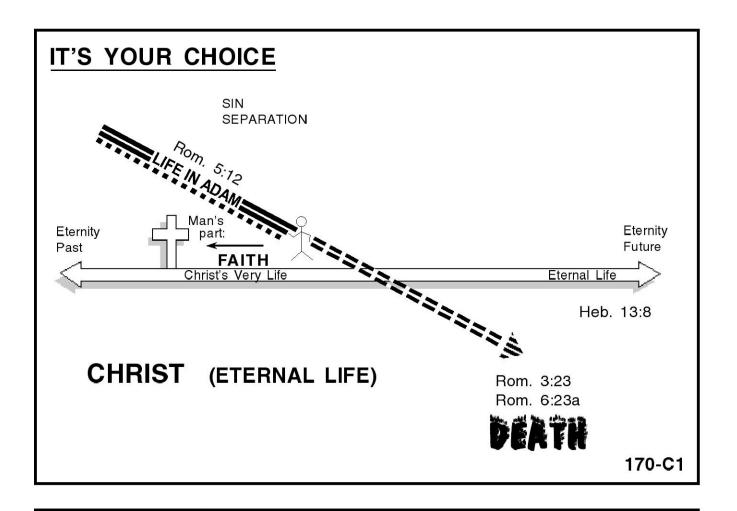
If you are a Christian living without a true picture of "who you are in Christ" you may be functioning in a manner that is lacking (if not contrary to) true freedom. This is an identity crisis!

In this lesson dare to take God's Word at face value, neither blindly affirming its truth without honest examination, nor rationalizing your failures and calling them acceptable. The greatness and victory of Christ's atonement is yours in reality.

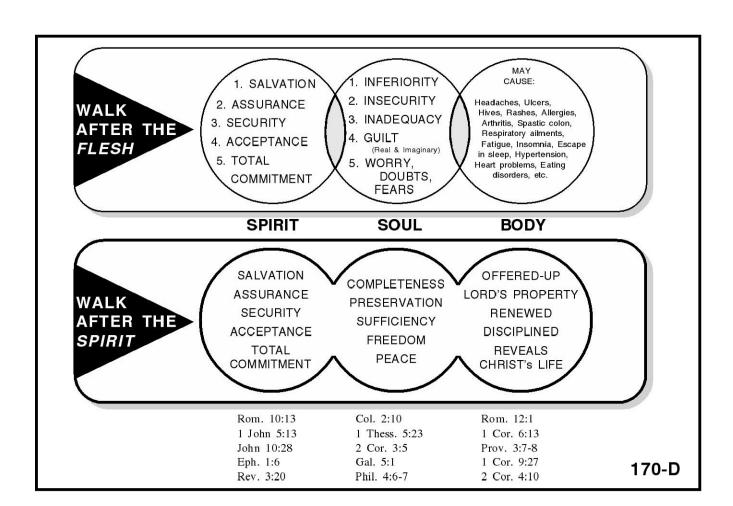








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REVIEW

- I am given the life of Christ.
- I am no longer dead, but alive "in Christ."
- I am no longer a slave to sin. It is a choice now.
- I am a new creation—God's child!
- I am to be transformed by the renewing of my mind.
- I am to appropriate His very life.

