

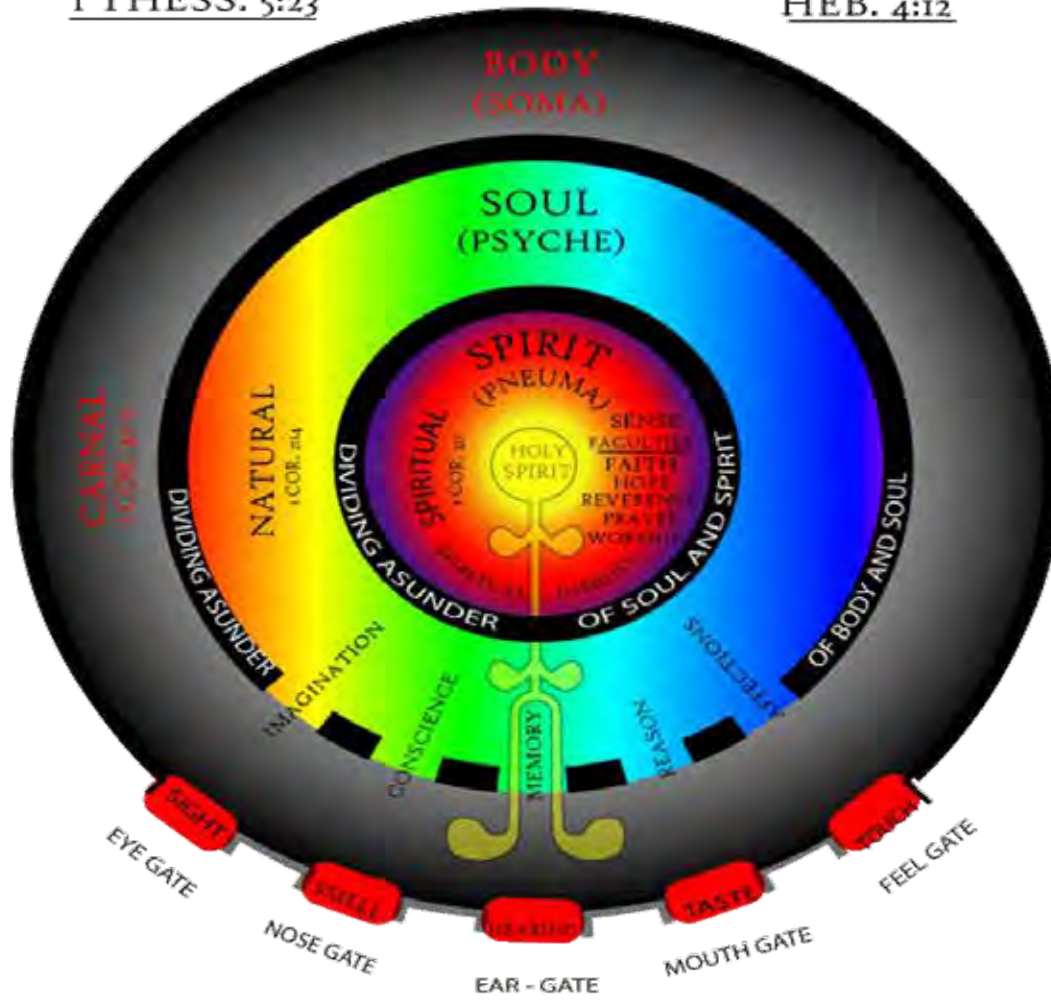
**“Unclean Spirits/  
God Wants You in His Family”  
Matthew 12: 43-49**

**September 4, 2022**

# THE THREEFOLD NATURE OF MAN

1 THESS. 5:23

HEB. 4:12



**Verse 43 - 45**  
**Unclean Spirits**

# **Jesus' story gives us insight into the demonic realm**

- Demon spirits like dry places**
- Demon spirits like human bodies to possess and cause chaos**

There is not a demon of everything; much comes from depraved human hearts

Mark 7: 20-23

C.S. Lewis: Two errors people make with demons

- Too much emphasis on the devil – the demon of everything
- Don't believe in the devil at all

*Demons are equally pleased with both errors!*

**The believer is subject to attack in 3 areas:**

*The world, the flesh, and the devil*

**Devil** = accuser

**Satan** = adversary of God, and all related to God, the True Church and Israel

**World** = the world system, in place since the fall of mankind, controlled by Satan

**Flesh** = our fallen nature prone to evil, attracted like a magnet to evil

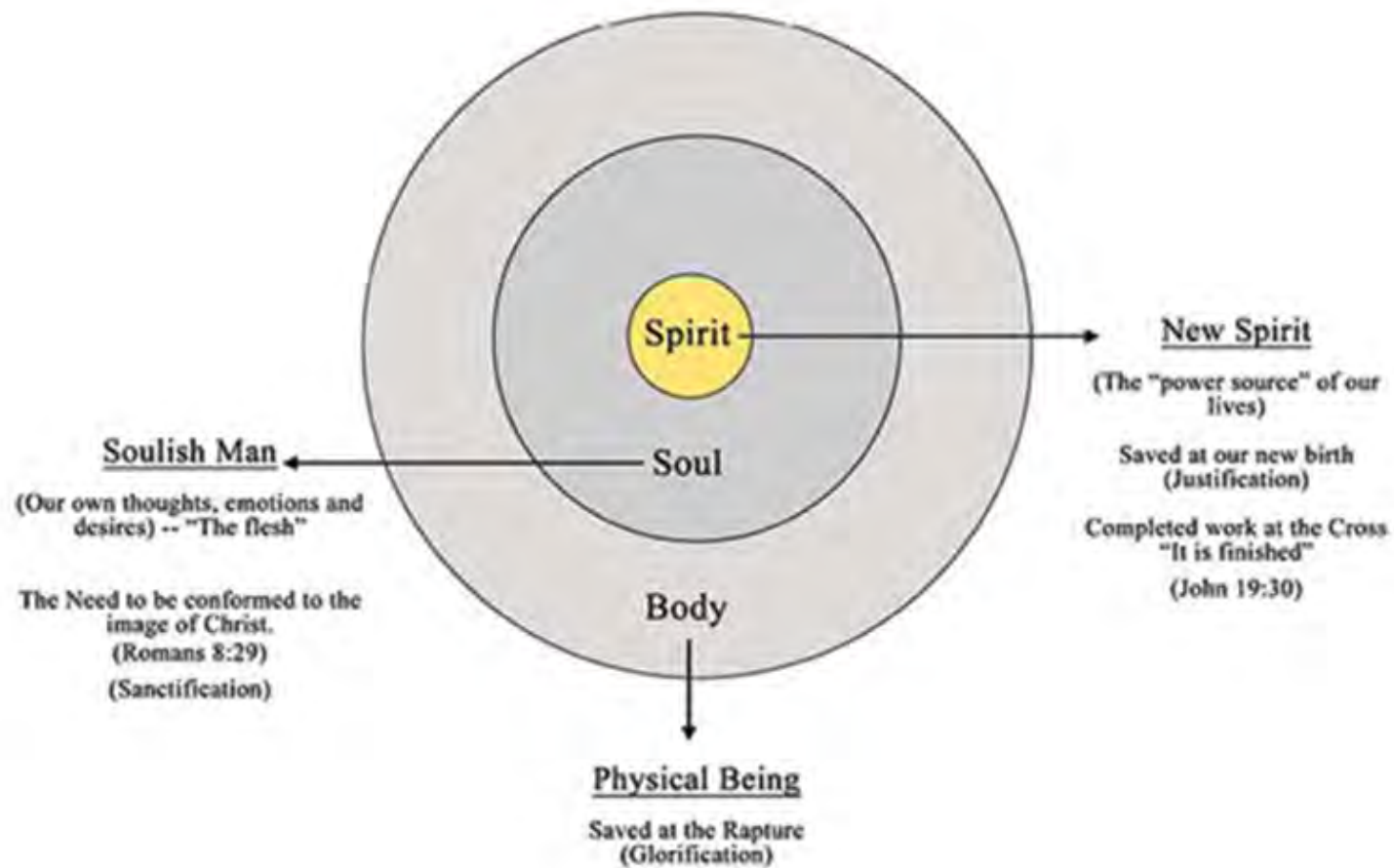
**What are we to do with our flesh?**

***CRUCIFY IT!*** **Galatians 5: 24**

**God has given you the Holy Spirit so you can make a faith choice, instead of a flesh choice**

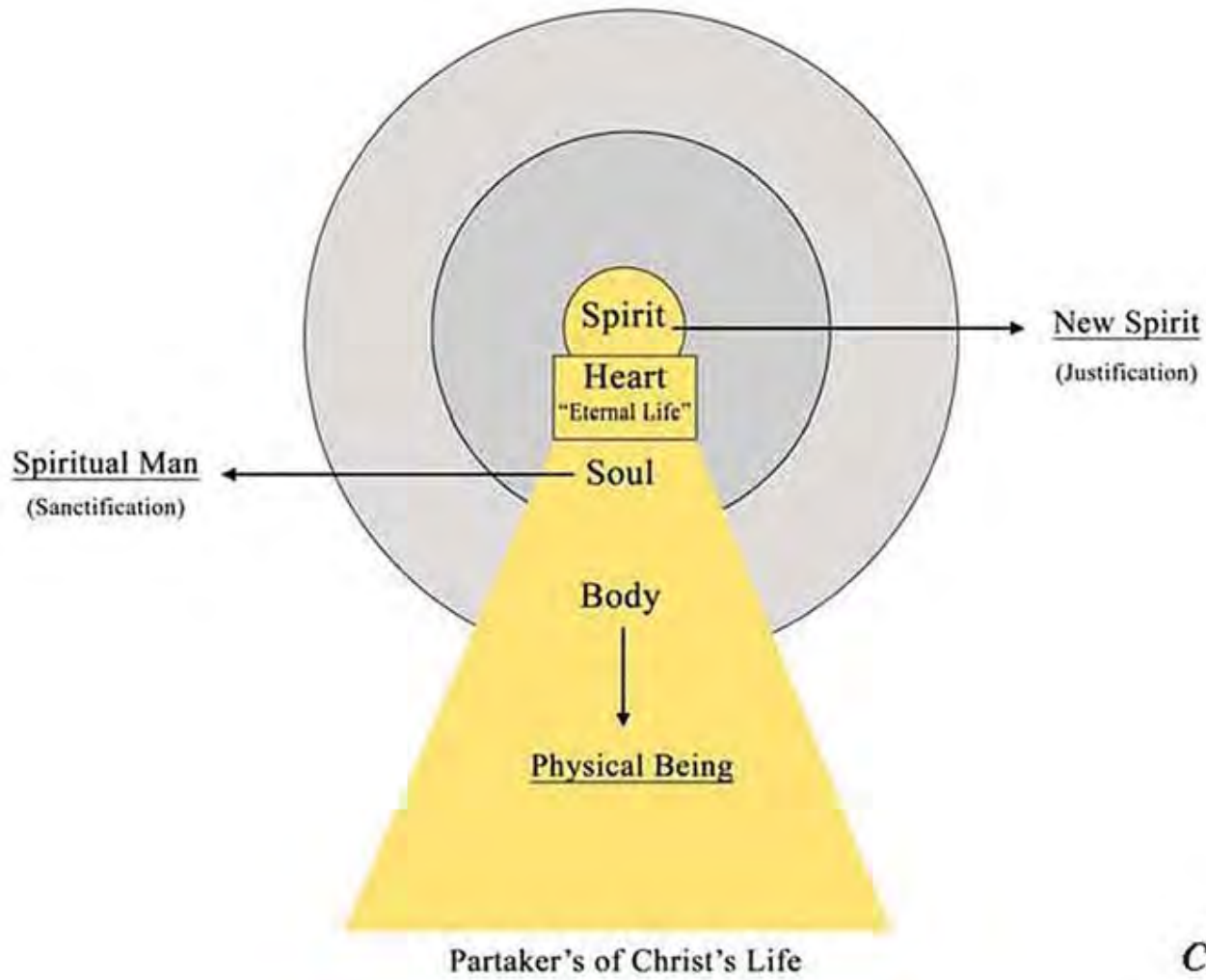
**Faith or flesh** – the one you feed is the one who rules

## Justification (New Birth)

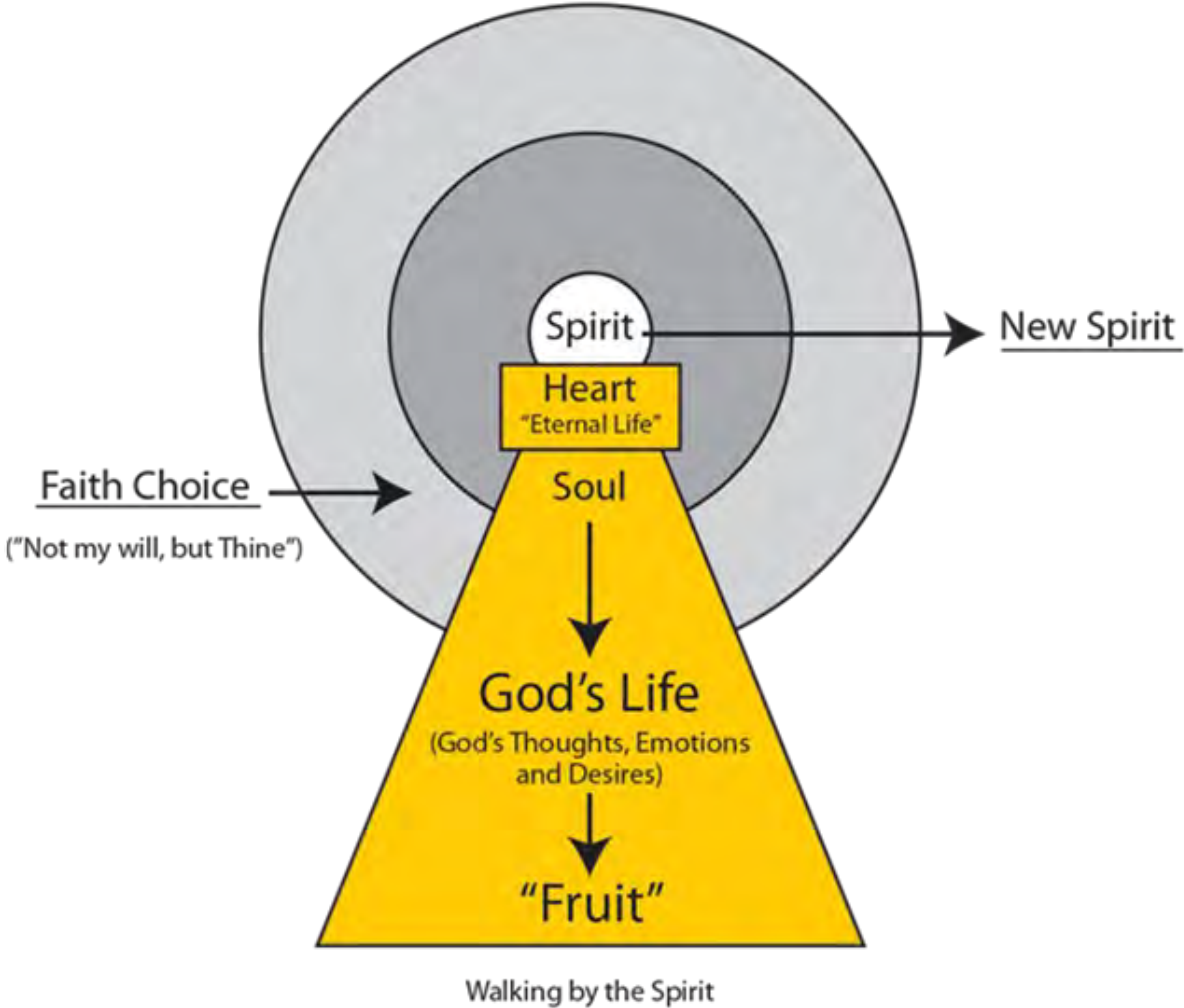




# Sanctification Process (Transformation of our Soul)



# Re-Filled with the Spirit



## WHAT ABOUT DEMON POSSESSION?

As we draw closer to the return of Jesus, we can expect the demonic realm to become more active

I do not believe that a believer can be demon possessed – ***THINK ABOUT IT!***

- 1) *“He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world”* – 1 John 4: 4
- 2) *“You are the temple of the Holy Spirit”*  
2 Corinthians 6: 15

- 3) *“You were sealed by the Holy Spirit of promise” – Ephesians 1: 13*
- 4) *“God will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one” – 2 Thessalonians 3: 3*
- 5) *“Put on the whole armor of God” – Ephesians 6: 11*
- 6) *“Take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ” – 2 Corinthians 10: 5*
- 7) *“Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” – James 4: 7-8b*

## OUR WAR STRATEGY:

SUBMIT >

RESIST >

DRAW NEAR >

TAKE CAPTIVE  
EVERY THOUGHT >

ARMOR UP!

**It seems that salvation of a soul is the answer to demon possession**

## A WORD ON BINDING SATAN:

There is no place in Scripture where a believer is told to *“bind”* Satan

There is nothing from **Acts to Revelation** instructing a believer in this area

Neither Luke, Paul, James, John, or Jude, mentions a believer *“binding”* Satan

## A WORD ON BINDING SATAN (cont.):

The Scripture where *“binding”* is used is not in relation to spiritual warfare

**Binding** means **inhibiting**:

- We can *inhibit* Satan's influence in our lives by staying close to our Shepherd
- By not wandering off into the world, falling prey to the devil's deception, or obeying the edicts of the flesh

Verse 46 - 50

**God's Family – *Our Real Family!***



**In context, Jesus' family thought He was out of His mind – Mark 3: 21**

**Jesus' family, his brothers and sisters, did not believe in Him until after the resurrection**

**Our world does not see Jesus as He is –**

***GOD INCARNATE!***

**To our world, loud and clear:**

**He is the **LORD JESUS CHRIST**, the **KING OF KINGS** and  
**LORD OF LORDS!****

**My **Savior**, my **Redeemer**, my **Sovereign God**, and my  
***FRIEND!!*****

## CLOSING THOUGHTS:

God is into family

God invites all of us to be part of His family

The only way into this incredible family is through the *“new birth”* – John 3: 3

## THINK ABOUT GOD:

**One so great** would want to spend forever with one like us – ***UNFATHOMABLE!***

Forever we will be in the divine presence of God

No matter where we are assigned in God's creation, the farthest galaxy, whatever dimension, ***GOD IS THERE!***

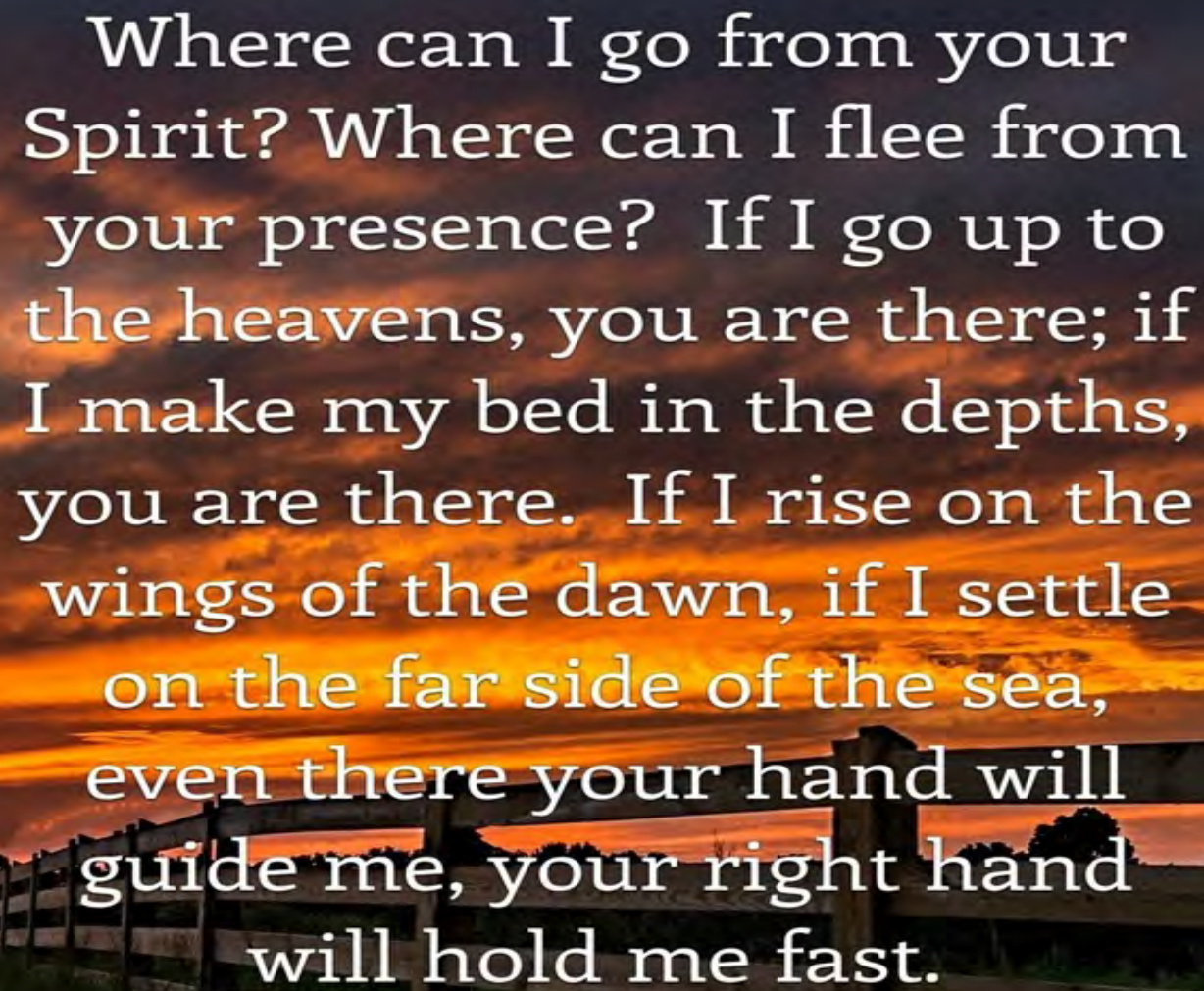
***“In the beginning, GOD”***

**Genesis 1: 1** – a statement of fact!

Not matter, not mind, not laws governing the universe – ***but GOD!!***

**God is the uncaused cause of matter, mind, and law!**

Hear King David on the vastness of ***GOD:***

A photograph of a sunset over a field. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, with the sun low on the horizon. In the foreground, there is a wooden fence made of vertical posts and horizontal rails, running across the field. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

Where can I go from your  
Spirit? Where can I flee from  
your presence? If I go up to  
the heavens, you are there; if  
I make my bed in the depths,  
you are there. If I rise on the  
wings of the dawn, if I settle  
on the far side of the sea,  
even there your hand will  
guide me, your right hand  
will hold me fast.

Psalm 139:7-10 NIV

**Jesus to each of us who believe in Him:**

- We are ***FAMILY!***
- You are ***My Brother, My Sister!***
- You are ***My FAMILY!!***

**Before the world began, Jesus chose us to live with Him forever -**

***AMAZING, INDESCRIBABLE GOD!!***

***OUR AMAZING GOD WANTS YOU  
IN HIS FAMILY!!***

***THAT TRULY IS AMAZING!!!***