



In His incarnation, Christ Jesus preached and taught about the Kingdom of God.
IT WAS THE GOOD NEWS HE BROUGHT! ... Because it was what God intended for His people from the very beginning.

Lord Jesus our King and High Priest sacrificed His life that we might come into His kingdom and know of its **marvels and wonders** ... its **abundance and power** ... it's **peace and joy** ... it's **truth and it's way** of life.

The words of Christ, the Good Shepherd – Luke 12:32 ...

Matt. 6:33 - Our priority is to seek after the government and rule of God in our lives
...



WE HAVE BEEN MADE FREE ... WE have not learnt HOW TO WALK IN OUR FREEDOM

Like the children of Israel when they were released from captivity and bondage in Egypt.

Even though they saw the miracles of God for 40 years ... still could not believe ...

WHAT IS DIFFERENT ABOUT THE CHURCH TODAY AND THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL THEN?

(give examples of our continued bondage ...)

Are do KNOW the truth? - then why are we not free?

(we want to move from philosophy to reality)

CHRIST JESUS IN HIS INCANATION is our example of a truly free man!

TRUE FREEDOM IS ... WALKNING COMPLETELY IN THE WILL OF GOD THE FATHER...

... "MY JOY IS TO DO YOUR WILL, ON MY GOD"

... MY FOOD IS TO DO THE WILL OF HE WHO SENT ME ...

Gal. 5:1 - Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

2 Corinthians 3:17 *"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."*

Galatians 2:4 *"...our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus..."*

John 8:36 *"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."*

Romans 8:2 *"For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."*

Galatians 5:13 *"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another."*

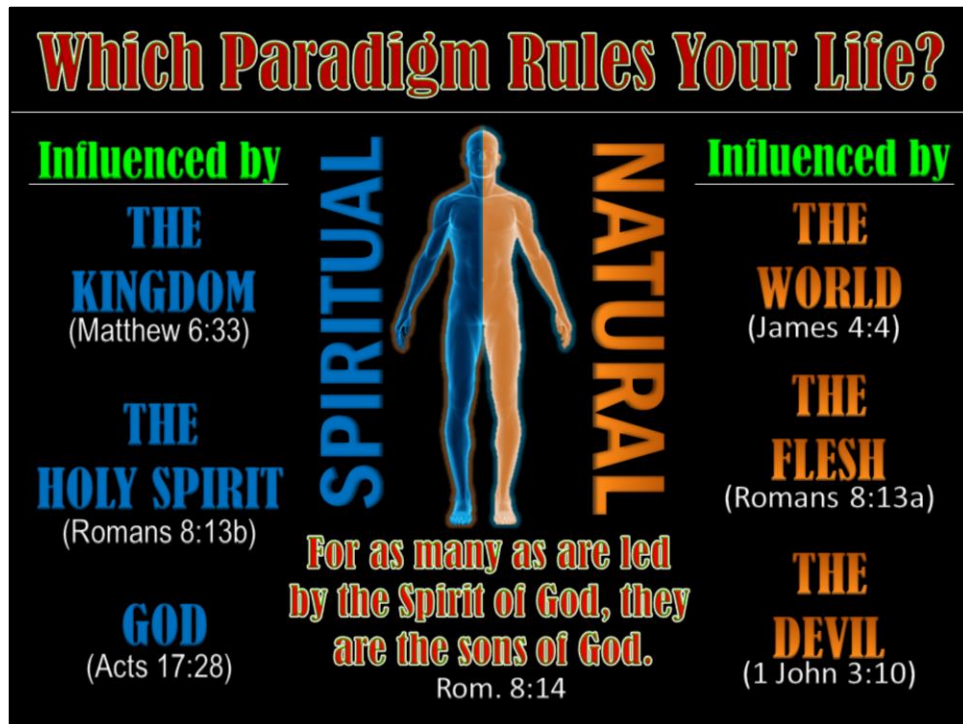
Romans 6:6-7 *"We know that our old self was crucified with Him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. **For one who has died has been set free from sin.**" (must be willing to lose your life for Christ sake)*

2 Timothy 1:7 *"For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."*

John 8:32 *"And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

Colossians 1:22 *"He has now reconciled in His body of flesh **by His death**, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach (free from sin/unblemished) before Him."*

Psalms 118:5 *"Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free."*



The brown side representing the world...

... sickness and disease (**PHYSICAL, MENTAL, SPIRITUAL**)

... lack and limitation

... poverty and struggle

... personal and inter-relational problems

Matt. 26:41b - The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is **weak**."

We must recognize ... THE WEAKNESS OF THE FLESH!

WHICHEVER WAY WE CHOOSE TO LIVE ... THE FRUIT OF OUR LIVING WILL REFLECT IN THE BODY.

The fruit of our living, or the expression of our lives becomes visible in the only place that it can ... IN THE BODY ... IT'S OUR ONLY CONNECTION TO PHYSICAL REALITY.

Romans 8:5 - 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor

indeed can be. 8 So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

A move away from the dualistic nature into single-minded living by the spirit of God.

**(OUR JOURNEY OF SALVATION IS ONE OF SPIRITUAL MATURITY ...
... AND CULMINATES AT ROM. 8:14)**

- **revelation wisdom NOT BY Natural intelligence** – (*...because our minds are attuned inwardly to the Holy Spirit*)
- **spiritual capacity NOT BY Human competence** – (*... because our rule of life is by the inner dimension of spirit*)
- **to walking by faith NOT BY Living according to sight** –.
- **to doers of the word NOT hearers of the word only** –.
- **walking in the Spirit NOT Living in the flesh** –

James 4:4 - *Adulterers and[a] adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.*

Rom. 8:13a - *For if you live according to the flesh, you will die;*

1 John 3:10 - *In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.*

Matt. 6:33- *Seek ye first the KOG and His righteousness ...*

Rom. 8:13b - *but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

Acts 17:28 - *for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'*

Self-Denial

- ★ The imperial insignia of our heavenly culture.
- ★ The Supreme symbol that reveals our highest estate.
- ★ The divine doorway to living in God's fullness.
- ★ The Royal representation of our earthly Authority.

23 Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. **24** For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.

Luke 9:23-24 (NKJV)

v. 25 For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and is himself destroyed or lost?

WHOLENESS IS NOT POSSIBLE WITHOUT SELF DENIAL ...

SELF-DENIAL is the beginning of the realization of our divine identity.

As long as self form the basis of our lives ...

... we see differences, not sameness.

... we judge, not accept.

... we cannot enter into the newness of life in Christ.

... we se each other after the flesh.



This the fundamental root of all man's problems.

If we are to reveal the KOG, the church cannot remain in its current divided state. (since it is the agency that brings the KOG into the earth).

Bridging the gap of division that exist across the BOC means resolving the Principle of division which Lord Jesus taught ...

Any kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and any house divided against itself, falls.

The transaction of the cross bridged the gap of separation ...
... between heaven and earth...
... between god and man ...
... between all men.

The separation that has to be resolved is 1st on an INDIVIDUAL or Micro level and 2nd on the COLLECTIVE or Macro level.

INDIVIDUALLY: we each need to be "In Christ" that COLLECTIVELY, we can become the Body of Christ – The church.

Today, the church does not function as the BOC. We do not even perceive ourselves as a SINGLE body.

The Evidence of our gross division: The BOC is plagued with ...

- ... escalating percentages of sickness and disease

- ... high domestic & family problems

- ... high divorce rates

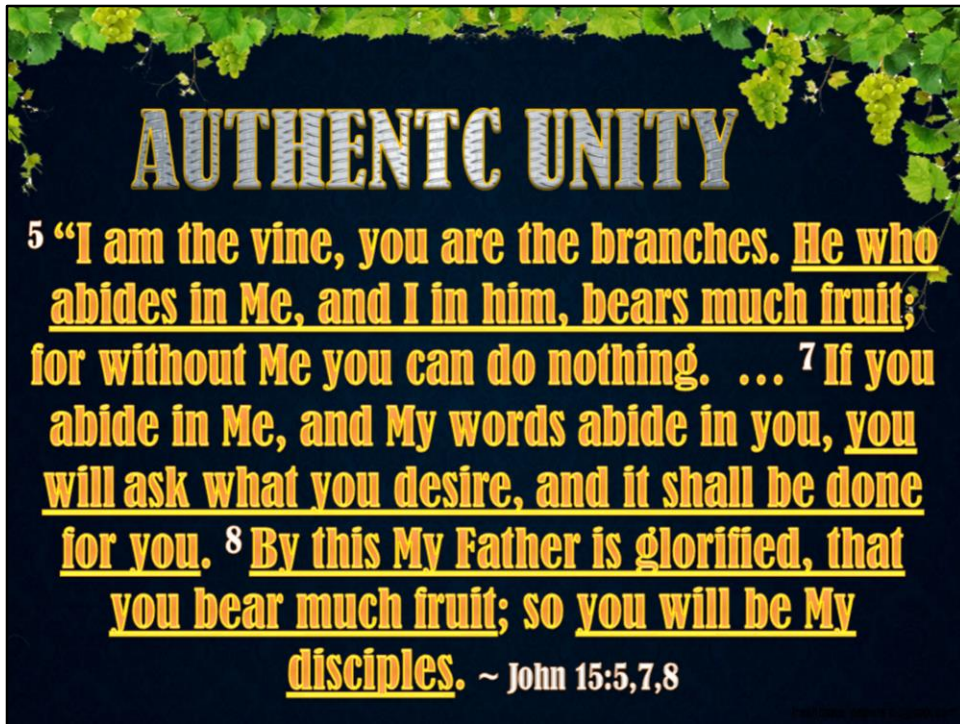
- ... increased rates of sexual immorality

- ... increased reflections of worldliness

- ... lack of spiritual growth

- ... inability to effectively address these issues.

Separation on an individual level has to with the two natures of man which was originally created in divine alignment of harmony, but became separated through disobedience (isaiah).



Authenticity is FREEDOM from the illusion of fear, and alignment to the reality of LOVE.

The Seed Principle – MICRO becomes MACRO ...

One Body . One Spirit . One Hope

**Wholeness is to man,
What oneness is to the Body of Christ.**

**Without wholeness man cannot
realize his dominion potential.**

**Without oneness, the church cannot
demonstrate the fullness of God's power.**

**The oneness of the church is therefore
reliant upon the wholeness of its people.**



"No one, having put his hand to the plow, and
looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

Luke 9:62



WITHOUT ENGAGING THIS PROCESS ... WE WILL REMAIN CONFORMED TO THE WORLD ...

(all that is of the world ... lust of flesh, eyes & pride of life)

People of God will always live in the relentless struggle of the influence, the pull, the lure, the urge for the things of the world ... until we PRACTICALLY AND TRUTHFULLY ENGAGE THE PROCESS OF RENEWING OUR MINDS.

FREEDOM:

Gal. 5:1 - Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free,^[a] and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

2 Cor. 3:17 - Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.

WHAT MAKES THE TRANSFORMATION FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE?

Freedom is living in the CONSTANT awareness of God's presence and always doing the things that please Him, because IT GIVES YOU JOY TO DO SO.

Freedom is loving to do the things that pleases God ...

Freedom is enjoying the things you love to do with a clean and clear conscience ...
... because the things you love to do are the things that please God.

The freest people in the world are those who truly delight in the Lord ...

John 8:29 - And He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left Me alone, for I always do those things that please Him." (OBEDIENCE ... THE KEY ...)

(we THEN fall out of love with the things we ought not to do because they displease God).

If we truly long to break free from ...

... CONFORMITY TO THE WORLD

... TO EXPERIENCE DEEP, MEANINGFUL INNER AND LASTING CHANGE

... FROM DUTY-DRIVEN CHRISTIANITY THAT'S DULL AND DRY ...

... LONG TO KNOW THE FREEDOM OF OFFERING YOUR LIFE AS AN ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE..

TRANSFORMATION – Gr. Metamorphoo – *to transform, to transfigure, to change*

The life that emerges from the transformation then becomes the worship of sacrifice unto God in holiness (v1).



TRANSFORMATION

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.

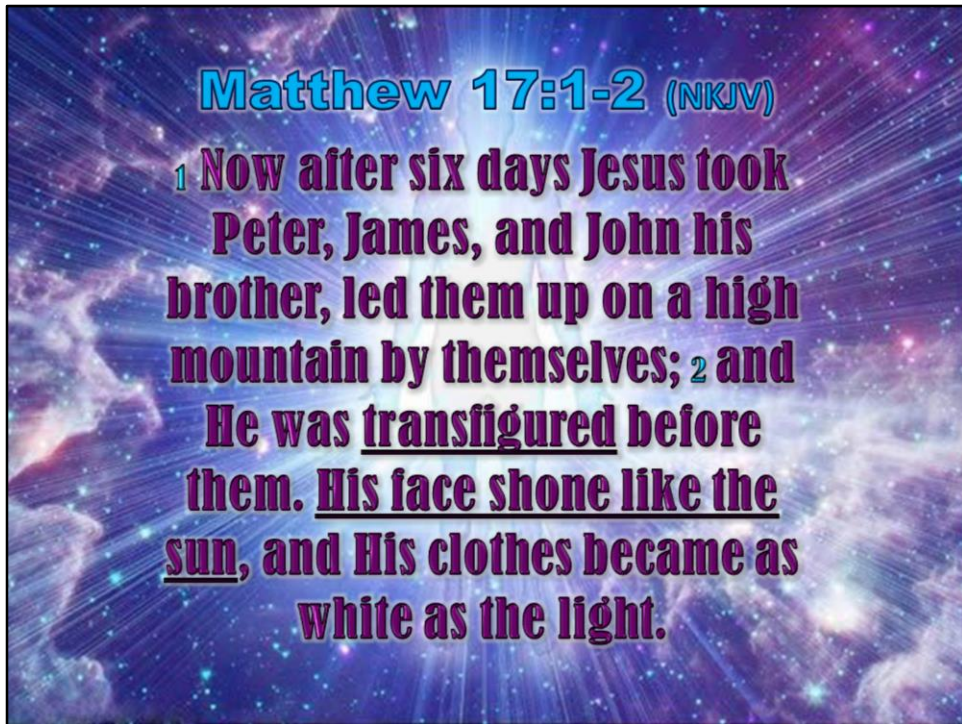
HOLINESS and WHOLENESS are synonymous.
Being HOLY means becoming WHOLE.

1 Pet. 1:16 - BE YE HOLY FOR I AM HOLY



Romans 12:1-2 (NKJV)

I beseech you therefore, brethren,
by the mercies of God, that you
present your bodies a living
sacrifice, holy, acceptable to
God, which is your reasonable
service. ² And do not be conformed
to this world, but be transformed by
the renewing of your mind, that you
may prove what is that good and
acceptable and perfect will of God.



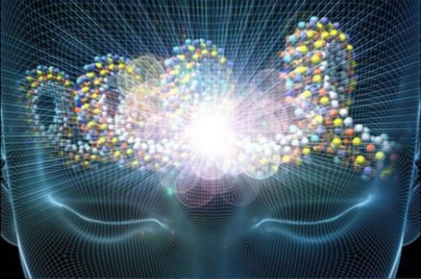
AMP (Matt. 17:2) - And His appearance changed dramatically in their presence; and His face shone [with heavenly glory, clear and bright] like the sun, and His clothing became as white as light.



Understanding The Problem With THE MIND

²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness. ~ Eph. 4:22-24

The mind already has a problem long before we considered its renewal ... it is programmed and acculturated to the world...



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13 Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; ~ 1 Peter 1:13-14

Gird up = TO SECURE, TO PROTECT, TO ENCIRCLE ... **TAKE CHARGE OF YOUR MIND**
(to take charge of your life)

The loins of your mind = THE CREATIVE POWER OF YOUR MIND ...

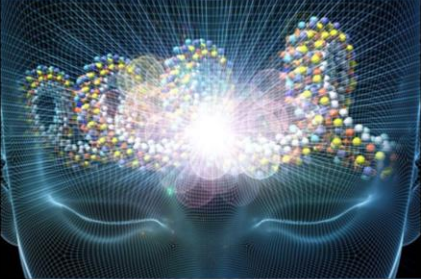
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THOSE IN THE FLESH WILL THEREFORE ...

1. Struggle with loving self, loving one another and loving God
2. Will struggle with absolute obedience to God's Word
3. Will continually live a life of pretense ... because they are not able to accept and engage truth from the heart.
4. ... **SIMPLY CANNOT PLEASE GOD!**

THE MIND GOVERNED BY THE FLESH IS HOSTILE AGAINST GOD.

WE NEED TO CONFORM TO THE WILL OF GOD AND NOT THE WORLD



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17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;
Eph. 4:17-18

FUTILITY = ineffectiveness / uselessness – (they have no governance over their mind, thoughts.)

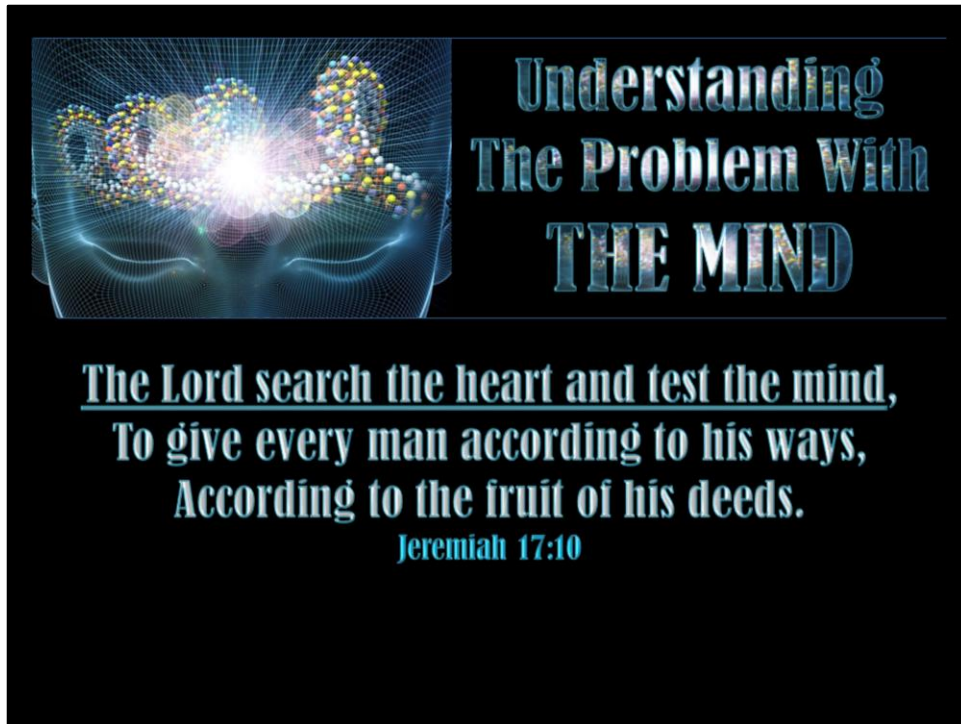
Darkened = obscure / blindness of the understanding. (**WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD AND CANNOT UNDERSTAND IT**)

2 Cor. 4:4 - The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Cor. 3:18 - But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

Titus 3:5 - *not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and **renewing of the Holy Spirit,***

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The quality of our life therefore is based on the ...

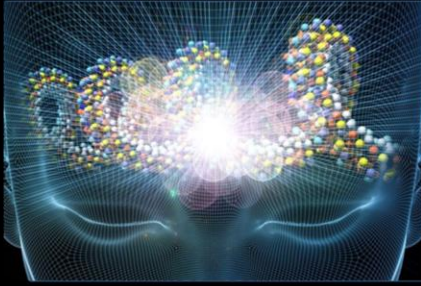
Quality of our THOUGHTS, WORDS and DEEDS.

[2 Corinthians 3:18](#)

But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

[Psalm 51:6](#)

Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.



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He saved us, not because of works done by us in
righteousness, but according to his own mercy,
by the washing of regeneration and renewal of
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Titus3:5

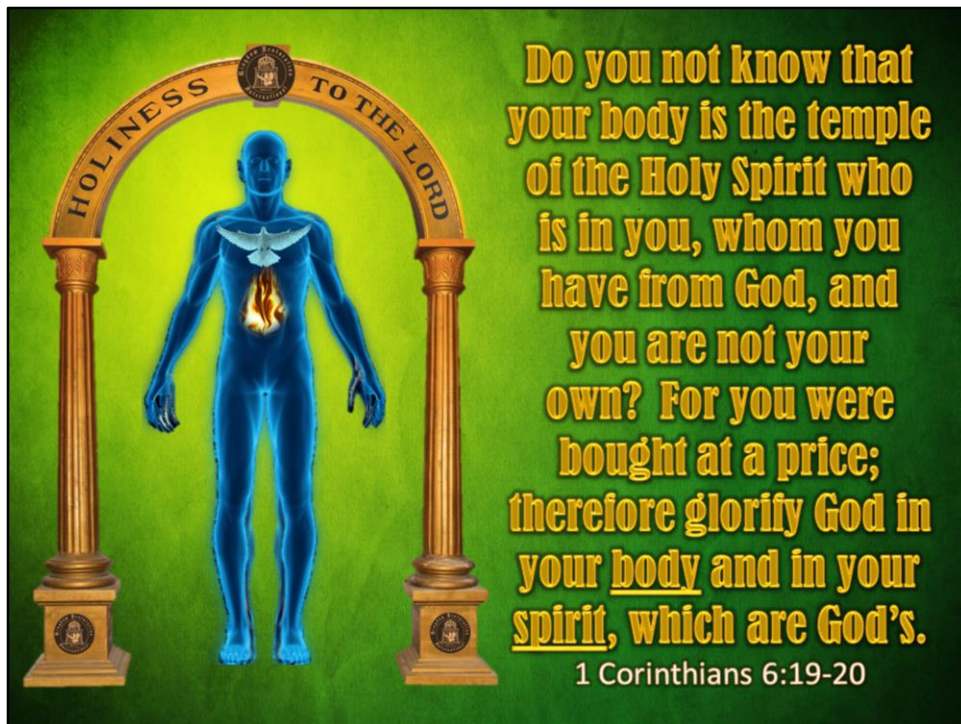


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And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the
glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the
same image from one degree of glory to another.

For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:18



1 cor. 10:31 - So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.

1 cor. 6:13 - Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall destroy both it and them. Now the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body.

The body has a limited life span, during which it must accomplish two vital functions:

- (1) It must support the spirit's growth from infancy to full maturity;
- (2) Through human reproduction it must enable the multiplication of spirit men and women in the earth. (fruitful and multiply)

Since mind is the outflow or the manifestation of the union of the two.

Eph.4: 22-24 - ²²That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;²³ And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

²⁴And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and

true holiness.

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The *conscience* exists to guide people towards a proper relationship between spirit and body. The conscience guides according to what one believes to be true, but the conscience is subordinate to the divine mind and is to be educated by it. The conscience seeks to direct humans towards fulfillment of their true purpose as beings of absolute value, guiding them according to their levels of maturity. Only a perfected mind can fully comprehend absolute values of beauty, truth and goodness and thus direct humanity in a life of perfect oneness with God. In the fallen world relative standards prevail, hence the diversity in moral codes and ethical systems. It is the role of religion to educate the human mind to develop ever more accurate and profound understanding of absolute values, going beyond the limitations of relative standards. In this way religious truth serves as the basis for the true working of conscience. The more the original mind dominates human thinking and behavior, the closer the conscience comes to directing people according to absolute standards of beauty, truth and goodness.

A good life is built on good deeds, inspired by love and truth. Love and truth originate with God, and are given to human beings as the *life element*. In an ideal world they would naturally flow to individuals at one in heart with God. In the human state of disobedience and separation from God, however, religion exists to facilitate the flow of life elements. The essence of a religious life is the pursuit of love and truth. But God's love and truth can flow to men and women only to the extent that they share them with others through the dissemination of truth and the performance of good deeds. Receiving has to be reciprocated by giving, or the flow of love and truth is blocked and growth of the spirit is stunted. Through a life of service to others, balanced by study, contemplation, meditation and prayer, a man or woman of God grows in spiritual maturity. The greater the love and truth received from God, the greater the virtue of that person's words and deeds and the greater the stimulation of the spirit, enabling it to increase its capacity to receive yet more of God's life element.

Eye- vision, Ear- audition, Nose- olfaction, Tongue- gustatory and Skin- tactile sensation. Each of these sense organs has a distinct function to perform, i.e. ear can only hear, eye can only see but cannot hear and so on.



The conscious mind ... is relative to our external or physical life

The Subconscious mind ... is relative to our internal or spiritual life.

- The internal character (spirit) is invisible to the physical senses and yet it is responsible for the behavior of the external reality that is observed, directly or indirectly, by humans...
- The implication of this is that the invisible inner world is the creative potential and therefore more important than the external world known to human senses... (which is why we must live by spirit as true sons ...)

Man creates his own reality, by configuring his own heart (out of it flows the issues of life)