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Born Dead or Alive?

A few of us Bible Believers are having a bit of a debate about Romans 7:7-10, “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I HAD NOT KNOWN SIN, BUT BY THE LAW: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But SIN, TAKING OCCASION BY THE COMMANDMENT, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For WITHOUT THE LAW SIN WAS DEAD. For I WAS ALIVE WITHOUT THE LAW ONCE: but WHEN THE COMMANDMENT CAME, SIN REVIVED, and I DIED. And the COMMANDMENT, which was ordained to life, I FOUND TO BE UNTO DEATH.”

Especially verse 9: “For I was ALIVE without the law ONCE: but WHEN the commandment came, SIN REVIVED, and I DIED.”

And Romans 5:12-14, “Wherefore, as by one man SIN ENTERED INTO THE WORLD, and DEATH BY SIN; and SO DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN, FOR THAT ALL HAVE SINNED: (For UNTIL THE LAW SIN WAS IN THE WORLD: but SIN IS NOT IMPUTED WHERE THERE IS NO LAW. Nevertheless DEATH REIGNED FROM ADAM TO MOSES, even OVER THEM THAT HAD NOT SINNED AFTER THE SIMILITUDE OF ADAM’S TRANSGRESSION, who is the figure of him that was to come.”

Especially verse 13, “For UNTIL the LAW SIN was IN THE WORLD: but SIN is NOT IMPUTED when there is NO LAW.”

With Ephesians 2:1-3, “And YOU hath he QUICKENED, who WERE DEAD in TRESPASSES AND SINS; Wherein IN TIME PAST ye walked according to THE COURSE OF THIS WORLD, according to THE PRINCE OF THE POWER OF THE AIR, the SPIRIT that now WORKETH in the CHILDREN of DISOBEDIENCE: Among whom also we all had our conversation IN TIMES PAST IN THE LUST OF OUR FLESH, fulfilling THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH AND OF THE MIND; and were BY NATURE THE CHILDREN OF WRATH, even as others.” The question is this: When a child is born PHYSICALLY into this world does he or she have a LIVING spirit. OR are we all born with a DEAD spirit? Please provide a verse or verses that say we are born with a dead spirit. Are there any takers?

I didn’t think so. Fact is there is no verse that says this anywhere in the Bible.

We are going to deal with this error in this study.

What Died? What Was SLAIN?

Romans 7:9-11, “For **I was alive without the law once**: but **when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died**. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found **to be unto death**. For **sin**, taking occasion by the commandment, **deceived me, and by it slew me**.”

Spiritual death for everyone happens when they come to their age of accountability: Romans 7:9, “For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.” How do you know it’s spiritual? Read the next verse. What was SLAIN? Was it his body? NO! Was it his soul? NO! What’s left but his spirit?

Romans 5:12-13, “Wherefore, as by one man **sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned**: For **until the law sin was in the world**: but **sin is not imputed when there is no law**.” And Romans 4:15, “Because the law worketh wrath: for **where no law is, there is no transgression**.”

Ephesians 2:1-3, “And **you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins**; Wherein in **time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience**: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were **by nature the children of wrath, even as others**.” This word “children” is to say a child born from disobedience and a child born from wrath. Like you are children of you mom and dad. This is not talking about children in innocence. Adam was in innocence before he sinned and had a living spirit. According to Romans 7:9-11, the innocence of the child preserves no law (Romans 5:12-13 therefore no transgression Romans 4:15, and therefore no penalty i.e. a dead spirit). Notice the following passages of Scriptures:

Matthew 18:3, “And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and **become as little children**, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:13-14, “Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: **for of such is the kingdom of heaven**.”

Mark 10:13-15, “And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: **for of such is the kingdom of God**. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein.”

Luke 18:15-17, “And they brought unto him also **infants**, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But **Jesus called them unto him**, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: **for of such is the kingdom of God**. Verily I say unto you, **Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein**.”

Notice Circumcision: Genesis 17:12-14, “And he that is **eight days old** shall be **circumcised among you**, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed. He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, **must needs be circumcised**: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. And the uncircumcised **man child** whose **flesh** of his **foreskin** is **not circumcised**, that **soul shall be cut off from his people**; he **hath broken my covenant**.” A type of the **spiritual circumcision** made without hands in the cutting away the flesh from the soul: Colossians 2:11-12, “In whom also ye are circumcised **with the circumcision made without hands**, in **putting off the body of the sins of the flesh** by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism,

wherein also ye are risen with him **through the faith of the operation of God**, who hath **raised him from the dead.**”

Notice that the child is 8 years old when circumcised; why 8? 8 is the number of a new thing, here it is associate with a new person in the sense of a different type of person, that is, one that is circumcised. So is it in the circumcision made without hands; but we were not 8 years old physically, or spiritually. This happens simultaneously with the New Birth but is NOT the same thing. The redemption of the soul is very different from the redemption of the spirit as is also the same in difference as the redemption of the body. These differences show expressly that the soul is NEVER said to have been born again anywhere in the scriptures; and the spirit is NEVER to have been saved anywhere in the scriptures. There is a difference. Notice you **MUST** be **LIKE** (as) a little child to enter into heaven: what is a **CHILD LIKE**? Completely **INNOCENT**! You **MUST** be **BORN AGAIN**! **LIKE** a **CHILD**. You **MUST** have a **LIVING** spirit in you! **LIKE A CHILD**!

When the child comes of age to realize right and wrong (the tree of the knowledge of good and evil). Genesis 2:16-17, “And the LORD God **commanded the man**, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But **of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil**, thou shalt not eat of it: for **in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**” Here we see the MAN was commanded **ONLY** and **NOT** the woman with him because this command was given on the 6th day before woman was created. Also notice that Adam was created a full grown MAN and **NOT** as a child even though prior to disobeying God Adam and Eve were both **INNOCENT**, but **NOT** sinless.

The attribute of sinless is not just to be without sin, but also an attribute to not be **ABLE TOO** sin. Adam was created with his soul stuck to his flesh and God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul. The breath came into the **FLESH** and the Soul **LIVED**: why? **Because the soul is stuck to the flesh.**

Adam was **CREATED with a FLAW**: his very **nature** was such that **whatever his flesh DID would affect his SOUL** and **thus affect his SPIRIT**. In the **DAY** he ate of that tree he **DIED**! Yet he lived physically to be 930 years old. On the Adamic time line that places his **PHYSICAL** death after the birth of his (6 great) great-great-great-great-great-grandson: Lamech. (**Lamech was the father of Noah.**)

What then is the meaning of “in the day you eat thereof you shall surely die”? If it’s **NOT physical** then it **MUST be spiritual**: their eyes were opened to their nakedness. Whatever clothing they had on was gone! Their bodies had been altered as was their **spiritual nature** altered. Adam’s **personal sin killed his spirit** and because he sinned in the flesh, and his soul was stuck to his flesh: his soul became by the very nature of having a dead spirit; a lost soul. This is **the nature that was passed down**: a sinful nature in his body being stuck to the soul; and a **death sentence upon an innocent living spirit**. It is only a matter of **TIME**: when the child comes out of innocents with the **KNOWLEDGE** of good and evil that kills his spirit as Adam did. **No one escapes this because of our propensity to sin.** It is not even dormant during our innocence, however, where there is no law, sin is **NOT imputed** therefore **there is no consequence for sin at that time**. This means the children go to heaven when they die prior to accountability which is different for everyone.

Personal accountably to God is what the Holy Spirit is commissioned to do during the Church age: John 16:7-12, “Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you. And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: Of sin, because they believe not on me; Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged. I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now.” He will reprove the world of **SIN** and of **RIGHTEOUSNESS** and of **JUDGMENT**. Notice of sin is **NOT** disobeying the **LAW**! Of sin because they believe not on me (Jesus Christ speaking here). This is because of **PERSONAL SINS**, that is why you need a **PERSONAL SAVIOR**. You can not blame Adam for **YOUR** personal sins; if it were **YOU** instead of **ADAM**,

you would have FALLEN ALSO! He had no history of sin but he was NOT SINLESS! Remember the duel meaning of this?

Adam was not sinful and not sinless prior to his disobedience: he was INNOCENT. The difference is Adam had no SIN NATURE; death had not PASSED to him from some other place. We inherit a sinful nature and a death sentence: we DIE because we SIN: Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:" Death passed upon all men because of Adam's sin! However, you DIE because of YOUR sin! The DEATH of your spirit is YOUR FAULT and no one else's. You WILL pay for your own sins if you are NOT born again. When sin revived you (that is your spirit) DIED like Adam's did; and SIN deceived you (like it did Eve) and by it slew you (killed your spirit). From that time till now you have a DEAD spirit; and because your soul is stuck to your flesh what your flesh DID to KILL your spirit, your SOUL is ACCOUNTABLE too God for YOUR personal SIN and SINS. What you ARE is a SINNER and that from birth. But your sins from birth till the age of accountability were **NOT IMPUTED** to you, because: Romans 4:15, "Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression." And Romans 5:13, "For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law." It is AFTER the age of accountability that we are "accountable" for our sin, sins and our sinful state. What you need is for Jesus Christ to take your sin, and sins away. That has been taken care of on the cross where Jesus paid it all for YOU. Receive Jesus Christ today before you wake up in Hell Fire to pay for your own sins when you don't have to.

Luke 18:15-17, "And they brought unto him also infants, that he would touch them: but when his disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, **Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.**"

Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:"

This passages looks like it teaches that the spirit of man is born dead: after all IF Adam was pronounced dead that is he had a dead spirit; then his children would have been procreated with dead spirits too. This logic is faulty in this way: The passage is NOT just talking about the spirit being dead but the whole tripartite nature of man: the body will die; the soul of a lost man will die; and the spirit will die. Something that has NEVER lived can not be DEAD. Death is an attribute of something that WAS LIVING! How therefore can the spirit of man be dead at birth if it was never alive. Adam was created, and before God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life to make him a living soul: he was just mud: dust and water in the form of flesh: no heart beat, no lungs breathing, nothing. He was NOT DEAD: he had not been alive yet. Death is the succession of life: or the end of a KIND of life. The death of the soul in hell is a separation from THIS life: it is a BURNING HELL FIRE. This would be an eternal death STATE: nevertheless the soul lives IN it and has to go THROUGH it and will be conscious during this!

When the body dies, it turns back to dust, the state is altered, and it has no more the breath of life in it that IT HAD BEFORE. Brain activity stops, the heart stops. Life AS WE KNOW IT ENDS there. But the Bible teaches that the SOUL is ETERNAL, and goes to eternal LIFE or eternal DEATH. The spirit is a different thing altogether:

Job 27:3, "All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;" This is a living spirit; but the spirit of MAN is dead in the Old Testament. Same as in the New Testament: until he is Born Again. But we all have this spirit of LIFE, in the sense that God has given us this breath: just breath through your nose: see, you have the breath of life. This is a different thing. The soul has the spirit of MAN residing inside: 1 Thessalonians 5:23; John 3:5-7; 1 Corinthians 15:45. "And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit."

The spirit is a much different thing because there are many spirits that come from God: yet what we are talking about here is the spirit that resides IN MAN. Ecclesiastes 12:7, “Then shall the **dust return to the earth as it was**: and the **spirit shall return unto God who gave it**.” Here the BODY is DUST; yet the spirit of man returns to God WHO GAVE IT. The spirit of man is NOT PROCREATED through Genealogy: The DEATH that passed on all men is the DEATH SENTENCE: which you KNOW because you are NOT born PHYSICALLY DEAD as a rule. You are NOT born with your SOUL already in HELL! So how do you know that the breath of LIFE (spirit) is NOT the same as man’s spirit? Isaiah 42:5, “Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; **he that giveth breath unto the people** upon it, and **spirit to them that walk therein**.” Notice “...he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, AND spirit to them that walk therein.” They are TWO separate things.

“...Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.”

Luke 18:16

My take on it is the LAW was DEAD to the INFANT from birth to the age of accountability (whenever that is) then the LAW REVIVES and slays our spirit. I have yet to find a verse that states that we are born dead. Just a VERSE would be nice. I can not in good faith teach we are born dead without a VERSE. See I am reckoning that a baby goes to heaven if it dies in innocence because of the living spirit within.

The nature of the water-on-the-brain 33 year old that has the mental abilities of a 2 year old is STILL in innocence and has a living spirit because he never came of age. God doesn't impute sin where there is no law and where there is no law the law is DEAD and the spirit is alive. When the LAW in the person becomes ALIVE (revives) it KILLS the spirit: because of the nature of the death sentence passed from Adam on his personal sin. It kills us because of OUR PERSONAL SIN. (Romans 5:12, “Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and SO DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN, FOR ALL HAVE SINNED:” death passed upon all, because of our PERSONAL SIN, the death sentence was NOT passed on the innocence. Exodus 23:7, “Keep thee far from a false matter; and THE INNOCENT AND RIGHTEOUS SLAY THOU NOT: for I will not justify the wicked.” Then why would we be born innocent and slain?) I still have a hard time believing everyone was born with a dead spirit when the Bible does NOT SAY THIS.

I NEED a verse that SAYS THAT. These verses do teach our condition in the context, so why not in verse 9. Just a blanket statement "for, we ARE born dead." is NOT going to do it without the VERSE that SAYS that.

Deuteronomy 27:25, “Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. And all the people shall say, Amen.” Babies are INNOCENT from conception till the age of accountability. This is a good case for getting rid of abortion.

A child before he is of the age of accountability could claim this: Job 33:9, “I am clean without transgression, **I am innocent**; neither is there iniquity in me.”

Over and over in the Old Testament you see this: “...shed innocent blood...” as a thing most detestable to the Lord. Judas said he betrayed innocent blood speaking of Jesus Christ’s blood. What other blood could be like that unless it is innocent blood.

What did Jesus mean when he says: Matthew 18:3, “And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and **become as little children**, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.”? Unless **little children have a living spirit**; he is talking about **being born again** which is **the birth of the spirit of man**. Therefore little children **HAVE a living spirit**. I have shown time and time again that all these verses show we are born with a living spirit that DIES when the law revives in our heart at the age of accountability and thus we MUST be born again. **We are NOT born DEAD!** I just need ONE chapter and ONE verse that show plainly that WE ARE BORN DEAD. Just ONE!

Luke 18:16, “But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: **for of such is the kingdom of God.**” HOW can the kingdom of God be like LITTLE CHILDREN unless they have a LIVING SPIRIT?

Next verse: Luke 18:17, “Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God **as a little child shall in no wise enter therein.**” That means you MUST be born again and BECOME **LIKE a little child with a LIVING SPIRIT!!!** (See John 3:3-8)

The issue with being BORN WRONG is the fact that Adam was originally created with his soul STUCK to his flesh: you know this because when God **breathed into his nostrils (FLESH) the breath of life** (spirit) he became **a living SOUL!** This means whatever he did IN THE FLESH affected his SOUL. The issue of salvation is of the SOUL because the YOU inside is the SOUL and NOT the spirit; then **how can the spirit be dead at birth?** It wasn't with Adam when he was created. WHY with no BIBLE VERSE do people say we have a dead spirit AT BIRTH? It's NOT BIBLE!!! It is nowhere to be found in the Bible. No one is ever born dead spiritually in either testament.

John Calvin went further with his Total Depravity: "To this first knowledge was afterwards added the more intimate knowledge which alone quickens dead souls, and by which God is known not only as the Creator of the worlds and the sole author and disposer of all events, but also as a Redeemer, in the person of the Mediator." Calvin's Institutes, Page 50. He believed the SOUL to be dead! He also puts all this in a category of **Original Sin**. These are NOT Biblical words or sound doctrine. The thought that the soul and the spirit were the same thing is repugnant to scriptures. (See: Hebrews 4:12 and 1 Thessalonians 5:23.)

Calvin also states: "When investigating the seat of corruption, he says it is in the flesh (as Paul declares), not properly, indeed, but as being more apparent in the flesh. As if Paul had meant that only a part of the soul, and not the whole nature, was opposed to supernatural grace. Paul himself leaves no room for doubt, when he says, that corruption does not dwell in one part only, but that no part is free from its deadly taint. For, speaking of corrupt nature, he not only condemns the inordinate nature of the appetites, but, in particular, declares that the understanding is subjected to blindness, and the heart to depravity (Eph. 4:17, 18)." Calvin's Institutes Page 158. For the truth you need to just read Ephesians 4:17-32 Paul is not talking about lost people or the depravity of the lost; he is talking about SAVED people: Ephesians 4:14, 16, 20- 25. Paul is telling Christians not to be like the lost: to put off the old man with his deeds. So is the saved man also totally depraved?

Calvin proclaims the TOTAL depravity of man and that man in his natural state is utterly and totally DEAD: "There is nothing more frequent in their mouths than the parable of the traveler who fell among thieves, and was left half dead (Luke 10:32). I am aware that it is a common idea with almost all writers, that under the figure of the traveler is represented the calamity of the human race. Hence our opponents argue that man was not so mutilated by the robbery of sin and the devil as not to preserve some remains of his former endowments; because it is said he was left half dead. For where is the half living, unless some portion of right will and reason remain? First, were I to deny that there is any room for their allegory, what could they say? There can be no doubt that the Fathers invented it contrary to the genuine sense of the parable. **Allegories ought to be carried no further than Scripture expressly sanctions:** so far are they from forming a sufficient basis to found doctrines upon. And were I so disposed I might easily find the means of tearing up this fiction by the roots. **The Word of God leaves no half life to man,** but teaches, that, in regard to life and happiness, he has utterly perished. Paul, when he speaks of our redemption, says not that the half dead are cured (Eph. 2:5, 6; 5:14) but that **those who were dead are raised up.** He does not call upon the half dead to receive the illumination of Christ, but upon those who are asleep and buried." Calvin's Institutes Pages 209-210. The Total Depravity of Totally DEAD people, is ridiculous: how can Totally DEAD People be Totally Depraved if they are TOTALLY DEAD? They would be totally put to bed with a shovel in a grave dirt bed.

And he goes on to say: "In the same way our Lord himself says, "The hour is coming, and now is, when **the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God,**" (John 5:25). How can they presume to set up a flimsy allegory in opposition to so many clear statements? But be it that this allegory is good evidence, what can they extort out of it? Man is half dead, therefore there is some soundness in him. True! he has a mind capable of understanding, though incapable of attaining to heavenly and spiritual wisdom; he has some discernment of what is honorable; he has some sense of the Divinity, though he cannot reach the true knowledge of God. But to what do these amount? **They certainly do not refute the doctrine of Augustine—a doctrine confirmed by the common suffrages even of the Schoolmen...**" Calvin's Institutes Page 210. The "half dead" issue IS a good issue, however it is actually only 1/3 dead: because we have a living body, a living soul and a living spirit until the age

of accountability, then **only the spirit dies!** The nature of the soul is a sinner because it willfully sins being stuck to the body which sins because it is a sinner and although death looms over the body because of sin, the body is very much alive in a lost person and the execution of death hangs over the body ever present, yet not executed. Such is the same over the spirit of the child until the age of accountability when the soul knows it is guilty, sin, and the law slay the spirit of the person. Therefore must the spirit be born again; and the soul because it is lost must be saved. Romans 7:7-11, “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, **but by the law:** for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But sin, **taking occasion** by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For **without the law sin was dead.** For **I was alive without the law once:** but **when the commandment came, sin revived,** and **I died.** And the commandment, which was ordained to life, **I found to be unto death. For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.**” Of the body or soul or spirit, there can be only ONE that this death is referring to and that would be the death of the spirit.

Calvin also stated: “...Original depravity remains after baptism. Its existence in infants.” Calvin's Institutes Page 795 and again: “The two things, therefore, must be distinctly observed—viz. that we are vitiated and perverted in all parts of our nature, and then, on account of this corruption, are justly held to be condemned and convicted before God, to whom nothing is acceptable but purity, innocence, and righteousness. And hence, even infants bring their condemnation with them from their mother's womb; for although they have not yet brought forth the fruits of their unrighteousness, they have its seed included in them. Nay, their whole nature is, as it were, a seed of sin, and, therefore, cannot but be odious and abominable to God.” Calvin's Institutes Page 799

It appears that **Calvin is saying that the infant is dead at birth** and that is why he required infant baptism. I know he did not teach there was merit in water baptism; however he called it a sacrament. Which seems backwards: but there you go after all we are talking about Calvinism. It seems more likely that the original verses mentioned are related to this issue and that a child is born with a living spirit. Until I see a verse that says otherwise I MUST teach the Bible as I see its truth that God revealed to me. I would not ask for anyone else otherwise. **You are NOT BORN DEAD;** albeit you are born WRONG because **your soul is stuck to your body.** It is **inevitable** the death of your spirit: because of the domino effect: body to soul to spirit the effect of sin falls on them all; and thus the wrath of God falls on them all, yet it is not executed expediently. Ecclesiastes 8:11, “Because **sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily,** therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil.”

In refutation of Calvin the Bible says: Matthew 7:11, “If ye then, **being evil, know how to give good gifts** unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?” and Luke 11:13, “If ye then, **being evil, know how to give good gifts** unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit **to them that ask him?**” So evil people can do good things? Calvin was WRONG then. The fact that people are tripartite removes Calvinism from existence forever as pseudo-theology.

Furthermore this passage infers **being like children is likened to the new birth** which is the spirit of man that is born again; not like Calvin taught that the soul was dead; it is the spirit in man that dies at the age of accountability not at birth. It therefore stands to reason that **children have a living spirit.** Matthew 18:1-7, “At the same time came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven? And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, **Except ye be converted,** and **become as little children,** ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me. But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea. Woe unto the world because of offences! for it must needs be that offences come; but woe to that man by whom the offence cometh!”

John 3:3, “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**”

John 3:5-8, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.** Marvel not that I said unto thee, **Ye must be born again.** The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: **so is every one that is born of the Spirit.**”

John 1:12, “But as many as **received him**, to them gave he **power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: **Which were born**, not of blood, **nor of the will of the flesh**, nor of the **will of man**, but of God.”

If the will of man cannot give the new birth, then it is the will of the spirit that cannot because it is DEAD. Yet the soul is alive and CAN choose to receive Jesus Christ, giving them power to become the sons of God: ergo, the new birth of the spirit. 1 Corinthians 6:17, “But he that is joined unto the Lord is **one spirit.**” That is man’s born again spirit.

The fact that new born again Christians are spoken of as babes in Christ shows this truth: 1 Corinthians 3:1, “And I, brethren, could **not** speak unto you as unto **spiritual**, but as **unto carnal**, even as unto **babes in Christ.**” A babe in Christ is a carnal Christian; having not yet learned Christ and some having much baggage from the past life to overcome or get over. Again we read in 1 Peter 2:2-3, “**As newborn babes**, desire the sincere **milk of the word**, that ye may **grow** thereby: If so be ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious.” And there is also strong meat but not for babes: Hebrews 5:12-14, “For when **for the time ye ought to be teachers**, ye have need that one teach you again which be the **first principles of the oracles of God**; and are become such as **have need of milk**, and **not of strong meat**. For every one that **useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness**: for **he is a babe**. But **strong meat** belongeth to them that are **of full age**, even those who by **reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.**”

Teachers MUST:

1. Time ye ought to be teachers
2. Principles of the oracles of God
3. Skillful in the word
4. Of full age
5. Reason of use
6. Senses exercised
7. Discernment of both good and evil

Was Adam's Dead spirit PASSED on to US Giving US Dead spirits at Birth?

Adam's sin KILLED HIS spirit and the sentence of DEATH passed upon all men: BECAUSE ALL HAVE SINNED: except the infant! Where there is NO LAW sin is NOT IMPUTED: where sin is not IMPUTED how would their spirit DIE. Job's account is NOT that he was sinless: but that he feared GOD, Job (Genesis 46:13) was contemporary with the 12 tribes of Israel, the Patriarchs. When we read: Job 1:1, "There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and eschewed evil." it does not mean he was SINLESS. Adam was NOT sinless even before he sinned. he was innocent, but not sinless. GOD is the only one that is SINLESS: he has the inability to sin. It is a misunderstanding to tag the word on any man. To be perfect, upright, fearing God and eschewing evil is NOT his condition, but his life style. That does not mean he was perfect from BIRTH or that he always lived upright or always feared God: it meant he DID AT THAT TIME. And for what he did NOT account for was taken care of: Job 1:5, "And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and cursed God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually." Why would he think such a thing about his children UNLESS HE had been there and DONE THAT. Somewhere along the line he had to have done that for himself, and THEN lived in the fear of the Lord.

Adam's sin did follow the seed to the children in that it put in us all the propensity to sin and the sentence of death also followed: it gave us a sin nature or made it natural for us to sin and death follows because we all sin: (Romans 5:12, "Wherefore, as by one man **sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:**") The infant SINS, however where there is no law (Romans 4:15, "Because the law worketh wrath: for **where no law is, there is no transgression.**") sin is NOT imputed (Romans 5:13, "For until the law **sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law.**") the infant is NOT guilty until they KNOW they have sinned; once they have the KNOWLEDGE of good and evil: the SIN at that time KILLS or SLAYS their spirit by that law that revealed that sinful state in them. (Romans 7:7-11, "What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I had not KNOWN sin, but BY THE LAW:** for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But **SIN, taking OCCASION by the COMMANDMENT**, wrought in me all manner of CONCUPISCENCE (powerful feelings of physical desire). For **WITHOUT THE LAW SIN IS DEAD.** For **I WAS ALIVE WITHOUT THE LAW ONCE** (as in once upon a time, talking about his infancy and early childhood): but **when the commandment came** (age of accountability), **SIN REVIVED**, and **I DIED**. (at the age of accountability sin killed his spirit) And the COMMANDMENT, which was ordained to life, I found to be UNTO DEATH. For **SIN, taking OCCASION by the COMMANDMENT, DECEIVED ME, AND BY IT SLEW ME.**" (At the age of accountability sin deceived me and by the law slew my spirit!) This fits the text, and there is nothing in the Bible I have found that says we have a dead spirit at birth. I have reasoned from scriptures that this is in fact the truth. You are NOT born dead: neither body, soul, or spirit are dead at birth.

To clarify though I believe there is a tripartite nature of man: a spirit, a soul and a body: the spirit dies at the age of accountability; the soul is then accountable for the body's sins because it is stuck to the body and therefore sinful. The soul is still alive, because that is the YOU inside. The death of the soul is twofold. The lost soul has the wrath of God ON it whitest in the land of the living: Once the lost soul departs from the dead body, the wrath of God is realized because it wakes up in hell fire in the center of the earth. After the thousand year reign the souls in hell will be resurrected with their old flesh and the rags of their own self-righteousness and stand before God at the great white throne for sentencing. The lost soul from hell will then be cast into the lake of fire where their flesh is burned off and the soul becomes altered in that fire loosing forever it's shape as a spiritual body. This is the final abode of the lost soul. Their dead spirit had gone back to God when their body died the first time. Ecclesiastes 12:7, "Then shall **the dust return to the earth** as it was: and **the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**" And 1 Corinthians 6:20, "For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your **body, and in your spirit, which are God's.**" So what about that SOUL? Matthew 16:26, "For what is a man

profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul?** or what shall a man give in exchange for **his soul?**” And Mark 8:36, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul?**”

Here is a different account for a different sinner: the spirit dies at the age of accountability; the soul is then accountable for the body’s sins because it is stuck to the body and therefore sinful. The soul is still alive, because that is the YOU inside. You are presented with the Gospel and realize your lost state and receive the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal saviour. God imputes Jesus Christ’s righteousness to you while imputing your sins to Jesus Christ (at the cross) then the Holy Spirit enters into the dead spirit and melds with it in a union giving it ETERNAL LIFE and it is Born Again. Then the Spirit cuts your soul from your flesh in the spiritual circumcision, the operation of God cutting loose your soul and saving it from your flesh and from the sins of your flesh forever. One of two things can happen now: your body can die and your spirit goes back to God ALIVE, and your soul goes to be with the Lord Jesus Christ. OR the Lord comes with a shout, and the trumpet blasts, and the Lord says: “David, Come Up Hither!” and we change in a moment in the twinkle of an eye and put on IMMORTALITY! Either standing here or after we die: we will rise and meet him in the sky.

1. The body and soul is NEVER said to be born again. It is the spirit that is born again.
2. The body and spirit is NEVER said to be saved. It is the soul that is saved. (*)
3. The body will be changed, altered from mortal to immortal.
4. The spirit is regenerated at the new birth and the body is regenerated at the resurrection from the dead.
5. The soul is adopted as a son of God and the body is adopted at the resurrection from the dead.
6. The spirit and soul are married and thus the spirit must die for the soul to marry the Lord.
7. The soul and body are stuck together in SIN, the body must be circumcised from the soul in an operation of God.

(* the exception to the rule where the spirit of a saved man is said to be saved, because God cannot kill a born again spirit; ergo he must kill the body to save the spirit; howbeit that spirit was never in danger of dying or going to hell if it was not saved.)

This is the doctrine of the tripartite nature of man. In conclusion: There are no verses that say a man is BORN with a dead spirit or born dead. This seems to mean he is NOT born dead: with the verses that show a child is alive once and when sin revives it slays him; but NOT his body or his soul: the only conclusion is that it slays his spirit just like what happened to Adam when he sinned he lost his innocence and his spirit died that same day.

“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins...”

Ephesians 2:1

Romans 6:23a, “For the wages of sin is death...” YOUR personal SIN is what YOU have **EARNED WAGES FOR** and your payment is **DEATH** both physical and spiritual. IT did not say you were BORN DEAD! You have to **EARN DEATH**! Just like ADAM earned it. The wages of sin is death of the spirit, soul & body; but not at the same time.

Romans 7:7, “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I had not known sin, but by the law**: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.” By the LAW is the knowledge of SIN: Romans 3:20, “Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for **by the law is the knowledge of sin**.” Galatians 3:24, “Wherefore **the law was our schoolmaster** to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.” SO, prior to it bringing us to CHRIST, it gives the knowledge of SIN for the reason of Romans 7:13, that sin might become exceeding sinful; why? Because of Romans 7:14: “because **I am carnal sold under sin**.” This is the STATE of a LOST man, prior to salvation.

Romans 7:8, “But sin, taking occasion **by the commandment**, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence (powerful feelings of physical desire). For without the law sin was dead.” So the lost are convicted by the law of their sin; because of the powerful feelings of physical desire; however, PRIOR to this there was a TIME, when **we had no law**: and it was **during such time** in our lives that **SIN WAS DEAD**! Romans 5:13, “**For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law**.” Same thing, sin was dead to the infant, because it was not imputed where there is no law.

Romans 7:9, “For **I was alive without the law once**: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.” As an infant I was alive once (once upon a time, or at one time long ago, etc.) but, when the LAW showed up in my understanding: the age of accountability, etc. SIN revived: or became ALIVE; and I DIED! What part: body, soul, or spirit? ALL THREE, but not in that order: the order of DEATH of the lost would be spirit, body, soul: SO, immediately this personal sin slays the spirit; the body follows suit, then the soul goes to hell because the spirit is dead! It is the spirit that takes the soul up to heaven if the spirit is alive, or if it is dead leaves that soul and goes back to God without the soul, and the soul falls into hell without help.

Romans 7:10, “And the commandment, which was ordained to life, **I found to be unto death**.” How did he FIND it unto DEATH, he had not physically died YET; something must have changed INSIDE. **The spirit died**.

Romans 7:11, “**For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me**.” Sin, DECEIVED ME, and by IT (the LAW) slew ME! Same as above; **PERSONAL SIN kills your spirit**! I am NOT arguing the Adamic sin nature: What you call Original Sin; I have NEVER read the words ORIGINAL SIN, anywhere in the Bible: it sounds exactly like the ORIGINAL SIN of ROMAN POKERY. Which thing I abhor! I understand the fact that IN ADAM ALL DIE: but that does NOT say at birth nor does it say what dies that applies to all three but just not at the same time! Why do ALL DIE IN ADAM? 1 Corinthians 15:21-23, “For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as **in Adam all die**, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.” IT does NOT say you were BORN with a DEAD spirit! The phrase “...in Adam all die...” is not the same as “...in Adam all are dead...” or “...in Adam all have died...”

Romans 7:12-13, “Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But **sin**, that it **might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good**; that **sin by the commandment** might become **exceeding sinful**.” SIN was made death unto me: the LAW was there so that SIN MIGHT APPEAR SIN: and so that SIN might become EXCEEDING SINFUL! This is for the LOST to bring them unto CHRIST. Notice: Romans 7:14, “For we know that **the law**

is **spiritual**: but I am carnal, **sold under sin**.” This is NOT the spiritual man, but the CARNAL; Paul is speaking from the view of the LOST man.

I was told to reconcile this passages with Ephesians 2:1-3, “And you hath he quickened, **who were dead in trespasses and sins**; Wherein **in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience**: Among whom also **we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind**; and were **by nature the children of wrath, even as others**.” I have no issue with it: it is talking about ADULTS, and NOT INFANTS here. The age of accountability happens to children usually on the onset of puberty with no set age as it is an individual thing. In light of this Jesus Christ said, “And said, Verily I say unto you, **Except ye be converted, and become as little children**, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven.” Matthew 18:3. NOW how in the world are you to become **as little children AFTER conversion, IF they don’t have a living spirit? THAT is what YOU get after conversion!** John 3:5-7, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water and of the Spirit**, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is **born of the flesh is flesh**; and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit**. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” It is the spirit that is born of the Spirit! The LAW is spiritual: that is why our PERSONAL SIN slays the spirit of man: **Adam’s sin could only slay HIS OWN SPIRIT!** Nevertheless Adam’s sin is responsible for death passing to all men: both physical and spiritual.

I know Adam’s sin affected US, I am not saying it didn’t. **We ARE born SINNERS**, with a LIVING spirit that has DEATH hanging over it like a guillotine just waiting for the moment we realize we sinned or did wrong, or did evil, at any rate, the moment we understood whatever law we had and that we DID WRONG; our conscience was defiled in our soul, we hid ourselves from embarrassment and never went around the house naked again! We all try to lie our way out of something we did wrong, because NOW we know guilt. Our spirit had DIED! This death that was hanging over us in our innocence also was hanging over us physically and that is why children die; because we are all born in sin; but where there is no law, sin is not imputed. If sin is not imputed, how can the judgment for sin be inputted? It can’t and it isn’t. It is as simple as that.

This passage is about JUST that; and yet there are NO passages about being BORN with a dead spirit. IT IS NOT THERE! I am a Bible Believer; and where the Bible says ONE thing and people say another: I AM COMPELLED TO BELIEVE THE BIBLE OVER EVERYONE ELSE regardless of who is saying what. The Bible is my final authority.

What is The Doctrine of “Original Sin”?

Original Sin? Isn't that a Catholic teaching? I'm sure Adam gave us the sin nature and death passed from him; but I have never read anywhere in the Bible that says we are born dead because of Adam's sin. From what I have gleaned from the Bible, I'd say we are NOT born with a dead spirit, but a living spirit and at the age of reason say around 3 to 5 (some later) we knowingly sin and that slays our spirit: thus we must be born again. Yes we are Born WRONG: our soul is stuck to the flesh, our spirit has a guillotine hanging over it ready to drop the moment we know we did wrong (it shows in a child when they start shutting the bathroom door, and no longer run around the house stark naked!) and lie or put the blame on someone else. Same as in Adam. Here are the verses:

Romans 7:7-11, “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I had not known sin**, but **by the law**: for I had not **known** lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But **sin**, taking occasion **by the commandment**, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For **without the law sin was dead**. For **I was alive without the law once**: but **when the commandment came, sin revived**, and **I died**. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, **I found to be unto death**. For **sin**, taking occasion **by the commandment**, **deceived me**, and **by it slew me**.”

Ezekiel 18:20, “**The soul that sinneth, it shall die**. The **son shall not bear the iniquity of the father**, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.”

Isaiah 7:15-16, “Butter and honey shall he eat, that **he may know to refuse the evil**, and **choose the good**. For **before the child shall know to refuse the evil**, and **choose the good**, the land that thou abhorrest shall be forsaken of both her kings.”

Deuteronomy 1:39, “Moreover **your little ones**, which ye said should be a prey, and **your children**, which in that day **had no knowledge between good and evil**, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it.”

Romans 5:13, “(For **until the law sin was in the world**: but **sin is not imputed when there is no law**.”

Romans 5:10, “For if, **when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son**, much more, **being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life**.”

1 Peter 1:3, “Blessed be **the God and Father** of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy **hath begotten us** again unto a lively hope **by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**,”

The original sin issue is one of deceit and lies. This treachery is ordered to misalign your authority from the Bible to a Roman Church and a priest craft of wicked sinners. The underlying motive of this deception is control over people and to subjugate them in to servitude under Rome which is Mystery Babylon. The doctrine of Original Sin promotes these things: baptismal regeneration, infant water baptism, water baptism for the dead, and that water baptism is considered a sacrament. Furthermore it insist that children in innocence go to hell if they are not water baptized in holy water made holy by the Roman priest. Amongst other sundry sacraments they become slaves to for the rest of their lives; never knowing forgiveness of sins and never knowing that they HAVE eternal life.

The Conclusion of the Matter!

Romans 7:7-13, “What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I had not known sin, but by the law**: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But **sin**, taking occasion **by the commandment**, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For **without the law sin was dead**. For **I was alive without the law once**: but **when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died**. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, **I found to be unto death**. For **sin**, taking occasion **by the commandment, deceived me**, and **by it slew me**. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But **sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me** by that which is good; **that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful**.”

1. “...I had not known sin, but by the law...” This is speaking of his youth. Notice the past tense: this is NOT talking about AFTER he is saved; but before he was saved.
2. “...for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet...” Again past tense, of how the law CONVICTED the sinner of HIS PERSONAL SINS, not Adam’s sin, nor the contrived verbiage of “original sin”.
3. “...But sin, taking occasion by the commandment...” This again is PERSONAL SIN of his PAST revealed to him BY the LAW; took occasion against him. Like the sin nature has a mind of its own! Sin reigns in our mortal BODY that is the inherited nature in that SIN that is the KING prior to Salvation. It is KING of the body, soul and spirit. Knowing that the YOU inside is the soul, and the spirit came from God and is going back to God; and that the BODY is what is spoken of as being the sins of the FLESH from which after we are saved, the soul is CUT loose from.
4. “...wrought in me all manner of concupiscence...” If you don’t know what the word concupiscence IS, how can you even comment on the passage? It means powerful feelings of physical desire. It is OF the FLESH. So the lost person born in this life HAS these things built in them: that is how the body takes care of itself while in infancy. It cares that it is hungry, has a bad dipper, is sleepy, etc. It may also FIGHT against itself about all these things showing in an infant that SIN REIGNS. NOW that infant’s soul is stuck to its body of the sins of the flesh: HOWEVER, Romans 5:13, “For until the law sin was in the world: but **sin is not imputed when there is no law**.” This is talking about sin PRIOR to the law of Moses in specific; but in relation to a child in infancy, they are without the law and thus this also applies to them: “...sin is not imputed when there is no law.”
5. “...For without the law sin was dead.” Here sin is dead, why? Because “...sin is not imputed when there is no law.” SO, if sin is NOT imputed it is as if it were DEAD: Romans 4:15, “Because the law worketh wrath: **for where no law is, there is no transgression**.” Even though death passed upon all men: and in every sense: body, soul and spirit: it does NOT happen at birth. Each will die in their proper order for the lost soul. The first to die is the most inner sanctum of the person and that is the spirit of man dies at the age of accountability. The body dies at the end of the appointed time: Hebrews 9:27, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:” This is physical death; notice that after this death there is Judgment. What judgment? John 3:36, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but **the wrath of God abideth on him**.” The wrath of God abides on EVERY lost person LIVING now; when his soul separates from his body at physical death; the soul by the nature of the kind of spirit he has: alive or dead, goes to heaven or hell respectively. The lost soul goes to hell; for two reasons, First: the soul was STUCK to his body: so that what his body did, the soul was also guilty of doing; and second HE KILLED his spirit and responsible for it because the spirit was a gift from God: Job 27:3, “All the while my breath is in me, and **the spirit of God is in my nostrils**;” This is NOT the Holy Spirit; and it is NOT the spirit of man, it is the spirit of the breath of LIFE. Also notice: Isaiah 42:5, “Thus saith God the LORD, he that created the heavens, and stretched them out; he that spread forth the earth, and that which cometh out of it; he that **giveth breath unto the people** upon it, and **spirit to them that walk therein**.” See the breath and the spirit of man are NOT the same thing. Again: notice Job 33:4, “**The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the**

Almighty hath given me life.” The Spirit of God is NOT the same as the breath of life. Look at: Proverbs 20:27, “**The spirit of man** is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly.” And Ecclesiastes 3:21, “Who knoweth **the spirit of man** that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?” the spirit of saved or lost go UPWARD. Zechariah 12:1, “The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and **formeth the spirit of man within him.**” This is important because the spirit of man **comes from GOD and not from PROCREATION**: therefore it is alive at physical birth of an infant. Ecclesiastes 12:7, “Then shall **the dust return to the earth** as it was: and **the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**” This is the cession of physical life the spirit of man returns unto God who GAVE it. The Spirit is NOT part of procreation.

6. “...For I was alive without the law once...” Born with a LIVING spirit of man, born into a sinful race, that has tainted the FLESH and because the soul is attached and stuck to the FLESH, it too is tainted by sin, yet sin is NOT imputed to that baby until the LAW revives in that child’s heart: and convicts him of their own personal sin. At that point in time the child ceases to be innocent and moves onto the area of: Romans 5:12, “Wherefore, as by one man **sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.**” **The wages of sin is DEATH.**...But the innocence of the infant HAS no sin imputed to them in light of the fact that they cannot held responsible for the sins of their infancy. Nor can they be charged with someone else’s sin. Job 3:16, “Or as an **hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light.**” For those of you that do NOT believe the infant to be alive at birth: then figure this out: God makes a living thing; how can he make a living thing and then place a spirit inside and **it be a DEAD entity NEVER HAVING been ALIVE?**”
7. “...And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.” Because it KILLED his spirit!
8. “...For sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.” Here Paul repeats himself to makes sure we get it. Notice also that sin taking occasion by the commandment or law: DECEIVED ME: this is what happened to Eve. Deception came and the sin itself **my personal sin SLEW me.**
9. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But **sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me** by that which is good; that **sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful.**” THIS is the point of the LAW that SIN might appear exceedingly SINFUL; to the point of repulsion, bringing a man to the end of himself: because the Law is our schoolmaster: Galatians 3:24-25, “Wherefore **the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ,** that we might be justified by faith. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.” So the LAW is to BRING us unto Christ! It therefore has to affect us and kill our spirit in this life at some point. Because **the wages of sin is DEATH!** If we had a dead spirit already, then the wages of sin would be: oops you are already dead, so sorry! In this case the wages of sin, does NOTHING? But yet it does, it kills your spirit at the age of accountability, It kills your BODY at that appointment; and it can KILL YOUR SOUL IN HELL after your body dies. This is why we need the new birth: John 3:3-7.
10. The tripartite nature of man reveals that the nature of mankind as sinners is that man is a spirit, soul and body: 1 Thessalonians 5:23, “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” The part that is born again is the spirit: John 3:5-6, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and **that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**” The spirit is NOT saved, it is the soul that is saved: Psalms 62:1; Isaiah 61:10; Mark 8:36, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul?**” Hebrews 10:39, “But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that **believe to the saving of the soul.**” And James 5:20, “Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall **save a soul from death,** and shall hide a multitude of sins.” This saving of the soul is the issue that grants God’s gifts, we get this by receiving Jesus Christ as our personal saviour: John 1:12-13, “But as many as received him, to them gave he power

to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God.**” by this act of FAITH in the gospel: God imputes His righteousness unto the sinner: Romans 4:22-25, “And therefore **it was imputed to him for righteousness.** Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, **if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;** Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.” We are operated on, and become a new creature in Christ: by the operation of God: Colossians 2:10-12, “And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also **ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:** Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of **the operation of God**, who hath raised him from the dead.” This is the saving of the soul: and the spirit is born again: John 3:3-7; 1 Peter 1:23-25, “**Being born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, **by the word of God**, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But **the word of the Lord endureth for ever.** And **this is the word** which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

Redemption is threefold: spirit, soul and body! Romans 3:24, “Being justified freely by his grace through the **redemption** that is in Christ Jesus:”

Galatians 4:5, “To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive **the adoption of sons.**” This adoption of sons is in part the New Birth or the redemption of the spirit of man. It is also the redemption of the soul in its salvation the adoption of sons and is also the redemption of the body at the resurrection in the adoption of sons. Eventually for the Christian is gets completely FIXED.

Psalms 69:18a, “Draw nigh unto **my soul**, and redeem it...” The soul is redeemed by being saved from the attachment to the flesh by spiritual circumcision. Through faith in Jesus Christ’s blood: Ephesians 1:7, “In whom **we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins**, according to the riches of his grace;” and Colossians 1:14, “In whom **we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:**” and Galatians 3:13, “**Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:**” in comparison to: Colossians 2:11-12, “In whom also **ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh** by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him **through the faith of the operation of God**, who hath raised him from the dead.”

Romans 8:23, “And not only they, but ourselves also, which have **the firstfruits of the Spirit**, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, **waiting for the adoption**, to wit, **the redemption of our body.**” We are waiting for this redemption which will happen in the future.

Reconciliation is threefold: God’s part, Christ’s part and Man’s part:

2 Corinthians 5:17-18, “Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of **God, who hath reconciled us to himself** by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us **the ministry of reconciliation;**” This is God’s part: that is the gaping whole between God and man was bridged by Jesus Christ: thus, the gap on God’s side bridged from God to Jesus Christ the God/Man! THUS: 2 Corinthians 5:19, “To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them;** and **hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.**” God also made a way for MAN to get to God, THROUGH Jesus Christ: and also allowing US to be the conduit by which the message of the Gospel is presented: 2 Corinthians 5:20, “Now then **we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ’s stead, be ye reconciled to God.**” YOUR part is to BE RECONCILED to God: and you CAN BE: through Jesus Christ. All you need to do is RECEIVE Jesus Christ as your personal savior: call on him to save a sinner like you. No matter what station in

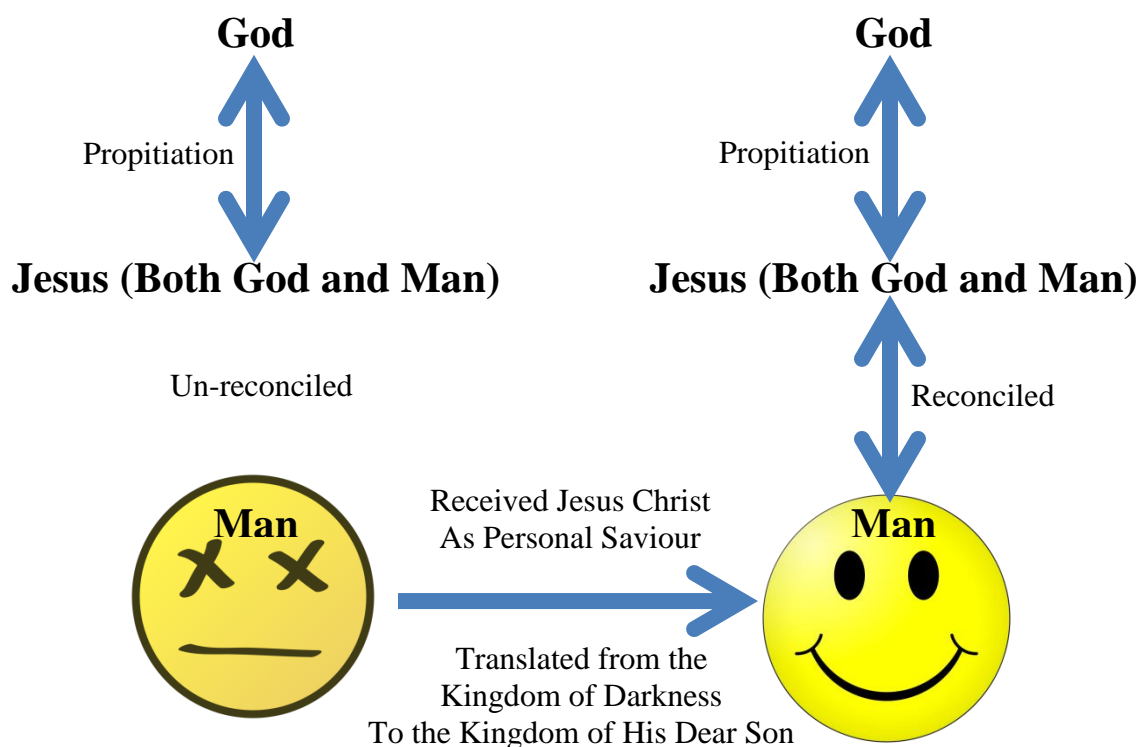
life you were born into: you were born wrong: your soul is affected by what your body does! Your spirit is affected by this nature at the age of accountability and it dies because **you ARE a sinner: YOU killed your own SPIRIT! Beware lest you MURDER your own soul as well.** While you are alive in this life, there is hope: but YOU must receive Jesus Christ to realize this, else you WILL die in your sins, and you will LOOSE your OWN soul. The SOUL of man IS the YOU inside! If you loose that, you have lost it ALL! Your soul is eternal: it will spend it's eternity in Heaven or Hell.

Revelation 22:17, "And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

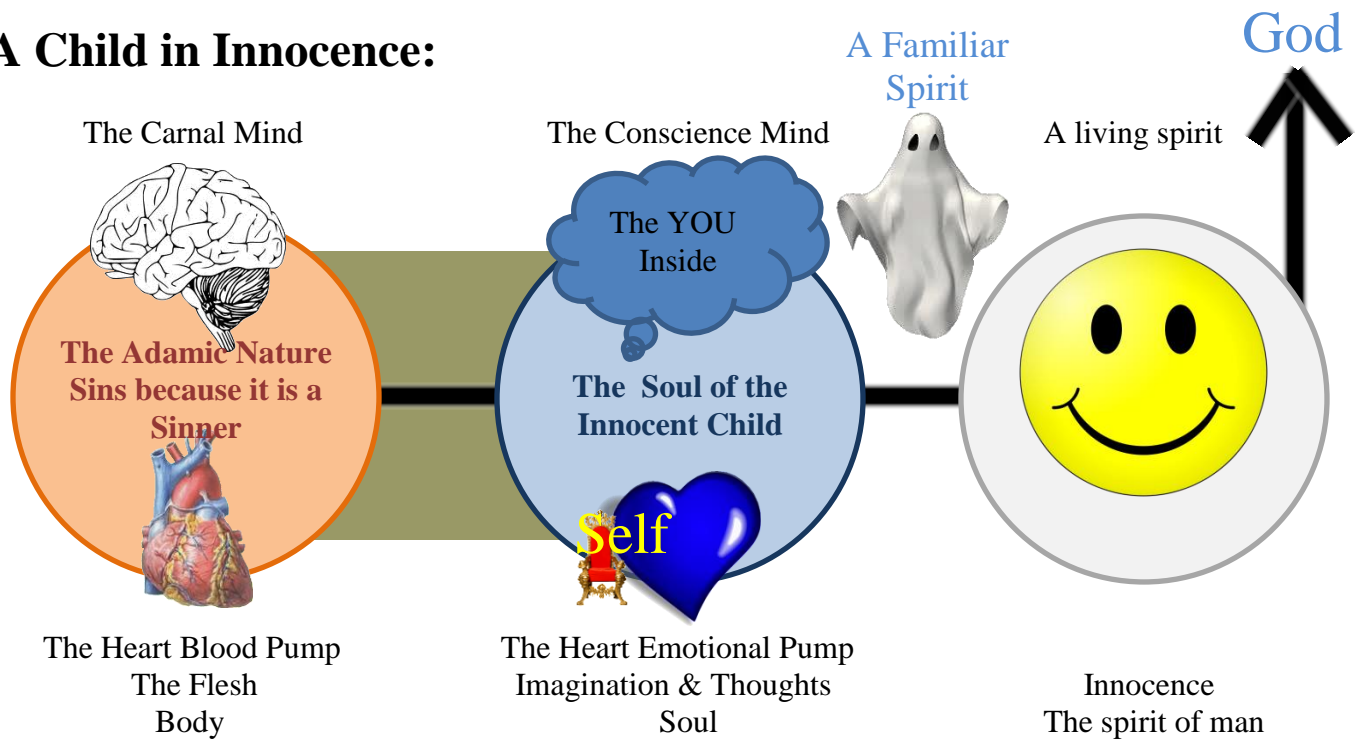
Below are graphic representations of the tripartite nature of man. The important thing is to understand that these parts of a person are never the same; they do not go through the same type or form of redemption and do not die at the same time of necessity.

A note about the graphics in the two sets of the Old Testament saved and lost; these also relate to the New Testament era called the Tribulation Time; or Jacobs Trouble, or Daniels Seventieth Week. That is a seven year period of time when the Old Testament is revived; and the Church age gone. The reverting back to the Old Testament faith and works set up and the fact that the body of Christ is gone and no one can get into it anymore after that and no one is born again anymore; shows in the graphics for Old Testament saved and lost.

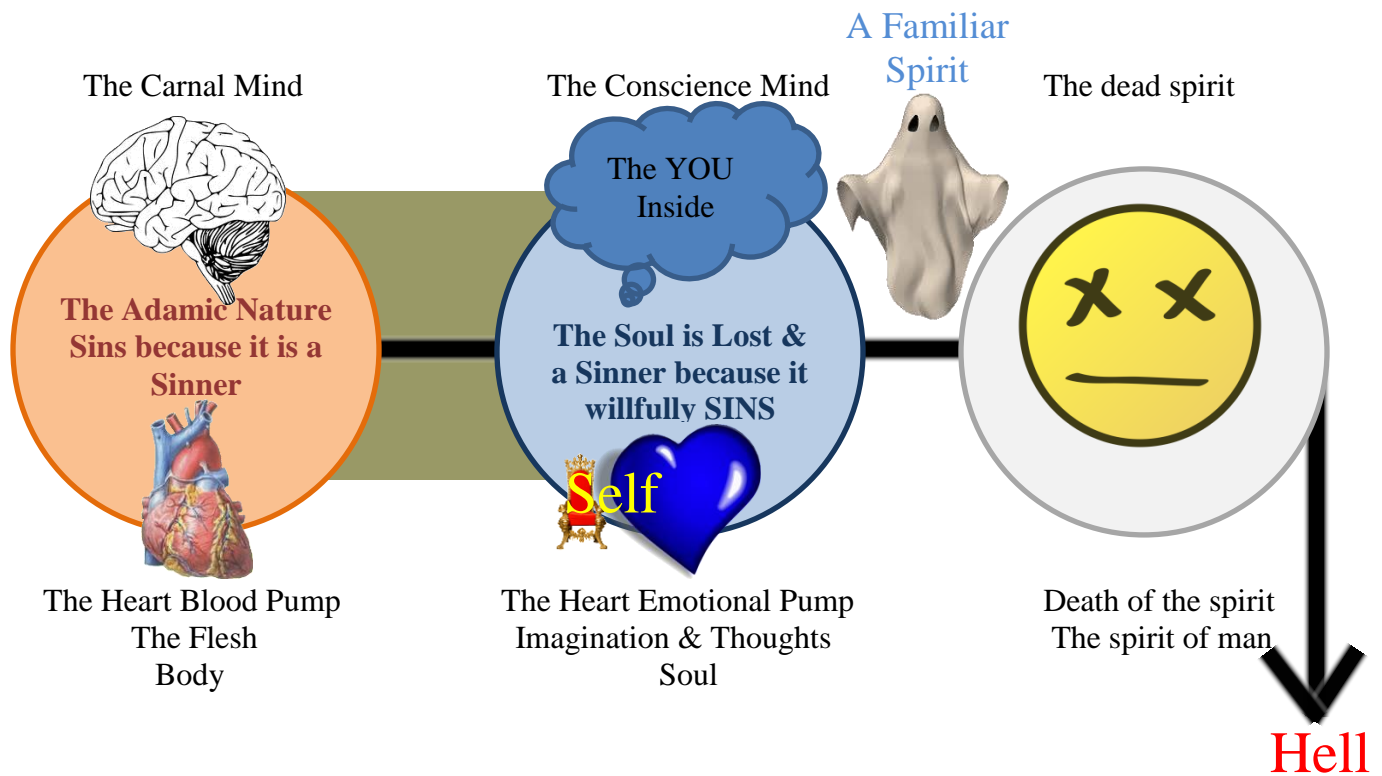
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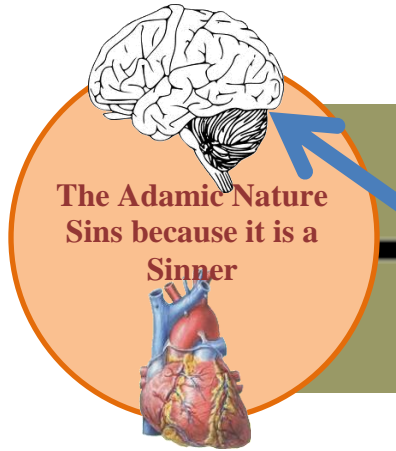


A Lost Sinner (New Testament Church Age):



A Carnal Christian: (or a Babe in Christ)

Baggage in a Christians Life
The Carnal Mind



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The Conscience Mind



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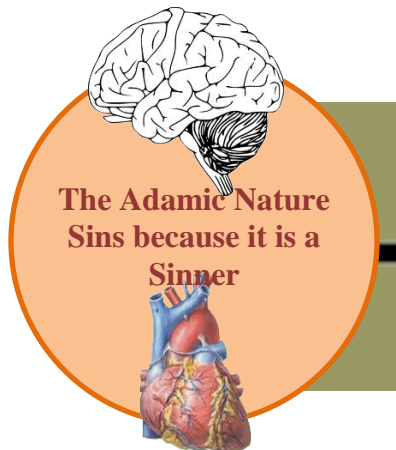
The Spirit Towards God
Christ in you
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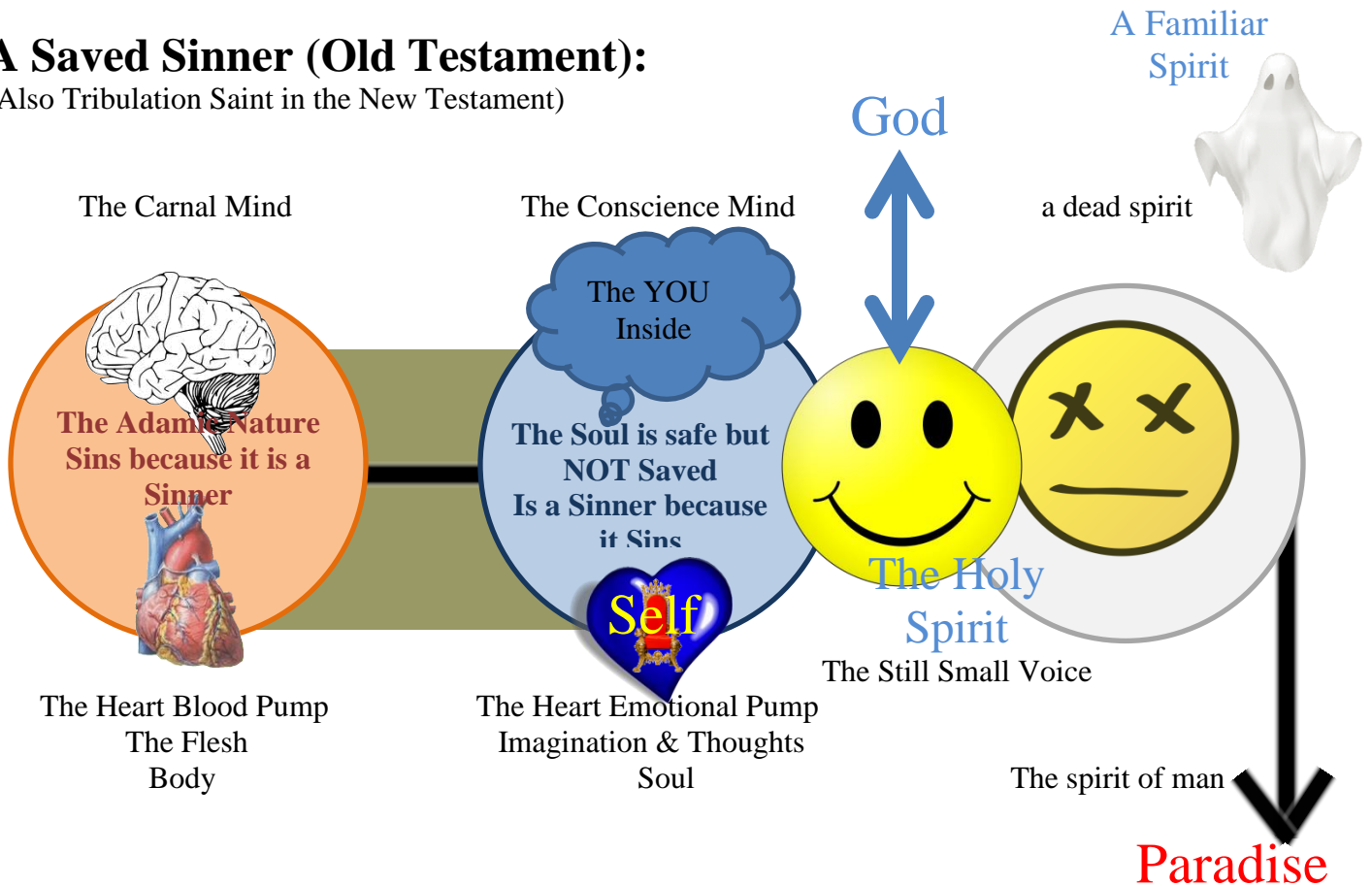
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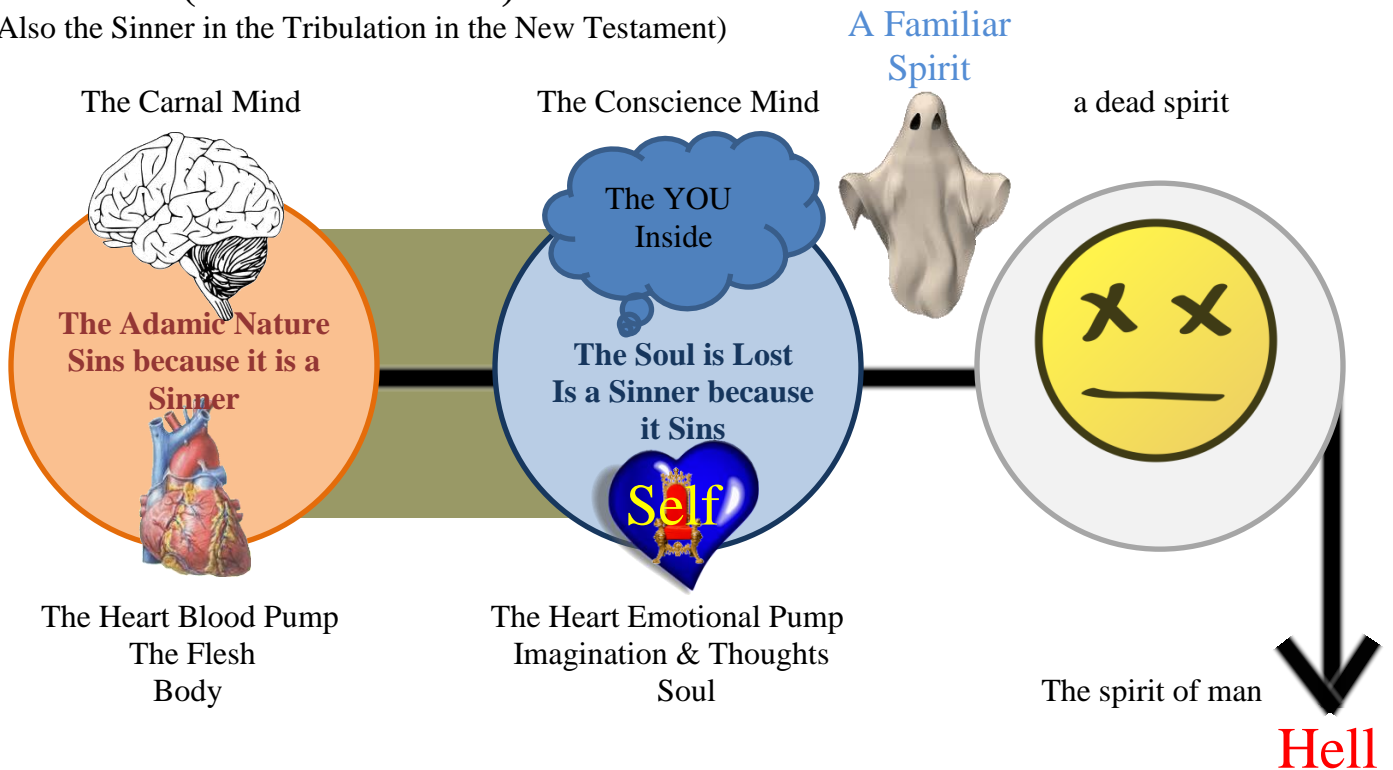
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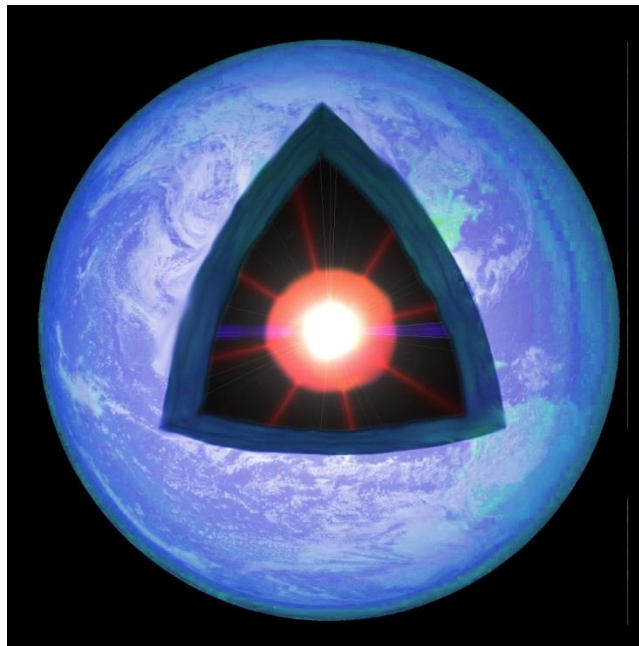
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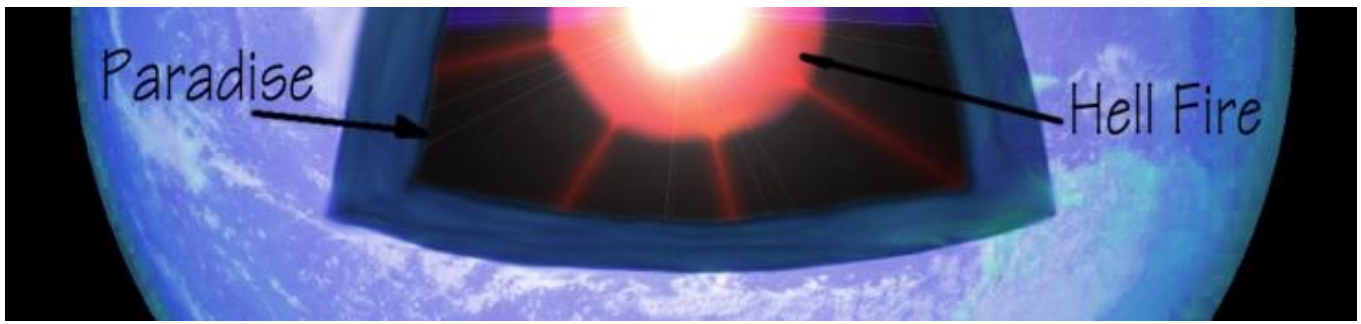
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TIME LINE



Hell Fire & Damnation



Paradise — *Hell* & THE GREAT GULF

Luke 16:19-31, “There was a certain rich man, which was clothed in purple and fine linen, and fared sumptuously every day: And there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, which was laid at his gate, full of sores, And desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table: moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. And it came to pass, that **the beggar died**, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: **the rich man also died**, and was buried; And **in hell** he lift up his eyes, **being in torments**, and seeth Abraham **afar off**, and Lazarus in his bosom. And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for **I am tormented in this flame**. But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented.

And beside all this, **between us and you there is a great gulf fixed: so that they which would pass from hence to you cannot; neither can they pass to us, that would come from thence**. Then he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house: For I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them, lest they also come into this place of torment. Abraham saith unto him, They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. And he said, Nay, father Abraham: but if one went unto them from the dead, they will repent. And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, **neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead.**”

WHAT HAPPENS AT DEATH?

What happens when a person dies? For this question to be answered we need to know from the graphic illustrations above which person are we talking about to know what happens at their death. In the above story that Jesus Christ tells of the Rich Man and Lazarus; they both die and one goes to hell and the other goes to what is called Abraham's Bosom. They can see each other afar off and can communicate but cannot pass in either direction because of the great gulf fixed.

This story is told before the New Testament is instituted at the cross and therefore is under the Old Testament and under the Law. It is therefore not a "Christian" passage. That is, no one in the passage is a "Christian" because the New Testament is not in force yet. This however sets a president for interpretation for what happens after death as far as the Old Testament goes.

We have established that humans are a tripartite being; howbeit the soul is the actual person that is accountable for the whole being. That is, the soul is responsible for the body and the spirit as well as itself. We are not spirit beings; we are soul beings: Ecclesiastes 12:7, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Your body is but dust and to dust it returns. The spirit of man returns to God who gave it. This is in the Old Testament and remains true for the entire Bible with exceptions. The greatest exception is the ones that are born again. Another exception would be babies and the innocent.

The phrase "land of the living" is this physical place we are in. The place of the dead would be in the underworld or nether parts of the earth. Ezekiel 31:14, "To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to **the nether parts of the earth**, in the midst of the children of men, with them **that go down to the pit**." And Ezekiel 31:16, "I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when **I cast him down to hell** with them that **descend into the pit**: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in **the nether parts of the earth**." Hell is in a pit inside the center or innermost parts of the earth. Also: Ezekiel 31:18; Ezekiel 32:18; Ezekiel 32:24. So unto Adam, God said: Genesis 3:19, "In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, **till thou return unto the ground**; for out of it wast thou taken: for **dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return**." The body returns to the dust, the soul goes to hell and the spirit returns to God who gave it. One more thing: when a person dies it is because of the spirit that leaves and goes back to God who gave it: James 2:26a, "For as **the body without the spirit is dead...**"

Then the dead will be raised back up one day and Job 19:26, "And **though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God**:" The resurrection is always a physical one as it is a resurrection of the dead. So for the lost person the body dies and is buried and worms eat it and it turns to dust which is the body's first death. Then the soul leaves the dead body and goes down to hell in the nether parts of the earth which is the soul's first death. Then the spirit of man goes back to God who gave it. At judgment the soul is raised up into the body again from the dust and stands before God at judgment without a spirit.

Revelation 20:11- 15, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And **I saw the dead**, small and great, **stand before God**; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is **the book of life**: and **the dead** were judged out of those things which were written in the books, **according to their works**. And the sea gave up **the dead** which were in it; and **death and hell delivered up the dead** which were in them: and they were judged **every man** according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death**. And whosoever was not found written **in the book of life** was **cast into the lake of fire**." This second

death is the second death of the body and the soul: they are cast alive in the lake of fire: Revelation 19:20, “And **the beast** was taken, and with him **the false prophet** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. **These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.**” That is they had not died physically yet, so they were cast alive physically into the lake of fire. The dead also have been raised up alive: the living dead only to be cast into the lake of fire to have their flesh burned off of their souls and the soul just keeps burning.

Some pass through this event called the Great White Throne Judgment. But to get past this you **MUST** be perfectly sinless: which allows you to be spiritually alive to God. Such are babies, to the age of accountability (whatever time that might be) when the soul is responsible for sin, and that sin works death in their spirit (the old man). You have five old men on you that account for death.

1. Your flesh: which physically dies when the heart stops and no activity therein for a certain time.
2. Your carnal mind: Dies at circumcision by the operation of God.
3. Your heart in your soul: Dies at circumcision by the operation of God.
4. Your mind in your soul: which can only die in a Christian who recons it dead; it is dead to the spirit.
5. Your spirit from birth: which dies when the sin in you slays it by the law.

The relationship between your body and soul is that it is stuck together in creation and the sinful flesh **MUST** be cut off like circumcision of the foreskin. This is because we must be removed from the accountability of the sins of the flesh, because it has not made the translation yet. So while we are still here, it is the body of the sins of the flesh that we are being cleaned from daily; because sin reigns in our mortal bodies. Romans 5:21, “That as **sin hath reigned unto death**, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord.” With Romans 6:12, “**Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body**, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.”

The relationship of the soul and the spirit is a marriage. The spirit must die in order for the soul to marry another even Christ the New Man. This is found in Romans 7:1-14, “Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that **the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth**? For **the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth**; but **if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband**. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but **if her husband be dead, she is free from that law**; so that she is no adulteress, **though she be married to another man**. Wherefore, my brethren, **ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ**; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were **in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death**. But now **we are delivered from the law**, that **being dead wherein we were held**; that we should serve **in newness of spirit**, and **not in the oldness of the letter**. What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, **I had not known sin, but by the law**: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet. But **sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence**. For **without the law sin was dead**. For **I was alive without the law once**: but **when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died**. And the commandment, which was ordained to life, **I found to be unto death**. For **sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me**. Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good. Was then that which is good made death unto me? God forbid. But **sin, that it might appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceeding sinful**. For we know that the law is spiritual: but **I am carnal, sold under sin.**”

This is structured in reverse order to hide the truth from the unbeliever. The “...I was alive without the law once...” refers to the child in innocence as does “...without the law sin was dead...” and the same holds true of “...when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died...” with “...sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me.” The point being: “...that sin by the commandment might

become exceeding sinful..." and that "...the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin." That means a saved person is not their own: 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, "What? know **ye** (soul) not that **your** (soul) **body** (flesh) is the **temple** (body) **of the Holy Ghost** (born again spirit) which is in **you** (soul), which **ye** (soul) have of God, and **ye** (body, soul & spirit) **are not your** (soul) **own**? For **ye** (soul) **are bought with a price**: therefore **glorify God in your body** (obvious), **and in your spirit** (obvious), which are God's." with Mark 8:36, "For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul**?" You ARE the soul inside the body. You have been given a body and a spirit, but they belong to God. However, your soul is YOU, it is yours and you CAN lose it. But you don't have to lose it if you were to receive Jesus Christ as your personal saviour then according to the Bible you can be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ: 1 Thessalonians 5:23, "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be **preserved** blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

The Second Resurrection:

Revelation 20:11-14, "And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw **the dead**, small and great, **stand before God**; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and **the dead were judged** out of those things which were written in the books, **according to their works**. And **the sea gave up the dead which were in it**; and **death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them**: and they were judged **every man according to their works**. And **death and hell were cast into the lake of fire**. **This is the second death.**"

For a lost person there are two deaths. The death of the physical and the death of the spiritual are twofold. The body of a lost person dies and the soul leaves and goes to hell and dies there, and the dead spirit goes back to God who gave it. This person is resurrected for judgment physically, so the soul and body come back together without a spirit. They are then cast into the lake of fire where hell is, and the body dies again and the soul is left in an eternal state of death. There are two deaths for the body and the soul.

The First Resurrection:

Revelation 20:6, "**Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection**: on such **the second death hath no power**, but they **shall be** priests of God and of Christ, and **shall reign with him a thousand years.**"

In the New Testament Church age when a person is born again; it is the spirit that is born again, ergo he was born once alive, and then died at the age of accountability. The new birth of the spirit guarantees that the soul will never die even if the body does die. This individual's soul will never go to hell and never be cast into the lake of fire. If this person physically dies then at the resurrection the body is begotten from the dead and incorruptible and joined back with the soul and spirit, and he will never die again. If this individual does not die and the resurrection happens whilst he is alive, then his body never dies, and his soul never dies. His body is raised to be immortal and his body, soul and spirit are preserved together for eternity never to die again.

Romans 3:23-26, "For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus."

Romans 6:23, "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

John 1:12-13, “But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

John 3:6-7, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”

Romans 10:9-10, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

1 John 5:11-13, “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.”

Luke 18:13, “And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner.”

Acts 16:30-31, “And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.”

Romans 10:13, “For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

2 Corinthians 6:2, “(For he saith, I have heard thee in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured thee: behold, **now is the accepted time**; behold, **now is the day of salvation**.)”

Proverbs 27:1, “Boast not thyself of to morrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”

Mark 8:36, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?”

John 3:36, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.”

Revelation 21:8, “But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.”

Hebrews 2:3, “How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;”

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The End