

# ORIGINAL CREATION

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We, as pastors, know about the fall of Adam and what happened in the Garden of Eden. But I want to talk about this a little differently to show more of what really happened when man sinned.

## THE ORIGINAL CREATION

**Gen 2:7 TAB** Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the **breath or spirit of life**, and man became a living being.

So there was God, the body of man (made from the dust), the breath or spirit of life and the living being of man or the soul.

So God created man a triune being like God: body, soul, and spirit.

God is a triune being: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Man was physically alive:

To be **physically alive** means that our **soul and spirit are in union with our body**.

When our body dies our soul and spirit are separated from our body.

**2Co 5:8 NASB** we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

Paul says to be absent from our body is to be present with the Lord.

Meaning that we are more than our physical body. So the real you will be with the Lord.

Man was spiritually alive:

In the Bible to be **spiritually alive** means **soul and spirit are in union (or one) with God**.

Man was created to be in union with God.

**2Co 4:16 NASB** Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.

**Our spiritual life does not get old like our body.**

**Gen 1:27 NASB** God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

This means that God intended for man to be just like Him.

What does that mean?

In mind, in will, in behavior, in actions, in wisdom,

in choice, in obedience, in fellowship in love without sin

God and man were in agreement in everything! No difference in thoughts or ideas.

Adam and Eve had a relationship which was also like that.

In agreement in love in peace in joy in oneness

Adam and Eve were completely surrendered to God.

They were completely dependent upon Him. No independent thoughts or attitudes.

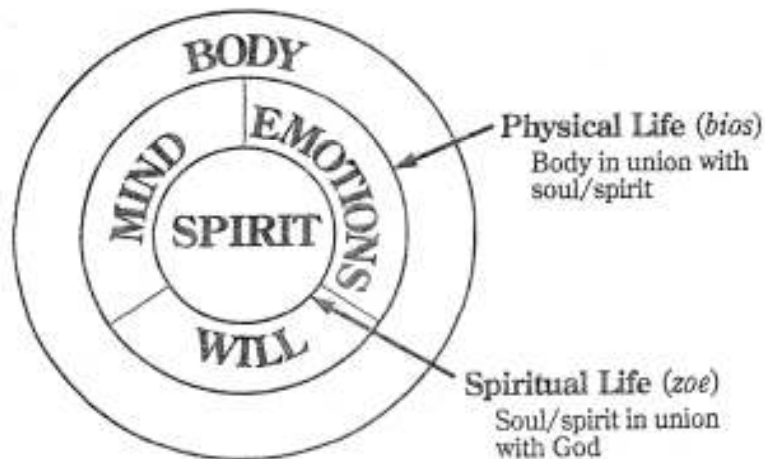
They agreed with God and obeyed Him in everything.

So again to be **spiritually alive** means **soul and spirit are in union (or one) with God**.

To be **physically alive** means that our **soul and spirit are in union with our body**.

## ORIGINAL CREATION

Genesis 1,2



1. Significant—Gen. 1:28  
Man had a divine purpose.
2. Safe and secure—Gen. 1:29f  
All of man's needs were provided for.
3. Belonged—Gen. 2:18f  
Man had a sense of belonging.

*Bios* = The soul is in union with the body.

*Zoe* = The soul is in union with God.

### #1 In the original creation, man had a divine purpose.

**Gen 1:28** God gave them his blessing and said: Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth with people and bring it under your control. Rule over the fish in the ocean, the birds in the sky, and every animal on the earth.

Man was important. He knew who he was and what his purpose was.

### #2 Adam and Eve also had safety and security.

**Gen 1:29-30 NASB** Then God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the surface of all the earth, and every tree which has fruit yielding seed; it shall be food for you; **30** and to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the sky and to every thing that moves on the earth which has life, *I have given every green plant for food*"; and it was so.

God cared for Adam and provided all his needs. He was safe and protected in the presence of God.

### #3 They had fellowship with God and with Eve. They were not alone.

**Gen 2:18 NASB** Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."

Adam and Eve had a sharing relationship - there was nothing hidden.

They were naked and unashamed.

**Gen 2:25 NASB** And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

### THE EFFECTS OF THE FALL

**Adam and Eve listened to Satan and surrendered themselves to him.** They disobeyed God.

We can see here the importance of obeying God in everything.

We can see the importance of being surrendered to God - completely.

**They became independent from God** → meaning that they no longer allowed God to control them, to rule their lives.

Sometimes we think that a little disobedience is not a big thing! This one disobedience of Adam and Eve **WAS** a big thing.

It separated them from God. Separated from fellowship with Him. Separated from His presence.

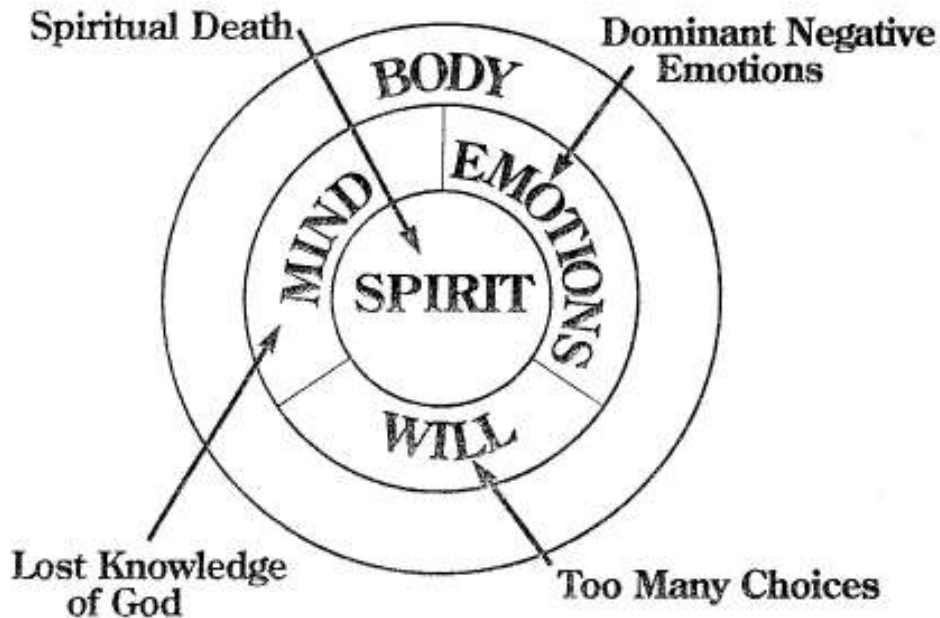
They were in rebellion against God, and they became totally different people.

They now had gained only one thing. **A SIN NATURE - A SINFUL HEART**

They now had - living inside them - the NATURE OF SATAN HIMSELF!

# EFFECTS OF THE FALL

Genesis 3:8–4:9



1. *Rejected*: Therefore a need to belong!
2. *Guilt and shame*: Therefore a need of self-worth!
3. *Weak and Helpless*: Therefore a need of strength and self-control!

**NOTE:** All sinful behavior is a wrong attempt at meeting basic needs. The essence of sin is man living independent of God who has said that He will meet all of our needs as we live out life "in Christ."

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## #1 There was spiritual death for Adam and Eve

[Gen 2:17 NASB](#) but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

We said that to be **spiritually alive** means **soul and spirit are in union (or one) with God**.

Now man was separated from God by sin. Their union had been cut off.

They were thrown out of the Garden – out of God's presence.

We know that we inherited sin and spiritual death from them.

**Rom 5:12 NASB** Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned--

**1Co 15:21-22 NASB** For since by a man *came* death, by a man also *came* the resurrection of the dead. **22** For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive.

**Eph 2:1 NASB** And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

## **#2. Loss of knowledge**

Effect on the mind.

Their thinking was not with wisdom. They hid from God. They should have known that you cannot hide from God.

**Eph 4:18 HCSB** They are darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God, because of the **ignorance** that is in them and because of the **hardness of their hearts**.

They lost the true knowledge of God. Before they had a true, intimate, personal knowing of God.

**1Co 2:14** But the natural man does not accept the teachings that come from God's Spirit, because they are foolishness to him; he is not able to know them since they are understood spiritually.

**1Co 2:14 NASB** But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised (understood).

## **#3 Negative Emotions/feelings**

They became fearful - they even hid from God. They were deeply worried, anxious.

**Gen 3:10 NASB** He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself."

People are afraid of everything today: robbers, kidnapping, hunger, death, sickness.

### **Shame and guilt were the result of sin.**

Because of this, people hide their feelings from one another.

Many people put on masks - cover themselves with false faces - they pretend to be ok when they are not.

They hide their inner self = are afraid that others might find out what is inside them.

They are depressed, sad, and angry. Cain's reaction was anger.

Gen 4:5 BBE But in Cain and his offering he had no pleasure. And **Cain was angry** and his face became sad.

Gen 4:6 And the Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? and why is your face sad?

Gen 4:7 If you do well, will you not have honor? and if you do wrong, sin is waiting at the door, desiring to have you, but do not let it be your master.

Cain could have changed and obeyed God, but he remained angry.

Man felt alone - the fellowship with God and with each other was gone.

#### **#4 Too many Choices**

**Sin affected the will to choose.**

There was only one choice in the Garden. Only one wrong choice.

Eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

They made the bad choice. Because of that, you and I have many, many good and bad choices.

Without the Holy Spirit in our life, the greatest power we possess is the power to choose.

We can choose to read our Bible or not; pray or not.

We can choose to live in the flesh or according to the Spirit.

#### **#5 The things that belonged to man before the fall, became what he needed most after the fall.**

- 1 Man's acceptance and belonging was replaced with **rejection**.

**Now there is in man a great need to belong to someone - to have fellowship & relationship.**

In the beginning Adam and Eve had fellowship with God and with each other.

They never felt alone. They shared everything with nothing hidden.

All was good in the Garden after Adam was created except that he was alone.

Gen 2:18 BBE And the Lord God said, It is not good for the man to be by himself: I will make one like himself as a help to him

God filled Adam's need by creating Eve.

Now there is conflict and fighting in the world between husband and wife and among all people.

- 2 Adam and Eve were not ashamed, but now they were filled with **guilt and shame**.

**Now there is a great need for knowing who you are as a child of God. A need to feel loved and accepted.**

People are lacking confidence even as God's people.

- 3 Man had a job and a purpose in the Garden. After the Fall he became **weak and helpless**.

**Now there is a need for strength and self-control.**

Today people try to replace God's purpose with trying to discipline themselves and sometimes trying to control others.

They try to be perfect and follow rules and regulations. The world tells us that we can be masters of our own lives and do anything we want to do. We don't need anyone.

**Every temptation is an attempt by Satan to get us to live our lives independently of God.**

The question is: are these needs going to be met by the world, the flesh or self, and Satan or are they going to be met by God who promises to meet all our needs?

**Phi 4:19 NASB** And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

**God will supply our needs in Christ Jesus.**

**John 10:10 TAB** The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows).

What do we need to live a truly victorious Christian life?

What is needed to stop us from being selfish, worldly, and controlled by our own desires?

Being mature does not come automatically when we are born again. We may be a new creation and have the Holy Spirit, but that does not make us mature.

We know that when we are born again, our sins are forgiven and we receive the Holy Spirit

So what next?

**First**, we must know what Christ has done for us. Who we really are. We need to truly know that without Christ we can do nothing.

**John 15:5 TAB** I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever lives in Me and I in him bears much (abundant) fruit. However, **apart from Me [cut off from vital union with Me] you can do nothing.**

**Second**, we must surrender completely to Christ, crucify daily the old sin-trained flesh and live according to who you are in Christ and "be transformed by the renewing of your mind".

**Rom 12:1 GNB** So then, my friends, because of God's great mercy to us I appeal to you: Offer yourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him. This is the true worship that you should offer.

**Rom 12:2** Do not conform yourselves to the standards of this world, but let God transform you inwardly by a complete change of your mind. Then you will be able to know the will of God--- what is good and is pleasing to him and is perfect.

**Third**, it requires the grace of God.

**Rom 6:14 GW** Certainly, sin shouldn't have power over you because you're not controlled by laws, but **by God's grace**.

We cannot live righteous lives by our own works - or by just trying very hard. We live now by faith according to what God says is true in the power of the Holy Spirit.

To live under grace we need to learn how to live by the Spirit.

**Gal 5:16 CEV** **If you are guided by the Spirit, you won't obey your selfish desires.**

**Gal 5:17** The Spirit and your desires are enemies of each other. They are always fighting each other and keeping you from doing what you feel you should.

**Gal 5:18** But if you obey the Spirit, the Law of Moses has no control over you.

How do we live by the Spirit. We are really talking about walking with a person, the Lord Jesus Christ; not following a long list of rules. God is our Father and this is a Father - Son relationship.

The will of God may take you to places you never planned, but you will never be disappointed or left alone!

### **So what does it mean to be led by the Spirit or spiritual?**

The Bible tells us about three different kinds of people. These are explained in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. He speaks of the **1) natural man** or the unbeliever, the **2) spiritual** man, and the **3) fleshly** or man living like the world.

**1Co 3:1-3 NASB**

- (1) And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to **spiritual** men, but as to men of **flesh** (worldly), as to infants in Christ.
- (2) I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able *to receive it*. Indeed, even now you are not yet able,
- (3) for you are still **fleshly** (worldly). For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

This is a good translation of verse 3:

**1Co 3:3 GW** because you're still **influenced by your corrupt nature**. When you are jealous and quarrel among yourselves, aren't you influenced by your corrupt nature and living by human standards?

# THE NATURAL PERSON

## Life "in the Flesh"

### 1 Corinthians 2:14

#### FLESH (Rom. 8:8)

Though flesh can mean the body, it is the learned independence which gives sin its opportunity. The natural man, who tries to find purpose and meaning in life independently of God, is going to struggle with inferiority, insecurity, inadequacy, guilt, worry and doubts.

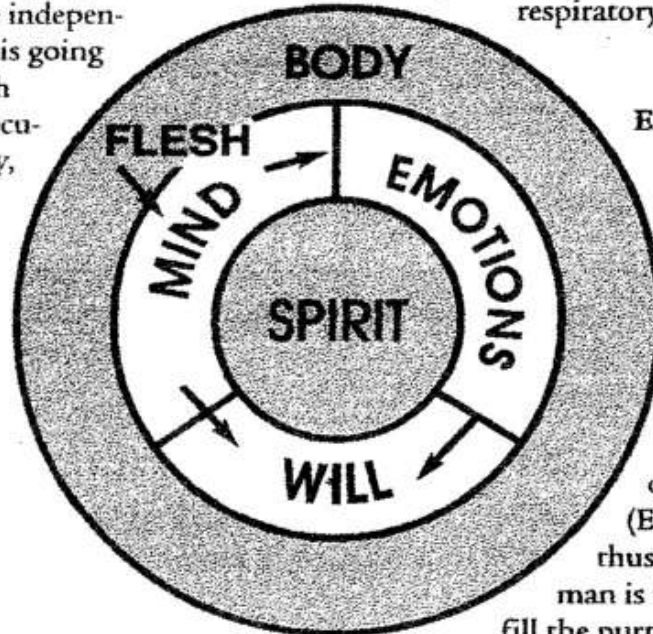
**MIND**  
Obsessive thoughts, fantasy, etc.

**WILL**  
(Gal. 5:16-18)  
Walk after the flesh

immorality	jealousy
impurity	disputes
sensuality	dissensions
idolatry	factions
sorcery	envying
enmities	drunkenness
strife	carousing
outbursts of anger	

#### BODY

Tension or migraine headaches, nervous stomach, hives, skin rashes, allergies, asthma, some arthritis, spastic colon, heart palpitations, respiratory ailments, etc.



**EMOTIONS**  
Bitterness, anxiety, depression, etc.

**SPIRIT**  
Man's spirit is dead to God (Eph. 2:1-3); thus, the natural man is unable to fulfill the purpose for which he was created. Lacking life from God, sin is inevitable.

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Eph 2:1-3 NASB (1) And you were dead in your trespasses and sins, (2) in which **you formerly walked according to the course of this world**, according to the prince of the power of the air, of the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience. (3) Among them we too all formerly lived in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

1Co 2:14 NASB But a **natural man** (unbeliever) does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.

**This is the natural man** - the man without Christ - the unbeliever. He is **spiritually dead**, separated from God, the natural man sins and for him it is the normal thing to do.

We talked before about **body, soul, and spirit**. We know very well what our **body** is.

The **soul** is the part of me that is my mind, my will (desires, choices), and my emotions or feelings (sad, angry, happy, worried etc)

The **spirit** is the part of man that has fellowship with God and can hear God, and worship God.

God created man to be ruled by the spirit of man in union with the Holy Spirit. In sinful man the spirit is dead. He is ruled by either the body or the soul or both.

**The natural man** has a soul, because he can think, feel, and choose.

In this diagram it shows the mind and body being controlled by the '**flesh**'. Your Cebuano Bible often translates this as the '**world**' because the world belongs to the Kingdom of Satan. But we must remember that it is speaking of the sin nature inside of man – not something outside of man.

**In this illustration, man is being controlled by his flesh, his old sin nature, or the world.**

Because he lives in the flesh or old sin nature, his choices show the actions of that sin nature.

Gal 5:16-18 NASB (16) But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. (17) For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please.

Then Paul states the behavior of the worldly or fleshly man.

Gal 5:19-21 NASB (19) Now the **deeds of the flesh** are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, (20) idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, (21) envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Because of his way of life, he is troubled by feelings of inferiority, insecurity, inadequacy, guilt, worry, and doubts as stated under the '**Flesh**' in the illustration.

In his '**Emotions**' there is bitterness, anxiety, depression, etc.

Also this person's '**Body**' suffers from all kinds of illnesses which can come from stress and living with worry, such as: nervous stomach, allergies, asthma, intestinal problems, and others.

The Natural person has no spiritual base for his decisions and no spiritual guidance. Medical doctors say that 50% of the people are physically sick from mental or emotional problems – not physical illnesses.

## THE SPIRITUAL PERSON

### Life "in the Spirit"

### 1 Corinthians 2:15

**FLESH** (Rom. 8:8)

The crucifying of the flesh is the believer's responsibility on a day-by-day basis as he considers himself dead to sin.

**BODY**

Temple of God  
(1 Cor. 6:19,20)  
Present as a living and holy sacrifice (Rom. 12:1)

**MIND**

Transformed  
(Rom. 12:2)  
Single-minded  
(Phil. 4:6-8)  
Girded for action  
(1 Pet. 1:13)



**EMOTIONS**

Peace (Col. 3:15)  
Joy (Phil. 4:4)

**WILL**

(Gal. 5:16-18)  
Walk after the Spirit

love  
joy  
peace  
patience  
kindness  
goodness  
faithfulness  
gentleness  
self-control

**SPIRIT** (Rom. 8:9)

Salvation (John 3:3;  
1 John 3:9)  
Forgiveness (Acts 2:38;  
Heb. 8:12)  
Assurance (Rom. 8:16)  
Security (Eph. 1:13,14)  
Acceptance (1 John 3:1)  
Worth (Eph. 2:10)

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The Spiritual man, in contrast to this man, has been transformed by a spiritual birth.

This spiritual life has received forgiveness of sin, and acceptance into God's family. He now knows he is important and has value because of this.

The spiritual person is being sanctified and is growing into the image of God. His mind is being renewed and transformed. His emotions are filled with peace and joy instead of confusion.

His body is now the temple of the Holy Spirit and is being offered as a living sacrifice of worship and service to God.

The flesh, which lives independently of God in the worldly man, is still present in the spiritual man, but he crucifies the flesh and it desires daily and he knows he is alive in Christ and dead to sin.

(Rom 6:6 NASB) knowing this, that **our old self was crucified with Him, in order that our body of sin might be done away with**, so that we would no longer be slaves to sin;

Notice in the illustration that the spirit of this person is ruling the body and the soul. The arrow is pointing out from the spirit to indicate this.

This description of the spiritual man is the perfect model of a Christian, but there are still problems and sins.

The behavior of the Christian is not always doing the right thing. Many times the desires of the flesh win over the spirit.

There are some Christians who still live like the unbelievers. What about them? They continue to live with sinful behavior. They still feel inferior, are full of guilt, worry, and doubt.

These are Fleshly Persons.

# THE FLESHLY PERSON

## Life "According to the Flesh"

### 1 Corinthians 3:3

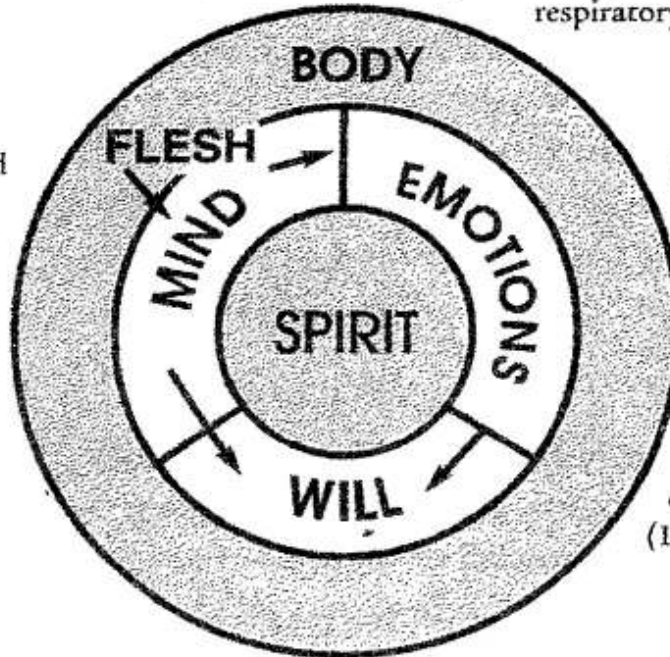
#### FLESH (Rom. 8:8)

The ingrained habit patterns still appeal to the mind to live independently of God.

#### BODY

Tension or migraine headaches, nervous stomach, hives, skin rashes, allergies, asthma, some arthritis, spastic colon, heart palpitations, respiratory ailments, etc.

**MIND**  
Double-minded



**EMOTIONS**  
Unstable

**SPIRIT**  
(Rom. 8:9)  
Alive but  
quenched  
(1 Thess. 5:19)

#### WILL (Gal. 5:16-18)

Walk after the flesh (often)

immorality	outbursts of
impurity	anger
sensuality	disputes
idolatry	dissensions
sorcery	factions
enmities	envying
strife	drunkenness
jealousy	carousing

Walk after the Spirit (seldom)

love
joy
peace
patience
kindness
goodness
faithfulness
gentleness
self-control

Notice in the illustration that the spirit is just like that of the natural person. It is not in control and he is choosing to follow the control of the flesh, and he is experiencing many of the same emotional and physical problems as the natural man.

This person has carnal or fleshly thoughts and his emotions are filled negative feelings. Although he is free to choose to walk after the Spirit and produce the fruit of the Spirit, he continues to practice sinful behavior and walk after the flesh.

**Gal 5:19-21 NASB**

(19) Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

(20) idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,

(21) envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

He looks like an unbeliever. He is submitting to the flesh instead of crucifying it. He is not presenting his body to God as a living sacrifice.

(Rom 12:1 NASB) Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is* your spiritual service of worship.

The fleshly man's physical body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, but it is being corrupted.

So how do we make certain that we are growing into a Spiritual Man?

How do we help our members to become Spiritual People?

In our next segment we will discuss the Cross and we will learn that God has given us everything we need for life and godliness.

(2Pe 1:3 NASB) seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

This comes through a true knowledge of God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ has provided all that we need through what He accomplished for us on the Cross.