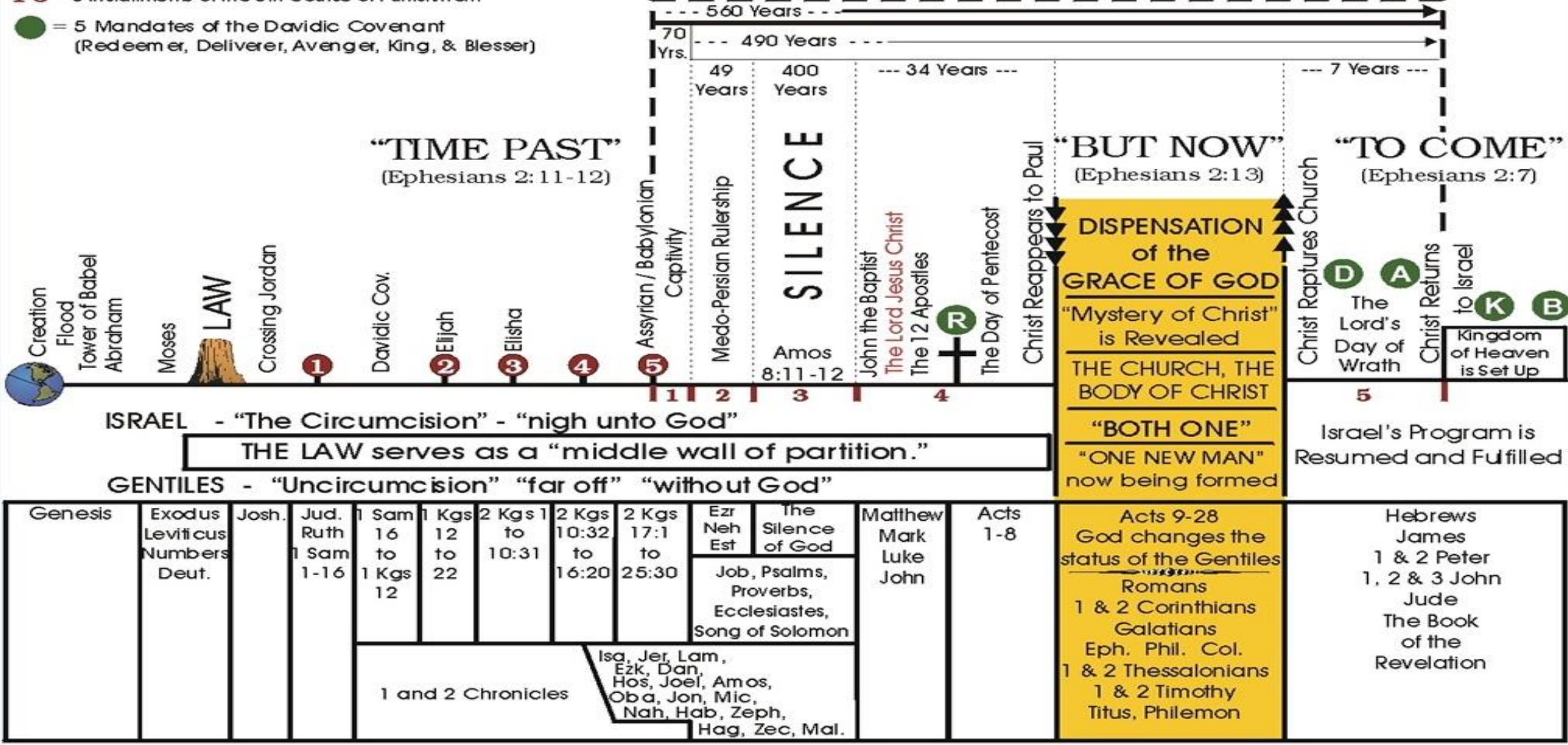
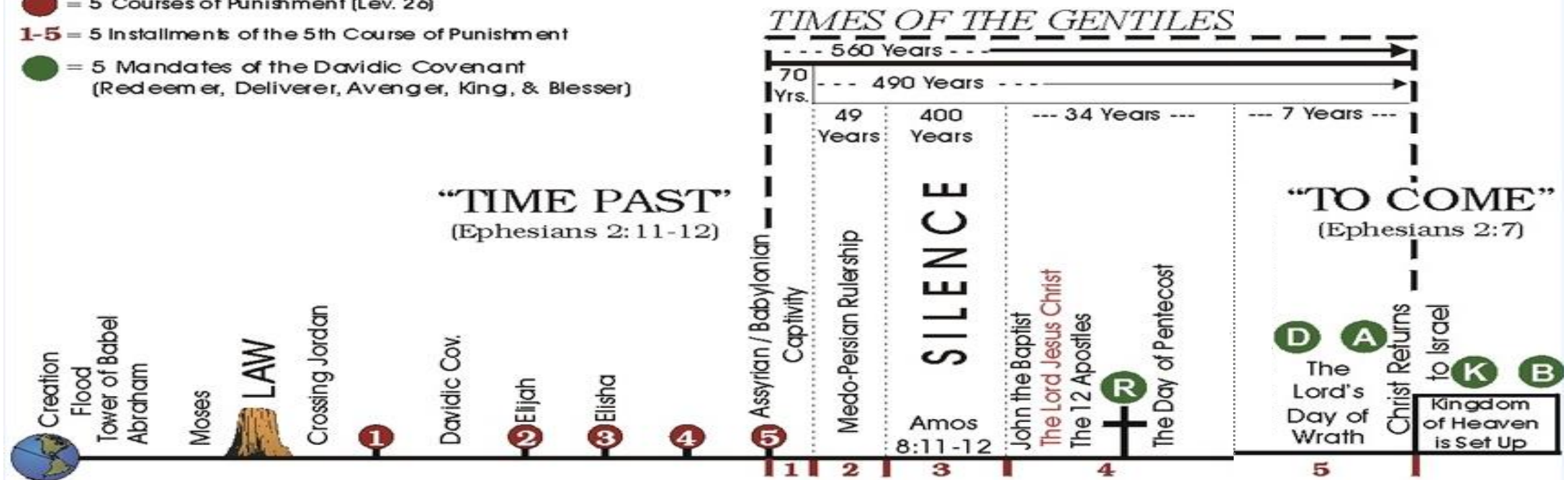


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ISRAEL - "The Circumcision" - "nigh unto God"

THE LAW serves as a "middle wall of partition."

Israel's Program is Resumed and Fulfilled

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Genesis	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deut.	Josh.	Jud. Ruth 1 Sam 1-16	1 Sam 16 to 1 Kgs 12	1 Kgs 12 to 22	2 Kgs 1 to 10:31	2 Kgs 10:32 to 16:20	2 Kgs 17:1 to 25:30	Ezr Neh Est	The Silence of God	Matthew Mark Luke John	Acts 1-8	Hebrews James 1 & 2 Peter 1, 2 & 3 John Jude The Book of the Revelation
				1 and 2 Chronicles				Isa, Jer, Lam, Ezk, Dan, Hos, Joel, Amos, Oba, Jon, Mic, Nah, Hab, Zeph, Hag, Zec, Mal.					

# **IN MY HEART THERE RINGS A MELODY**

I have a song that Jesus gave me  
It was sent from heav'n above  
There never was a sweeter melody  
'Tis a melody of love

Chorus:

In my heart there rings a melody  
There rings a melody  
with heaven's harmony  
In my heart there rings a melody  
There rings a melody of love

# **IN MY HEART THERE RINGS A MELODY**

I love the Christ who died on Calv'ry  
For He washed my sins away  
He put within my heart a melody  
And I know it's there to stay

Chorus:

In my heart there rings a melody  
There rings a melody  
with heaven's harmony  
In my heart there rings a melody  
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# IN MY HEART THERE RINGS A MELODY

'Twill be my endless theme in glory

With the angels I will sing

'Twill be a song with glorious harmony

When the courts of heaven ring

Chorus:

In my heart there rings a melody

There rings a melody

with heaven's harmony

In my heart there rings a melody

There rings a melody of love

# The Human DEvolution

Eph. 2:1/Rom. 1:18-32

1. Rom. 1:18—God's wrath is revealed against ALL ungodliness and unrighteousness of a fallen humanity that is now suppressing God's Truth in unrighteousness.

--When God comes to fix the world, it will require Him to not just get rid of the big ungodliness or the worst of unrighteousness: But ALL unrighteousness. He will have to deal with all who continue to rebel against Him and reject His Son. He will have to destroy all unbelief and unbelievers, all enemies everywhere at every level!

--But there is Good News!! For the very purpose of Paul's apostleship is to declare that God is holding back His wrath and judgment against enemy sinners a little while longer and is instead extending His grace and peace to them. BELIEVE IN THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND YOU SHALL BE SAVED (Acts 16:31)!



**2. Rom. 1:18-25:** Humanity's fall wasn't God's fault! It occurred when they rebelled against God and rejected His word, which disconnected their spirit from God and separated it from its created purpose, dying spiritually. Now it is no longer enlivened, empowered by God's Spirit and enlightened with His Truth.

Rather it is humanity's fault:

--Humanity thought it was wise to declare their independence from the God because they thought that in doing so they would actually become independent--their own little gods controlling their own little worlds—when, in fact, they were just handed over to become dependent on other masters, malevolent masters.



- Thinking themselves wise, they became fools for the BEGINNING of wisdom is the fear, reverence, of God (Prov. 9:10).
- Instead of being connected to God and filled with His Truth, we were connected to Satan and filled with his Lie that, darkening our foolish hearts and producing vain imaginations from corrupted minds (Eph. 2:2).

3. For the benevolent God created and designed humanity to be dependent on Him. The human spirit was created to be enlivened, filled and energized by God the Holy Spirit (alive SPIRITUALLY),
  - Our enlivened spirit would then direct our inner soulish “self” by filling its heart with His Love and its mind with the Light of His Truth,
  - which in turn would direct our bodies to serve God by serving others selflessly in Love and Truth unto their edification in God’s things.

Humanity Created  
Alive Spiritually

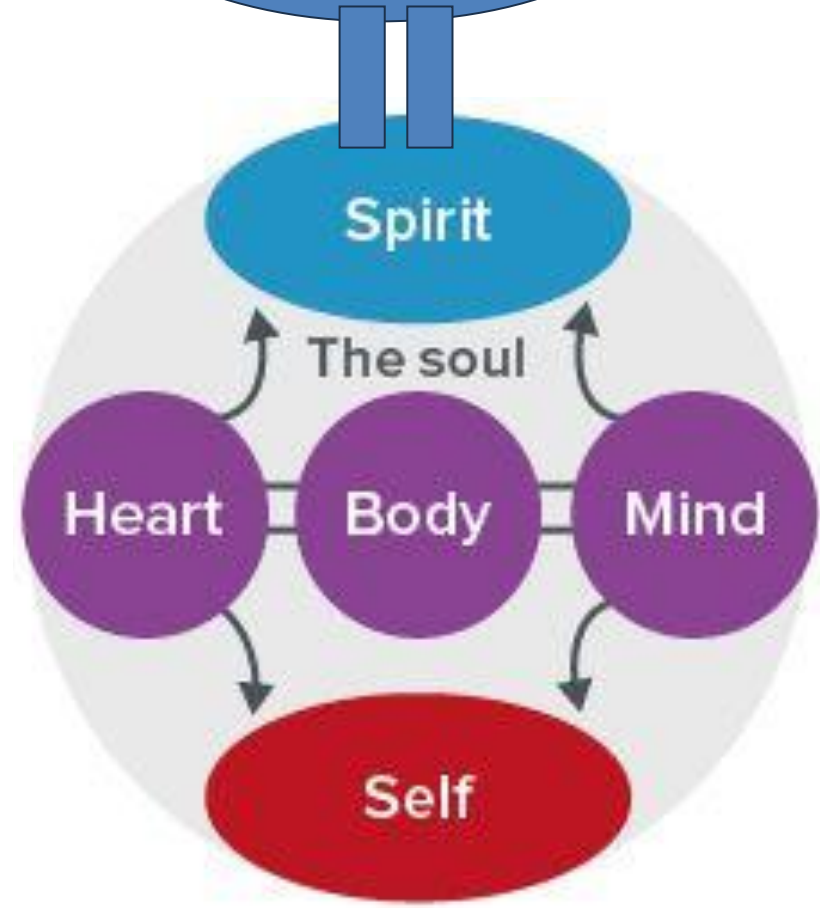
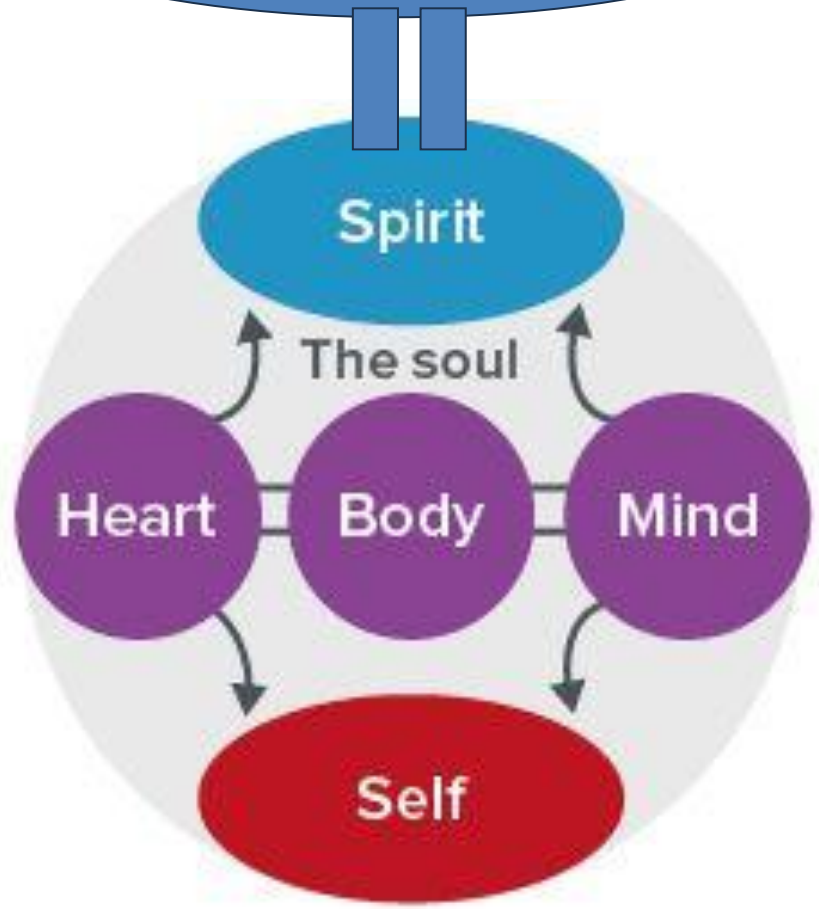
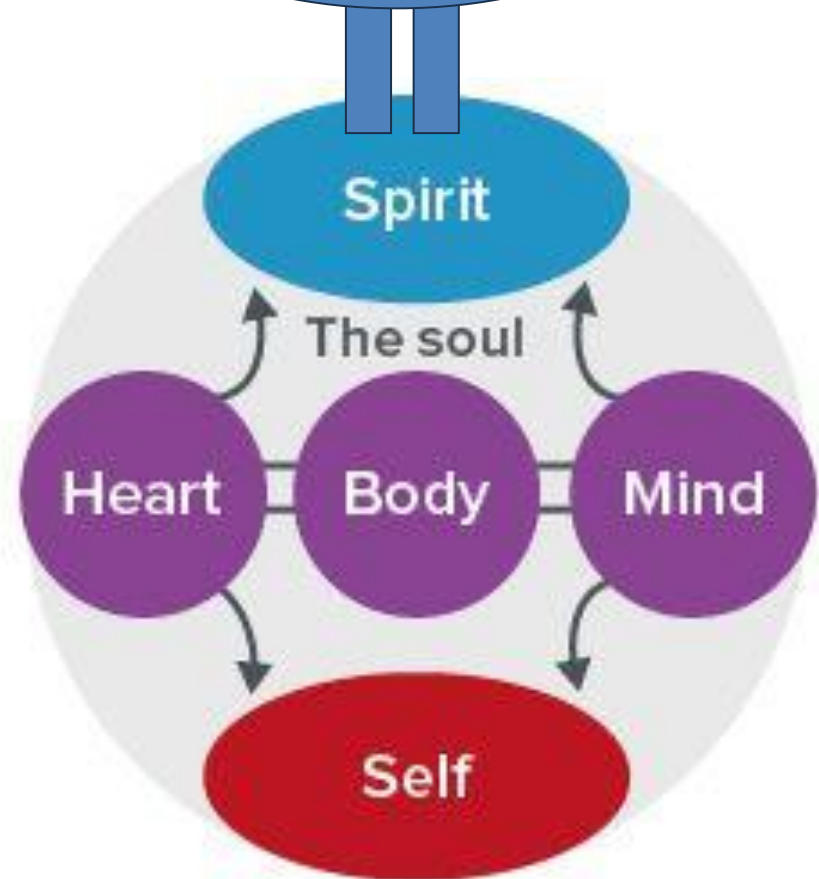
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**GOD**

**own god**

**Satan and  
World, Sin  
and Self**



4. The human DEVOLUTION: Starts with SUPER-NATURAL GLORY!
  - a. Rom. 1:19-20—Humanity cannot blame God for its sinful plight for God had made Himself known to them. He gave them:
    - An internal witness—conscience and an infinite, God-shaped void that cannot be ignored.
    - An external witness—a creation that calls for an all powerful Creator God but they suppressed it in unrighteousness.
    - Therefore, they are without excuse.

- b. Rom. 1:21-22, 25—Devolved into shameful existence merely in accord with nature, like the animals. They knew God—their Creator—yet did not glorify Him nor were they thankful.
- They thought they were wise in declaring their independence from God, but they were really fools.
  - They thought that declaring their independence from God they actually became independent when, in fact, they were just enslaved to darkened hearts and vain imaginations.
  - Therefore, in their very profession of being wise, they demonstrated that they were really just FOOLS.

c. Rom. 1:23—How was this foolishness displayed? Declaring their independence from the one, true, living, uncorruptible God they became dependent on the empty, nothing, false, dead, corrupted image of a likeness, picture of a picture—of man, birds, 4-footed beasts and creeping things.

--They could throw away God and suppress His Truth, but they couldn't ignore the external and internal witnesses of God.

--Nor could they ignore the vast, infinite, God-shaped void that resided within them.

--The utter folly of fallen humanity—they tried to fill that God-shaped void not with the worship of a frog or a salamander ... But put in their high places a photograph of a drawing of a frog and salamander and worshipped it!

- d. Rom. 1:24, 26, 28—The utter folly of fallen humanity is thinking that by declaring our independence from God we actually became independent when, in fact:
- We were just handed over to other masters—Masters Sin and Death, Satan and the World, Self and sinful flesh (Eph. 2:1-3).



e. Rom. 1:24, 26-27: Further devolved into a shameful existence contrary even to nature. When God's good created humanity broke their super-natural relationship with God, it degraded their natural relationships as well. Using the degradation of sexual relationships to illustrate, Paul described the plight of fallen humanity:

--Having been handed over (enslaved) to their own covetous selfish interests of darkened hearts, they degraded their natural bodily relationships, introducing shame.

--And Being enslaved to vile affections and reprobate minds, they degraded further, entering into unnatural relationships, introducing vanity and even more shame into their bodily existence.

**5. Rom. 1:26-27.** Paul illustrates what happened to fallen humanity with homosexual relationships. His point in bringing this sin up isn't to say this is the worst sin imaginable.

--I am pretty sure it wouldn't take any of us too long to imagine worse sins than this.

--And it is no harder for God to save someone in this sin than in any other sin.

6. Rather Paul uses this sin because something that characterizes a homosexual relationship has come to characterize the whole fallen human race.

--For all the expenditure of time and energy, effort and work, striving to fulfil the lusts of their darkened hearts and minds—for all the BURNING ...

--There is one fact that can't be denied. It cannot produce positive fruit--not even one child. It is barren, dead. All that burning of lusts and selfish desires for nothing positive.

--Paul's point is that this characteristic of barrenness and fruitlessness has come to characterize the whole human race. For all its endless, constant, extreme work and effort, time and money, activity and business—it produces nothing. Its existence is a vain, empty, FRUITLESS existence that is unable to produce life and righteousness.

7. In fact, apart from God and His Truth, the only thing fallen humanity can “produce” is negative fruit: TRESPASSES and SINS that lead to condemnation and death (Eph. 2:1).
  - a. Fallen humanity has been swallowed up in an ocean of sins committed against God, others and ourselves (Rom. 1:28-32).
  - b. Looking for satisfaction—if we just had a little more wealth or health, if we only had a nicer house in a better neighborhood, if only we had more things, a bigger bank book and a bigger 401K, if only, if only, if only .... Then we would be satisfied and happy.
    - Trying to fill our needs in this way, we engage in attitudes and behaviors that DESTROY SELF and OTHERS and that frustratingly and despairingly never fulfill our most basic needs.

8. But lest we despair God is now holding back His wrath and judgment against ALL unrighteousness in unbelief and is instead sending His Grace and Peace out to the world of enemy sinners:
- If you are an unbeliever, God has Good News for you—you can be saved instantly and eternally from all this sin and death by believing in the Person and Work of His Son on the Cross for you. You have been given limited physical life, and God's desire is that you use that time to receive Him through Christ so He can give you everlasting spiritual life.
  - And if you are a believer, God's Good News to you is that you have been saved from all of this forevermore.

# IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way  
When sorrows like sea billows roll  
Whatever my lot Thou hast taught me to say  
It is well, it is well with my soul

Chorus:

It is well (it is well),  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well, with my soul

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

Tho' Satan should buffet

Tho' trials should come

Let this blessed assurance control

That Christ has regarded my helpless estate

And hath shed His own blood for my soul

Chorus:

It is well (it is well),

With my soul (with my soul)

It is well, it is well, with my soul



IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought  
My sin not in part but the whole  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord O my soul!

Chorus:

It is well (it is well),  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well, with my soul

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

And Lord haste the day  
When the faith shall be sight  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll  
The trump shall resound  
And the Lord shall descend  
“Even so,” it is well with my soul

Chorus (2X):

It is well (it is well),  
With my soul (with my soul)  
It is well, it is well, with my soul