

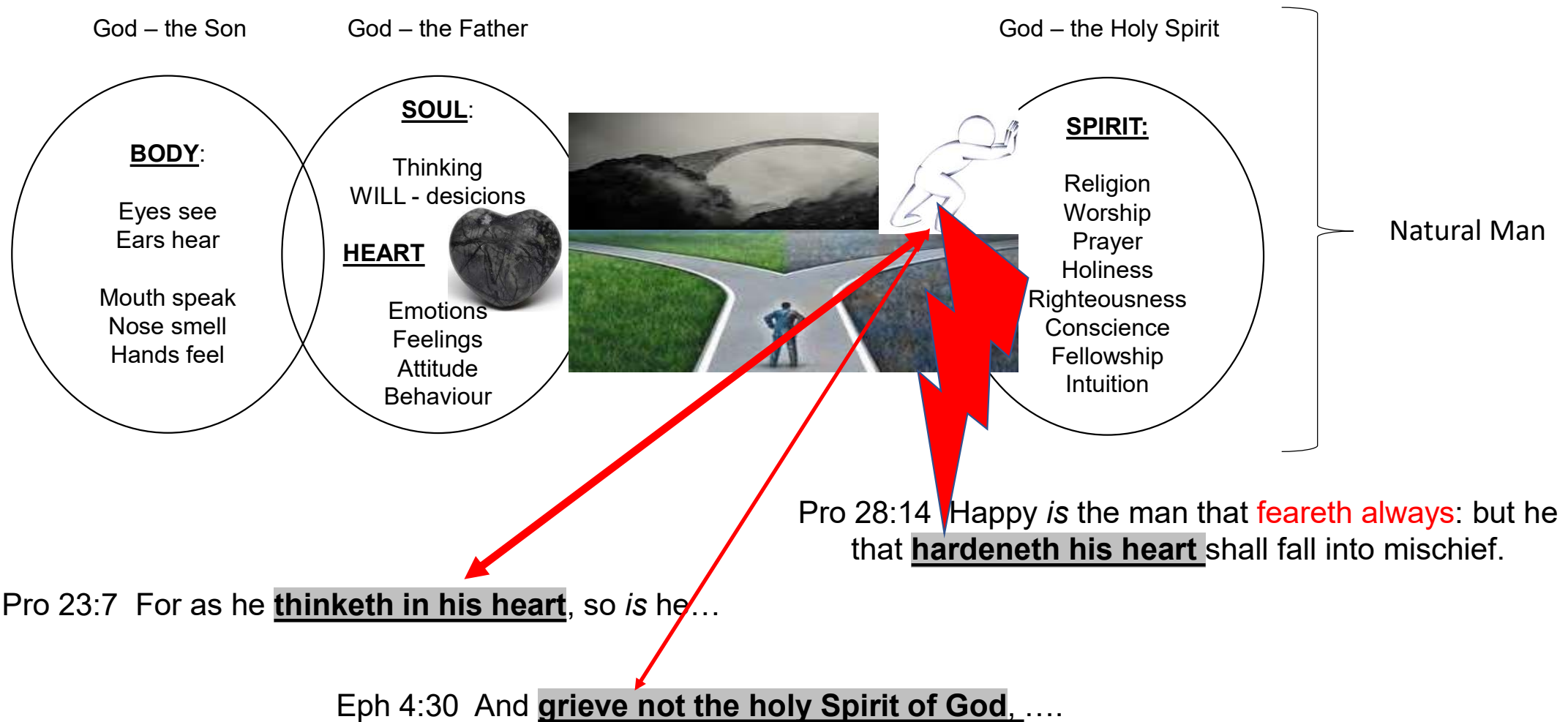
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What is God's image / likeness?

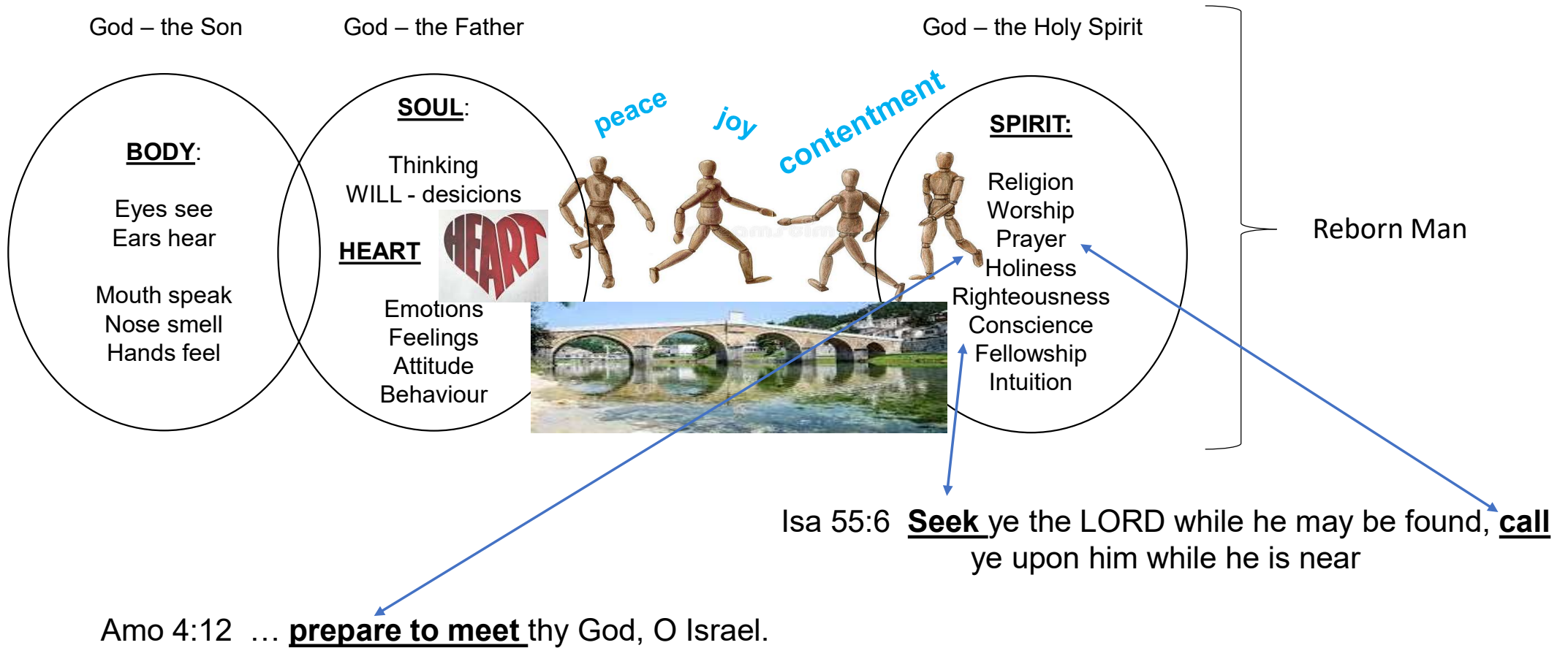
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Fallen Man's Image



Reborn Man's Image



Who is GOD, the FATHER?

The existence of GOD – as realised by man's inner sense



Rom 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all **ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness** (they deny God);

19 **Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them.**

21 Because that, when they knew God, **they glorified him not as God,** neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and **their foolish heart was darkened.**

25 Who **changed the truth of God into a lie,** and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

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Psa 14:1 **The fool** hath said in his heart, **There is no God.**

Psa 10:3 For **the wicked** boasteth of his heart's desire, and blesseth the covetous, whom the LORD abhorreth.

4 **The wicked,** through the pride of his countenance, will not seek after God: God is not in all his thoughts. (The fools **wilfully deny** God)



Rev 4:2 ...a throne was set in heaven, and *one* sat on the throne.
Rev 4:3 And he that sat was to look upon like a jasper (RED) and a sardine (ORANGE) stone: and *there was* a rainbow round about the throne, in sight like unto an emerald (GREEN...BLUEISH)
Rev 4:6 And before the throne *there was* a sea of glass like unto crystal...

Who is GOD, the FATHER?

The existence of GOD – by evidence found in Scripture

From the very 1st word in Scripture it assumes that God exists.

Gen 1:1 **In the beginning God created** the heaven and the earth.

Psa 19:1 The **heavens declare the glory** of God; and **the firmament sheweth his handywork**

2 Day unto day **uttereth speech**, and night unto night **sheweth knowledge**.



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The existence of GOD – by evidence found in Nature

Rom 1:20 For the invisible things **of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen**, being **understood** by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse:



Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another (seraphim), and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts:

the whole earth is full of his glory

Who is GOD, the SON, Jesus Christ?
Jesus Christ – the Person

Mat 1:18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was ...: When as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, **before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost.** :20 ...Joseph, ...son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for **that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost.** (The absense of a human father means Jesus did not inherit the sin caused by Adam)

1Tim 3:16 And without controversy **great is the mystery** of godliness – Dr P Ruckman wrote - **God was manifest in the flesh...God showed up as a baby**, Mary had to feed Him, change His clothes, and say: don't put that in your mouth!, be careful, don't get hurt. His human body and mind was just as ours. He grew like we have to.

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Jesus Christ – the Person

Luk 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Heb 4:15 ...(Jesus); ... was in all points **tempted** like we are, **yet without sin.**

Jas 1:13 ...God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth He any man. (If Jesus was not a man, He could not die in our place and pay the penalty that was due and mediate between God and men)



Who is GOD, the SON, Jesus Christ?

Jesus Christ— His [atonement](#)

The cause of atonement was **God's love and justice** (Joh 3:16) **Justice** required that the **penalty** due to us for our sins, **must be paid**.

God sent Christ to be a **SACRIFICE** to bear **God's wrath!!**

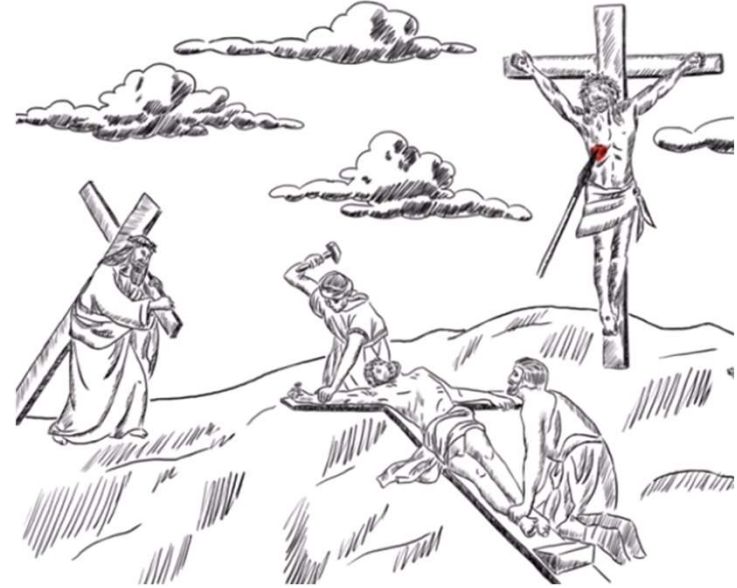
God **did not have to** save people, but **He chose to** because of **His love**. (God chose not to save the sinning angels)



(2Pet 2:4 For **if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell**, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment

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Heb 10:4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Heb 9:22 And almost **all things are by the law purged (cleansed) with blood**; and **without shedding of blood is no remission** (cancellation of a debt / **Christ's blood was given as a judicial execution**). Jesus had to be sinless else it could not be a **SACRIFICE**. Heb 5:8 Though he were a Son, yet **learned he obedience by the things which he suffered**

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Jesus Christ— His resurrection and ascension

Christ's resurrection was not simply coming back from the dead.

He received **a new kind of life** in which His body was made perfect, **able to live eternally.**

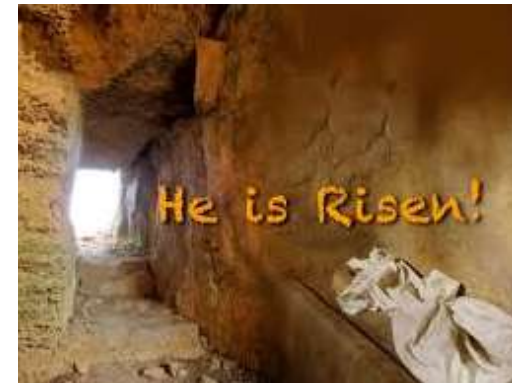
1Cor 15:42-44 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is **raised in incorruption:**

43 It is sown in dishonour; it is **raised in glory:**

it is sown in weakness; it is **raised in power:**

44 It is sown a natural body; it is **raised a spiritual body.**

There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.



Christ's resurrection ensures our regeneration:

1Pe 1:3-5 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,**

4 To **an inheritance incorruptible**, and **undefiled**, and **that fadeth not away**, **reserved in heaven for you,**

5 **Who are kept by the power of God** through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

Christ's ascension foreshadows our future ascension with Him into heaven.

Who is GOD, the HOLY SPIRIT?
The Holy Spirit— and His work

The Holy Spirit gives **life**, **purifies**, **reveals**, **evidence** of God.

LIFE

2Cor 3:6c ..., but **the spirit giveth life**.

Tit 3:5b ..., but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and **renewing of the Holy Ghost**;

Joh 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, **they are spirit, and they are life**.

Rom 8:11 ...(The Holy Spirit) shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

PURIFIES

1Cor 6:11 ... but ye are **washed**, but ye are **sanctified**, but ye are **justified** in the name of the Lord Jesus, and **by the Spirit of our God**. He brings forth the fruit in us:

Gal 5:22 But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love ...

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye **through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body**, ye shall live.

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The Holy Spirit— and His work

REVEALS

2Pet 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as **they were moved by the Holy Ghost**.

EVIDENCE OF GOD

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth **witness** with our spirit, **that we are the children of God**.



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The Holy Spirit— and His regeneration

Regeneration is an act of God (Holy Spirit) awakening spiritual life in us, moving from spiritual death to spiritual life, this comes before saving faith.(close together)

Eze 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and **a new spirit will I put within you**, ...

Joh 3:8 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**,

Rom 8:9-10 But **ye are** not in the flesh, but **in the Spirit**, if so be that **the Spirit of God dwell in you**. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but **the Spirit is life because of righteousness**.

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2Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, **he is a new creature**: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.



Who is GOD, the HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit—regeneration brings seeable results

1Joh 5:1 Whosoever **believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, ...**

1Joh 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and **he cannot sin, because he is born of God. (we must show results of a new life / a pattern of new life),**

1Joh 4:7 Beloved, let us love one another: for **love is of God**; and **every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.**

1Joh 5:4 For whatsoever is born of God **overcometh the world.**

1Jn 5:18 We know that **whosoever is born of God** sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and **that wicked one toucheth him not.**



Who is GOD, the HOLY SPIRIT?

The Holy Spirit—regeneration brings seeable results

Gal 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is:



**love,
joy,
peace,
longsuffering,
gentleness,
goodness,
faith,
Meekness,
temperance...**

Mat 7:15-16 Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves.

16 **Ye shall know them by their fruits** (Activity in the church or miracles are not evidence of regeneration. Character traits proof regeneration)

Who is MAN?
Creation – of MAN

Gen 5:1-2 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, **in the likeness of God made he him;**

2 **Male and female** created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

God created man for His own glory

Isa 43:7 Even every one that is called by my name: **for I have created him for my glory**, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

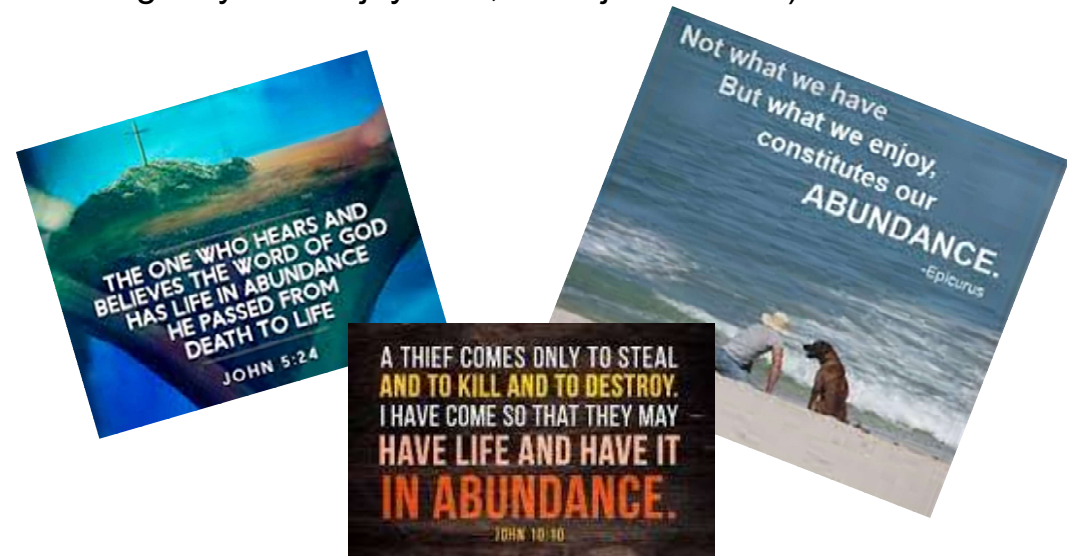
Eph 1:12 That **we should be to the praise of his glory.**



1Cor 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or **whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God** (This means that our purpose in life is to glorify God, to enjoy God, to take delight in God and our relationship with God)

Who is MAN?
Creation – of MAN

Joh 10:10 ...I(Jesus) am come that **they might have life**, and that they might have it **more abundantly**. (As we glorify and enjoy God, He rejoices in us)



Isa 62:5 ...and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride.

Zep 3:17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, **he will rejoice over thee with joy**; he will rest in his love, **he will joy over thee with singing**.

Who is MAN?
What it means to glorify God

God created man for His **GLORY**: This word in Hebrew means **splendour**, or **magnificence**, **majesty**, **to praise**, **to honor**. This means we must **acknowledge God's majestic Being** and **worship Him** for His **majesty**, **grandeur** and **abundance**. We must **thank and praise** Him **for upholding** us and the earth, We must **regard God** with the **highest respect** and **admiration**

Psa 19:1 The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.



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1Chron 29:11 Thine, O LORD, is the **greatness**, and the **power**, and the **glory**, and **the victory**, and the **majesty**: for all *that is* in the heaven and in the earth *is thine*; thine is the **kingdom**, O LORD, and thou art **exalted as head above all**.

Who is MAN? In relationship with GOD

God defines His **relationships** with man in "covenants". These are **unchangeable, divinely imposed** legal agreements between God and man and **stipulates the conditions of their relationship, including a promise of blessings for obedience and punishment for disobedience, Man can never negotiate the terms of a covenant. It is fixed forever.**



The essential element at the heart of all these covenants is: 2Cor 6:16 ..., and **I will be their God, and they shall be my people.**

Psalm 104

Bless the LORD, O my soul. O LORD my God, thou art very great; thou art clothed with honour and majesty.
Who coverest *thyself* with light as *with* a garment: who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain:
Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters: who maketh the clouds his chariot: who walketh upon the wings of the wind:
Who maketh his angels spirits; his ministers a flaming fire:
Who laid the foundations of the earth, *that* it should not be removed for ever.
Thou coveredst it with the deep as *with* a garment: the waters stood above the mountains.
At thy rebuke they fled; at the voice of thy thunder they hasted away.
They go up by the mountains; they go down by the valleys unto the place which thou hast founded for them.
Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; that they turn not again to cover the earth.
He sendeth the springs into the valleys, *which* run among the hills.
They give drink to every beast of the field: the wild asses quench their thirst.
By them shall the fowls of the heaven have their habitation, *which* sing among the branches.
He watereth the hills from his chambers: the earth is satisfied with the fruit of thy works.
He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, and herb for the service of man: that he may bring forth food out of the earth;
And wine *that* maketh glad the heart of man, *and* oil to make *his* face to shine, and bread *which* strengtheneth man's heart.
The trees of the LORD are full of *sap*; the cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;
Where the birds make their nests: *as for* the stork, the fir trees *are* her house.
The high hills *are* a refuge for the wild goats; *and* the rocks for the conies.
He appointed the moon for seasons: the sun knoweth his going down.
Thou makest darkness, and it is night: wherein all the beasts of the forest do creep *forth*.
The young lions roar after their prey, and seek their meat from God.
The sun ariseth, they gather themselves together, and lay them down in their dens.
Man goeth forth unto his work and to his labour until the evening.
O LORD, how manifold are thy works! in wisdom hast thou made them all: the earth is full of thy riches.
So is this great and wide sea, wherein *are* things creeping innumerable, both small and great beasts.
There go the ships: *there is* that leviathan, *whom* thou hast made to play therein.
These wait all upon thee; that thou mayest give *them* their meat in due season.
That thou givest them they gather: thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good.
Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust.
Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.
The glory of the LORD shall endure for ever: the LORD shall rejoice in his works.
He looketh on the earth, and it trembleth: he toucheth the hills, and they smoke.
I will sing unto the LORD as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.
My meditation of him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD.
Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be no more. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD.

Who is SATAN?
A few names of Satan

DEVIL

Mat 4:1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

Mat 13:39 The enemy that sowed them is the devil;

Mat 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world:

EVIL ONE

Mat 13:19 When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart.

1Jn 2:13 ...I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one ...

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RULER OF THIS WORLD

Joh 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

Joh 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

SERPENT

2Cor 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty,...

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan,...

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years

Who is SATAN?
What was Satan's SIN

It seems Satan's sin was **pride and a refusal to accept his assigned place. (REBELLION and PRIDE and an attempt to be equal to GOD in status and authority)**

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O **Lucifer**, son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For **thou hast said in thine heart,**

- **I will ascend into heaven,**
- **I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:**
- **I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:**
- **14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds;**
- **I will be like the most High.**

Who is SATAN?
What was Satan's SIN

The name SATAN means adversary. He is the originator of sin and tempts others to sin as well and **cause people to turn away from God and destroy themselves.**

Joh 8:44 Ye are of *your* father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. **He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth,** because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for **he is a liar, and the father of it.**

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that **old serpent**, called **the Devil, and Satan**, which **deceiveth the whole world**

2Cor 4:4 In whom the god of this world **hath blinded the minds of them which believe not,**

Who is SATAN?

What is Satan's **end**

Rev 20:10 And **the devil that deceived** them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet *are*, and **shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.**

Act 26:17b ...now I (Jesus) send thee,

- 18 To **open their eyes,**
- *and* **to turn them from darkness to light,**
- **and from the power of Satan unto God,**

that they may **receive forgiveness of sins,** and inheritance among them which are **sanctified by faith** that is in me.

What is the gospel?

1John 3:8b ...For this purpose **the Son of God** was manifested, that he might **destroy the works of the devil.**

1Cor 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you **the gospel** which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;
2 **By which also ye are saved,** if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, **how that Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures;

4 And that **he was buried,** and that **he rose again the third day** according to the scriptures: