

# **God Magnified, Part 4**

## **Awakening to Spiritual Reality**

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## Front Cover

It has been observed that stars are like holes poked in the floor of heaven. The design and creation of natural stars fueled by atomic nuclear fusion reveal the fusion of the Triune-God Who is Spirit. “The heavens are telling the glory of God; and their expanses is declaring the work of His hands” (Psalm 19:1).

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## **God Magnified:**

God is an “**Us**”– three Individuals (Gen. 1:26, 3:22, 11:7; Isa. 6:8).

“God is **one**” (Deut. 6:4; Mark 12:29).

“God is **Agape**” (1John 4:8, 16).

“God is a **sun**” (Ps. 84:11).

“**Holy, Holy, Holy** is the Lord God, the Almighty” (Rev. 4:8; Isa. 6:8).

“God is **Light**” (1John 1:5).

“The eternal God is a **dwelling place**” (Deut. 33:27).

“God is “**in Christ**” (Col. 2:9; 2Cor. 5:19; Eph. 4:32).

“God is **Spirit**” (John 4:24).

“God is **true**” (John 3:33).

“The Lord is a God of **justice**” (Isa. 30:18).

“The Lord, whose name is **Jealous**, is a jealous God” (Ex. 34:14).

“God is a **consuming fire**” (Deut. 4:24; Heb. 12:29).

God is Three sacrificial **Self-sharers**.

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In this *Plumblines* series, we are discovering the “**dwelling place**,” which the Persons of the Trinity not only *share* but which the three Eternals *are*. Before the heavens and the earth or any created being existed, the “eternal **Father**” (Isa. 9:6), the “eternal **Son**” (1Tim 1:16-17; John 1:1), and the “eternal **Spirit**” (Heb.9:14), *Themselves*, constituted “the **eternal kingdom**” (2Pet. 1:11). God is Three relational, Self-giving Persons who *mutually indwell* One Another. The Triune-God is profoundly inclusive and hospitable; into this relational, inter-Personal ‘infrastructure’ known as “the kingdom of God” we have been invited. The Triune-God is calling us Home into *Themselves*, ‘fusing’ and acculturating us as adopted, re-generated children into “**God in Christ**.”

The “*God is*” statements of the Scriptures are like ‘pillars’ of a covered porch built around the entire circumference of “*God is a dwelling place*;” each ‘pillar’ serves as a lens to see and understand the next. *Progressive magnification* of these “*God is*” declarations leads to a three-dimensional understanding of “the eternal kingdom” and draws us to enter and participate through the God-Man Jesus in the “eternal life” of the Trinity.

As kingdom emigrants, we are pioneering forward together into this unfolding revelation of *The Fusion of the Trinity*.

In the first volume, *God Magnified: Discovering the “Us” in Oneness*, we learn to ‘worth-ship’ God by carefully examining the Trinity—Father, Son, and Spirit—three Individuals in perpetual fusion Oneness by **Agape**. The Triune-God intentionally left Their *spiritual* ‘fingerprint’ in the power-source of the *natural* universe—atomic nuclear **fusion**—“God is a sun” (Ps. 84:11). The dynamic Tri-unity of “the living God” is further revealed as “Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty [*All-Three-Mighty*]” (Rev. 4:8).

In the second volume, *God Magnified: Exploring the Dwelling Place*, we ‘see through’ God’s design of *natural* light into the *spiritual* Reality of “God is **Light**” (1John 1:5)—a ‘Spectrum’ of Three individual ‘Primaries’ running together in one solitary ‘Beam.’ “The Light of the knowledge of the glory of God” (2Cor 4:6) is a ‘multi-dimensional’ vision of the Trinity, which the early church defined as ‘**perichoresis**’: “mutual indwelling and interpenetration without the loss of personal identity.” From eternity, Father, Son, and Spirit are in fusion Oneness by perpetual Self-giving. The Three Eternals are at rest in the eros-free love of One Another—an inter-Personal Dwelling Place of light with “no darkness [*individualism*] at all” (1John 1:5). The Triune-God created human

beings to share in this “eternal life” that They share. Jesus prayed, “that they all may be **one**, just as We are **one**...that they may be **in Us**... that they may be **perfected in unity** [*lit. as one*]” (John 17:22-23).

In the third volume, *God Magnified: Revealing the Secret of the Mystery*, we discover “**God in Christ**” (Col. 2:9). As we further practice this ‘multi-dimensional’ approach to the knowledge of the Triune-God (Agape rationale) revealed in the Scriptures, we discover “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God **in the face of Christ**” (2Cor. 4:6). In “the combined and combining Person of our Lord Jesus Christ” (T. Austin Sparks), lies ‘*the secret of the mystery*’ of our participation in the dynamic of the kingdom—the **fusion** of the Triune-God and re-gene-rated man in the **Nucleus** of the God-Man Jesus.

In this fourth volume, *Awakening to Spiritual Reality*, we will magnify “**God is Spirit**” (John 4:24) to discover how Father, Son, and Spirit, as three spiritual Beings (*Pnuema*), fuse into One Another, Spirit into Spirit, as a fusion Vortex or “**whirlwind**” (Nahum 1:3; Acts 2:2; Heb. 12:18). The Triune-Spirit created individual human beings as a tri-unity—spirit, soul, and body—to be ‘fuse-able’ beings. We will learn how as free individuals, we are fused by Agape into the Triune-Spirit: “he who **joins himself** to the Lord is **one spirit** with Him” (1Cor. 6:17). As an eternal, uncreated

Spirit, the Son of God was incarnated into human flesh to be our Forerunner. Allowing His human spirit to govern His soul and body, the Man Jesus “became a **life-giving spirit**” (1Cor. 15:45). As we follow Jesus, we are “born of the Spirit” (John 3:6-8) and awaken spiritually to participate in the fusion dynamic of the kingdom—human spirit fused into the Triune-Spirit.

### **Pillar 9 “God is Spirit”**

God is a Triune-Spirit: the Person of the Holy Spirit is a *spiritual* Being, but the Person of the Father and the Person of the Son are also *spiritual* Beings—“**the Lord is Spirit**” (2Cor. 3:16). The Hebrew word for “Spirit” is *ruwach* and the Greek word is *pneuma*, both of which mean: a **movement of wind**; breath of nostrils or mouth; a being without physical or material form; the vital principal by which the human body is animated. God is three eternal, uncreated, **non-material Beings** in perpetual fusion Oneness: God is “Holy, Holy, Holy [*Three eros-free Individuals*]” (Rev. 4:8), and “God is Spirit [*Three Pneuma*]” (John 4:24), and “God is Agape [*Three sacrificial Self-givers*]” (1John 4:8).

Each of these three **spiritual** Beings gives *Himself* perpetually into the other Two—*Spirit into Spirit*. The fusion dynamic of these Three moving together in *Self-giving Oneness* causes a **vortex**—the pattern of a tornado or hurricane:

“In **whirlwind** and storm is God’s way” (Nahum 1:3). Acts 2 describes the Vortex of the Trinity coming among 120 disciples gathered together in the upper room: “there came from heaven a noise like a **violent rushing wind**, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting” (Acts 2:2). Throughout the Scriptures, the appearances of the Triune-Spirit in the *physical* world are repeatedly described as a vortex of wind, cloud, and fire (see Ex. 13:21f; Deut. 31:15; 2Ki. 2:11; Job 38:1; Ps 77:18; Isa. 29:6; Heb. 12:18-22).

The dynamic, **vortical pattern** of Father, Son, and Spirit in perpetual fusion is the movement of **life** both *spiritually* and in the *natural* creation. The likeness of the Vortex of the **Triune-Pnuema** (Spirit) is illustrated throughout Their natural creation from *micro* (atomic nuclear fusion) to *macro* (galaxies). The process of atomic nuclear fusion occurs in a **vortex**—atoms circle one another in a manner one physicist described as “a turbulent ballet.” He added, “If left alone together long enough, individual atoms complete their dance as a solitary atom with one nucleus” (J. Luc Peterson, *Art of Science 2009 Online Gallery*, Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory).

In laboratory fusion experiments, atoms of hydrogen are contained in a tiny *fuel pellet* the size of the pupil of an eye. The tiny fuel pellet is placed in a large *magnetic fusion chamber* and encompassed by ionized gas called *plasma* that is heated to one

million degrees. In order to achieve fusion of the hydrogen atoms, the entire surface area of the fuel pellet must be compressed in an equal, uniform manner to one-fortieth its original size. A device called the **pneumatic ram** (pressurized gas) is used to compress the fuel pellet causing the atoms to fuse and releasing enormous amounts of energy. It is the **Pneuma** of God that makes individual believers “one” even as the Triune-God is one—“perfected in unity [*lit. Greek: perfected into one*]” (John 17:22-23).

Moving from micro to macro, we see the same vortical pattern of atomic nuclear fusion repeated in planetary weather patterns, solar systems, galaxies, and super-clusters of galaxies. Based upon measurements of cosmic microwave background radiation patterns in observable space, NASA has even suggested the *entire universe* may be a vortex. From micro to macro, the same dynamic occurs—swirling ‘arms’ revolve around a **nucleus**. The further one studies these recurrent patterns in the *physical* world, the more evident it becomes that the *natural* creation was designed according to the *spiritual* Prototype of “God in Christ”—the Triune-God in perpetual fusion in the ‘**Nucleus**’ of Christ:

He is the [*physical*] **image** of the **invisible God** [*Triune-Spirit*], the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in the heavens and on the

earth, **visible** [*natural*] and **invisible** [*spiritual*]....All things have been created through Him and for Him. He is before all things, and **in Him** [*the God-Man Nucleus*] **all things hold together** (Col. 1:15-17).

The Person of the Son, one of the three *spiritual* Beings, was **incarnated** as the flesh and blood Man Jesus. The infinite Son of God (an uncreated *Spirit*) was sent into the world by the Father (a *Spirit*). The *spiritual* Son was transformed by the Holy Spirit into a *physical, material* embryo and planted into the womb of a virgin. The uncreated, eternal Son was “born of a woman” (Gal. 4:4). Within the Person of the Son (as a human being) “all the fullness of Deity [*Three spiritual Beings*] dwells in **bodily form**” (Col. 2:9). Within the flesh and blood Man Jesus Christ, “God is Spirit” dwelt among human beings on the earth as “God in Christ” (2Cor. 5:19; 1Thes. 2:14). The Apostle John testified, “No one has **seen** God [*Triune-Spirit*] at any time; the only begotten God [*uncreated Son “made flesh”*] who is in the bosom of the Father [*Nucleus of the Triune-Spirit*], He has **explained** Him [*spiritual Reality*]” (John 1:18).

Jesus said, “**My kingdom** is not of this [*physical*] world....My kingdom is not of this [*natural*] realm” (John 18:36). These three uncreated Beings who *mutually indwell* One Another are

“Spirit;” therefore, the relational, inter-Personal ‘infrastructure’ known as “the kingdom of God” into which we are being “transferred” (Col. 1:13) and fused and acculturated is a **spiritual Reality**: “he who **joins** [*fuses*] himself to the Lord is **one spirit** with Him” (1Cor. 6:17).

The Scriptures repeatedly tell us that this *natural* world and universe in which we now live “is passing away” (Mt. 24:35; 1Cor. 7:31). Peter adds, “The heavens [*natural stars/universe*] will pass away with a roar and the elements [*periodic table of natural substances*] will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up” (2Pet. 3:10). God designed this **natural universe** as a temporary, preliminary environment in which to introduce human beings to the **spiritual reality** of “the eternal God is a dwelling place” (Deut. 33:27). In this *natural* ‘rehearsal studio’ the Triune-God seeks to mature us in Their own *spiritual* nature—the ‘fuse-able’ nature of sacrificial self-giving—in preparation to cohabit together in “new heavens and a new earth [*a spiritual realm*], in which **righteousness** [*Agape–sacrificial self-giving*] **dwells**” (2Pet. 3:13). The purpose of the Triune-Spirit is to lead mankind *into Themselves*, that is, from natural into spiritual. “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the **glory of the Lord** [*fusion of the Triune-Spirit*], are being **transformed into the same image** from glory to glory, just as from **the Lord**,

**the Spirit**” (2Cor. 3:18).

It is a major learning curve for natural-minded, earth-bound believers to see and understand the kingdom of “God is Spirit;” therefore, “the *spiritual* is not first, but the *natural*, then the *spiritual*” (1Cor. 15:46). This *natural* world is a relatively shallow dimension of time and space beneath which fathomless *spiritual* dimensions of both Light and darkness exist. Because we are **sensual creatures** accustomed to perceiving ‘reality’ solely through our five *natural* senses, the *spiritual* Reality of God remains eclipsed to us. The more we **awaken spiritually**, the more this temporal world seems like a paper-thin veneer. To natural-minded human beings, however, *spiritual* beings and dimensions seem *ethereal*, even fanciful things of legend and myth. T. Austin Sparks described the difference between sensual and spiritual perceptions of reality:

If you are in your own **senses**, senses of mind and soul [*spiritual eclipse, incapacity*], you are just completely **baffled**. It seems so idealistic or imaginary, so ethereal, so *unreal*. See, to the natural, the spiritual is unreal. To the **natural man**, the man of soul, what is essentially and intrinsically spiritual is unreal. Their reaction is “Oh, let us be practical, let us come down to earth, let us get our heads out of the clouds

and get our feet solidly on the **terra firma**, let us get down to things that are more real.” That is the reaction of the natural man to the spiritual. But to the **spiritual man**, spiritual things are far more real than the **tangible** (T. Austin Sparks, *But Ye Are Come Unto Mount Zion*, chap 3).

Paul observed, “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**” (1Cor. 2:14). Yet, the three uncreated Eternals are *Pneuma*, and the “myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands” of created angels that attend God are *pneuma* (Rev. 5:11); they are very real and existed *before* natural man. Satan (aka Lucifer) and the angels that followed him into the darkness of eros (individualism, fission, self-worth-ship) became “unclean spirits” (Mark 3:11). Jesus said, “Now when the unclean spirit goes out of a man, it passes through **waterless places** [*dimensions without a natural, oxygen-based atmosphere*] seeking rest, and does not find it...” (Mt. 12:43).

As beloved children emigrating into “God is a dwelling place,” we are discovering that “the kingdom of heaven” (Mt. 4:17) is not so much a concrete location or geographical destination, but rather a **transcendent spiritual Reality** outside of

time and space. The “eternal kingdom” (2Pet. 1:11) is the inter-Personal, relational dimension of the Triune-Pneuma that David called “the secret place of Your presence” (Ps. 31:20). In *God Magnified* volumes 2 and 3, we gained deeper insight into the spiritual, relational dimension of “God is a dwelling place” through Paul’s description: “the **third heaven**” (2Cor. 12:2). Paul explained, “Through the **Son** [*God “made flesh” John 1:14*], we have our access in one **Spirit** to the **Father** [*third heaven*]” (Eph. 2:18). Our destination is *not* a ‘place;’ we are being “transferred into the kingdom of the Son of Father’s Agape” (Col. 1:13), that is, **into three spiritual Persons** who mutually indwell One Another relationally.

How difficult it is for natural-minded believers accustomed to this *material* world to awaken to *spiritual* Reality! The Son came as a Man to “explain” God, the Triune-Spirit of Agape, but this was not an easy assignment. Jesus said, “If I told you **earthly** things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you **heavenly** things?” (John 3:12).

But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true [*gen-uine, fuse-able*] worshippers will worship the Father [*a Spirit*] **in spirit** and in truth. **God** [*Father, Son, Spirit*] **is Spirit** [*Pneuma*], and those who worship Him [*live and participate in the Trinity’s Life*]

*of reciprocal self-giving, mutual indwelling]* must worship Him **in spirit** [*human spirit fused into divine Spirit*] and **in truth** [*“Agape without hypocrisy” Rom. 12:9 – genuine sacrificial self-giving*]” (John 4:24).

Since “God is Spirit,” we sensual, self-focused, earth-bound creatures cannot even *see*, much less *know* God, until our human spirit is awakened, sanctified, exercised, and made functional. God has already given us the kingdom (a mutual indwelling), but eclipsed in spiritual incapacity we struggle to perceive it, receive it, and participate in it.

The nature of this relationship is essentially **spiritual**; that is, it is a **union** [*fusion*] **of spirit**. “They that worship Him must worship Him in spirit....” The union, then, is the union of spirit. That goes deeper than any other kind of union. We cannot go deeper than that. That defines the **nature of man** in the deepest, the most **real** part of his being, that he is fundamentally in the sight of God, **spirit** (T. Austin Sparks, *The Power of His Resurrection*, chap 6).

## **Spirit and Soul and Body**

God created each individual human being as a *tri-unity*: “**spirit** and **soul** and **body**” (1Thes.

5:23). “Then the Lord God [*the “Us” Gen. 1:26*] formed man of **dust** from the ground [*body*], and breathed into his nostrils the **breath of life** [*pneuma, spirit*]; and man became a **living being** [*a living soul, a free individual*]” (Gen. 2:7). The ‘shell’ of the man was a natural, fleshly body that contained a living soul (*the ‘seat’ of free will*) and a **spirit**—a ‘faculty’ breathed into man *from* “God is Spirit” in the very “image” and “likeness” of the Triune-Spirit. Among these three component faculties that make up a human being, the *spirit* was the primary means by which man interfaced and communed with the Triune-Spirit.

“God is Agape” *and* “God is Spirit:” as Individuals Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are perpetually fused into One Another, *Spirit into Spirit*, by sacrificial Self-giving Love. Individual human beings were designed to be fused by sacrificial self-giving into the Triune-God *human spirit into Spirit*. Agape (sacrificial self-giving) is an activity of the human spirit *expressed through* the soul (will) and ‘*facilitated*’ within the body. Paul wrote, “Do you not know that your **body is a temple** of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?” (1Cor. 6:19). Paul added, “Present your **bodies** a living and holy [*eros-free*] sacrifice, acceptable to God [*suitable “temple” for the Triune-Spirit*], which is your **spiritual** service of worship [*sacrificial self-giving*]” (Rom. 12:1).

The fusion (abiding union) of an individual's **spirit** into the Triune-Spirit is made possible and perpetuated by one's **soul** (reciprocal self-giving from a free will) and willingly facilitated within his **body**—"the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:21). Man was given "a living soul" (1Cor. 15:45) in order that he might *willingly* offer his body as the 'location' of the fusion of his spirit into the Triune-Spirit. Later in this *Plumblin*e, we will examine in more detail how God designed the human body, soul, and spirit as a "temple" or dwelling place for God and one another.

Man's *spirit* faculty was designed to **prevail over** and **govern** his soul (will) and his body. Paul made clear, "He who **joins** [*fuses*] himself to the Lord is **one spirit** with Him" (1Cor. 6:17). Because "God is Agape" (1John 4:8) *and* "God is Spirit," it is evident that a human being can only reciprocate God's Agape (sacrificial self-giving love) and abide in relational fusion with "God is Spirit" when his spirit *prevails over* and *governs* his soul (will) and fleshly body. In order to reciprocate God's sacrificial Self-giving Love, it is necessary for body and soul to align in **submission** to one's spirit because only in this state of being is an individual *free* to comprehensively give himself, *spirit* into "God is Spirit." Further, only with a *prevailing* spirit is it possible for an individual to be truly "**united in spirit**" (Phil. 2:2) with other human beings—spiritual 'oneness'

that transcends soul-ties, fleshly intercourse, and even natural bloodline.

Adam and Eve were created in the image and likeness of “God is Agape.” More precisely, they were created with the *potential* to grow and mature in Trinity-likeness. The man and woman were created with a genuine ‘seed’ of God’s Self-giving nature. It is not possible to create a being *perfected* in Trinity-like Agape; even the Man Jesus had to be “**made perfect**” (Heb. 7:28). In order for God’s sacrificial self-giving nature to come to *full maturity* in a human being it must be tested, proven, and perfected in circumstances that require **self-denial**—acting *against* my own will and bodily desires and acting *for* God and others. Jesus, our Forerunner, said, “If anyone wishes to come after Me [*into fusion Oneness in the Triune-Spirit*], he must **deny himself**...” (Mt. 16:24). Jesus added, “The **spirit is willing**, but the **flesh is weak**” (Mt. 26:41). Adam and Eve were created as free, spiritually-alive individuals with the *potential* to grow in Agape. The man and woman were *innocent*, but not yet tested and proven *righteous*; that is, they were not *mature* in sacrificial self-giving—God’s own image and likeness.

Jesus referred to Satan as “the father of lies [*lit. Greek: the lie*]” (John 8:44). As an envious usurper, this false-father targeted God’s beloved man and woman, seeking to **displace** the true Father. He purposed to corrupt them with “the lie” that is

his own eros nature, con-fuse them into his own darkness, hold them hostage, and ‘occupy’ them. He came to devour the ‘seed’ of God’s *gene-rous* nature in them. Jesus testified, “the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart” (Mt. 13:19). The tempter accomplished this by enticing the man and woman to allow the claims of their **body** (flesh) and the claims of their **soul** (self-will) to *prevail over* the claims of their **spirit**—the primary ‘faculty’ by which they enjoyed relational, inter-personal oneness with the Triune-Spirit and each other.

Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field...and he said to the woman, “Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden?’” The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it, or touch it, or **you will die.**’” The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will **be like** [*equal to*] **God**, knowing good and evil.” When the woman saw that the tree was **good for food**, and that it was a **delight to the eyes**, and that the tree was **desirable to make**

**one wise**, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate [*self-indulgence*]. Then the **eyes** of both of them were **opened**, and they knew that they were **naked** [*self-conscious, self-focused in eros*]... (Gen. 3:1-7).

When Adam and Eve “ate,” their biological vital-signs did not instantly ‘flat-line;’ the *death* they plunged into was far worse—they became *the living dead*. God’s solemn warning, “you will surely die” (Gen. 2:17), referred to a **de-gene-rate condition** in which the ungoverned desires of a man’s soul (self-will) and his fleshly body, “self-indulgence” (Mt. 23:25), rule him as a tireless, capricious, merciless tyrant. Human beings became “slaves of their own appetites” (Rom. 16:18). This prolonged process of de-gene-ration in eros—**loving one’s self to death**—included the deterioration of their *physical* bodies (dying) as an *outward* sign of a much graver, *internal* condition of *spiritual* decay.

With *spirit* eclipsed and held hostage by the ungoverned compulsions of soul (self-will) and body, the likeness of “God is Spirit” in human beings was perverted—*twisted* in eros. The proper order of spirit over soul and body was **inverted** becoming body and soul over spirit. For this reason, the man and woman became *de-gene-erate*—*unlike* “God is Agape” in whose *gene-rous*

image and ‘fuse-able’ likeness they were first *gened*. Willfully choosing self-indulgence, Adam and Eve not only violated the body and soul God gave them, but they also acted against their spirit—the very breath and life of the Triune-Spirit within them, the sacrificial Self-giving nature of God. The individual Persons of the Trinity are dead to self and therefore fully **alive** to One Another—“the living God” (Mt. 16:16). As human beings became alive to self, they became **dead** to God and one another—the living dead, zombies.

As ‘takers’ rather than the *gene-rous* self-givers God intended, the man and woman became “dead” in the sense that they were barren, fruitless, incapable of reciprocating Agape and participating in the relational, inter-personal Life of the Triune-Spirit—the “Us” who created them (Gen. 1:26). Paul observed, “For the mind set on the **flesh** is death, but the mind set on the **Spirit** is life and peace, because the mind set on the flesh is **hostile toward God**; for it does not subject itself to the law of God [*sacrificial self-giving*], for it is not even able to do so [*de-gene-rate instinct of self-indulgence and self-preservation*]” (Rom. 8:6-7).

Before they ate “from the tree of the **knowledge of good** [*Agape*] **and evil** [*eros*]” (Gen. 2:17), Adam and Eve’s *spirit* governed their soul and body; they were spiritually alive—**conscious** of “God is Spirit” in “simplicity and purity of devotion” (2Cor. 11:3). When they *willfully*

chose to gratify their *bodies* at God's expense, they became **self-conscious**. Before they ate, the minds and affections of this couple were **free** to be 'spent' entirely on God and one another in self-giving love—"Agape does not seek its own" (1Cor 13:5). Afterward, they were "**slaves of sin**" (John 8:34; Rom. 6:17), that is, slaves of eros: self-love, self-consciousness, self-indulgence, and self-preservation. In one word, *eros* sums up Oswald Chambers' accurate definition of *sin*: "my claim to my right to myself." Our relational capacity for true Love is lost when eros *displaces* Agape. Paul noted: "But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his **craftiness** [*eros—Agape with hypocrisy*], your minds will be led astray from the **simplicity and purity of devotion** [*sacrificial self-giving*] **to Christ**" (2Cor. 11:3).

When the "eyes" of the man and woman were "opened," immediately a *de-gene-rative* process began: *self-awareness* became *self-consciousness* that developed into *self-centeredness* that ultimately matured into *self-magnification* and *self-worship* in the likeness of the deceiving "serpent." The wayward couple and all their subsequent offspring became eros-infected 'zombies' ruled by "**self-will**" (Titus 1:7; 2Pet. 2:10), a ceaseless, inward compulsion for "self-indulgence" (Mt. 23:25); self-actualization ("desirable to make one wise"); and self-preservation ("whoever wishes to save his life will lose it" Mt. 16:25). After Adam

and Eve ate, they were plunged into the *darkness* of **individualism**—a de-gene-rate, *eros* instinct of self-preservation, an inward compulsion to run, hide, and shift blame:

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden...and the man and his wife [*de-gene-rate in darkness*] **hid themselves** from the presence of the Lord God [*Triune-Light*] among the trees of the garden. Then the Lord God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” Adam said, “I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was **afraid** because I was naked [*self-conscious*]; so I **hid** myself.” And God said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” The man said, “The woman whom **You gave** to be with me, **she gave me** from the tree, and I ate [*blame-shifting*].” ...The woman said, “The **serpent deceived me** and I ate [*blame-shifting*]” (Gen. 3:8-13).

## **Custody Battle**

Since Adam and Eve’s ‘fall’ in Eden, the history of mankind has been a *custody battle* between a true Father and a false-father. This contention over the spirit, soul, and body of each and every human being rages on in our present day: will

we become children of God” (John 1:12) and “imitators of God as beloved children...children of Light” (Eph. 5:1, 8) *or* “children of the devil” (1John 3:10), “illegitimate children” (Heb. 12:8), and “children of wrath?” (Eph. 2:3).

Before Adam and Eve were created, the archangel ‘Lucifer’ was the first to *invert* God’s intended design and order for created beings by **twisting himself**—allowing self-will to *prevail over* his fuse-able spirit: “He did as he pleased and magnified himself” (Dan. 8:4). As the first ‘**individualist**,’ Lucifer *became* “the lie.” He *became* darkness, the antithesis of “God is true” (John 4:24) and “God is Light [*three ‘Primaries’ in One Beam*]” (1John 1:5). The Son of God came as a Man to expose this false-father. Jesus testified:

He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in **the truth** [*Agape*] because there is no truth [*gene-rous DNA*] in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from **his own nature**, for he is a liar and the **father of the lie** (John 8:44).

Satan remains a *spirit*, but he is an unclean, unholy spirit—an eros-driven deceiver. This one, fundamental “lie” that the deceiver **sold** to the first man and woman is that an individual can find the abundant life that God promises on a path of self-discovery, self-actualization, and self-worth-ship. Adam and Eve were God’s appointed stewards of

creation: “let them rule” (Gen. 1:26). When they **bought** “the lie,” they unwittingly abdicated this authority and deeded-over to Satan *themselves*, all their subsequent offspring, and **the world** God had entrusted to them. The world became “the domain of darkness” (Col. 1:13). John testified, “The whole world lies in the power of the evil one” (1John 5:19).

For all that is in [*con-fused to*] the world, the **lust** [*insatiable craving*] **of the flesh** [*body*] and the **lust of the eyes** [*what the soul ‘wills’ to acquire, possess, and control*] and the **boastful pride of life** [*spirit corrupted in self-worth-ship*], is not from the Father [*“God is true”*], but is from the world [*“the father of the lie”*] (1John 2:16).

Having *bought* “the lie,” Adam and Eve became *sharers* in Satan’s de-gene-rate, *eros* nature. Man’s **inverted nature** was no longer a DNA-match with the “true” Father but *twisted* in the corrupt likeness of the false-father. The first man and his wife passed on to all their offspring, including you and me, the “**corruption** that is in the world by **lust** [*ungoverned appetite*]” (2Peter 1:4)—soul and body prevailing over, eclipsing, corrupting, and perverting spirit. John urged us, “Do not **love** [*agape*] **the world**, nor the things in the world [*sacrificially yielding oneself into corruption*]. If

anyone loves [*agape*] the world, the **love** [*Agape*] **of the Father** is not in him” (1John 2:15). The love (agape) of the world is, in fact, agape with hypocrisy (Rom. 12:9) since we sacrifice ourselves to “the world” in a calculated expectation of an eros-payoff of self-gratification.

Corruption in Latin is *corruptio haereditaria*—the hereditary corruption, which all mankind inherited from Adam and Eve and that first man and woman inherited from the false-father. Jesus said to the Jews, “You are of your father the devil and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a **murderer** from the beginning...” (John 8:44). In the *custody* of “the father of the lie,” Adam and Eve were damned to a restless existence in *fission* from God and one another in “the world”—a war-like state of darkness that would quickly become populated by *individualists*—eros ‘predators’ and ‘parasites.’ Only one generation of eros-infected offspring was necessary for the first **murder** to occur: “Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him” (Gen. 4:8).

The false-father Satan is *beast-like* spirit: “the **serpent** was more crafty than any **beast** of the field” (Gen. 3:1). As partakers of his corrupt, eros nature, human beings are beast-like. We instinctually *appraise the worth* of God and others according to their potential resources and *calculate* how those resources might be of *worth* to self. Motivated by “the lie” and practicing “the lie,” we seek to exploit

others to gratify self by predatory and parasitic methods. In this environment of **spiritual eclipse**, which the Scriptures call “darkness and the shadow of death” (Ps. 107:10; Luke 1:79), there can be no relational peace or rest. In order to survive, one must constantly *calculate* his own advantage while simultaneously remaining on guard against the shrewd exploitation of others. James recognized that this eros dynamic persists among immature believers who are still ruled by the flesh: “What is the source of quarrels and conflicts [*fission*] among you? Is not the source your pleasures [*eros self-will, self-indulgence*] that wage war in your members?” (James 4:1).

Peter describes men who *mature* in the inverted, eros nature of “the lie:” “But these, **like unreasoning animals**, born as [*de-gene-rate*] **creatures of instinct** to be captured and killed, reviling where they have no knowledge [*of the glory of the Triune-God*], will in the destruction of those creatures [*preying upon others*] also be destroyed” (2Pet. 2:12). In other words: Live by the sword, die by the sword. Jude states it this way: “But these men revile the things which they do not understand [*spiritual eclipse*]; and the things which they know by **instinct** [*predatory self-gratification*], like **unreasoning animals**, by these things they are destroyed” (Jude 10). Adam and Eve’s offspring became *instinctual creatures* rather than **spiritual children**: “For all who are

being **led by the Spirit** of God, these are the sons of God” (Rom. 8:14). In a psalm of repentance, Asaph recounts the effects of straying from “God is Spirit” and succumbing to the tyranny of his own ungoverned desires:

Then I was **senseless** and ignorant [*spiritually corrupt, incapacitated*]; I was like a **beast** before You. Nevertheless I am continually with You [*adopted son*]; You have taken hold of my right hand [*in sacrificial Self-giving*]. With Your counsel [*Spirit*] you will guide me, and afterward receive me to **glory** [*into fusion Oneness in Agape*] (Ps. 73:22-24).

I have developed a certain conviction some would consider radical. This belief has developed in me over many years through relationship with the Lord and becoming relatively familiar with the ‘text-book’ of the Scriptures through many custom-designed ‘life-labs’ sovereignly appointed to help me understand the nature of the kingdom of our Triune-God. These ‘life-labs’ have included residing on four different continents and receiving 24 orphaned children into my family thus far, in addition to two biological daughters. Further, the countless mistakes I have made along the way and the many losses and betrayals I and those dear to me have suffered all contribute to this **radical**

**conviction:** apart from the restraints of moral and civil law, and the prohibitive fear of punishment that law inspires, and the preservative “salt” and “Light” of God’s presence and Word influencing our family values and ethics, each and every one of us would become consummately selfish, calloused “murderer,” fully mature in the corrupt, predatory likeness of the false-father. Though these **external, prohibitive influences** serve to curb our self-indulgence, interrupt self-will, and slow down the process of our corruption and decay, they are not the **internal, spiritual cure** God has sacrificially prepared—the antidote of re-gene-ration.

Humbly acknowledging the reality of my corrupt condition inspires within me a deeper form of repentance and abiding dependence on “God in Christ.” This conviction serves to rouse me from spiritual slumber and serves as a basis for showing compassion, mercy, and forgiveness even to the most difficult, self-absorbed people I encounter, the same mercy that God lavishes upon me.

As children whom Father has “adopted” (Rom. 8:15, 23), it is not possible for us to *fully* comprehend just how desperately and constantly we need “God our **Savior** [*Triune-Spirit*] and Christ Jesus who is our **hope** [*Antidote*” (1Tim. 1:1). John testified, “But Jesus, on His part, was not entrusting Himself to them, for He knew **all men** [*eros-infected zombies*], and because He did not need anyone to testify concerning man, for

He himself knew **what was in man** [*corruption—the lie—de-gene-rate DNA*]” (John 2:25). After Paul “poured himself out as a drink offering” into many disciples (real believers) across the empire, he wrote to the Philippians, “But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy to you...for I have no one else of **kindred spirit** [*re-gene-rated spirit; DNA-match in Agape*] who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare. For they **all seek after their own interests**, not those of Jesus Christ” (Phil. 2:17-21).

### **Corruption of Body, Soul, and Spirit**

The inter-relationship of body, soul, and spirit, and the influence that these three faculties have on each other within an individual, is a complex study and not our primary focus. We are magnifying “God is Spirit;” therefore, we simply want to gain a basic understanding of what **prevents** us as human beings from *reciprocating* the Self-giving Love of God and fusing human spirit into Triune-Spirit. As true believers, we are both saved *and* “being saved” (1Cor. 1:18). John testified, “Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be...” (1John 3:2). We are legally adopted, but we are not yet fully re-gene-rated, naturalized, and acculturated into “the way” of the kingdom. If we will come *first*, in repentance, to understand and acknowledge the inverted, corrupt nature that persists in us even as true believers, *then* we

will discover the true essence and extent of our salvation—how the flesh-and-blood-Man Jesus (our tested, perfected Forerunner) “became a life-giving spirit” (1Cor. 15:45).

For the word of God [*Person of the Son; God-Man Jesus*] is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the **division of soul and spirit**, of both joints and marrow [*body*], and able to judge [*discern, reveal*] the thoughts and intentions of the heart [*genuine Agape or eros—Agape with hypocrisy*] (Heb. 4:12).

Eros is a de-gene-rative condition in which the claims (lusts) of a man’s soul and body *prevail over* his spirit. With an incapacitated spirit, a man’s will and flesh are *ungoverned*; therefore, the man is comprehensively *corrupted* by eros as a self-absorbed ‘individualist.’ The consequence of self-absorption is death. Paul states this simply, “The **wages of sin** [*eros*] is death [*corruption, fission decay*]” (Rom. 6:23). This *death* is not instantaneous; it is death ‘on the installment plan’—we are *the living dead*. These “wages” of death are *paid out* slowly—a prolonged, agonizing process of fission decay. It is true that mankind is “dead in trespasses and sins” (Eph. 2:1), but this does not mean we cease to exist. We exist in

a barren, fruitless, **zombie-like state** of self-love, incapable of reciprocal self-giving.

If an individual cannot sacrificially give himself to God, he remains *outside* of God, that is, *outside* of the relational, inter-personal dynamic of the fusion of the Triune-Spirit of Agape. Therefore, the man is *alienated* from the *gene-rative* “**Life**” of God. The man is “**separate from Christ** [*Nucleus of the Trinity*]...having no hope [*incurable*] and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12). In the case of “double-minded” believers, “driven and tossed by the wind [*of their own corrupt spirit*]” (James 1:8; 4:8), they are self-satiated and paralyzed by eros mixture and therefore incapable of fully entering and participating in the “fullness” of the kingdom (Col. 2:9).

The false-father, Worthless, is an imploding “star” (Isa. 14:12)—a ‘**black hole**’—a powerful, *inverted* vortex that pulls individuals progressively deeper into **spiritual eclipse** and fission from the Triune-Spirit of Agape and Light. The strategy that the deceiver used to corrupt Adam and Eve was certainly effective and remains essentially unchanged. Since individual human beings have a triune make-up, the false-father uses a three-step de-gene-rative process, working from body to soul to spirit.

First, Worthless systematically fosters in a man an addiction to “**self-indulgence**” (Mt. 23:25) by luring him to compulsively gratify his own fleshly

**body.** Eve's temptation began with food: "the woman saw the tree was good for food" (Gen. 3:1). Jesus' temptation also began with food: "tell this stone to become bread" (Luke 4:3). Consider Judas: "After the morsel, Satan then entered into Judas....So after receiving the morsel [*in hypocrisy*], he went out immediately [*into fission, intent to betray*], and it was night [*total spiritual eclipse*]" (John 13:27-30). Food, materialistic comforts, substance abuse, sexual gratification, self-image and self-enhancement (beauty, brawn, brains), etc. are all custom-made **mirages** used to snare an individual in **flesh-focus** in the same way a pimp addicts a girl to narcotics in order to prevent her escape and exploit her as a prostitute. We are kept on a very short leash and remain unaware that it is Worthless who holds the leash.

Over the long ages of mankind, Satan has truly mastered this dark art: mirages are customized expressions of "the lie"—an alluring promise of an eros-payoff designed to uniquely exploit an individual's fleshly lust. As an unclean spirit, the false-father simply 'breathes' on his own instinctual, beast-like nature within us that restlessly seeks to indulge and gratify its own flesh. Since this corrupt appetite (lust) can *never* be satisfied, it is essentially an addiction to drinking seawater that hastens our decay and death.

Second, the **soul** of the self-indulgent man is consequently incarcerated in an impenetrable

fortress of “**self-will**” (2Pet. 2:10)—a willful determination to do what self has taught self to *need* or *desire*. Willful self-gratification effectively reinforces the prison of self-focus. Since God gave human beings *free will* as a gift, the fixed determination of a corrupt will set upon gratifying self at all costs is a powerful and frightful thing—it is the power of **nuclear fission**: “He who separates himself seeks his own desire” (Prov. 18:1). Truly, the contention over the destiny of each and every human being comes down to one solitary issue: *willfulness* or *willingness*. Jesus said, “You are **unwilling** to come to Me [*Nucleus of the Trinity*] so that you may have life” (John 5:40). He added, “How often I wanted to gather your children together [*into fusion*], the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were **unwilling** [*self-willed*]” (Mt. 23:37).

Third, by fostering our addiction to self-indulgence and self-will, the false-father progressively captures, corrupts, and enslaves our human **spirit** in an eros prison of **self-worship**. Self-indulgence (corruption of the body) and self-will (corruption of the soul) cause a man to turn in upon himself as his own object and focus—**self is god**. Paul explains, “Consider the members of your **earthly body** as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed [*self-indulgence, self-will*], which **amounts to idolatry** [*self-worship*]” (Col. 3:5). In this

self-conscious state, the spirit of the man becomes increasingly unclean, unholy, eros-driven, and corrupt. The days and years of his life are a free-fall into spiritual darkness as he matures in the likeness of “the father of the lie” (John 8:44), the imposter who “**magnifies himself** exceedingly” (Dan. 8:8).

Ultimately, the **spirit** of man is what the false-father has been seeking to capture from the start, since the initiative of **worship** (worth-ship) issues directly out of the human spirit and the spirit faculty is the only means by which a human being can be fused into the Triune-Spirit. Satan’s name is “Belial [*Beliar*]” (2Cor. 6:15), which literally means **Worthless**. As an envious usurper, the false-father seeks to divert *to himself* the worship of a man’s spirit, which is intended for God. By every possible means, Worthless will disrupt, derail, and short-circuit “the simplicity and purity of **devotion** [*sacrificial self-giving fusion*] **to Christ**” (2Cor. 11:3) because he knows that when an individual “loses his life” by volitional self-giving into the God-Man Nucleus, fusion power is released to cast Worthless out and reclaim all he controls. “The father of **the lie**” knows that if you are fused spirit into Spirit, “the Spirit of truth... will guide you into **all the truth**” (John 16:13).

**Self-worth-ship** is the inevitable consequence of a spirit corrupted by self-indulgence and self-will. The false-father does not need human beings

to become deliberate ‘Satan worshippers’ to receive the vain-glory of their worship; a man’s self-worth-ship accomplishes Satan’s glory since it simultaneously manifests his corrupt image and deprives God of the worth-ship and glory due Him—reciprocal Agape from the man. We are “conformed to the image” (Rom. 8:29) of that which we worth-ship. When we worth-ship *self*, we are inadvertently worshipping the *image* of “the father of the lie,” the instigator of self-love.

Christians often speak of ‘a *sacrifice* of praise’ and ‘an *offering* of worship’ because it is very difficult for us, who were born and acculturated into self-focus and self-consciousness, to utterly forget ourselves and truly magnify the Lord (enlarge, examine, appraise, and cherish God’s worth) without the hypocrisy of calculating an eros payoff. Since “the eternal kingdom” is comprised of three Individuals who celebrate One Another’s individuality and worth, it is obvious why “through **many tribulations** [*losses, humiliations, self-emptying*] we must enter the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22). Paul adds, “You also became imitators of us and of the Lord [*individuals fused by reciprocal Agape*], having received the word in **much tribulation** with the joy of the Holy Spirit” (1Thes. 1:6). As recovering eros individualists, it is difficult for us to deny self and spiritually reciprocate the Love of the Triune-Spirit. “Through Christ [*our Forerunner*] then,

let us continually offer up a **sacrifice of praise** to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name [*displacing self-reference, self-worship*]” (Heb. 13:5).

Since we were all born into the false-father’s de-gene-rate nature, corruptible disposition, and custody, he certainly has a distinct advantage over us; however, he does *not* have direct control of our body, soul, or spirit until we willingly and incrementally give ourselves over to him. The deceiver must get us to repeatedly buy “the lie” (false promises of freedom in individualism); he must get us to chase mirages. As an individual willfully and repeatedly forfeits his body and soul further into eros, the false-father is able to access and capture his **spirit**, con-fusing him into his own spiritual darkness as a mature individualist.

“The spirit of man is the **lamp** of the Lord, searching all the innermost parts of his being [*body, soul, spiritual DNA*]” (Prov. 20:27). Through a man’s spirit, the Triune-Spirit searches to determine: de-gene-rate DNA or the ‘fuse-able’ DNA of “Christ in you, the hope of glory?” (Col. 1:27). Understanding how the human spirit is corrupted, sheds light on Jesus’ words, “But if your eye is bad [*self-focus*], your whole body will be full of **darkness** [*self-worship*]. If then the **light** [*spirit*] that is in you is **darkness**, how great is the darkness!” (Mt. 6:23).

Admittedly, this explanation of the false-

father's three-fold strategy is oversimplified and certainly inadequate, but it serves as a starting point to understand the process of corruption (fission decay). Paul sums it up:

For the one who sows to **his own flesh** [*willfully indulging his own body*] will from the flesh reap **corruption** [*maturity in eros, fission decay of body, soul, spirit*], but the one who sows to **the Spirit** [*maturity in Agape, a 'fuse-able' spirit*] will from the Spirit reap **eternal life** [*fusion into "God is Spirit"*] (Gal. 6:8).

Now, the physical body is *not* inherently evil, as many suggest; evil is using the body for self-gratification rather than stewarding it as an instrument of self-giving. The Scriptures refer to the corrupt nature of man, which compulsively abuses the body for self-indulgence as "**the flesh**" (Rom. 8:4) and "the lust of the flesh" (1John 2:16). Paul instructs us:

Do not go on presenting the members of your **body** to sin [*eros*] as **instruments** of unrighteousness [*self-indulgence*]; but present yourselves to God as those **alive** from the dead [*spiritually re-gene-rated*], and your members as **instruments** of righteousness [*sacrificial self-giving*] to God (Rom. 6:13).

The body, soul, and spirit are essentially *neutral*; what these faculties are *fused* or *con-fused* to makes them holy or unholy. In an attempt to resist the enemy, many misguided believers have considered the body inherently evil and attempted to punish or conquer their flesh by asceticism, self-flagellation, self-initiated fasting, “hating one’s own flesh” (Eph. 5:29), etc.; but Paul makes clear, “self-abasement and severe treatment of the body are of no value against **fleshly indulgence**” (Col. 2:23). What *is* of value against fleshly indulgence is surrendering our claim to our right to our own body (self-ownership), dedicating it back to our Maker, and *stewarding* our body as an “instrument” of reciprocal self-giving to God and others. Paul wrote, “present your **bodies** a living and holy [*eros-free*] sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your **spiritual** service of worship [*spirit into Spirit*]” (Rom. 12:1).

God gave each individual “a living soul [*free will*]” that he might have opportunity to volitionally and sacrificially fix his will upon God in reciprocal Agape. God gave each individual a **body** as a means of *expressing* his dedicated **will** as his “**spiritual** service of worth-ship.” Infected with a de-gene-rate, self-centered nature and eros rationale, we either *indulge* our body or we *hate* our body, anything but sacrificially *stewarding* and *giving* our body! Understanding God’s design for the human spirit, soul, and body gives

new meaning to these words of Jesus that have perplexed us:

If your **hand** or your **foot** causes you to **stumble** [*lust of the flesh, self-indulgence*], **cut it off and throw it from you**; it is better for you to **enter life** [*fusion of prevailing spirit into Triune-Spirit*] crippled or lame, than to have two hands or two feet and be cast into the eternal fire [*with Worthless*]. If your **eye** causes you to **stumble** [*lust of the eyes, self-will*], **pluck it out and throw it from you**. It is better for you to **enter life** with one eye, than to have two eyes and be cast into the fiery hell (Mt. 18:8-9).

I highly recommend the film *Soul Surfer* (Film District Pictures, 2011) based on the true story of Bethany Hamilton, a teenage surfing champion living in Hawaii with her family, who were also surfers and Christians. Bethany **lost one of her arms in a shark attack**. She struggled to adjust to her disability and the reality that she would never be able to surf again. In the midst of her grief, Bethany chose to forget herself and participate in a foreign mission team with her church providing relief to a hurricane disaster area in Thailand. There she found a new life of **freedom from self-focus** and the **freedom to love others**. Upon her return, Bethany's tested and deepened faith provided

the strength and determination she needed to overcome the tremendous challenge of competing again as a surfer with one arm! After placing fifth in the championship, a group of reporters asked Bethany, “If you could go back to that day [*of the shark attack*] and not have gone surfing, would you do it?” She answered, “I wouldn’t change what happened to me, because then I wouldn’t have this chance, in front of all of you, this chance to **embrace more people** than I ever could have with two arms.”

## **Inebriated Human Spirit**

Jesus was also telling them a parable: “No one puts **new wine** [*Jesus’ perfected bloodline, fuse-able DNA*] into **old wineskins** [*corrupted human spirits*]; otherwise the new wine will burst the skins and it will be spilled out, and the skins will be ruined. But new wine [*“the divine nature” 2Pet. 1:4*] must be put into **fresh wineskins** [*awakened human spirits*]. And no one, after **drinking old wine** [*corrupt bloodline, de-gene-rate nature*] wishes for new; for he says, “The old is good enough” (Luke 5:37-39).

Jesus described man’s nature and behavior corrupted in eros as “**self-indulgence**” (Mt. 23:25). We indulge *self* by “drinking old wine.”

Paul described this as “**the old self** which is being **corrupted** in accordance with the **lusts of deceit** [*chasing mirages of self-gratification*]” (Eph. 4:22). Drinking *self* involves self-indulgent habits, your default-mode of self-will, and addiction to self-absorption: *me* being *me*, and *me* getting what *me* wants in the environment (natural habitat) *me* is accustomed to being *me*. “After drinking old wine,” I do not “wish for the new” because I am **self-satiated**. Addiction to “old wine” keeps you perpetually ‘**inebriated**’ impairing the sensitivity and discernment of your spirit, progressively *corrupting* your spirit, and effectively *eclipsing* you in fission from the kingdom of the Triune-Spirit. Curiously, this *me* can be the religious, ‘Christian’ *me*.

This intoxicated condition leaves us **incapacitated** to give ourselves to God and one another without calculating an ‘eros payoff’ for self. Addiction to *willful* “self-indulgence” is like alcoholism, leaving us **relationally paralyzed**, fruitless, and spiritually “dead.” In this inebriated state, we marginalize, devalue, injure, and exploit everyone around us, especially those closest to us. A human being without a living, healthy, functional spirit to guide and govern him is entirely ruled by the capricious appetites of his soul and flesh, and he cannot be truly known, much less trusted, by another. We are **the living dead** because we are living ‘under the influence’ *not* of the Spirit

of God but of our own corrupt spirit. The reality of our spiritual incapacity has two aspects: we are spiritually **inebriated** (insensitive) *and* we are spiritually “**dead** in trespasses and sins” (Eph. 2:1)—unable to receive and reciprocate “the life” of Agape.

The most subtle, yet potent expression of this self-referential phenomenon is found in religion, particularly in **eros-oriented ‘Christianity.’** Many of us who believe in Jesus and affirm the Scriptures are God’s written Word are ‘drinking’ something that is *not* Christ—a **self-referential** approach to faith and spirituality that makes us weird, indifferent to one another, and seriously cruel. To a congregation of true *believers* in Galatia, Paul wrote, “But if you bite and devour one another take care that you are not consumed by one another” (Gal. 5:15). This grievous, **zombie-like behavior** among Christians is a result of practicing Christianity in eros rationale: reading the Scriptures *not* to discover how to give myself to God but to find promises of what God will give to ‘me now;’ praying *not* as an expression of reciprocal, self-giving communion, but petitioning God for ‘me now;’ worship that is unconsciously motivated by a desire to exploit the Presence of the Lord to ‘feel good,’ alleviate my guilt, and get ‘goose-bumps’ for ‘me now.’ In general, this is self-giving to God with “**hypocrisy**” (Rom. 12:9)—a calculated expectation of receiving

greater ‘blessings’ back from God in return. This is the ‘Christian’ version of an eros-payoff.

This eros nature, rationale, and behavior, which persist among us as Christians, operate not only God-ward but also man-ward in the way brothers and sisters relate to one another. This form and practice of ‘faith’ is *not* Trinity-like self-giving; therefore, the Light and power and glory of the fusion dynamic of the kingdom remains eclipsed to us. We remain “lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to **a form of godliness, although denying its power** [*fusion in reciprocal Agape*]” (2Tim. 3:5). The fact that our zombie-like condition persists as immature believers (alive to self and dead to one another) is revealed in our exacting, compassionless, judgmental treatment of one another. That we believers continue to drink the *old wine* is made evident by the relationally ‘unsafe,’ suspicious, self-protecting **atmosphere** of fission that our common behavior **facilitates** among us—the *absence* of “the kingdom” among us, the *absence* of “righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 14:17).

The most torturous part of this condition in *living death* is that man’s spirit is not dead, just inebriated, enslaved, incapacitated, disoriented, and con-fused. Isaiah wrote of God’s people Israel, “Blind yourselves [*in self-focus*] and be blind; they become **drunk**, but not with wine [*literal alcohol*], they **stagger**, but not with strong drink” (Isa.

29:9). Isaiah added, “They will become **drunk with their own blood** [*de-gene-rate bloodline, eros nature*] as with sweet [“old”] wine” (Isa. 49:26).

In this inebriated condition, the corrupted *spirit* of a human being cannot prevail over the **tyrannical compulsions** of soul and body; therefore, man is suspended in a tortuous state, having some measure of *spiritual awareness* but powerless to act on it. We have just enough *spiritual consciousness* to know there is a God, a right and wrong, a custody battle, and an unshakable sense of homelessness, yet we are completely unable to stop ‘drinking’ or fully realize what we are drinking is “the lie” and why “God is true [*Agape*]” (John 3:33). The prevailing claims (lusts) of our de-gene-rate soul and body force us to “**suppress the truth in unrighteousness**” (Rom. 1:18). Isaiah observed:

And these also **reel** with wine [*de-gene-rate bloodline*] and **stagger** from strong drink: the priest and the prophet reel with strong drink, they are **confused** by wine [*yoked to the false-father as active sharers in his eros nature*], they stagger from strong drink; they reel while having visions [*spiritual impairment*], they **totter** when rendering judgment. For all the tables are **full** of filthy vomit, without a single clean place (Isa. 28:7-8).

When *free will* de-gene-rates into *self-will*, an individual will only see what he wants to see when he is ready to see it. *Self* is held hostage by *self* in a fortified ‘eros prison.’ *Self* prevents *self* from escaping by remaining in a self-indulgent, intoxicated state—perpetually “drinking old wine.” Jesus described our inebriated, ‘zombie-like’ condition:

While seeing they **do not see**, and while hearing they **do not hear**, nor do they understand [*the secret of the mystery—fusion Oneness in Agape*]. In their case the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, “You will keep on hearing, but will not understand; you will keep on seeing, but **will not perceive**; for the heart of this people has become **dull**, with their ears they **scarcely hear**, and they have closed their eyes [*in self-focus*], otherwise they would see with their eyes, hear with their ears, and understand with their heart and **return** [*“lose” their autonomous life*], and I would heal [*re-gene-rate*] them.” But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear (Mt. 13:13-16).

Habitually drinking the *old wine* of our toxic, de-gene-rate nature effectively corrupts our human spirit because it **displaces** the very ‘holy

intoxication' for which our spirit was designed: "Do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation [*self-indulgence*], but be filled [*continuously*] with the Holy Spirit" (Eph. 5:18). When our human spirit is filled with *new wine*—"the Spirit of Christ" (Rom. 8:9)—rather than *old wine*, there is certainly **intoxication**: "these men [*filled with the Spirit*] are not drunk as you suppose..." (Acts 2:15). However, the 'side-effects' are quite the opposite: clarity of mind and vision, an ability to "see" past self into God and one another, to "hear" and discern truth, to "understand" the secret of the mystery of the kingdom, and to walk straight in "the way" of Agape. As we drink the *new wine*—the antidotal re-gene-ration, which the Man Jesus perfected in His own bloodline, and the Spirit now 'administers' to us—our body, soul, and spirit are set **free** to actively participate in the fusion of the Trinity prevailing *human spirit* into Triune-Spirit.

Understanding how a man's spirit is inebriated and corrupted by "old wine" gives us insight into the torturous, futile history of philosophy and religion: "They reeled and staggered like a drunken man and were at their **wit's end**" (Ps. 107:27). There have been many de-gene-rate philosophers with profound breadth of mind, truly remarkable thinkers, but their *spiritual incapacity* left them nothing to work with but **eros rationale**—attempting to understand reality, mysteries, and

the meaning of life from a *self-centered* point of view. Therefore, as Paul observed, these men are “always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth [*Agape*]” (2Tim. 3:7). Amos prophesied, “People will **stagger** from sea to sea and from the north even to the east; they will go to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, but they will not find it” (Amos 8:12).

A man whose *spirit* is inebriated and incapacitated by the compulsive appetites of *soul* and *flesh* becomes a **sensual creature**; he lives in reliance upon his five *natural* senses: sight, hearing, smell, touch, and taste. However, these natural senses are predisposed to seek out what *self* wants for *self*. Without a functional *spirit*, the sense (faculty) God intended to prevail, these five *natural* senses are simply not enough to perceive or interface with “God is Spirit.” Because the human spirit is not dead, just inebriated, human beings cannot help but try to find ‘God’ anyway. In spite of their blindness and paralysis, “they would seek God, if perhaps they might **grope** for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us” (Acts 17:27). Isaiah adds, “We **grope** along the wall like blind men, we **grope** like those who have no eyes; we **stumble** at midday [*“God is Light”*] as in the twilight, among those who are vigorous [*re-gene-rating and fusing in Agape*] we are like **dead men** [*zombies*]” (Isa. 59:10).

The ‘spirituality’ of many religions, such as

Buddhism, Hinduism, Taoism, and Existentialism, advocate **self-discovery**—a ‘centering peace’ or ‘balance’ that they suggest is located within *self*. This is actually a *soulish* exercise dressed up as spirituality. “The father of the lie” and his entourage of unclean spirits happily guide these ‘souls’ into this reinforced eros prison of ‘**spiritualized individualism**. Jesus said, “A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit?” (Luke 6:39). A notable Indian guru named Sri Ramana Maharshi sums up the core teaching of this widely practiced form of ‘spirituality:’

**God dwells in you, as you**, and you don’t have to ‘do’ anything to be God-realized or Self-realized, it is already your true and natural state [*i.e. there is nothing corrupt in man*]. Just drop all seeking, turn your attention inward [*self-focus*], and **sacrifice your mind to the One Self radiating** in the Heart of your very being [*fusion can be achieved by self-worth-ship*]. For this to be your own presently lived experience, **Self-Inquiry** is the one direct and immediate way....Nearly all mankind is more or less unhappy because nearly all do not know the **true Self**. Real happiness abides in **Self-knowledge** alone. All else is fleeting (*Be As You Are: The Teachings of Sri Ramana Maharshi*, edited by David Godman).

One does not have to look very far to discover the subtle, yet toxic influence of this self-referential philosophy that has permeated our Western culture. If you look closer, you will see this “lie” has even corrupted the way Christians approach the true God. Self-referential believers, motivated by self-gratification, calculate what God can do for ‘me’—self is the fixed center and God is the variable. An inebriated, incapacitated *spirit* ruled by the compulsions of soul and flesh makes a man exceedingly vulnerable to the lies and promptings of ‘Worthless’ who seeks to confuse and mature that man further in “the lie.” In this intoxicated state, **soulish impulses** and initiatives are frequently *mistaken* for spirituality. In eros rationale, “Self-Inquiry,” self-discovery, and self-actualization *appear* to be a very ‘spiritual’ path: “There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death [*corruption, fission decay*]” (Prov. 14:12). Let’s examine Hebrews 4:12 again:

For the word of God [*Person of the Son; tested, perfected Man Jesus*] is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the **division of soul and spirit**, of both joints and marrow [*body*], and able to judge [*discern and reveal*] the thoughts and intentions of the heart [*true Agape or eros—Agape with hypocrisy*] (Heb. 4:12).

## The Body: “Temple” for Spiritual Fusion

The popular idea that “God dwells in you, as you” is a very subtle perversion of God’s actual design and therefore a very shrewd, effective deception—a clever **counterfeit**. The allurements and appeal of this “lie” exploits the fact that every individual human being intuitively knows that he is some kind of a ‘nest’ intended to be filled with something. Human beings were designed by the Triune-God as a **dwelling place** in the very image and likeness of “the eternal God is a dwelling place” (Deut. 33:27).

Individually and collectively, human beings were created to be a habitation for God and one another, just as the individual Persons of the Trinity perpetually give Themselves into fusion Oneness and share the relational, inter-Personal “fullness” of mutual indwelling. “I will put **My Spirit within you** and you will come to **life** [*alive to God and one another in Agape*], and I will place you on your own land [*set free to freely fuse*]...” (Ezek. 37:14). Jesus sums it up, “The kingdom of God is **within you**” (Luke 17:21). “The father of the lie” (John 8:44) does not attempt to dispute that we are a dwelling place but cunningly suggests that we are intended as a habitation for the god of self. Paul exposed this ancient “lie:”

Or do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you,**

whom you have from God [*Triune-Spirit fused into human spirit through the Person of the Holy Spirit*], and that **you** [*body, soul, spirit*] **are not your own** [*self-ownership*]? (1Cor. 6:19).

The body and soul of each individual was designed and constructed as a **facility** in which the relational fusion of the human spirit into the Triune-Spirit can be **facilitated**. The “temple” of a human body is a ‘place’ where the abiding Oneness of God and that individual can occur and perpetually reoccur: “Abide in Me, and I in you” (John 15:4). Individual human beings were intentionally created as a tri-unity to be ‘fuse-able’ beings: a living **soul** given the capacity to freely and willingly offer his **body** as the ‘location’ of the perpetual fusion of his **spirit** into the Triune-Spirit. Jesus said, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and **opens** the door, I [*the Nucleus of the Triune-Spirit*] will **come in to him** and will dine with him, and he with Me” (Rev. 3:20). Just as the Triune-God is, in Himself, a ‘place’ for the reciprocal gene-rosity of Father, Son, and Spirit, we individuals were also created as a ‘place’ for reciprocal gene-rosity with God and one another, spirit *into* spirit.

Jesus was saying, “What is the **kingdom of God** like, and to what shall I compare it? It is like a mustard **seed**, which a man

took and threw into **his own garden**; and it grew and became a **tree**, and the birds of the air [*lit. of every wing, i.e. kind*] **nested** in its branches” (Luke 13:18-19).

The “garden” represents an individual’s “own” independent life, his autonomous nucleus. In his de-gene-rate state, ruled by self-indulgence and self-will, that man is an eros ‘calculator’—he will only invite into “his own garden” those resourceful persons whom he has ‘appraised’ as capable of adding to him what he wants or needs. He even seeks a spouse on this basis. Those persons he ‘estimates’ to be a liability, will likely disturb him, or are a perceived threat to his individualism he intentionally shuts out. God calls this man “**a rock garden locked**, a spring sealed up” (Song 4:12).

However, exposure to “the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ” (2Cor. 4:6) moves that man to do a radical thing, something quite uncharacteristic of him. Into the midst of **his own selfish ‘space’**—a “temple” reserved for the god of self—the man casts the “seed” of re-gene-ration that is “Christ in you, the hope of glory [*fusion Oneness in Agape*]” (Col. 1:27).

Since the “seed” is so small, the man could not possibly anticipate the dramatic transformation that will occur within “his own” formerly self-protected landscape. A “tree” grows up in the

center of “his own garden” as a **dwelling place prepared entirely for others**, and not just pre-selected others, but each and every poor, broken, needy person “of every wing” whom God entrusts into the man’s generous, inclusive hospitality. The man willingly receives “the alien, the orphan, and the widow” (Deut. 26:13) to “**nest**” in the Nucleus of the Trinity now dwelling within “his own garden.” The man’s “own” autonomous nucleus has been comprehensively *broken* and *displaced* by “the kingdom of God.”

According to the measure he sacrificially makes room to receive into himself others who “**cannot repay**” him (Luke 14:14), he himself enters and participates in “fullness” of the kingdom. Jesus said, “He who **loses** his life [*his own garden*] for My sake [*the Nucleus*] will **find** it [*the kingdom-cohabitation*]” (Mt. 16:25). Jesus added, “For if you love those who love you [*for eros-payoff*], what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors [*de-generate takers*] do the same? ...Therefore you are to be perfect [*in Agape*] even as your heavenly Father is perfect” (Mt. 5:46-48).

The kingdom is essentially a dwelling place *for* God and others housed *within* you. The Lord purposed to open this transcendent Reality to me through a certain invitation. In 1994, Father asked, “Will you father My children?” In the years since, Father has brought to “**nest in my branches**” twenty-four orphaned children from Ukraine and

Uganda thus far, as well as many other individuals “of every wing” who find a safe nest of rest (home) in the Nucleus of “God in Christ” dwelling within me. O, how this kingdom is constantly stretching and displacing ‘me!’ Providing and maintaining this “nest” constantly requires the sacrificial self-giving of my body, soul, and spirit. This ‘shared life’ has served as a sovereign life-lab and micro-model of the kingdom, affording me insight into the mutual indwelling of Father, Son, and Spirit—“the eternal God is a dwelling place” (Deut. 33:27). Paul’s own personal experience has greatly encouraged us over the years. As an unmarried, childless man in the *natural*, Paul testified:

But we proved to be gentle among you as a nursing **mother** tenderly cares for her own children. Having so fond an affection for you, we were well-pleased to impart to you not only the gospel of God [*invitation into the Triune-Dwelling Place*] but also **our own lives** [*as a dwelling place*], because you had become very dear to us...we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a **father** would his own children (1Thes. 2:8).

God—the “Us” of our genesis (Gen. 1:26)—designed human beings for this purpose: that we, by reciprocal, sacrificial self-giving, might **willingly**

**make room** for the Triune-Spirit to inhabit us, just as They inhabit One Another and just as They have made room within Themselves *for us* in Their own Nucleus—the God-Man Jesus. The Triune-God created us so They could sacrificially *give* the “fullness” of Themselves to us: “For in Christ [*the God-Man Nucleus*] all the **fullness** of Deity [*Triune-Spirit*] was pleased to dwell in bodily form, and in Him [*fused by sacrificial self-giving love*] you have been made **full**” (Col. 2:9-10). Because Father, Son, and Spirit are “Holy, Holy, Holy”—three, eros-free Individuals **entirely empty** of self-love—They are **entirely “full”** with One Another. The Triune-God jealously desires for Their superabundant “fullness” to be *ours*.

The Triune-Spirit does *not* enter into us as eros ‘takers,’ desiring to inhabit us because They need us or seek to use us. Rather, as Self-givers and Self-sharers, the Triune-Spirit desires to occupy us in order that They might *give* and *share* Their superabundant Life with us: “that you may be filled up to all the **fullness** of God” (Eph. 3:19). The only possible way for a human being to **receive** “the fullness” of the Triune-Spirit is if that individual, from his soul, **willingly opens** the “temple” of his body to God in reciprocal, sacrificial self-giving and **willingly invites** the Triune-Spirit to enter into him and abide in him in the fusion dynamic of **mutual indwelling**—human spirit fused into the “dwelling place” of

Triune-Spirit and Triune-Spirit fused into the “temple” of human spirit, soul, and body.

God created each individual as “a living being” (Gen. 2:7), that is, “a living soul” (1Cor. 15:45). This includes the gift of individuality and a **free will**. Relational fusion, inter-personal Oneness, and mutual indwelling—the kingdom—cannot be achieved apart from the volitional, sacrificial self-giving (Agape) of each *free* individual. Therefore, God Himself as a Triune-Spirit must be **invited in** freely and willingly by an individual. Jesus said, “The Lord our God, the Lord is one [*Three Individuals in fusion Oneness by Agape, mutually indwelling One Another*], and you shall **agape** the Lord your God with all your heart [*affections*], and with all your soul [*will*], and with all your mind, and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30). By sacrificially giving our body and soul, we invite the Triune-Spirit to reside in our “temple”—fused into our spirit: “the one who **joins himself** to the Lord is **one spirit with Him**” (1Cor. 6:17). God revealed to David that each human being is presently a locked dwelling place, and what we must do to **open** to the kingdom:

Lift up your **heads**, O gates [*“all your mind...soul”*], and be lifted up, O ancient **doors** [*“all your heart...strength”*], that the **King of glory** [*Triune-Spirit*] **may come in!** Who is the King of glory? The Lord

strong and mighty [*All-Three-Mighty*], the Lord mighty in battle [*fully engaged in the custody battle over each of us*] (Ps. 24:7-9).

O, how the envious false-father restlessly schemes to capture, occupy, and possess the dwelling place of the human body, soul, and spirit intended for the kingdom of the Triune-Spirit! The cosmic custody battle is fought over the 'territory' of the human "temple." Paul explains,

Those who are **in the flesh** [*self-centered, corrupted, con-fused*] cannot please God [*Three Self-sharers*]. However, you are not in the flesh but [*fused*] **in the Spirit**, if indeed the Spirit of God **dwells in you**. But if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ** [*Nucleus*], he does not belong to Him [*he remains a de-gene-rate orphan, captive of the false-father, "a garden locked"*] (Rom. 8:9).

Though Satan is "the god of this world" (2Cor. 4:4), the false-father and the true Father are certainly *not* equal in power and caught in a 'stand-off' or deadlock as "the lie" of *yin-yang* suggests. Paul makes plain, "that lawless one [*imposter*] will be revealed [*exposed*] whom the Lord will slay with the **breath of His mouth** [*fusion power of Triune-Pnuema*] and bring to an end by the appearance of His coming [*God in Christ, unshielded Light*]"

(2Thes. 2:8). Therefore, the custody battle is *not* a contest of strength between God and Satan. The intensity and ferocity of the custody battle is due to the fact that it is waged *within* each individual human being and in the influence individuals have upon one another. The true Father, moved by Agape (jealousy-for), seeks to redeem individuals who have been **invaded by an alien nature**—the eros nature of the false-father Worthless who in envy (jealousy-of) seeks to eclipse and displace the kingdom of God within his captives.

Through deception and disobedience, Adam and Eve willingly (or willfully) **embraced this invasion**—receiving into themselves the **de-generate**, alien nature of the serpent. All suffering, darkness, and death in the world are a result of this invasion. The contention arises from the fact that man was designed and created to manifest the **gene-rous**, Agape nature of the true Father. Human beings were created as a “temple” for the kingdom of God—the cohabitation of the Triune-Spirit and human beings fused into the Nucleus of Christ. Therefore, Peter testified, “fleshly lusts **wage war** against the soul [*self-will or a willing spirit?*]” (1Pet. 2:11). Paul added,

For the flesh [*Worthless’ de-generate nature in man*] sets its desire **against** the Spirit [*Re-gene-rator*], and the Spirit **against** the flesh; for these are in **opposition** to one

another [*custody battle*], so that you may not do the things that **you please** [*self-indulgence, self-will, self-worth-ship*] (Gal. 5:17).

It is the gift of **free will**, which God intentionally grants to each human being, that makes the custody battle so fierce. The false-father is only able to “roam the earth” (Job 1:7; 2:2) because God *permits* him; in fact, Satan inadvertently serves God’s purpose by providing the impetus of “the testing of our faith” (James 1:3). Just before Cain murdered his brother Abel, God ‘knocked’ at the door of his heart saying to him:

Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen [*in self-magnification, jealousy-of*]? If you do well [*yield self-will*], will not your countenance be lifted up [*to see the Light of the glory*]? And if you do not do well, **sin** [*eros tyranny, darkness*] **is crouching at the door** [*where Triune-Light now knocks*]; and its desire is for you [*to invade, con-fuse into your spirit, and occupy*], but you must **master it** [*by self-denial*] (Gen. 4:7).

The Triune-God freely invested human beings with the power of **faith**: the ability to volitionally *believe into* Him, that is, ‘**buy into**’

Him by reciprocal, sacrificial self-giving (see Rev. 3:18). However, we are *free* to use this gift of faith to ‘buy into’ either Light (Agape, Truth) or darkness (“the lie” of individualism, mirages of self-actualization). The Triune-God knew Their “eternal kingdom” could only be received and shared by individuals who *freely* ‘buy into’ it by reciprocal Agape—“whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” (Mt. 16:25). Therefore, “in **hope**” (Rom. 8:20) of fusion Oneness with mankind, God was willing to suffer the consequences of the *abuse* of our freedom.

The Triune-God of **Agape** absorbed into Their own Nucleus—the God-Man Jesus Christ—the full power of our darkness, fission, and death that each one of us might have **opportunity** to *volitionally* “join himself to the Lord [*as*] one spirit with Him” (1Cor. 6:17) and *freely* receive “God is a dwelling place” (the kingdom) into the dwelling place of his body, soul, and prevailing spirit. Paul urges, “But you were formerly **darkness** [*de-generate individualists con-fused in eros*], but now you are **Light** in the Lord [*fused by sacrificial self-giving into “God is Light”*]; walk as children of Light [*Trinity-like: reciprocate Agape through a prevailing, “life-giving” spirit*]” (Eph. 5:8).

Since God designed each individual human being to be a dwelling place, there is no such thing as an ‘unoccupied’ human being; all men are a habitation for something. Neither is it possible,

as “the father of the lie” suggests, for a man to be inhabited just by ‘self’ alone. We were designed as a nest for **spiritual habitation** as spiritually ‘fuse-able’ beings. When a human being is not occupied by the Triune-Spirit (Light), he is tyrannized by self-love, self-indulgence, and self-will (darkness), and there are a myriad of unclean spirits seeking to gain entrance into him, nest in that darkness, and **occupy**. Jesus taught:

When the **unclean spirit** goes out of a man, it passes through waterless places seeking rest, and not finding any, it says, “I will return to **my house** from which I came.” And when it comes, it finds it swept and put in order. Then it goes and takes along seven other spirits more evil than itself, and **they go in and live there** [*con-fusion*]; and the last state of that man becomes worse than the first (Luke 11:24-26).

God certainly *moves upon* human beings at will; however, God designed relational fusion in Agape with human beings in such a way that He Himself must be freely **invited into** an individual. “Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I [*the Nucleus*] will come in to him...” (Rev. 3:20). Though we are born de-gene-rate in eros, the false-father and other unclean spirits must also

be **invited into** an individual. God is able to gain access to families, communities, and even nations through individuals in fusion in the Nucleus of Christ; these “stars” of God (Dan. 12:3; James 1:17) radiate His Light because the Nucleus of the kingdom dwells within them. Through these individuals “rooted and grounded in Agape” (Eph. 3:17), God precipitated the great ‘revivals’ and reformations through history. Of course, the false-father Worthless gains access to families and nations in the same way, through those spiritually con-fused to him and maturing in “the lie.”

The Lord purposed the people of Israel to be His habitation, but He grieved that they were con-fused and occupied by darkness: “Thorns will come up in its fortified towers, nettles and thistles in its fortified cities; it will also be a **haunt of jackals** [*de-gene-rate, predatory men con-fused to unclean spirits*]” (Isa. 34:13). It is not difficult for “the father of the lie” to pit self-indulgent, self-willed individualists against one another and keep the world imprisoned in the darkness of fission. Worthless especially targets God’s immature children with **strategies of fission**, breathing upon the remnant of the old, de-gene-rate nature that remains in us as individualists and precipitating “the deeds of **the flesh**...enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying...” (Gal. 5:20). The present divided and divisive condition of the church makes evident

just how effective **fission** is among believers—the *absence* of “the kingdom of God” among us, the *absence* of “righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Rom. 14:17).

Unclean spirits seek to gain access into our “temple” and occupy us by addicting us to “the lie.” Through our self-indulgence and self-will in self-focus, we consciously or unconsciously invite unclean spirits into the “temple” of our body, soul, and spirit. There are many **gradations of demonic influence** upon and within a human being: from some introductory exposure, to ‘entertaining visits,’ to familiarity, to demonic compulsion, to possession, to ‘commissioning’ as an effective agent of fission. Paul wrote, “Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. Therefore it is not surprising if his servants also disguise themselves as servants of righteousness...” (2Cor. 11:15).

On many occasions I have seen unclean spirits come off or out of individuals who truly believed in Jesus. These Christians were “double-minded” (James 1:8; 4:8), tolerating eros mixture and hypocrisy within themselves, repeatedly “quenching the Spirit” (1Thes. 5:19) and willfully perpetuating their self-indulgent behavior. Therefore, these believers inadvertently opened themselves to entertain and ‘facilitate’ darkness along with the unclean spirits, which nest in the dark corners of human “temples.” God spoke through Hosea:

My people consult their wooden idol, and their diviner's wand informs them; for a **spirit of harlotry** has led them astray [*into con-fusion with the false-father*], and they have played the harlot, departing from their God [*fission*]....**Their deeds** [*self-indulgence and compulsive self-will; the flesh*] will not allow them to **return** to their God [*a con-fused spirit is unable to fuse into Triune-Spirit*]. For a **spirit of harlotry is within them**, and they do not know the Lord [*eclipsed in spiritual darkness*]. Moreover, the **pride** [*self-worth-ship, "boastful pride of life"*] of Israel testifies against him.... They have dealt treacherously against the Lord [*Agape with hypocrisy*], for they have born illegitimate children [*de-gene-rate offspring of "the lie"*] (Hosea 4:12; 5:4-7).

The aim of the false-father is to comprehensively corrupt our spirit and *vacuum* us into a vortex of *eros implosion*—the **black hole** that Worthless himself is. Our spirit was designed to **fuse** into the Triune-Spirit; in envy, the false-father seeks to **con-fuse** our spirit into himself and his entourage of unclean spirits. The false-father subtly mentors us in self-worth-ship by many means and influences including dazzling varieties of philosophy and 'spirituality' all of which have the same toxic tap-

root of eros. We are all exposed to the influence of this darkness simply by living in Worthless' "world" (1John 2:16). Jesus interceded for us, "Father...I do not ask You to take them out of **the world**, but that You keep them from **the evil one** [*black hole*]" (John 17:15).

In Worthless' world there are many types and forms of darkness: envy, fear, hate, manipulation, control, sexual immorality of all varieties, "the love of money" (1Tim. 6:10), beast-like ways of all kinds, religious hypocrisy, etc., but all of these have the same toxic tap-root—"the lie" of *eros*. When an individual gives his body and soul over to these unclean diversions, practices, and habits, he becomes **a suitable habitation for an unclean, demonic spirit** that uniquely identifies itself with that unclean attitude and behavior: "In the synagogue there was a man possessed by [*confused to*] the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice..." (Luke 4:33).

Through the open door of a man's self-indulgence and self-will, unclean spirits gain entrance into him and '**con-fuse**' to his human spirit. This condition is accurately described as *confusion* because man was not designed to 'facilitate' unclean spirits. Luke testified, "as we were going to the place of prayer, a **slave-girl** having [*confused to*] a **spirit of divination** met us, who was bringing her masters much **profit** by fortunetelling [*exploited by eros, enslaved in darkness*]..." (Acts 16:16).

Our Ugandan son, Rick, saw his mother murdered by rebels as a young boy. Afterward, he grew up in a camp of 17,000 refugees, raised by an aunt who was grooming him to become a witch-doctor by age 18. At age 14, Father sovereignly interrupted Worthless' plan by receiving him into our family. His aunt would cut into his neck and back to invoke a spirit of divination by blood-letting. This spirit was effectively **con-fused** to Rick's body, soul, and spirit. After Father received him into our family, on a few occasions the Holy Spirit warned us that Rick was in trouble. We searched for him and found him hiding on Father's mountain with a knife. At first we thought he was suicidal, but it became clear that this unclean spirit con-fused to his human **spirit** was compelling him to willfully perform from his **soul** that spiritual act of divination he was dedicated in darkness to perform by cutting into his own **body**. It took years of exposure to the presence of the Light of the Triune-Spirit and many interventions of counsel and deliverance to fully sever that spirit-tie, soul-tie, and body-tie. Mercifully, Rick turned 18, and he is *not* a witch-doctor!

Among "the gifts of the Spirit," Paul names "the **distinguishing of spirits**" (1Cor. 12:10). The following are some unclean spirits that shrewdly seek to influence and occupy human beings: "spirit of jealousy" (Num. 5:30); "spirit of slavery, leading to fear" (Rom. 8:15); "spirit of stupor"

(Rom. 11:8); “spirit of the world” (1Cor. 2:12); “spirit of partiality” (1Tim. 5:21); “spirit of error” (1John 4:6); “spirit of the antichrist” (1John 4:3).

In this custody battle, the false-father uses a highly effective, time-tested strategy of marginalizing, eclipsing, and **displacing** the Triune-Spirit within us that his spiritual darkness might **occupy**. Worthless is very aware that the kingdom of God is relational, inter-personal “**fullness**,” therefore, he facilitates and fosters our addiction to the *old wine*, keeping us **self-satiated** and inebriated in order to severely impair our spiritual discernment. In our disoriented, vulnerable state, it is not difficult for the false-father to get us to buy “the lie,” chase his mirages, and invest ourselves deeper into the darkness of individualism in the ‘natural habitat’ of his “world” to which we are already genetically predisposed. As we volitionally forfeit more and more of our God-given freedom, the false-father is able to capture, corrupt, enslave, and con-fuse our spirit. Jesus spoke of this custody battle over the ‘territory’ of the human “temple” saying, “How can anyone enter the **strong man’s house** and carry off his property, unless he first binds the strong man?” (Mt. 12:29).

In the days of Samuel, one shrewd enemy of Israel named Nahash had this strategy to conquer and possess God’s people: “I will **gouge out the right eye** of every one of you” (1Sam. 11:2). Since

the right eye is essential for an archer to *sight-in* on an enemy, Nahash knew he could permanently enslave Israel by impairing their ability to defend themselves. “The lust of the flesh [*self-indulgence*] and the lust of the eyes [*self-will*] and the boastful pride of life [*self-worth-ship*]” (1John 2:16) effectively gouge out the eyes of our spirit, leaving us helpless against the **invasion** of the deceiver. Inebriated, gullible, and thinking we are doing *self* a favor, we open the door wide and escort Worthless in! Paul explains how the false-father uses this strategy:

And even if our gospel [*of the kingdom-cohabitation in Agape*] is veiled [*eclipsed*], it is veiled to those who are perishing [*in eros individualism*] in whose case the god of this world [*false-father Worthless*] has **blinded the minds** of the unbelieving [*gouged out their spiritual eyes*] so that they might **not see** the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ [*Nucleus of the fusion of God and man*]... (2Cor. 4:3-4).

A human spirit that is repeatedly exposed to darkness and habitually ‘deeded over’ to darkness can become very dark indeed—mature in eros. Jesus said, “But if your eye is bad [*self-focus, self-worth-ship*], your **whole body** will be **full of darkness** [*de-gene-rate*]. If then the **light** that is in you is **darkness** [*corrupted spirit*], how great is

the darkness!” (Mt. 6:23). This can be *religious* darkness.

Before Saul became Paul, he was a slave of religious darkness, “a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent aggressor” (1Tim. 1:13). As a Pharisee, he zealously volunteered to be dispatched as an **agent of fission**, arresting Christians in the name of the God. In self-deception, Saul believed the source of his zeal was defending the God of Israel, but it was hypocrisy and pretense. His real motivation was eros calculation: by persecuting the enemies of the Pharisees, he could ingratiate himself to the leaders of his ‘denomination’ and secure for himself the eros-payoff of recognition, “to be noticed...honored by men” (Mt. 6:1-5), resulting in his own promotion up the ranks. However “a **light** from heaven [“*God in Christ*”], brighter than the sun” (Acts 26:15) knocked Saul off the “donkey” of his own *religious* self-gratification, *religious* self-will, and *religious* self-focus and re-gene-rated him into “Paul, a bondservant of Christ Jesus” (Rom. 1:1).

Apart from the Light of the Triune-Spirit “in Christ,” we human beings are in serious trouble! Corruption has taken hold of body, soul, and spirit compelling us to chase the mirages of the false-father, loving ourselves to death. Our inverted, corrupted nature has left us decaying in individualism, isolation, and fission from God and one another, and we are occupied by a

darkness that *matures*. “Seeing the people, Jesus felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and **dispirited** [*lit. Greek: **thrown down**; with the false-father*] like sheep without a shepherd [*Fatherless*]” (Mt. 9:36).

Healing and deliverance of the human body, soul, and spirit are signs of the coming of the kingdom. Jesus instructed the disciples, “As you go, preach, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons” (Mt. 10:7). The kingdom of God **displaces** the kingdom of darkness. John testified, “The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works [*con-fusion*] of the devil” (1John 3:8). The Son was sent to **de-fuse** us from the alien, de-gene-rate nature of the false-father by which we are **con-fused** to darkness so we might be free to willingly **fuse** into the God-Man Jesus, the Nucleus of the Triune-Spirit.

### **The Son: Uncreated Spirit Made Flesh**

“The Lord is **exalted**” (Ps. 138:6), *and* “The Lord is **near**” (Ps. 145:18; Phil. 4:5). God is a Triune-Spirit; therefore, God transcends all *natural* dimensions of created matter, time, and space, yet this relational God of Agape chose to come near to us: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,’ which translated means, ‘**God with us**’” (Mt. 1:23).

Seeing “the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God [*the fusion of the Trinity*] **in the face of Christ** [*the human Nucleus*]” (2Cor. 4:6) helps us to understand *how* God is with us. “For in Christ all the fullness of Deity [*Triune-Spirit*] dwells in **bodily** [*material, physical, human*] **form...**” (Col. 2:9). In spiritual eclipse, de-gene-rate mankind could never have truly known “God is Spirit” without the coming of “God in Christ” (Rom. 6:11). The ‘secret of the mystery’ of Immanuel was uniquely revealed to the Apostle John who wrote, “No one has **seen** God [*Triune-Spirit*] at any time; the only begotten God [*Son “made flesh”*] who is in the bosom of the Father [*Nucleus of the Trinity*], He has **explained** Him” (John 1:18). John added, “And the Word became **flesh** and **dwelt** [*lit. tabernacled*] among us, and we **saw** His glory” (John 1:14). For John, this *physical* encounter with the Triune-Spirit dwelling within the *human body* of Jesus was *tangible* and very real:

What was from the beginning [*eternal Son, a Spirit, Nucleus of the Trinity*], what we have **heard**, what we have **seen** with our [*physical*] eyes, what we have looked at and **touched** with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—and the life [*“God is Agape,” Triune-Spirit*] was **manifested** (1John 1:1-2).

The Triune-Spirit knows that we de-gene-rate human beings are *spiritually* incapacitated, relying entirely upon our five *natural* senses to perceive reality; therefore, we are lost in **spiritual eclipse**:

Because of the tender mercy of our God [*sacrificial Self-giving*], with which the **Sunrise** from on high [*Triune-Spirit dwelling in fusion within the Man Jesus*] will visit us, to shine [*spiritual Light*] upon those who **sit in darkness and the shadow of death** [*spiritual eclipse*], to guide our feet into **the way of peace** [*fusion in reciprocal Agape, human spirit into Triune-Spirit*] (Luke 1:79).

Moved by superabundant Agape and humility, the Triune-Spirit *accommodated* Themselves to us, allowing us as **sensual creatures** to see and hear and touch Them in a *physical*, flesh-and-blood Man.

In futility, de-gene-rate mankind has long struggled to **reconcile** the *natural* realities of **physical science**, which are somewhat *familiar* to us as sensual creatures, with *spiritual, metaphysical* realities that remain *unfamiliar* to us and unattainable in our spiritually inebriated condition. All mankind, including avowed atheists, cannot help but be aware of the existence of the spiritual—we are “men who suppress the

truth in unrighteousness, because that which is known about God [*Spiritual Reality*] is **evident within (us)** [*in our human spirit*]; for God made it evident to (us)” (Rom. 1:18-19). Jesus exposed our hypocrisy—our willful refusal to ‘see:’ “While seeing (we) do not see” (Mt. 13:13). The Scriptures make plain that the God-Man Jesus, Himself, is ‘**the missing link:**’ “For by Him [*the uncreated Son*] all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, **visible and invisible** [*things which can be examined in a laboratory and things which cannot*]...all things have been created through Him and for Him” (Col. 1:16).

In our willful, inebriated state, mankind is incapable of adequately *reconciling* physical and metaphysical reality; therefore, a long-standing ‘**divorce**’ between science and religion has prevailed. Reflecting on this torturous history, it is clear the false-father Worthless has labored to craft and perpetuate this **fission:** “The god of this world has **blinded** the minds of the unbelieving [*spiritually inebriated*] so that they might **not see** the light of the gospel of **the glory of Christ**, who is the [*physical, bodily*] **image of God** [*Triune-Spirit*]” (2Cor. 4:4).

The deceiver is well-aware that the *natural* creation and *physical* science are a powerful source of revelation of the *spiritual* nature of our Triune-Creator. Worthless knows that if ‘the secret of the mystery both natural and spiritual’ is ever revealed,

if we “**see the light**” (spiritual Prototype) of atomic nuclear fusion, the nature and properties of light, photosynthesis, germinating seeds, etc., we will reconcile the physical and metaphysical “in Christ [*the missing link*]” as the Scriptures clearly affirm. The false-father knows that “the spiritual is not first, but the natural, then the spiritual” (1Cor. 15:46). Worthless knows if ‘the mystery’ is ever revealed, we will begin to sober up from “the lie;” he will be exposed as an imposter; we will “return” to our Creator; and he will be “cast out” of his own world!

In jealousy *for* us, the **Triune-Holy** desired to be in immediate proximity to mankind in Jesus, “the **Holy One** of God” (John 6:69), but what, specifically, was God’s purpose for coming “in bodily form” as a Man?

Since the [*lost*] children share in **flesh and blood**, He Himself likewise also partook of the same [*sacrificial Self-sharing*], that through **death** [*sacrificially yielding His will, giving of His body*] He might render powerless him who had the **power of death** [*fission*], that is, the devil [*false-father*], and might **free** those who through **fear of death** [*eros instinct of self-preservation*] were subject to **slavery** all their lives [*eros prison, living death, prolonged fission decay*] (Heb. 2:14-15).

Among us eros-infected slaves, the eternal Son came as a Man to become **human as God intended**: “holy,” eros-free, willing, fuse-able. Jesus stated it simply, “I have come down from heaven not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me” (John 6:38). The Son of God came to “share in flesh and blood” with us so we could share in His perfected bloodline and “become **partakers of the divine nature**” (2Pet. 1:4). The Son came as our human Forerunner, “the beginning [*of a new creation*], the firstborn from the dead [*zombies*]” (Col. 1:18). The Son came to be tested and perfected as a Man whose human spirit would *prevail over* and *govern* His body (flesh) and soul (will).

O send out **Your light** and **Your truth** [*incarnated Son—“glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth” John 1:14*], and let them **lead me** [*one spiritually incapacitated: deaf, dumb, blind, staggering; relationally paralyzed*]; let them **bring me** to Your holy hill and to Your dwelling places [*into the fusion Oneness of the Triune-Spirit*]. **Then I will go** [*follow my Forerunner Jesus, as a willing, living sacrifice*] **to the altar** [*fusion ‘chamber’*] of God; to God my exceeding joy (Ps. 43:3-4).

## Jesus “became a life-giving spirit”

The eternal Son, an uncreated Spirit, was incarnated as the real, flesh-and-blood Man Jesus, but the Scriptures testify that in His resurrection the Man Jesus was transformed *again*; He “became a **life-giving spirit**.” Paul explains:

But someone will say, “How are the dead raised? And with what kind of **body** do they come?” You fool! That which you sow [*forfeit in hope*] does not come to **life** unless it **dies** [*“he who loses his life will find it”*]...so also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable [*de-gene-rating, decaying*] body, it is raised an imperishable [*re-gene-rated*] body; it is sown in dishonor [*eros individualism, fission*], it is raised in **glory** [*fuse-able DNA*]; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in **power** [*fusion Oneness*]; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a **spiritual** body [*in One Nucleus with the Triune-Spirit*]. So also it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a **living soul** [*free individual*].” The last Adam [*God-Man Jesus*] became a **life-giving spirit**” (1Cor. 15:35-45).

Father, Son, and Spirit, as Individuals, are each a “life-giving” Spirit. God gave “the first man

Adam” opportunity to *mature* as “a life-giving spirit” in the relational “image” and sacrificial Self-giving (fuse-able) “likeness” of his Triune-Creator. Adam was destined to *grow* in volitional self-giving (Agape) and enter into the inheritance of the “fullness” of the kingdom of the Triune-Spirit “from glory to glory” (2Cor. 3:18). However, the **freedom** God granted to Adam as “a living soul [*free individual*],” he willfully chose to ‘**spend**’ **on himself**; therefore, he was *no longer* free to give himself; he was *no longer* fuse-able. In self-indulgence and self-will, Adam **failed the test of self-denial** allowing the claims of his body and soul to *prevail over* his spirit. He became a slave of eros (self-love). He was incapable of entering and participating in the *fusion* dynamic of the kingdom of God, which is reciprocal generosity (mutual self-giving).

Adam *sold* the inheritance God prepared for him (“eternal life” in the kingdom), and he became **corrupt**—a de-gene-rate, eros individualist. Once he *bought into* “the father of the lie [*eros*]” and “**exchanged** the glory of the **incorruptible God** for an image in the form of **corruptible man** [*self-worth-ship*]” (Rom. 1:23), it was no longer possible for Adam to be “a life-giving spirit” capable of fusing into the Triune-Spirit; therefore, he was expelled from the garden of God. Adam and all of his de-gene-rate offspring became “slaves of their own appetites” (Rom. 16:18). We sons and

daughters of Adam are **incapable of self-denial** and are therefore *gene-tically* incapable of “walking in Agape” (Eph. 5:1), that is, living a *relational* life of consistent sacrificial self-giving—acting *against* self *for* another. The kingdom of God is relational, inter-personal fusion, but we are not fuse-able.

However, that which we de-gene-rate, corrupt human beings “**could not do...God did**, sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin [*sacrificially yielding His will and offering His body as a Man*], **He condemned sin** [*eros individualism, fission*] **in the flesh**” (Rom. 8:3). Jesus is called “the last Adam” because the Son of God had to come as a Man and **retake the tests of self-denial**, which “the first Adam” and all his de-gene-rate offspring *failed*. For our sakes, Jesus came as “the Son of Man,” our Representative Man, to retake these tests over the 33 years of His life and *pass* on our behalf. “For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been **tempted** in all things as we are, **yet without sin** [*self-indulgence, self-will, self-worth-ship*]” (Heb. 4:15).

Because “the first Adam” failed, the uncreated Son “partook of flesh and blood,” so as our Forerunner Man He might progressively grow and mature in Agape—fuse-able DNA—and become human as God intended. He was sent

to become the first Man whose **human spirit was ‘fully alive’** to the Triune-Spirit, the first human being to *fuse* human spirit *into* Triune-Spirit, and the first Man *resurrected* into “the fullness” of the Triune-Spirit. The Son of Man “became a life-giving spirit” *capable* of leading those willing to receive and follow Him back into eternal life in the Triune-Spirit.

**Be imitators of God** [*an “Us” fused as One in the Nucleus of the God-Man*] **as beloved children** [*an ‘us’ fused as one in the Nucleus of the God-Man*], **and walk in Agape** [*sacrificial Self-giving DNA and behavior*] **just as Jesus** [*our Forerunner*] **loved you and gave Himself up for us** [*to perfect fuse-able DNA in Himself as a Man and make that nature communicable to us*] (Eph. 5:1).

We will see how Jesus’ **final exam** of self-denial began at the last supper and continued through Gethsemane, Judas’ betrayal, His crucifixion, and “finished” in the very manner of His death. Let us now look at how His **course-work** in sacrificial Self-giving spanned the entire 33-year life he lived as a Man. “Jesus kept increasing in wisdom [*Agape rationale*] and stature, and in favor with God and men” (Luke 2:52). As Jesus’ human spirit developed and matured through circumstances that required **self-denial**, His capacity to receive

“the fullness” of God into Himself and participate in that spiritual life was being *perfected*. Isaiah prophesied, “The **Spirit** of the Lord will rest on Him [*fused into His prevailing human spirit*], the **spirit** of wisdom and understanding, the **spirit** of counsel and strength, the **spirit** of knowledge and the fear of the Lord [*gen-uine worth-ship*]” (Isa. 11:2).

Through His prevailing *human* spirit, Jesus matured in His ability to **share** in the compassion of the God of Agape; through the Holy Spirit, He practiced moving as “one” with the “Spirit of the Father” (Mt. 10:20) to **reveal** the *fusion power* of that Love. A beautiful example of this living, *spiritual* Oneness is Jesus’ encounter with Mary and Martha at the time when their brother Lazarus died:

When Jesus therefore saw Mary weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, He was **deeply moved in spirit** and was troubled [*lit. troubled Himself*].... Jesus wept. So the Jews were saying, “See how He **loved** him!”...So Jesus, again being deeply moved within [*human spirit in Agape fusion with Triune-Spirit*] came to the tomb...” (John 11:33-38).

The Psalmist prophesied in song, “God be gracious to us and bless us, and cause **His face to shine upon us** [*Light of the knowledge of the*

glory of God in the face of Christ” 2Cor. 4:6]—that **Your way** [*Spirit fused into Spirit by Agape*] may be **known on the earth** [*“imitators of God”: human spirit fused into Triune-Spirit by Agape*]” (Ps. 67:1-2). The Son of God, as an uncreated “life-giving” Spirit, was in perfect fusion Oneness with the Father and the Holy Spirit from eternity, Spirit *into* Spirit. As “the Son of Man,” He was progressively rediscovering, entering, and participating in that *same spiritual Oneness* He had known before—“the glory which I had with You before the world was” (John 17:5)—except now He was participating through the fusion of His **human spirit** *into* Spirit. Jesus was the Forerunner: “the one who joins [*fuses*] himself to the Lord is **one spirit** with Him” (1Cor. 6:17). Jesus prayed:

Father [*a Spirit*]...This is **eternal life** [*relational, interpersonal Oneness in reciprocal self-giving*], that **they may know You** [*human spirit into Spirit*], the only true God [*Agape*], and Jesus Christ [*the Son/Nucleus*] whom You have sent....O righteous Father, although **the world** [*de-gene-rate, corrupt humanity*] **has not known You** [*spiritually eclipsed in self-worth-ship*], yet **I have known You** [*human as God intended; spirit fused into Spirit*] (John 17:3, 25).

As our Forerunner, Jesus blazed “**the way**” (*The Agape Road*) as a Man and “became a life-giving spirit.” The sacrificial Self-giving life that Jesus lived in spiritual Oneness with “God is Spirit” is **embodied** in Himself—the whole dynamic, living kingdom of the Trinity contained in a Man. He testified, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father [*a Spirit*] but through Me [*a life-giving spirit*]” (John 14:6). We are now called to “**eat**” and assimilate Jesus (John 6:53-58) and to “**follow**” Jesus (Mt. 16:24). In order for us to know Who, exactly, we are eating and following, we must carefully magnify and examine how Jesus “became a life-giving spirit.”

The Son came as a Man to retake the test of self-denial that we failed: “I have come down from heaven, **not to do My own will**, but the will of Him who sent Me” (John 6:38). At age 33 Jesus took His ‘final exam’ from Gethsemane to the cross, but at age 30 He took a ‘mid-term exam.’ Before Jesus’ public ministry He was baptized and “the **Holy Spirit** descended upon Him in bodily form like a dove, and a voice came out of heaven, ‘You are My beloved Son, in You I am well-pleased [*to dwell*]’” (Luke 3:22). Immediately afterward, that fusion Oneness of Jesus’ human spirit into “God is Spirit” was tested: “Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be **tempted** by the devil [*power of fission*]” (Mt. 4:1).

God “**tests**” (Gen. 22:1; Ps. 11:4-5; 1Cor.

3:13), and the devil “**tempts.**” God’s motivation is to **grow** the fuse-able “seed” of Agape in a man by proving, reproofing, and reinforcing that “life;” the devil’s motivation is to **devour** the “seed,” expose the man as a hypocrite and imposter, reinforce his eros prison, and intensify the man’s fission from God. Remarkably, testing and tempting occur simultaneously in the exact same set of life circumstances (consider Job).

The Spirit intentionally led Jesus into a **three-fold** test/temptation for one solitary purpose: to *prove* that Jesus, as a Man, would allow His **human spirit** to govern and prevail over the demands of His physical **body** and His **soul** (will).

Jesus, **full of the Holy Spirit**...was led around by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being **tempted** by the devil. And He ate nothing during those days, and when they had ended, He became **hungry**. And the devil said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, tell this **stone to become bread** [*“lust of the flesh”; exploit fusion power for **self-indulgence**”*].” And Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live on [*natural*] bread alone, but on every word [*spiritual bread*] that proceeds [*breathed, Pnuema*] out of the mouth of God [“*My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me...*” John 4:32-34]”

And the devil led Him up to a very high mountain and **showed** Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, “I will give to You **all this domain and its glory** [*“lust of the eyes,” self-will*]; for it has been handed over to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore if You worship before me, it shall all be Yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘You shall worship the Lord your God, and serve Him only [*“the Lord formed Me in the womb to be His Servant” Isa. 49:5; I am a “Steward,” not a possessor or owner*].”

And the devil led Him to Jerusalem and had Him stand on the **pinnacle** of the temple [*above the gathering place of Israel*], and said to Him, “If You are the Son of God, **throw Yourself down from here** [*as a public spectacle, “to be noticed by men” Mt. 23:5*] for it is written, ‘He will command His angels concerning You to guard You,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear You up, so that You will not strike Your foot against a stone [*“boastful pride of life,” self-worth-ship*].” And Jesus answered and said to Him, “It is written, ‘You shall not put the Lord your God to the test [*“If I glorify Myself, My glory is worthless; it is*

*My Father who glorifies Me.” John 8:54].”*  
(Luke 4:1-13; Mt. 4:1-11).

For the purpose of *testing* and *proving* that Jesus was human as God intended (fuse-able), the Spirit led Jesus “to be tempted by the devil.” Jesus’ test of self-denial was the exact same **three-part test** that Adam and Eve failed: “the tree was good for food [*self-indulgence*]...a delight to the eyes [*self-will*]...desirable to make one wise [*self-worth-ship*]” (Gen. 3:6). The test administered to Jesus as “the second Adam” was far more intense than the one that “the first Adam” failed, yet Jesus’ **human spirit prevailed** over His body and soul (will). As God’s Forerunner Man, Jesus was intentionally and repeatedly thrust into the full *fission* power of Worthless’ “world:”

For all that is in **the world**, the **lust** [*insatiable craving*] **of the flesh** [*body*] and the **lust of the eyes** [*what the soul ‘wills’ to acquire, possess, and control*] and the **boastful pride of life** [*self-worth-ship*], is not from the Father [*“God is true”*], but is from **the world** [*“the father of the lie”*] (1John 2:16).

Jesus said to His disciples, “In the world you have **tribulation** [*tests/temptation, severe circumstances requiring self-denial*], but take courage, **I have overcome the world** [*the*

*corruption of a de-gene-rate, inverted, eros nature]*” (John 16:33). Jesus’ prevailing human spirit greatly accelerated the growth and **maturity of the fuse-able DNA of Agape** that He was born with, God’s own sacrificial Self-giving nature *within* Him, “the way, the truth, and the life” *within* Him. As the Son of Man, He overcame Worthless’ “world,” and He “became a life-giving spirit.” However, Jesus was yet to take ‘the final exam.’

At the last supper, “Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, **He broke it** and gave it to the disciples, and said, ‘Take, eat; this is **My body**’” (Mt. 26:26). Jesus willingly and sacrificially offered His own body to be broken *knowing* that Judas had already arranged to betray Him and *knowing* the disciples would scatter from Him and deny Him in self-preservation. Before His arrest, interrogation, and crucifixion, Jesus labored on our behalf in the Garden of Gethsemane:

Jesus said to His disciples, “**My soul** [*will*] **is deeply grieved** to the point of **death**; remain here and keep watch with Me.” And He went a little beyond them [*into a ‘crucible’ no de-gene-rate man could endure*], and fell on His face and prayed, saying, “My Father, if it is possible, let this cup [*man’s cursed, toxic bloodline*] pass from Me; yet **not as I will, but as You will** [*spirit governing soul/will*].” And He came to the

disciples and found them **sleeping** [*“from sorrow” Luke 22:45; inebriated by self-focused grief*], and said to Peter, “So, you men could you not keep watch with Me for one hour? Keep watching and praying [*spiritually “alert and sober” 1Thes. 5:6*] that you may not enter into temptation [*enticed to allow the claims of soul and body to prevail over spirit; enter darkness*]; the **spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.**”

He went away again a second time and prayed, saying, “My Father, if this cannot pass away unless I drink it, **Your will be done.**” Again He found them **sleeping**, for their eyes were heavy [*spiritually inebriated*]. And He left them again, and went away and prayed a **third time**, saying the same thing once more [*a Man spiritually ‘alive’ to the Triune-God*]. Then He came to the disciples and said to them, “Are you **still sleeping** and resting? Behold the hour is at hand and the Son of Man is being betrayed...” (Mt. 26:36-45).

The further I magnify the redemptive work of “God in Christ,” the more I am convinced the real custody battle for our salvation was won *here*, in the garden. In Luke’s gospel account of Gethsemane, he adds, “And being in agony Jesus

was praying very fervently [*spiritually 'alive'*]; and **His sweat became like drops of blood**, falling down upon the ground” (Luke 22:44). The fact that the disciples kept sleeping while their Master was in such obvious “agony,” wiping bloody sweat from His brow, was evidence that *spiritually* they were ‘**the living dead**’—relationally incapacitated zombies! The blood Jesus shed from the crown of thorns, His scourging, and the cross came from **external** wounds inflicted upon Him, but in the garden He shed the blood of our redemption from the **internal** battle of the soul (the will) *within* Him on our behalf. Once our Elder Brother Jesus *freely* and decisively *chose* to see our redemption all the way through the cross, it was already won by the **fusion power** of His prevailing spirit and yielded will!

For **this reason** the Father loves Me [*Agape*], because **I lay down My life** [*spirit, soul, body*] so that I may take it again. No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down **on My own initiative** [*volitional, sacrificial Self-giving through a prevailing spirit*]. I have **authority** [*freedom*] to lay it down, and I have **authority** [*freedom*] to take it up again. This commandment [*“the Way” of Agape, Law of the kingdom*] I received from My Father [*“exact representation of His nature” Heb. 1:3*] (John 10:17-18).

Under the most intense circumstances possible—emotional, relational, physical, and spiritual (demonic) **crushing**—the Man Jesus yielded up His soul and fleshly body by sacrificially *maintaining* a prevailing human spirit. Unlike “the first Adam,” **He would not sell** into corruption the human ‘faculty’ by which He was in perpetual fusion with “God is Spirit.” In full conviction, Jesus was able to declare, “that you may know and understand [*the secret of the mystery*] that the Father is **in** Me, and I **in** the Father [*My human spirit is fused into the Spirit of the Father in the Holy Spirit*]” (John 10:38).

The Son of God was sent as the Son of Man to become *human* as God intended—body (flesh) and soul (will) in sub-mission to human spirit wholly centered upon God in *comprehensive* sacrificial self-giving. Jesus offered up His soul: “**not My will**, but Yours be done” (Luke 22:42). Jesus offered up His body: “He has now reconciled you in His **fleshly body** through death” (Col. 1:22). Finally, just before He died on the cross, Jesus offered up His spirit: “And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into Your hands I **commit My spirit.**’ Having said this, He breathed His last” (Luke 23:46).

This completed the *comprehensive* “**life-giving**” of the Son of Man both to God and to us: “When He had received the sour wine [*our toxic, de-gene-rate bloodline-fission*], Jesus said ‘**It**

**is finished!** And He bowed His head and **gave up His spirit**” (John 19:30). The human spirit of Jesus was perfected in Agape, *prevailing over* soul and body; therefore, as a Man He “became **a life-giving spirit**” (1Cor. 15:45). The Son, as a Man passed His ‘final exam’ of self-denial; He became “a Son made perfect forever” (Heb. 7:28).

## **Two-edged Sword**

For the **word of God** [*Person of the Son; tested, perfected Man Jesus*] is living and active and sharper than any **two-edged sword**, and piercing as far as the division of **soul** and **spirit**, of both joints and marrow [*body*], and able to **judge** [*discern and reveal*] the thoughts and intentions of the heart [*true Agape or eros—Agape with hypocrisy*] (Heb. 4:12).

The Person of Jesus is a “two-edged sword” because He is *both* “Son of God” *and* “Son of Man.” More precisely, the sword is “**the life**”—the *Trinity-like* life—of sacrificial self-giving that the Man Jesus lived in “fullness” through His prevailing spirit; it is “**the truth**” of Jesus as God’s tested, perfected “Word” piercing into us, and it is “**the way**” embodied in Jesus, the living Person we are called to follow. In the custody battle with the false-father, this perfected, two-edged God-

Man is the **weapon** the true Father has chosen to effectively overcome darkness and set His captive children free. A year after the Spirit had ‘downloaded’ *The Fusion of the Trinity* into me as a child learning to be an accurate ‘scribe,’ He gripped me with a vision that has taken on new meaning in light of the “two-edged sword:”

I saw my Dad, Bob Mumford, entrusting to me a container of very rare, refined, **molten** (liquid) **metal**, which I knew represented the Agape/eros paradigm, the first-fruits of nearly six decades he has served as a steward and ambassador of the kingdom. Then I saw myself assisting God the Father as He constructed a **mold** in the shape of a **sword**. I immediately recognized the mold as the design and shape and ‘**blueprints**’ of *The Fusion of the Trinity* and the “*God is*” declarations of the Scriptures that He was teaching me. I was aware that God the Father was mentoring me as His apprentice-son. He watched as I poured this molten metal into His mold. After it hardened, I saw myself repeatedly thrusting this sword deep into **fire and ice** to test and strengthen it. The fire and ice represented two things to me: *both* the Old and New Testament Scriptures *and* ‘the secret of the mystery *both natural* (atomic nuclear fusion and light; science) and *spiritual* (“God in Christ;” theology).

After the sword was sharpened and polished, I saw Father **engrave** the symbol of the Borromean

rings on it: three interconnected circles with the cross in the center representing the Triune-God of Agape. Father was well-pleased that the sword was ready. In celebration, He commissioned me to accompany His Spirit as a sword-bearer in **proclamation**. I knew the Spirit Himself would wield the sword of “God in Christ,” the “life-giving spirit,” piercing deep into individuals, families, communities, and nations, cutting away the corruption of body, soul, and spirit—setting them *free* to become fuse-able sons and daughters, ambassadors, kingdom builders.

In the vision, I was conscious that the sword being prepared was *not* ‘**The original Sword**’ (Heb. 4:12) of the God-Man Jesus, since He was long ago prepared and “made perfect.” Rather, the sword I saw was merely **an instrument** designed to help *our generation* understand Him as eternal truth—a finite means of receiving ‘The Eternal Sword’ into the midst of ourselves. The sword, which I and my natural father have both participated in crafting, represents one, holistic message: *The Agape Road* provided us with the ‘glasses’ necessary to *magnify God* and discover *The Fusion of the Trinity*. This carefully constructed instrument is uniquely prepared by the Lord for *our era* of history.

Though this finite sword entrusted to us is certainly *inadequate*, flawed, and will always be in process of development and refinement in

our understanding, it is built upon the timeless, universal truth and ‘blueprints’ of “God in Christ” as He is revealed in the Scriptures. The vision of the sword was the Spirit’s way of investing me with the “**full conviction**” (1Thes. 1:5) I needed to proclaim Jesus, the God-Man Nucleus, with boldness. The vision afforded me assurance that Father has anointed this contemporary instrument as a means through which ‘The Eternal Sword’ may effectively **pierce** us and *reveal* our self-indulgence, self-will, and self-worth-ship. This ‘refined instrument’ was given to *teach* us how to “walk in Agape” by a prevailing spirit; to help us *discern* the schemes and counterfeits of “the father of the lie;” and to *enable* us to see, hear, understand, and **follow Jesus** as “the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6).

Before creation, Father had already given ‘*The eternal Sword*’: “the Lamb was slain before the foundation of the world” (Rev. 13:8). Father gave ‘*The perfected Sword*’ into creation in Jesus’ death and resurrection (33 A.D.?). Father keeps giving ‘*The living Sword*,’ by His dynamic Spirit, **Father chooses to give again** to each wayward generation ‘*The living and active Sword*’ of His Son whom He has already given. Further, in many places around the globe, Father is right now giving ‘*The universal Sword*’ of His Son through His “one Spirit” to His other children like us! In our future: “Father has fixed a day in which He will **judge** the world in

righteousness **through a Man** [*“two-edged Sword” and “Cornerstone”*] whom He has appointed, having furnished **proof** to all men [*that Jesus is the tested, perfected “life-giving spirit”*] by raising Him from the dead” (Acts 17:31).

## **Broken and Fused**

Now may the God of peace [*Triune-Spirit fused in perichoresis: mutual indwelling Oneness*] Himself **sanctify you** [*the eros individualist*] **entirely**; and may your **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be preserved **complete** [*human as God intended: a fuse-able dwelling place*], without blame [*holy, eros-free: self-less*] at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ [*the Cornerstone, Nucleus, Triune-Groom*] (1Thes. 5:23).

Practicing medicine involves five basic activities: 1. diagnosing a patient; 2. ascertaining an appropriate treatment or cure; 3. helping the patient acknowledge the nature of his illness, understand the cure, and securing his consent and cooperation; 4. effectively administering the treatment or cure; and 5. overseeing the necessary follow-up therapy. The “living and active...two-edged sword” (Heb. 4:12) provides a remarkably *invasive* and accurate **diagnosis**. This powerful, precise **x-ray** does not lie; it exposes ‘*me*’ in the “Light” of the life *Jesus* lived. I come face-to-

face with the de-gene-rate, corrupt, spiritually inebriated, and relationally incapacitated ‘me’—the zombie—“**the old self**, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit [*eros*]” (Eph. 4:22).

Now, when a man *admits* he is seriously ill, having made his way through the stages of denial, *humbly acknowledging* he is **infected** with a de-gene-rative virus, and *recognizes* he is rapidly **decaying**, he becomes *very interested* in carefully researching, understanding, and receiving **the cure**. The repentant man is eager to investigate things he was entirely indifferent to before this grave reality confronted him. The *antidotal cure* for ‘the living dead’ is Christ Himself: “put on **the new self** [*fuse-able DNA of Agape*], which in the likeness of God [*“the divine nature”*] has been **created** [*as a tested, proven Antidote*] in righteousness and holiness of the truth [*developed and perfected within the Man Jesus who “became a life-giving spirit”*]” (Eph. 4:24).

Your cure begins with an *infusion* of Christ—The Antidote—administered to you by the Holy Spirit in the form of an “**incorruptible seed** [*eros-free DNA*]” (1Pet. 1:23). The “seed” is a **DNA-transplant**: “Christ [*the Antidote*] in you, the hope of glory [*re-gene-ration in fuse-able DNA*]” (Col. 1:27). With the “seed” in place, the follow-up process of your **re-gene-ration** begins—an extended therapy called “**sanctification**, and the

outcome eternal life” (Rom. 6:22). Implemented by the Spirit, this therapeutic treatment progressively *displaces* your “old,” de-gene-rate, eros nature with the “new,” fuse-able nature, which the Son sacrificially prepared and made communicable to you *in Himself* as a Man. The “life” within that initial “seed” must germinate, grow, and re-gene-rate your whole person: “sanctify you entirely... spirit and soul and body” (1Thes. 5:23). When the “seed” begins to radically alter your rationale and behavior and you begin to act spontaneously in self-denial and sacrificial self-giving – costly acts of **gene-rosity** that surprise even you – then you know the Spirit’s *displacement therapy* is working.

Jesus summarized this re-gene-rative process, “**Abide in Me** [*the Nucleus*] **and I** [*the Antidote, seed*] **in you**” (John 15:4). It is one thing to receive the antidotal “seed” of Christ as an immature, self-indulgent, self-focused believer, but to truly become human as God intended you must embrace the **second part of the cure**: “abide in Me.” Abiding is an on-going, *therapeutic process* that facilitates the growth of the seed; otherwise, it lies dormant and remains ineffective. Abiding provides the antidotal seed with the continuous exposure to “Light” required for it to **germinate** and the time for its re-gene-rative power to run its course within your body, soul, and spirit. “God has given us eternal life, and **this life** [*Antidote*] **is in His Son** [*the Nucleus*]” (1John 5:11).

In order for a recovering ‘zombie’ (a believer still infected with eros) to be *fused into* the God-Man Nucleus and “abide” in Him, he must be **broken**. It is not possible to be made **fuse-able** without being **broken**. Due to ignorance or unwillingness (usually both), most believers never *embrace* this intensive, re-gene-rative process; therefore, they continue to “bite and devour one another” (Gal. 5:15) and their sense of homelessness (estrangement from “God is a dwelling place”) persists. We keep drinking the “old wine” (Luke 5:39) and this “old” instinct of self-preservation ‘*will not*’ allow the antidotal seed to germinate, grow, and comprehensively displace and re-gene-rate us.

God has granted individual human beings **free will**, but have you considered that God *also* has free will? Though you are free to choose Light or darkness, the Triune-God has also made **a choice**. God has chosen the tested, proven God-Man Jesus as **The Nucleus** of all things. The Triune-God has chosen this perfected Man as the “**Cornerstone**” of Their unshakable kingdom: “an administration [*kingdom*] suitable to the fullness of the times, that is, the summing up of all things in Christ, things in the heavens [*spiritual*] and things on the earth [*natural*]” (Eph. 1:10).

For this is contained in Scripture: “Behold, I lay in Zion **a choice stone**, a precious

**corner stone**, and he who believes into Him [*relocates into "God in Christ"*] will not be disappointed [*abundant, relational life*]." This precious value [*laid at incalculable expense: the sacrifice of Trinity's own Nucleus*], then, is for you who **believe** [*"lose your life" to "find it"*]; but for those who **disbelieve** [*"seek to save his life"*], "The stone which the builders **rejected** [*in self-will, self-preservation*], this became **the very corner stone**" (1Pet. 2:6-7).

God's free "choice" of this Man/Cornerstone/  
Nucleus narrows your choices down to two:

The stone which the builders **rejected**, this became the **chief corner stone**; this came about from the Lord, and it is **marvelous** in our eyes....He who [*willingly*] **falls on this stone** [*sacrificial self-giving into the Nucleus*] will be **broken** to pieces [*fuse-able, fused into God in Christ, and reconstituted as a free individual*]; but on whomever it **falls**, it will **scatter** him like dust [*eternal fission*]" (Mt. 21:42-44).

A "broken" **body** (self-indulgence, "the flesh"), a "broken" **soul** (self-will), and "a broken **spirit** (self-worth-ship)" (Ps. 51:17) are absolutely *essential* to fusion in the Triune-Spirit. Jesus is

“a life-giving spirit” because “the way” He lived in spiritual fusion with God as a Man is now perfected in Him as “**a precious stone**” upon which we ‘incurable individualists’ can “fall” and be “broken.” This sounds **severe** because it *is*: “Jesus was saying to them all, ‘If anyone wishes to come after Me [*into fusion in “God is a dwelling place”*], he must **deny himself**, and take up his **cross daily** and follow Me [*in comprehensive, sacrificial self-giving*]” (Luke 9:23).

Though brokenness is *severe*, for the one “who hates his life [*eros individualism*] in this world” (John 12:25), the one who has acknowledged that he is de-gene-rating and decaying under the tyranny of *self*, this “stone” is the most “**precious**” gift: “it is **marvelous** in our eyes!” Upon this one “stone” I can fall, be broken, cured, and set *free* to *freely* give myself as a new, fuse-able creation, abiding in perpetual fusion in the kingdom of “God in Christ!” Paul stated it this way: “For the word of **the cross** [*comprehensive brokenness*] is **foolishness** to those who are perishing [*in eros individualism, self-preservation*], but to us who are being saved [*cured, re-gene-rated by the Antidote*] it is the **power of God** [*the same power by which Father, Son, and Spirit are fused*]” (1Cor. 1:18). Jesus invited us to participate in the Trinity’s own ‘way of life’ in fusion: “This is the work of God, that you **believe into Him** [*fall on the stone, break, and fuse into the Nucleus of the Triune-Spirit*] **that**

**God has sent** [*in human flesh*]” (John 6:26).

Through “the eternal [*timeless*] Spirit” (Heb. 9:14), David ‘saw’ the God-Man Jesus Christ, his own promised “descendant” (Mt. 1:1), and believed *forward* into Him (Mt. 22:42-45; Acts 2:25-36; Rev. 22:16). The ‘**star of David**’ represented his faith in the coming of the promised Son, Immanuel, the Nucleus of the fusion of the Trinity and man. On several occasions, David himself was **broken** upon the “Cornerstone” of Christ and fused into Him.

King David committed adultery with Bathsheba and his body and soul were corrupted by “**self-indulgence.**” Though he knew she was the wife of his servant Uriah, in **self-will** “David sent messengers and took her, and when she came to him, he lay with her” (2Sam. 11:4). David de-gene-rated further when, in an act of self-preservation, David *willfully* arranged the murder of her husband to cover up her pregnancy and his adultery. In Agape, God confronted him through Nathan the prophet: “Why have you **despised the word** of the Lord [*Son of Agape*] by doing evil [*eros*] in His sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife” (2Sam. 12:9).

In repentance, David recognized and acknowledged that the corruption of his **body** in *self-indulgence* and the corruption of his **soul** in *self-will* directly caused the **corruption of his**

**spirit**—the very ‘faculty’ and means by which he had interfaced and communed with God all his life. In *self-worth-ship*, David had become his own *fixed center*, and everyone else, including God, was a *pawn* in his scheme. David’s repentance is recorded in Psalm 51:

Behold, I was brought forth in **iniquity** [*de-gene-rate, ‘twisted,’ corrupt*], and in **sin** [*eros*] my mother conceived me. Behold, You desire **truth** [*Agape*] in the innermost being [*DNA*], and in the hidden part [*human spirit*] you will make me to know wisdom [*sacrificial self-giving rationale*]. . . . Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. . . . Let the **bones** [*body*] which You have **broken** [*on the Cornerstone*] rejoice. . . . Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a **steadfast spirit** within me [*prevailing over the claims/lusts of body and soul*]. Do not cast me away from Your presence [*fission from the Triune-Spirit*] and do not take Your **Holy Spirit** from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain me with a **willing spirit** [*necessary to abide in fusion*]. . . . The **sacrifices of God are a broken spirit** [*Father, Son, Spirit Themselves are fused by sacrificial Self-giving, Spirit into Spirit—our Example*]; a **broken** and a **contrite heart**

[*eros-free affection*], O God, You will not despise [*i.e. I will magnify and imitate the Triune-Holy*]” (Ps. 51:5-17).

In order to enter the kingdom of the Triune-Spirit, I must be *broken* and *fused* into the Nucleus of Christ. My fleshly **body** must be broken of self-indulgence, my **soul** must be broken of self-will, and my **spirit** must be broken of self-worth-ship. Apart from Christ, the “choice cornerstone,” it is impossible for me to be broken. *Self* cannot and ‘will not’ break *self* (see Rom. 7:14-25). Moses’ Law cannot break self, “for the Law makes nothing perfect [*in Agape*]” (Heb. 7:19). Moses law, moral law, and civil law only have the power to condemn; law either produces self-conscious guilt or reinforces self-righteous hypocrisy, but it cannot make a man fuse-able. “For what the **Law could not do**, weak as it was through **the flesh** [*human corruption in eros*], **God did**: sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, **He condemned** [*broke*] **sin in the flesh**” (Rom. 8:3). Our corrupt body, soul, and spirit must be *broken* upon this “choice Cornerstone.”

Jacob inherited the stewardship of the promise of salvation (“God in Christ”) from Abraham and Isaac, but he was a self-indulgent, self-willed, self-conscious man—a “**supplanter**”—a shrewd usurper. God attempted to deal with Jacob’s

corrupt, eros nature by placing him in servitude to *another* shrewd usurper, his own father-in-law Laban. However, the 20-year contention Jacob suffered under Laban, deceiving one another for personal gain (Gen. 31:41), could not effectively breach the impenetrable fortress of his **self-will**; rather, Jacob's practice in eros only served to *reinforce* his self-will. Then the "Cornerstone" met him:

Jacob was left alone, and a Man [*pre-incarnate Son of God—Cornerstone*] **wrestled** with him until daybreak. When He saw that He had not prevailed against him [*Jacob's impenetrable self-will*], he touched the socket of his thigh; so the **socket of Jacob's thigh was dislocated** while he wrestled with him. Then He said, "Let Me go, for the dawn is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let You go until you **bless** me [*e.g. with a prevailing, life-giving spirit*]." So He said to him, "What is your name?" And he said "Jacob [*lit. supplanter; i.e. one who gains for himself at another's expense; eros*]." He said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but **Israel** [*lit. he who strives with God, or God strives; e.g. custody battle for our re-generation*], for you have **striven with God and prevailed**."...So Jacob named the

place Peniel, for he said, “I have **seen God face to face**, yet my life has been preserved [*in the Nucleus*]” (Gen. 32:24-30).

From that day, Jacob walked with a limp, an *outward* sign of a radical, *inward* transformation of his nature, rationale, and behavior. Jacob’s *self-conscious* ‘claim to his right to himself’ was effectively displaced by *God-conscious* stewardship and self-giving.

*Self* can only be broken of individualism upon the Cornerstone. I *willingly* “fall upon” Jesus because I have “seen” Him and **worth-ship** Him: I *appraise* His well-pleasing, fruit-bearing life as a Son in Self-giving *fusion* **dearer** than my own inebriated, barren, decaying life as a zombie in self-indulgent *fission*. I begin to ache with hunger for “God in Christ,” to abide in the fusion of the Trinity; therefore, as often as brokenness is necessary to keep growing forward into the Nucleus of the Dwelling Place, I can “fall upon” Him and the *tyranny* of my own self-will is **broken**. My will is fused into God’s will; God’s “choice Cornerstone” has also become **my choice**. As I practice siding *with* Him *against* myself, I awaken spiritually to discover that I am actually “abiding” in perpetual fusion in the Nucleus. I “lose” my life; therefore, I “find” this “marvelous” Life!

True Agape includes and requires *severity*: “Behold the kindness and **severity** of God”

(Rom. 11:22). Now, the severity of **brokenness** is no joke—it is seriously *bad!* I have embraced several *severe breakings*, and like Paul, I “despaired even of life” (2Cor. 1:8). In Agape, God allows severity (tribulation) to lead me as an individualist to despair of “my own” life. Brokenness upon the Cornerstone is *precipitated* by **severe losses** of various kinds: failures, the ‘subtraction’ of things we cherish, betrayals, and custom-designed humiliations and sufferings. These losses are *not* the actual impetus of brokenness; only the **Cornerstone** can break an individualist. Apart from the Cornerstone, losses naturally result in self-pity, self-justification, self-defense, and self-preservation: “hardness of heart” (Eph. 4:18).

The severe, seemingly unjust losses that Job suffered produced in him this very “hardness of heart.” Job was not broken by his losses; he was **broken** by “the Cornerstone” who revealed Himself to Job in the midst of his bitter losses. The severity and agony of loss effectively **unearths** and exposes unseen, subterranean pockets of self-love, self-will, and self-justification within us that must be broken upon the Cornerstone in order for us to be made fuse-able. God confronted Job in his self-centered, self-justifying condition, “Will the faultfinder contend with the Almighty? ...Will you really annul My judgment? **Will you condemn Me that you may be justified?**” (Job 40:1, 8).

Upon this “*Word*” of God—the Cornerstone—Job willingly fell and was effectively broken. In an altogether new attitude of **self-denial**, Job responded, “Behold, I am insignificant, what can I reply to You? I lay my hand on my [*big*] mouth...I have heard of You by the hearing of the ear [*I thought I knew You*], but now My eye has “**seen**” You [*Triune-Agape*]; therefore **I repent** in dust and ashes” (Job 40:3-4; 42:5-6). Afterward, God healed and reconstituted Job as a fuse-able individual and extravagantly blessed him. A summary: Job insisted, “I’m right!” God answered, “You’re wrong.” Job responded, “You’re right, I am *seriously* wrong!” God replied, “Now that you’re wrong (broken), you’re *right* (fuse-able)!”

Personally, the losses that have most effectively precipitated brokenness in me have been **cherished relationships cruelly torn in fission** by the false-father. On numerous occasions in this custody war, I have stood by helplessly as Worthless *breathed* upon the ungoverned, corrupt desires of my loved ones and effectively compelled them to buy into “the lie” and chase his mirages. Though their spirits were inebriated by “old wine,” they *knew* and even *confessed* they were “**exchanging the glory**” for a counterfeit, saying “I don’t want to sell my inheritance for stew” (see Gen. 25:33; Heb. 12:16). Nevertheless, their prevailing flesh and self-will *could not* and *would not* listen or give it up in self-denial. Afterward, they suffered

bitterly, and **I suffered right along with them.** Curiously, in the throes of that severe agony, many ugly, twisted, corrupt, toxic things, which I could never have seen or acknowledged *in myself*, were **unearthed** as the “two-edged sword” pierced deep into me. I was afforded opportunity to “despair even of [*my own*] life,” to agree with the ‘x-ray,’ and willingly fall upon the Cornerstone.

In retrospect, I *know* the God of Agape permitted those severe circumstances to **set me free from me.** Life was no longer worth living *for self*; only one reason remained to want to keep living—I was given opportunity as a *free* individual **to want to live for Him.** Afterward, God brought me into entirely new dimensions of *freedom* in the kingdom: “God also brought me forth into a broad place, He rescued me [*from self, individualism*] because He delighted in me [*desired mutual indwelling fusion with me*]” (Ps. 18:19). Further, God also jealously pursued into the darkness those loved ones that were lost *severe*, redemptive Agape. Paul testified: “we are [*adopted*] children of God, and if [*re-gene-rating, fuse-able*] children, heirs also, **heirs of God** [*Triune-Spirit*] and fellow heirs with Christ [*“life-giving spirit”*], **if** indeed we **suffer** [*brokenness*] with Him so that we may also be **glorified** [*fused*] with Him” (Rom. 8:17).

Now, let’s revisit our medical analogy. Solomon wrote, “The **spirit** of a man can **endure his sickness**

[*infected with eros, yet unbroken, slowly decaying*], but as for **a broken spirit who can bear it?**” (Prov. 18:14). Childlike faith and trust are required to be *willingly* broken. An arm or leg that was formerly broken but ‘healed’ **askew is dysfunctional**; the ‘useless’ limb must be **re-broken** and **set correctly** to heal and become whole as God intended. In our de-gene-rate, corrupt condition, we were *broken* in fission from God and ‘**set askew**’ in eros individualism. Since we were all *born* ‘twisted’ in the serpent-like nature of the false-father, none of us can even remember *not* being dysfunctional; we think our sensual, spiritually inebriated *self* is normal. Only a *vision* of the Man Jesus who “**became a life-giving spirit**” perfected in Agape can reveal just how twisted and dysfunctional we actually are.

The Lord Jesus comes as an *empathetic* and *qualified* Physician to break, re-set, and heal you. However, your de-gene-rate instinct of self-preservation powerfully compels you to pull back your dysfunctional ‘limb’ (your own life) into yourself, yet in faith and trust, you must **stretch it out** into the hands of your Physician and embrace the pain as He breaks and resets you. Whatever you “lose” into the life-giving Son, you will certainly “find” (Mt. 16:25). Whatever you allow Him to break, He will surely heal, reconstitute, and restore to you. The one who is broken will be fused.

Come, let us **return** to the Lord [*fall upon the Cornerstone*]. For He has **torn** us, but He will **heal** us; He has **wounded** us, but He will **bandage** us. He will **revive** us [*‘the living dead’*] after two days; He will **raise us up on the third day** [*resurrection in Agape DNA; fused into the Triune-God in the Nucleus of Christ*], that we may **live** before Him [*as fuse-able children in reciprocal gene-rosity*]. So let us know, let us press on to **know** the Lord [*Three Individuals in sacrificial Self-giving fusion*] (Hosea 6:1-3).

## Following Jesus

The Son testified, “My **kingdom** is not of this **world** [*corrupted in eros*]...not of this realm [*decaying in fission*]” (John 18:36). “This world” has been invaded by “the father of **the lie**” (John 8:44) and corrupted by the eros nature of this *deceiver*—Agape with “hypocrisy” (Rom. 12:9; James 3:17). Both the *secular* and *religious* “world” in which we live is shot through with “the lie:” mirages, counterfeits, veneers, forgeries, imposters, and ‘al-lure-ments’ (hooks), hidden agendas, pretense and usury, predatory and parasitic cons, ‘king-of-the-mountain’ schemes, oppression, inequality, slavery, and fragile, consumer-driven economies—all grounded in “earthy, natural,

demonic wisdom [*eros rationale*]” (James 3:15). The common denominator in all these things “from below...of this world” (John 8:23) is the **unreality of individualism**.

The kingdom of “God in Christ” is a relational, inter-Personal ‘*infrastructure*’ built upon Agape: “**true**” sacrificial Self-giving Love. The kingdom of the Triune-God is transcendent, **spiritual Reality**. “Abraham was looking for the city [*cohabitation*] which has **foundations** [*in spiritual Reality*], whose architect and builder is God” (Heb. 11:10). The more a man’s spirit *awakens* to the kingdom of the Triune-Spirit, the more he recognizes the **unreality** of this *natural* “world.” The Son of God came as a Man to *awaken* us sensual, inebriated, eros-captives *out of* unreality and progressively **lead us back into** spiritual Reality: “the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was **lost**” (Luke 19:10). Into the midst of Worthless’ predatory world, “God in Christ” entered as a human embryo into the womb of a virgin, and Zacharias prophesied:

The **Sunrise** from on high will visit us [*Triune-Spirit in fusion in the Nucleus of the God-Man Jesus*], to **shine** upon those [*inebriated eros individualists*] who sit in **darkness** and the **shadow of death** [*lost in spiritual eclipse, fission decay*], to **guide** our [*wayward, stumbling*] feet into **the way of**

**peace** [*spiritual Reality: mutual indwelling Oneness in Agape*] (Luke 1:79).

Jesus said, “I am **the way**, and **the truth**, and **the life**, no one comes [*out of the world*] to the Father, but through Me” (John 14:6). The one and only “way” to discover and enter into transcendent, spiritual Reality is **following Jesus**. However, most of us believers today do not seem to understand what *following Jesus* actually involves. Do we ‘recovering individualists’ know what “*the life*” of the kingdom *is* that Jesus wants to “build” us into as “living stones?” (1Pet. 2:5) Do we know what “*the truth*” of transcendent spiritual Reality actually looks like? Do we know this “*way of peace*” by which He seeks to “*guide*” us?

Since “the *sum* of God’s word is **truth** [*spiritual Reality*]” (Ps. 119:160), take a moment now and *add together* in your thinking these six “God is” statements: “**Holy, Holy, Holy** [*Three eros-free Individuals*] is the Lord God, the Almighty [*All-Three-Mighty*]” (Isa. 6:3, Rev. 4:8); *and* “God is **Spirit** [*Three spiritual Beings*]” (John 4:24); *and* “God is **Agape** [*Three sacrificial Self-givers*]” (1John 4:8); *and* “God is **a sun** [*Three spiritual Beings in perpetual, Self-giving fusion*]” (Ps. 84:11); *and* “The eternal God is **a dwelling place** [*Three ‘Eternals’ fused Spirit into Spirit as One “kingdom” cohabitation, mutually indwelling One Another*]” (Deut. 33:27); *and* God is “**in Christ:**” “For in

Christ [*a human Nucleus*] all the fullness of Deity [*Triune-Spirit*] dwells in bodily form, and [*fused*] in Him you have been made full [*with the “fullness” of the dwelling place*]” (Col. 2:9).

Father, Son, and Spirit are *Themselves* the “fullness” of the kingdom of God given to us: three “life-giving” Spirits *fused* into the perfected “life-giving spirit” (1Cor. 15:45) of Jesus. In the Nucleus of this God-Man, these three **Self-sharers** desire to *share* “the fullness” of Their *shared* cohabitation—mutual indwelling—with us in *reciprocal* gene-rosity: “the one who **joins himself to the Lord** [*willingly “loses his life,” fused into the God-Man Nucleus*] **is one spirit with Him** [*abides as an actively re-gene-rating “life-giving spirit” in the kingdom of the Triune-Spirit*]” (1Cor. 6:17). The “fullness” of the kingdom has *already* been given to us, yet is the life we are living as believers really “full” with this “fullness?” The self-focused, inebriated, earth-bound condition which persists in you and me as immature believers, **prevents** us from being “filled up to all the fullness of God” (Eph. 3:19). Paul shared and expressed the Lord’s grief:

Brethren [*God’s adopted children*], I could not speak to you as to **spiritual** [*fuse-able*] **men**, but as to **men of flesh** [*inebriated eros individualists*], as to **infants** in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food

[Jesus' "life" of self-denial and sacrificial self-giving]; for you were not yet able to receive it [*self-satiated*]. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are **still fleshly** [*drinking "old wine"*]. For since there is jealousy and strife [*deeds of the flesh*] among you, are you not **fleshly** [*self-indulgent, self-willed, self-focused*], and are you not walking like mere [*eros-driven*] men? (1Cor. 3:1-3).

We immature believers have certainly received the "seed" of Christ, yet the germination and growth of the "seed" is **stunted** because we do not know how to follow Jesus and abide in sustained exposure to Him. We are certainly *adopted* by faith in Christ, yet we remain eros-infected, inebriated *individualists*; therefore, we are earthbound and not yet fuse-able. According to the *measure* that our human spirits are inebriated and corrupted with "old wine," we remain 'alive' to self and 'dead' to God and one another—relationally incapacitated. If we are *incapable* of self-denial and sacrificial self-giving, we are *incapable* of relational, interpersonal fusion, and the kingdom of the Triune Spirit is **eclipsed** to us.

Can we believers acknowledge that we have *not yet entered* into "the fullness" of the kingdom, that we are still **lost** and enslaved in the "darkness" of eros individualism and *mutual exploitation*,

“biting and devouring...consuming one another” (Gal. 5:15)? Transcendent, spiritual Reality has been lost into secret mystery and forgotten over generations. Most corporate expressions of ‘Christianity’ are now just a copy of a copy of a copy, and no longer even resemble “**the same image...of the Lord, the Spirit** [*transcendent Reality*]” (2Cor. 3:18). The one and only way we can sober up “to know [*spiritual Reality*]...press on to [*truly and fully*] know the Lord [*Triune-Spirit*]” (Hosea 6:3) is by sacrificially ‘investing’ the hours, days, and years of our lives here on earth **following Jesus**, *practicing* “I am the way, and the truth, and the life...” (John 14:6).

Concerning **Christ** [*“life-giving spirit,” Nucleus of the Triune-Spirit*] we have much to say, and it is hard to explain, since you have become **dull of hearing** [*inebriated by individualism, natural-minded*]. For though by this time you ought to be **teachers** [*of spiritual Reality*], you have need again for someone to teach you the **elementary** principles of the oracles of God; and you have come to need **milk** [*“earthly things” John 3:12; natural types/illustrations of the spiritual kingdom*] and not **solid food** [*“heavenly things” John 3:12; transcendent spiritual Reality*].

For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the **word of righteousness** [*spiritually assimilating Jesus' "life"—sacrificial Self-giving through a prevailing spirit*], for he is an **infant** [*not yet mature in "the way...the truth...the life"*]. But solid food is for the **mature** [*spiritually alive, sober*], who because of **practice** [*following Jesus, "the way"*] have their **senses trained** [*in sub-mission to a prevailing spirit*] **to discern good** [*Agape*] **and evil** [*eros—"the lie"*] (Heb. 5:11-14).

The eternal Son of God came as the Man Jesus to pioneer "*the way*" of self-giving fusion into the Triune-Spirit. He came to "enter as a **Forerunner** for us" (Heb. 6:20), to lead us eros-infected 'zombies' back into "*the truth*" of spiritual Reality. In one sense, the Man Jesus did all this *for* us: "He **died** to sin [*eros*] once for all" (Rom. 6:10), and "He **entered** the holy place once for all" (Heb. 9:12). But in another sense we, as free individuals, must willingly **follow Jesus**, that is, practice self-denial through a prevailing spirit and enter "*the life*" by the same "*way*." Our human spirits must become "life-giving" in the likeness of our Forerunner who prayed, "that they may be one, just as We are one...perfected in unity" (John 17:22-23). We must "be imitators of God [*Triune-Spirit*], as beloved children [*maturing as*

*life-giving spirits*], and walk in Agape [*sacrificial self-giving*] **just as Christ** [*our Forerunner*] also loved you and [*comprehensively*] gave Himself up for us [*body, soul, and spirit*]” (Eph. 5:1-2).

We “fleshly” believers must follow Jesus **all “the way,”** intentionally maturing in His “truth” and practicing and participating in His “life” in the very same “way” He lived it. We ‘recovering individualists’ who *cultivate* the antidotal “seed” of Jesus, daily “eat” Jesus (assimilate His “life” John 6:54), and daily *follow* Jesus “being **conformed to His death** [*broken on the Cornerstone*]” (Phil. 3:10) are now made *capable* of entering and abiding in the Triune-Spirit. We are made *capable* of reciprocating the same ‘**extreme self-forsaking Love**’ (Agape DNA) through the fusion power of *Jesus’* “life” within us—*His own* “life-giving spirit” made *ours*—“Christ in you the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27). Peter testified, “For in this **way** [*following Jesus*] the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you” (2Pet. 1:11). Jesus made this clear:

But an hour is coming, and now is, when the **true** worshippers [*made fuse-able in the Forerunner*] will worship the Father [*a Spirit*] **in spirit and in truth** [*gen-uine Agape*]. **God is Spirit** [*Triune-Pnuema*], and those who worship Him [*live and*

*participate in the Trinity's Life of mutual indwelling*] must worship Him **in spirit** [*life-giving spirit fused into Triune-Spirit*] and **in truth** [*spiritually re-gene-rated: alive in "Agape without hypocrisy"*] (John 4:24).

We “fleshly,” inebriated believers read about the Pharisees and condemn their self-focused hypocrisy, but in the true light of the ‘x-ray,’ are we really so very different? The Pharisees had ‘bought into’ a particularly deadly, religious form of “**the lie.**” Believing they already *knew* “the way” and half-believing *themselves* to be “the way,” the **self-righteous** Pharisees were threatened by “the way” of Jesus. He said to them:

**I go away** [*into spiritual Reality*], and you will seek Me [“*the Light of the world*”], and will die in your sin [*eros darkness: religious individualism, self-preservation, fission decay*]; **where I am going** [*fusion into the Triune-Spirit by sacrificial Self-giving*] **you cannot come** [*you are incapable of self-denial—incapable of following Me*]. I am **from above** [*true Father, Agape*], you are **from below** [*false-father, Worthless*]; you are of this **world** [*corrupt in self-worship*], I am not of this world....For unless you **believe that I am He** [*fall and break upon God's “choice Cornerstone”*] you will

die in your sins [*seeking to save your life you will lose it*]” (John 8:21-24).

As immature believers, “infants” (Heb. 5:13), we have certainly received the antidotal “seed,” but our *acculturation* in “the world” of eros is deeper than we realize or admit; therefore, we remain largely **eclipsed** from the kingdom of the Triune-Spirit in the darkness of individualism. How are we ever going to get “where Jesus is going?” Further, how will we, as God’s adopted children, bring this transcendent *spiritual* Reality “from above” among us here “below” on earth? “Your **kingdom** come. Your will [*not self-will*] be done, **on earth as it is in heaven**” (Mt. 6:10). Through the sacrifice of the Triune-God, the Nucleus of the Oneness of the Trinity torn open at the Cross (Heb. 10:20; Mt. 27:46), “**we receive a kingdom** which cannot be shaken” (Heb. 12:28). However, we recovering zombies must *follow* “the way” of Jesus *into* this unshakable, spiritual Reality.

Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone [*individualist*] wishes to **come after Me** [*“the way, the truth, the life”*], he must **deny himself** [*self-indulgence, self-will, self-worth-ship*] **and take up his cross** [*repeatedly fall and break on the Cornerstone*] **and FOLLOW ME** [*into fusion Oneness in the Triune-Spirit by a prevailing, life-giving spirit*]. For whoever wishes to **save his life**

[*lit. soul; spend his individual freedom on self-con-fusion*] **will lose it** [*“slave of his own appetites” Rom. 16:18; inebriated in an eros prison*]; but whoever **loses his life** [*lit. soul, self-will*] **for My sake** [*sacrificial self-giving fusion into the Nucleus*] **will find it** [*awaken to spiritual Reality: reciprocal gene-rosity, perichoresis, mutual indwelling Oneness, freedom to love and be loved*].

For what will it profit a man [*individualist*] if he **gains the whole world** [*for himself: “lust of the flesh...lust of the eyes...boastful pride of life” 1John 2:16*] and **forfeits his soul** [*God-given freedom as an individual to fuse relationally by sacrificial self-giving*]? Or what will a man give in exchange for **his soul** [*freedom to truly love and be loved*]?” (Mt. 16:24-26).

Paul urged us, “It was for **freedom** [*to sacrificially give yourself*] that Christ set us **free** [*broken upon the Cornerstone*]; therefore keep standing firm [*“keep yourselves in the Agape (Nucleus) of God” Jude 21*] and do not be subject again to a yoke of **slavery** [*“drinking old wine,” individualism*]” (Gal. 5:1). Peter adds, “Act as free [*fuse-able*] men, and do not **use your freedom as a covering for evil** [*self-indulgence, self-will, self-worth-ship*], but use it as **bondslaves** of God” (1Pet. 2:16). The only “way” we *wayward* believers can remain free

and *abide* in spiritual fusion is to learn to “walk in Agape” (Eph. 5:1) by *following Jesus* in day to day life—consistently ‘spending’ our God-given freedom on God and one another in reciprocal gene-rosity (Agape) rather than on self (eros).

Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin [*self-indulgence in self-will in self-worth-ship*] is the **slave of sin** [*de-gene-rate in eros, spiritually corrupt, not fuse-able*]. The **slave** does not remain in the house [*“God is a dwelling place”*] forever; the **son** [*fuse-able DNA-match*] does remain forever. So if the Son makes you **free** [*re-gene-rated in Himself as a fuse-able, “life-giving spirit”*], you will be **free indeed** [*to reciprocate Agape, abide in the Triune-Spirit*]” (John 8:34-36).

Paul explains our daily challenge, “For you were called to **freedom**, brothers, only do not turn your freedom into an **opportunity for the flesh** [*self-indulgence*], but through **Agape**, serve one another” (Gal. 5:13). John testified, “No [*de-gene-rate*] one has seen God [*Triune-Spirit; Reality*] at any time [*eclipsed by a corrupt body, soul, spirit*]; if we **Agape** one another [*practice self-denial and sacrificial self-giving through a prevailing spirit*], God abides in us, and **His Agape** [*fuse-able DNA*]

**is perfected in us**" (1John 4:12). The Son came as a Man to set us 'self-preservers' *free* by teaching us how to "*lose*:"

The hour [*final exam' of self-denial*] has come for the Son of Man to be **glorified** [*perfected as "a life-giving spirit"*]. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat [*free individual*] falls into the earth and **dies**, it remains **alone** [*an eros individualist*]; but if it dies [*sacrificial self-giving*], it bears much fruit. He who **loves his life** [*self-worth-ship*] loses it, and he who **hates his life** in this world [*intentionally forfeits self-absorption in darkness*] will keep it to life eternal [*fusion Oneness*]. If anyone serves Me [*as a believer*], **he must FOLLOW ME** [*in self-denial, through "daily" death and resurrection*], and where I am [*in the Triune-Spirit*] there My servant will be also [*in perpetual fusion*]; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him. Now **My soul** [*will*] has become troubled; and what shall I say, "Father, **save Me** [*the Individual*] from this hour [*self-preservation*]?" But for this purpose I came to this hour [*to fuse My prevailing human spirit into Triune-Spirit by self-denial: yielding My will and body*]. Father, glorify **Your** name (John12:23-27).

Simon Peter is that impetuous, willful, 'mouthy,' *self-absorbed* disciple we all identify with, yet he was destined to learn how to follow Jesus *into* the kingdom of the Triune-Spirit. It was a long, difficult, and bitter education, but he finally got it! Peter wrote:

Be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you [*to follow Him*]; for as long as you **practice** these things [*“faith...knowledge...self-control... perseverance... godliness... Agape” vs. 5-9*], you will never stumble [*in fission from “the Way”*]; for in **this way** [*following Jesus*] the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you (2Peter 1:10-11).

Peter's journey is perhaps the clearest illustration in the Scriptures of what *following Jesus* actually involves. Peter grossly underestimated just how corrupt he was in “the lie.” In self-focus and self-deception, Peter *believed* he was *already* following Jesus, that he could actually pass **the test of self-denial**, and that he was *already* fused into the Nucleus. “Peter said to Jesus, ‘Even though all may fall away because of You [*God's chosen Nucleus*], I will never fall away [*in fission*].’ Jesus answered him, ‘Truly I say to you that this

very night, before a rooster crows, you will **deny Me three times.**” (Mt. 26:33-34). Just as Jesus predicted, Peter’s test came that very night. To “save his own life” (Mt. 16:25), that is, **to preserve his own autonomous nucleus**, Peter found himself denying “God in Christ” three times. He denied the Father, the Son, and the Spirit dwelling in fusion in the Nucleus of Christ. “And again Peter **denied** it with an oath, “I do not know the man....Then he began to curse and swear, ‘**I do not know the man!**’ And immediately a rooster crowed” (Mt. 26:69-75).

The way **fusion** works is that **many** autonomous nuclei enter the vortex, but only **one nucleus** comes out of the heat and pressure intact; only *one* nucleus remains. In religious self-deception, the de-gene-rate, self-preserving man may *believe* that ‘one nucleus’ will be Jesus, but in **the test of self-denial** he curses and swears, “That ‘one’ is going to be **me!**” In the test, Peter’s **corrupt spirit** was revealed by his *self-worship*—he appraised *himself* of greater value than “God in Christ.” In other words: If one of us must die, it will have to be Him because I (self) *must* live. Peter’s eros instinct of self-preservation and self-will *revealed* that he was, in fact, spiritually dead, relationally incapacitated, and incapable of reciprocal Agape. Peter denied Father, Son, and Spirit dwelling in “fullness” in the Man Jesus so that ‘**his own nucleus**’ could survive.

Peter's grievous **failure** in this test certainly revealed to him the **fission power** of his own eros nature: "A rooster crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how He had told him, '...you will deny Me three times.' And Peter went out and **weped bitterly**" (Luke 22:60-62). Though the power of *fission* was made evident *within* Peter and *through* Peter, the **fusion power** of Jesus' profound Agape was also revealed: "He loved them to the **uttermost**" (John 13:1). After Jesus' resurrection, Peter was graciously and mercifully *restored* into fellowship with the Trinity dwelling "in fullness" in Christ:

Jesus said to Peter the **third time**, "Simon, son of John, **do you love Me?**" Peter was grieved because He said to him the **third time**, "Do you love Me?" And Peter said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Tend My sheep [*reciprocate My Agape by laying down your life for the sheep even as I have; follow Me*].

Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to **gird yourself** [*'clothed' with eros individualism, self-worth-ship*] and **walk wherever you wished** [*self-will, self-indulgence*]; but when you are old, you

will **stretch out your hands** [*in the willing, “life-giving spirit” of Christ*] and **someone else will gird you** [*“clothed with Christ” Gal. 3:27; fuse-able DNA; “clothed with our dwelling from heaven” 2Cor. 5:2*], and **bring you where you** [*the individualist*] **do not wish to go** [*“not My will, but Yours be done” Luke 22:42; “all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God” Rom. 8:14*].”

Now this Jesus said signifying by what kind of **death** Peter would **glorify God**. And when Jesus had said this, He said to Peter, “**FOLLOW ME!** [*in sacrificial self-giving; spirit prevailing over body and soul; become “a life-giving spirit” just like Me*]” (John 21:17-19).

By *following Jesus*, we are progressively **re-gene-rated** into “the way” of self-denial through a prevailing spirit, **naturalized** into “the truth” of sacrificial self-giving, and **acculturated** into “the life” of perpetual fusion Oneness—the spiritual Reality of the kingdom. Jesus warned, “Enter through the narrow gate [*My way of self-denial*].... For the gate is small and **the way** [*of sacrificial self-giving*] **is narrow that leads to life** [*fusion Oneness, mutual indwelling*], and there are few who find it [*transcendent spiritual Reality*]”

(Mt. 7:14). To take the narrow way of self-denial in day to day life means learning how to “lose.” This is a difficult, bitter education for sensual, self-indulgent believers to embrace—‘it just *feels* wrong’—and many compromise or turn back altogether from following Jesus.

But My righteous [*fuse-able*] one shall live by **faith** [*if I “lose” my life into the Nucleus I know I will “find it”*]; and if he **shrinks back** [*in self-preservation*], My soul has **no pleasure in him** [*the eros nature of the false-father Worthless’ manifested in him*]. But we are not of those who **shrink back** to destruction [*fission decay*], but of those who have **faith** [*in Jesus, the “life-giving spirit”*] to the **preserving of the soul** [*freedom from self-will to freely and sacrificially give self*] (Heb. 19:38).

Self-righteous **Saul** fell upon the Cornerstone and became the broken, fuse-able man **Paul**. Through many *severe* tests of self-denial (see 2Cor. 11:23-28), Paul learned how to willingly **follow Jesus** at all costs, without shrinking back. Paul received into himself the antidotal “seed” of Jesus’ own prevailing, “life-giving spirit,” and he cultivated the growth and maturity of that “seed” by learning to *maintain* that prevailing spirit in day-to-day life. He *practiced* self-denial by “faith”

in the power of Jesus' "life-giving spirit" within him: "striving according to **His** [*fusion*] **power** which mightily works **within (him)**" (Col. 1:29). Paul described his life of dynamic reliance upon Jesus:

I [*self-righteous Saul*] have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I [*the eros individualist*] who live, but **Christ lives in me** [*“the way...truth...life” fused into my broken, fuse-able spirit*]; and **the life** [*of sacrificial-self-giving*] which I now live **in the flesh** I live by faith **in the Son of God** [*my Forerunner, the “life-giving spirit”*], who loved me and gave Himself up for me (Gal. 2:20).

Paul continued to "live in the flesh," that is, in a physical body, yet being *fused* into the "life-giving spirit" of the Man Jesus, he was empowered to *deny* the claims/lusts of his flesh by Jesus' own prevailing spirit within him. The "life" he *shared* in fusion with Christ enabled him to "present his [*bodily*] members as slaves to righteousness [*sacrificial self-giving*]" (Rom. 6:19). Paul added, "**Put on the Lord Jesus Christ** [*fuse into His prevailing, life-giving spirit*] and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts" (Rom. 13:14). In *spiritual* fusion, Paul testified, "I discipline [*lit. bruise*] my body and make it my slave" (1Cor. 9:27). Through the prevailing, "life-giving spirit"

that Paul *received* from Jesus, he focused all his worth-ship upon “God in Christ”—all his “heart [*affections*]...soul [*will*]...mind [*thoughts, ideas*]... and strength [*physical energy*]” (Mark 12:30).

Christ set Paul **free** from the cruel tyranny of religious self-will and self-righteousness; therefore, in reciprocal gene-rosity, Paul forfeited “his own life” into fusion in the Nucleus and **freely gave himself** (spirit, soul, and body) as a “**bond-servant of Christ Jesus**” (Rom. 1:1). In every circumstance that required Paul to deny himself, Jesus’ choice became Paul’s willing choice. Whatever Jesus willed, Paul willed: “In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of being filled and going hungry, both of having abundance and suffering need. **I can do all things** [*any act of self-denial and sacrificial self-giving required*] **through Christ** [*the “life-giving spirit”*] **who strengthens me**” (Phil. 4:12-14).

Paul followed Jesus at all costs; therefore, he was re-gene-rated, naturalized, and acculturated into “the way.” The aim of Paul’s “life” was clear: “That I may **know Him** [*Nucleus of spiritual Reality*] and the [*fusion*] power of **His resurrection** and the fellowship of **His sufferings** [*sacrificial self-giving*], being conformed to **His death** [*body, soul, spirit broken on the Cornerstone*]; that I may attain to the **resurrection from the dead** [*religious zombie made ‘alive’ to the Triune-Spirit in and through Jesus*]” (Phil. 3:10). Paul emerged as

a free, fuse-able, ‘Trinity-like’ individual; he was ‘alive’ in sacrificial self-giving both to God *and* to human beings. He wrote to the Corinthians, “I do not seek what is yours [*in eros*] but you [*fusion in Agape*]....I will most gladly [*willingly*] **spend and be expended for your souls**” (2Cor. 12:14-15). Paul wrote to the Philippians, “But even if I am being **poured out as a drink offering** upon the sacrifice and service of your faith [*it’s not easy!*], I rejoice and [*gene-rously*] **share my joy** [Jesus’ “joy made full” in me John 17:13] with you all” (Phil. 2:17).

When Paul first began forfeiting “his own life” to follow Jesus, daily practicing the Son’s “way” of Agape through a prevailing spirit, he certainly did not fully comprehend the *infinite magnitude* of the Person he was actually following. Paul was cultivating within himself the “seed” of “**the life**” of “a Son made perfect forever” (Heb. 7:28). As an adopted son, Paul was following the resurrected Son who had already ascended into the fullness of spiritual Reality. Paul himself “was caught up into the **third heaven** [*transcendent, spiritual Reality*]” (2Cor. 12:2). Maturing in “the way” of Jesus took him ‘there’—into the fullness of “the truth and the life [*fusion Oneness in Agape*]” (John 14:6).

Afterward, Paul testified that this perfected, ascended Son Jesus called him “to make known the mystery of the gospel [*invitation to fuse into spiritual Reality*], for which I am an **ambassador**

**in chains**” (Eph. 6:19-20). These “chains” on Paul were not the *external* shackles placed on a **slave** but the *internal* freedom of a sacrificial self-giving **son**, a son made human as God intended. The “chains” were the distinguishing mark of a *dignified* son maturing in the nature, likeness, and **vocation of Jesus**, “the Son of Father’s Agape” (Col. 1:13). Jesus said, “The **slave** does not remain in the house [“*God is a dwelling place*”] forever; the **son** [*fuse-able DNA-match*] does remain forever” (John 8:35).

By following “the way” of the Son, Paul matured *himself* as a son—a son “rooted and grounded in Agape” (Eph. 3:17). He participated in the spiritual Reality of the kingdom to such an extent that he could actually be **invested with authority** to represent “the kingdom of the Son of Father’s Agape” (Col. 1:13). Paul testified, “I do all [*sacrificial self-giving*] things for the sake of the gospel [*invitation to fuse into “God in Christ by Agape*] so I may become a **fellow partaker** of it [*a fuse-able sharer of the Trinity’s shared kingdom*]” (1Cor. 9:23). Paul identified the nature of these internal “chains:”

For the **Agape of Christ controls us** [*life-giving DNA of Jesus governs our spirit, soul and body*], having concluded this, that one died for all, therefore all died; and He died for all, so that they who **live** [*abiding*

*in fusion in Christ*] might **no longer live for themselves** [*self-indulgence, self-will, self-worth-ship*], **but for Him** who died and rose again on their behalf [*a life of reciprocal gene-rosity*] (2Cor. 5:14-15).

In spiritual fusion with Christ, Jesus' mandate became Paul's mandate:

We **proclaim Him** [*“God in Christ”*], admonishing every [*de-gene-rate*] man and teaching every [*lost, eclipsed*] man with all wisdom [*Agape rationale: spiritual Reality*], so that we may **present every man complete** [*fuse-able: broken spirit, soul, body*] **in Christ** [*Nucleus, Cornerstone*]. For this purpose also I **labor** [*“spend and expend” myself*], striving according to **His** [*fusion*] **power**, which mightily works **within me** (Col. 1:29).

Now, in full disclosure, I must tell you that as a follower of the crucified and resurrected Christ, you must not only learn how to “lose,” but you must also *embrace* “**being poured out**” and *acclimate to* the terrible sense of death and **emptiness** that accompanies this dynamic life of sacrificial self-giving. “The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Mt. 26:41). As the Spirit *pours out* “the life” of Jesus to others through your

fused and “**willing spirit**,” your **soul** (*denied will*) and your **body** (*denied flesh*) seriously *feel* like a **burnt offering**! Paul wrote: “I urge you, brothers, by the mercies [*enabling*] of God, to present your **bodies** a living and holy [*eros-free*] **sacrifice** [*‘burnt offering’*], acceptable to God, which is your **spiritual** service of worship” (Rom. 11:36-12:1).

When you can smell your flesh ‘*burning*,’ then you know *fusion* is occurring, and the extraverted ‘yield’ to others is the *gen-uine* “life-giving” glory of God. The apostles were arrested and “flogged” by the Pharisees, and “they went on **their way** [*Jesus’ way*] from the presence of the Council **rejoicing** that they had been considered **worthy** [*as gen-uine followers*] **to suffer shame for His name**” (Acts 5:41). Reciprocating Jesus’ Agape includes a willingness to suffer in jealousy *for* Him.

When Paul described this sacrificial worship as “spend and be **expended**” (2Cor. 12:15), he wasn’t kidding! Maturing in Agape is the absolute *polar opposite* of the natural, sensual, eros dynamic of self-indulgence (‘feel good’). Self-denial and sacrificial self-giving are *always* costly, but sometimes they are accompanied by an **unbearable sensation** much like ‘scraping the bottom of the barrel’ of your ‘self’ in order to keep giving something that just doesn’t seem to be there within you to give, yet “Christ in you” *keeps* giving! Your **extremity** becomes God’s opportunity to do something supernatural.

Faith and trust are required to offer yourself in this *sustained* “way” without “shrinking back” in self-preservation. However, all the while you are suffering that sense of loss and emptiness, the fusion power of the Triune-Spirit is working mightily through your prevailing spirit. Paul testified, “Jesus said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for [*spiritual*] **power is perfected in weakness** [*extremity of soul and body*]’” (2Cor. 12:9). Further, that sense of emptiness can be deceiving; it is certainly real, but that is *not* all that is going on in your willingness to suffer for Jesus’ sake. You are simultaneously being exercised and matured spiritually—“filled up to all the fullness of God” (Eph. 3:19). Consider how Jesus fed 5000 from one boy’s lunch, “and **they all ate** [*including Jesus and the disciples*] **and were satisfied**, and the broken pieces which they had left over were picked up, twelve baskets **full**” (Luke 9:17). As “a little child,” simply *believe* that it is **impossible for you to ‘out-give’** the Triune-God of superabundant Agape: your “expended” spirit, soul, and body will be conscientiously cared for by your Father, replenished by His Spirit, and set marvelously free by His Son!

See *how* Paul followed “the way” of Jesus “from glory to glory” into deeper and broader dimensions of transcendent spiritual Reality and received *for* all of us inebriated, earth-bound believers the secret of the mystery of “God in Christ:”

For **God** [*the “Us” Gen 1:26*], who said, “**Light** shall shine out of **darkness** [*in the natural creation; atomic nuclear fusion*],” is the **One** [*“Holy, Holy, Holy” in perpetual fusion Oneness*] who has shone in our **hearts** [*corrupted in individualism*] to give the **Light** of the **knowledge** of the **glory** of God [*fusion of the Three life-giving Spirits*] **in the face of Christ** [*the life-giving Nucleus*].

But we have this **treasure** [*the kingdom-transcendent, spiritual Reality*] **in earthen vessels** [*within weak, physical bodies*], so that the surpassing greatness of the [*fusion*] **power** will be of God and **not from ourselves** [*“the flesh,” self-sourcing*]; we are **afflicted in every way**, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; **always carrying about in the** [*physical*] **body the dying of Jesus** [*following Jesus in self-denial through a prevailing human spirit*], so that **the life of Jesus** may also be **manifested** in our mortal body [*re-gene-ration in fuse-able, life-giving DNA; mutual indwelling—“the kingdom of God is within you” Luke 17:21*].

For we who **live** [*‘alive’ to God and one another through a life-giving spirit*] **are constantly being delivered over to death** [*self-indulgence, self-will, self-worth-ship broken upon the Cornerstone; perpetual fusion dynamic*] **for Jesus’ sake** [*not even for ‘our own’ sake*], so that **the life of Jesus** [*Nucleus of the cohabitation of God and man*] may also be **manifested** in our mortal flesh [*“your body is a temple...you are not your own” 1Cor. 6:19*]. So **death** [*to self*] **works in us** and **life** [*‘yield’ of sacrificial self-giving fusion*] **in you** [*for your sake*] (2Cor. 4:6-12).

## **The “Life” Jesus Gives Us**

The Son of **God** came as the Son of **Man**, “in the likeness of sinful [*corrupt*] **flesh**” (Rom. 8:3), to pioneer “the way” of Agape into the very same “**life**” of fusion Oneness in the Triune-Spirit (the kingdom) that He had participated in from eternity as the Son of **God** (see John 17:5). “Jesus entered [*back in*] as a Forerunner for us” (Heb. 6:20). By allowing His human spirit to prevail over the claims of His body and soul (will), Jesus passed the tests of self-denial that all de-gene-rate, corrupt human beings failed. Jesus was perfected in sacrificial self-giving, “the divine nature [*Agape*]” (2Pet. 1:4); therefore, He was human

as God intended, “the firstborn from the dead” (Col. 1:18). Having accomplished this as a Man, He “became a **life**-giving spirit” (1Cor. 15:45). Within Jesus’ own prevailing, human spirit, “all the **fullness** of Deity [*Triune-Spirit*] dwells in **bodily** form, and in Him you have been made **full**” (Col. 2:9).

Jesus made “the fullness” of His own “**life**” as the human Nucleus of the Trinity **communicable** to us. Paul wrote, “For if while we were **enemies** [*corrupt individualists, eros-infected zombies*] we were reconciled to God [*adopted*] through the **death** of His Son, much more, having been reconciled [*adopted*], we shall be **saved** [*re-generated, naturalized, fused*] **by His life**” (Rom. 5:10). Peter explained what this “life” is that Jesus *gives* to those who *receive* Him:

To those who have **received a faith** [*seed*] of the same kind as ours [*DNA-match*] in the **righteousness** [*sacrificial Self-giving life*] of our God and Savior, Jesus Christ...seeing that **His divine power** [*fusion of human spirit into Triune-Spirit*] has granted to us **everything** pertaining to **life** and **godliness** [*Trinity-likeness*], through the **true knowledge** of Him [*“life-giving spirit”*] who called us by His own glory and excellence [*“Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face*

*of Christ*”)...so that by them [*all the well-pleasing aspects of Jesus’ life*] you may become **partakers of the divine nature** [*fully re-gene-rated in Agape DNA*], having escaped the **corruption** [*fission decay*] that is in the world by **lust** [*eros self-indulgence, self-will, self-worth-ship*] (1Pet. 1:1-4).

As our Forerunner, Jesus perfected the fuse-able DNA of Agape in Himself as a Man, and as “a life-giving spirit” He made that “**life**” communicable to us. “The life” that Jesus gives us is both the “**fullness**” of the kingdom of the Triune-Spirit dwelling in Him *and* the fuse-able nature/DNA required to **enter**. John explains how Jesus gives “the life” to us:

For whatever is **born of God** [*re-gene-rated*] **overcomes the world** [*“lust of the flesh... lust of the eyes...boastful pride of life”*]; and this is the victory that has overcome the world—**our faith** [*in our tested, perfected Forerunner*]. Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus [*the life-giving Man*] is the Son of God? This is the **One** who came [*into the fullness of spiritual Reality as a Man*] by **water** and **blood**, Jesus Christ; not with the **water** only [*baptism: burying our old, corrupt nature*], but with the water and with the **blood** [*fuse-able bloodline; gene-*

rous DNA of Agape, “the divine nature”). It is the **Spirit** who testifies [“with our spirit that we are children of God” Rom. 8:16], because the Spirit is **the truth**.

For there are **three that testify**: the **Spirit** and the **water** and the **blood**; and the **three are in agreement** [*fusion power to resurrect and re-gene-rate ‘the living dead’*].... The one who believes in the Son of God [*perfected in Agape as a Man*] has the testimony [“the life”] in himself [“incorruptible seed,” *fuse-able DNA*]...and the testimony is this: that God [*Triune-Spirit*] has given us **eternal life** [*relational, inter-Personal “life” Father, Son, and Spirit share in fusion, Spirit into Spirit*], and this **life is in His Son** [“life-giving spirit,” *Nucleus of the Triune-Spirit*]. He who has **the Son** [“Christ in you” in mutual indwelling fusion: “Abide in Me and I in you”] has **the life**; he who does not have **the Son** does not have **the life** (1John 5:4-12).

The “**water**” is first, representing the ‘watery grave’ in which we de-gene-rate, corrupt individualists who believe in Jesus are “**buried** with Him through **baptism into death**, so that as Christ was raised from the dead [*as “a life-giving spirit”*] through the glory of the Father, so we too

might **walk in newness of life** [*“walk in Agape” as a new, fuse-able creation: life-giving spirits*]” (Rom. 6:4). Re-gene-ration into the “new life” in Agape through a prevailing spirit, which Jesus lived *for us*, cannot become ours until we intentionally **drown and bury** our corrupt body, soul, and spirit. Undergoing water baptism symbolizes this intentional, willing act—*following Jesus* through His death and into His resurrection. As the Son of Man, Jesus intentionally surrendered Himself into “death” to provide this **grave** for any human being to bury “the **old self**, which is being **corrupted** in accordance with the **lusts of deceit** [*“the lie,” eros*]” (Eph. 4:22). Paul added,

For **the death** that Jesus died, **He died to sin** [*corruption in eros*] **once for all** [*mankind*]; but **the life** that He lives, **He lives** [*in perpetual Self-giving fusion*] **to God**. Even so consider yourselves to be **dead to sin** [*drowned and buried*], but **alive** [*in sacrificial self-giving*] **to God in Christ Jesus** [*the Nucleus*] (Rom. 6:10-11).

In Noah’s days, “God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt [*in eros*]; for **all flesh had corrupted their way** upon the earth [*self-indulgence, self-will, self-worth-ship*]” (Gen. 6:12). God said to Noah, “I am bringing the **flood of**

**water** [*a baptism*] upon the earth, to **destroy** [*drown*] all flesh in which is **the breath of life** [*the pneuma/spirit from God in man perverted in eros*], from under heaven..." (Gen. 6:17). Noah also had a de-gene-rate nature, yet his corruption was curbed and restrained because he "walked with God" and "found favor in the eyes of the Lord" (Gen. 6:8-9). Noah's ability to hear and *believe* God and deny himself to *obey* God saved him and his family. The Lord chose a **rainbow** (a spectrum of individual colors in fusion) to signify His promise that He would never again flood the earth, and that one day, through Christ, human beings would be re-gene-rated into the image and likeness of the "Us" who created them—into the fusion of the Trinity.

However, God knew **the flood** would not eradicate human corruption since Noah and his family were 'carriers' of the de-gene-rate, hereditary 'virus' of eros and quickly 'procreated' it thereafter. The flood was a type and 'rehearsal' of **baptism** into Jesus Christ, the **Nucleus** of the Trinity. Jesus said:

And just as it happened **in the days of Noah**, so it will be also in the days of the Son of Man: they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage [*corrupt, self-absorbed; eclipsed and indifferent to spiritual*]

*Reality*], until the day that Noah **entered the ark** [*Nucleus of Christ*], and the flood came and **destroyed them all**.... It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed (Luke 17:26-30).

My Dad, Bob Mumford, recently observed that in Isaiah's days, God saw the same corrupt condition of mankind repeated and spoke through the prophet, "These are like the **days of Noah** to Me" (Isa. 54:9). Though God will never again flood the whole world of corrupt humanity, He has chosen rather to '**drown**' **us individualists one at a time through baptism**—burying our old, *inverted* nature and its lusts and raising us up as "a new creation" in the "life-giving spirit" of the Son.

In baptism, you drown and bury your old, corrupt 'self' (the eros individualist) into Jesus' death. Jesus said, "Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will **preserve** it [*in the Nucleus, i.e. Noah's ark*]" (Luke 17:33). We are baptized "into the [*one shared*] name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit" (Mt. 28:19)—into the relational, inter-personal kingdom of the Triune-God located in the God-Man Jesus Christ. In baptism, we are "made alive [*in Agape*] together with Him" (Col. 2:13), resurrected into "His life"—the one "life" that the Trinity share—the kingdom of God.

As a previously baptized believer who continues to wrestle with your corrupt nature, you can ‘**walk wet;**’ that is, you can look back in faith to the retroactive power of your ‘watery grave,’ identify afresh with Christ in His death, and bury “the old self” again in that grave as often as is necessary. ‘Walking wet’ is synonymous with Jesus’ word, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross **daily** [*self “crucified with Christ”*] and follow Me” (Luke 9:23).

“The **blood**” is the second to “testify” that we are “born of God” (1John 5:6). Jesus’ blood is certainly “a guilt offering” that cleanses stains of sin (eros deeds), but “the blood” is much more than that. Through “the life” of sacrificial Self-giving (Agape), which Jesus lived both God-ward and man-ward, He became the **first Man** to perfect in His own blood the DNA of God: “God is Agape” (1John 4:8). Jesus’ *gen-uine* sacrificial self-giving nature, tested and proven through His *gene-rous* behavior as a Man, *is* “the divine nature [*Agape*” (2Pet. 1:4). This DNA is contained in Jesus’ own **bloodline**: “God has given us eternal life and **this life** [*fuse-able DNA*] **is in His Son**” (1 John 5:11). Paul explained, “But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were **far off** [*eros individualists in fission*] have been **brought near** [*into fusion*] by the **blood** [*fuse-able DNA*] of Christ” (Eph. 2:13).

The “divine nature” contained in the literal shed blood of the God-Man Jesus is the ‘**missing**

**link**' between physical and meta-physical reality. "The blood" has the power to make flesh-and-blood human beings and "God is Spirit" of **one nature**—human as God intended. "Then God [*Triune-Spirit*] said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness'" (Gen. 1:26). In the Old Testament, animal sacrifices were 'rehearsals' of the coming sacrifice of "Jesus... the Lamb of God who takes away the sin [*eros corruption*] of the world!" (John 1:29). Moses understood this:

For the **life** of the **flesh** is in the **blood**, and I have given it to you on the altar [*type of Jesus' sacrificial Self-giving*] to make atonement for your **souls** [*corrupted in self-will, individualism*]; for it is **the blood by reason of the life** that makes atonement... it shall be a holy [*eros-free*] convocation for you [*in preparatory expectation of the Messiah, the God-Man*], and you shall **humble your souls** [*self-will, self-worth-ship*] and present an offering by fire to the Lord.... It is to be a Sabbath of complete rest to you [*received with no self-effort*], and you shall **humble your souls** (Lev. 17:11; 23:27, 32).

"The Lamb," which God sacrificed for all mankind is called "the **Son of Man**" (Mt. 16:28), our "**Advocate**" (1John 2:1), the Representative

of us all. Oswald Chambers taught, “Jesus Christ is not an individual iota of a man; He is **the whole of the human race** centered before God **in one Person**” (Chambers, *Complete Works*, p. 22). At the Cross, a ‘**blood-transfusion**’ took place as the Son of Man, Jesus willingly drank down and absorbed into Himself the “**sour wine**” (John 19:30) of *our* eros-infected bloodline, *our* degenerate nature, which has kept us spiritually inebriated in a ‘zombie-like’ state and decaying in corruption.

As “His sweat became like drops of blood” in the Garden, Jesus referred to our **toxic bloodline** when He said, “let this **cup** pass from Me” (Mt. 26:39). The “cup” contained the toxic, ‘nuclear fission radiation’ of our eros nature, behavior, and acts—our *con-fusion* with Worthless, “the power of death” (Heb. 2:14). Now, in **exchange**, the Son of Man freely offers us **His bloodline**: “He who eats My flesh and **drinks My blood** has eternal life” (John 6:54). Through His blood, we “become **partakers of the divine nature** [*Agape*], having escaped the corruption [*eros*] that is in the world by lust [*self-indulgence, self-will, self-worth-ship*]” (2Peter 1:4).

The **exchange** that occurred in this blood-transfusion was *all-inclusive*. At the Cross, the Son of Man, our Representative, willingly and sacrificially “offered up” *your body* corrupted in self-indulgence *for* you; He “surrendered”

*your soul* corrupted in self-will *for* you; and He “yielded up” *your spirit* corrupted in self-worship *for* you. In this comprehensive, sacrificial act, Jesus’ own human spirit was *perfected* in Agape; therefore, He “became a **life-giving** spirit” (1 Cor. 15:45). As you willingly and daily fall upon the “Cornerstone” and you are broken and fused into the Nucleus, *His* DNA/bloodline becomes *yours* and *His* willing, “life-giving spirit” becomes *yours*—a ‘spirit-transfusion.’

According to the measure of our understanding and *faith* in the reality of this ‘blood-transfusion,’ our re-gene-rative transformation from eros ‘takers’ into sacrificial self-givers is expedited, and we are “brought near” into transcendent, spiritual Reality. This ‘blood-transfusion,’ which Jesus willingly accomplished as “a life-giving spirit,” reminds me of an old chorus the Holy Spirit often prompted us to sing when I was a boy: “It is well with my soul; it is well, **it is well with my soul....**” The “seed” of this new *nature* you receive in the DNA bloodline of Son contains the power to transform your *behavior*; the **willfulness** of your corrupted soul **yields** into the **willing spirit** of your “well-pleasing” Elder Brother Jesus. His blood sets you free from the cruel tyranny of self-will, and “it is well with my soul!” Becoming partakers of this new bloodline is the beginning of “Christ [*the well-pleasing Son*] formed in you” (Gal. 4:19).

But you have come [*in the bloodline of Jesus*] to Mount Zion and to the city [*cohabitation*] of the living God [*Three 'alive to One Another*] to the general assembly and church of the **firstborn** [*the God-Man Nucleus*]...and to **the** [*human*] **spirits of the righteous made perfect** [*adopted sons and daughters who received Jesus' own fuse-able, life-giving spirit*] (Heb. 12:23).

Due to his own grievous failure, Peter greatly cherished the gift of this *exchange*: “For you have been **born again** [*re-gene-rated*] not of **seed** [*DNA*] which is corruptible [*in eros*] but **incorruptible**, that is, through the living and enduring **word of God** [*the Man Jesus tested and perfected in Agape*]” (1Pet. 1:23). You are re-gene-rated into this new bloodline by receiving the “**seed**” of Jesus’ own “life” into your “own garden” (Luke 13:19), a “seed” that *matures* into a prevailing, fuse-able spirit, “a life-giving spirit.” As this “seed” of the Son germinates and is cultivated by the Spirit, it grows up to become “the **kingdom** of God within you” (Luke 17:21). This transformation is a *fusion* dynamic: “**Christ in you** the hope of **glory** [*fusion Oneness—the kingdom*]” (Col. 1:27).

Through His own sacrificial “death” and self-giving “life,” the Son of God *perfected* human nature in Himself (human as God intended), and

this nature/DNA is contained in His “blood.” This new bloodline allows a human being to *enter into* the kingdom of the Triune-Spirit. Jesus Himself was *first*: “**through His own blood** [*fuse-able DNA*], Jesus **entered** the holy place [*Triune-Holy*] once for all, having obtained eternal redemption [*from eros corruption*]” (Heb. 9:12). Because Jesus was the *first* Man to enter, “He is the **beginning** [*of a new creation, cohabitation of God and men*], the **firstborn** from the dead, so that He Himself will come to have **first place** in everything” (Col. 1:18).

Therefore, brethren [*God’s adopted children*], since we [*followers of Jesus*] have confidence to **enter** the holy place [*fusion into “Holy, Holy, Holy”*] by **the blood of Jesus** [*our Forerunner*], by **a new and living way** [*fuse-able DNA-match of Agape*] which He inaugurated for us through **the veil**, that is **His flesh** [*the pierced holes in Jesus’ flesh are the way into the Triune-Holy; “I am the door” John 10:9*], and since we have a great priest over the **house of God** [*“God is a dwelling place”*], let us **draw near** [*in our “new” bloodline, fuse-able DNA*] with a **sincere heart** [*“Agape without hypocrisy” Rom. 12:9*] in full assurance of **faith** [*in the “life-giving spirit” of Jesus*] having our **hearts** [*corrupt in self-will, self-*

*worth-ship*] **sprinkled clean** from an evil conscience and our **bodies** [*corrupted in self-indulgence*] washed with **pure water** [*baptism into His death*] (Heb. 10:19-22).

The blood of Jesus is the purchase price of our freedom to *truly* love and be loved. “You were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold **from your futile way of life** [*eros individualism*] inherited from your [*de-gene-rate*] forefathers, but with **precious blood**, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless [*eros-free, perfected in Agape*], the blood of Christ” (1Pet. 1:18-19). In and through Christ, the Triune-God ‘bought’ us *out of* the worthless, eros nature of “the father of the lie” that Adam and all his offspring ‘bought’ into. The ‘**infusion**’ of the blood of Jesus makes us “new” in the fuse-able nature of the Trinity. “Therefore, if anyone [*eros individualist*] is in Christ [*fused into Him as a DNA-match in one bloodline*], he is **a new creation**; the old things [*corruption, con-fusion and fission decay in eros*] passed away; behold, **new things** [*fusion in Agape, spiritual Reality*] have come” (2Cor. 5:17). The one who is “a new creation” in the bloodline of Christ is *genetically* designed in the image of the Triune-Spirit to enter, fuse, and abide!

For You were slain, and **purchased for God with Your blood** men from every

tribe and tongue and people and nation [*into one DNA/bloodline*]. You have made them to be **a kingdom** [*fused as one, 'mutual-indwelling' place*] and **priests** [*sacrificial self-givers*] to our God; and they will **reign** [*bring spiritual Reality*] upon the earth (Rev. 5:9-10).

“The water and the blood” are first to testify that we are *gen-uinely* “born of God;” the third testimony must come from “**the Spirit**” (1John 5:6). First, our **old**, corrupt self is drowned and buried in the ‘watery grave’ of Jesus own death. However this death and burial is not enough to fuse into the Triune-Spirit without receiving the “seed” of a **new**, fuse-able bloodline, nature, and “life:” “**not with the water only**, but with the water and with **the blood**” (1John 5:6). However, the One who actually plants this “seed” of Jesus in you and causes it to germinate and grow is “**the Spirit.**” The Son gives us “the Spirit” right out of His own “life-giving spirit” to *awaken* our corrupted, inebriated human spirit: “I will put **My Spirit within you** and you [*individualists, zombies*] will come to **life** [*re-gene-ration*]” (Ezek. 37:14). Jesus said:

If anyone [*eros individualist*] is **thirsty** [*from drinking the “old wine”; seawater*], let him **come to Me** [*Nucleus of the Triune-*

*Spirit*] and **drink**. He who **believes in Me** [*relocates into the Nucleus*], as the Scripture said, “From his innermost being [*new DNA*] will flow rivers of **living water**.” But this Jesus spoke of **the Spirit**, whom those who believed in Him were to receive; for the Spirit was **not yet given** because Jesus was **not yet glorified** [*perfected in fusion Oneness with “God is Spirit” as “a life-giving spirit” through the ‘final exam’ of the Cross*] (John 7:37-39).

The daily “life” the Son lived as a Man, He lived with His prevailing human spirit *fused into* the Holy Spirit: “Then Jesus was **led up by the Spirit** into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil” (Mt. 4:1). Jesus conducted His ministry of proclamation, healing, and deliverance “**in the power of the Spirit**” (Luke 4:14). In the Spirit, Jesus embraced the cross: “Christ, **through the eternal Spirit, offered Himself** without blemish to God” (Heb. 9:14). Jesus was resurrected by the Spirit: “But if the **Spirit** of Him [*Father*] who **raised Jesus from the dead** dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies **through His Spirit** who dwells in you” (Rom. 8:11).

Jesus’ whole life was ‘coursework’ in Agape—taking and passing the ‘tests’ of self-denial we corrupt human beings failed and being perfected

by the Spirit in sacrificial Self-giving as a Man for our sakes. Before He took His 'final exam' at the Cross, "Jesus was **not yet glorified**" (John 7:39). *Glorified* means a human being who is tested, perfected, and proven in the '**extreme self-forsaking Love**' (Agape) that "God is" and who abides as "a life-giving spirit" in **spiritual fusion** with the Triune-Spirit. Before the Cross, Jesus prayed:

Father, the hour [*of My 'final exam'*] has come; **glorify** Your Son [*as a life-giving spirit*] that the Son may **glorify** You, even as You gave Him [*Son of Man*] authority over all flesh, that to all You have given Him, He may **give eternal life**. This is eternal life that they may know You, the only true God [*Triune-Spirit*], and Jesus Christ [*the human Nucleus*] whom You have sent. I **glorified** You on the earth, having accomplished the work You have given Me to do [*in the power of the Spirit*]. Now, Father, **glorify Me** [*as the Son of Man*] together with Yourself, with the **glory** [*Agape, perfect sacrificial Self-giving*] which I had with You [*as the Son of God*] before the world was (John 17:5).

In Gethsemane and on the Cross, "Christ, through the eternal Spirit, **offered Himself**

**without blemish** [*eros-free, perfect in holiness*] to God;” therefore, He was resurrected as a **glorified Man**—“a Son made perfect forever” (Heb. 7:28). Jesus was “**raised in glory**...and became a **life-giving spirit**” (1Cor. 15:43-45). Forty days later, when Jesus ascended to the Father, He was “vindicated [*proven gen-uine*] in the Spirit...and **taken up in glory**” (1Tim. 3:16). All the days of His life, Jesus was ‘alive’ in sacrificial self-giving to the Father, to the Spirit, and to men, yet He was still growing and maturing in Agape, actively being tested and proven in “the divine nature” as a Man, but after the ‘final exam’ of the Cross, He was *perfected* in Trinity-likeness as a Man—**glorified**.

Jesus’ own perfected life “**in the Spirit**,” through His prevailing human spirit to “become a life-giving spirit” is the very “eternal life” Jesus has *already* given to us. *That* is the comprehensive, sacrificial **Self**-giving of “God in Christ” to us and “in” us; we just haven’t fully awakened to it! As followers of Jesus, we have been chosen to live this same life *together* “through the Son...**in one Spirit**, to the Father” (Eph. 2:18). Jesus has called us to awaken and mature in that same, *spiritual*, Trinity-like “life” of Agape “until we all attain to the **unity** of the faith [*fusion in one bloodline, one Spirit*], and of the **knowledge** of the Son of God [*Nucleus of the kingdom*], to a **mature man** [*one, many-membered body*], to the measure of the

stature which belongs to the **fullness** of Christ [*Trinity-like Oneness*]” (Eph. 4:13). Through Paul, God gave us this promise: “When Christ, who is **our life**, is revealed [*second coming*], then you [*genuine followers*] also will be **revealed with Him in glory**” (Col. 3:4).

Once we have passed through the ‘watery grave’ of baptism, drowning the old, de-gene-rate individualist and coming up as “a new creation in Christ,” then we are *made ready* to be “**baptized with the Holy Spirit**” (Acts 1:5). First, Jesus gives us the “seed” of His own fuse-able nature and prevailing spirit; then, “**the Son gives the Spirit without measure** [*“fullness” of the kingdom*]” (John 3:34). Our human spirit made new, sober, alive, and fuse-able is now capable of receiving the Person of the Holy Spirit—capable of the *willingness* required to be “**led by the Spirit**” and prepared to learn to abide in fusion with the Spirit in the exact same way “the Son learned obedience” as a Man (Heb. 5:8). Immediately after Jesus was resurrected as a glorified, “life-giving spirit,” He met Mary outside the tomb:

Jesus said to her “...go to **My brothers** [*now legally ‘adopted’ through My death and resurrection*] and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and **your Father**, and My God [*Trinity in Oneness*] and **your God.**’” ... Jesus [*the God-Man Nucleus*] came and

**stood in their midst** and said to the disciples, “**Peace** be with you [*‘yield’ of fusion Oneness*].” And when He had said this, He showed them both His hands and His side [*‘portals’ torn open in His own flesh into the Oneness of the Trinity*].... So Jesus said to them again, “**Peace** be with you; as the Father has **sent Me** [*a ‘fusion engineer’ among men*] I also **send you**.” And when He had said this, **He breathed** [*Pnuema*] **on them** and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit** [*One through whom you will now abide in perpetual fusion in Me and Father, human spirit into Triune-Spirit*]” (John 20:8-22).

It was the resurrected, **glorified** Christ, perfected as “a life-giving spirit,” who “breathed” on them. The Son came as the flesh-and-blood Man Jesus, but His perfected spirit-faculty is the *conduit* of “the life” of the Triune-Spirit to mankind. The DNA of God perfected in Jesus’ blood is communicated to us *spiritually*, through the Person of the Holy Spirit Who was “poured forth” upon us directly through Jesus’ “life-giving spirit.”

Therefore (Jesus) having been exalted to the right hand of God [*into spiritual Reality: a Man in fusion, human spirit into Triune-Spirit*], and having **received** from

the Father the promise of the **Holy Spirit** [*fully fused into His own life-giving spirit*], He has **poured forth** [*out from Himself, the Nucleus of the “fullness”*] this which you both see and hear (Acts 2:32-33).

The Holy Spirit is the **Re-gene-rator**. The Spirit takes the “seed” of the fuse-able, Trinity-like DNA, which Christ perfected in Himself as a Man, and plants it within us individually and corporately and stewards its growth. Jesus said, “When the **Spirit of truth** comes, He will guide you into all the truth [*spiritual Reality: fusion in Agape*].... He will take of **Mine** [*bloodline, fuse-able DNA, and prevailing, “life-giving spirit”*] and disclose it **to you**” (John 16:13-14). The **de-gene-rate**, eros nature corrupts and enslaves a man’s body (self-indulgence), his soul (self-will), and his spirit (self-worth-ship); the de-gene-rate man is in “**the lie**” and “**in the flesh.**” The **re-gene-rated** man is “born again,” that is, “born of the Spirit;” he is *spiritually* resurrected—made “alive” in Agape because his body and soul are brought into proper subjection to his prevailing, “life-giving spirit.” The re-gene-rated man is “**in the truth**” because he is “**in the Spirit.**” Jesus said:

Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one [*de-gene-rate individualist*] is **born of water** [*baptism: death and resurrection*] **and the**

**Spirit** [*re-gene-ration*] he cannot enter the kingdom of God [*fusion Oneness in the Triune-Spirit*]. That which is **born of flesh is flesh**, and that which is **born of the Spirit is spirit** [*fuse-able with “God is Spirit”*]. Do not be amazed that I said to you, “You must be born again [*lit. from above*].” The **wind** [*Pnuema Vortex*] **blows** where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is **born of** [*fused into*] **the Spirit...** (John 3:3-12).

In the Old Testament, the Spirit of God “**came upon**” God’s *servants* (2Kings 3:15); but in “the new covenant in Jesus’ blood” (Luke 22:20), adopted *sons* and *daughters* are “**filled** with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:4; 4:31; Eph. 5:18), and “the Spirit dwells **within** you” (Rom. 8:9). **The Spirit re-gene-rates us from the inside out**, cultivating and maturing Jesus’ own prevailing, “life-giving spirit” into us. Upon the Cornerstone, the Spirit ‘breaks’ our corrupt, inverted nature and ‘resets’ us—human spirit prevailing over and governing soul (will) and body. As this re-gene-rative transformation is occurring, the Spirit keeps *testifying* with the water and the blood that we are *gen-uinely* “born of God.” Paul explains this *interior* working of the Spirit:

However, you are not **in the flesh** [*tyrannized by eros*] but **in the Spirit** [*free in Agape*], if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you [*in the prevailing, “life-giving spirit” Jesus gave you*]. But if anyone does not have the **Spirit of Christ**, he does not belong to Him [*an orphan decaying in individualism outside the Nucleus*]. If Christ [*“life-giving spirit”*] is in you, though the **body is dead** because of sin [*eros, self-indulgence*], yet the **spirit is alive** [*prevailing*] because of righteousness [*Jesus’ fuse-able DNA*]. But if the **Spirit** of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies** [*as an instrument of self-giving*] through His Spirit who dwells in you.

So then, brothers, we are **under obligation** [*“the Agape of Christ controls us”*], not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh [*eros, self-indulgence*]*—*for if you are living according to the flesh you must die; but if **by the Spirit** you are putting to death the deeds of the **body** [*self-denial*], you will **live** [*alive in self-giving fusion in the Triune-Spirit*]. For all who are being led by the Spirit of God [*rather than self-will*], these are the [*fuse-able*] sons of God.

For you have not received a [*corrupt*] **spirit of slavery**, leading to fear again [*eros instinct of self-preservation*], but you have received [*from Jesus*] a **spirit of adoption as sons** by which we cry out “Abba! Father!” [*I am free to live for You!*] **The Spirit Himself testifies with our** [*prevailing*] **spirit** that we are children of God, and if [*gen-uine*] children, heirs also, **heirs of God** [*Triune-Spirit*] and fellow heirs with Christ [*our “life-giving” Forerunner*], **if** indeed we **suffer** with Him [*in self-denial, sacrificial self-giving*] so that we may also be **glorified** with Him [*fused into the Triune-Spirit*] (Rom. 8:9-17).

The “seed” of fuse-able DNA, planted within you by the indwelling Spirit, is essentially Jesus’ own “life-giving spirit” also known as “**a willing spirit**” (Ps. 51:12)—a powerful, **reciprocal magnetism** to *forfeit* your own autonomous life (nucleus) in *fusion* into the Life (Nucleus) of God, to *exchange* your life as an individualist for “the life” of Oneness in Agape that Father, Son, and Spirit share as Self-giving Individuals. James urged us, “Draw near to God [*Triune-Spirit*] and He will draw near to you” (James 4:8). This **magnetism** of reciprocal self-giving is the dynamic activity of the kingdom, which the Holy Spirit initiates and actuates: your “willing spirit” is magnetized

into the fusion Vortex of the Triune-Spirit by the Person of the Holy Spirit dwelling within you.

Jesus said, “The **spirit is willing** but the flesh is weak” (Mt. 26:41). As a ‘recovering individualist’ (immature believer), the lusts of your body (self-indulgence) and the compulsions of your soul (self-will) continually ‘bully’ you. Yet, Jesus gave you *both* His own “**willing spirit**” *and* **the Holy Spirit**; your “willing spirit” abiding in dynamic fusion with the Spirit indwelling you is more than capable of prevailing over these other capricious, fickle, deceitful, double-minded aspects (faculties) of your person. “**Self-control**” is “**the fruit of the Holy Spirit**” (Gal. 5:23). Paul adds:

Walk by **the Spirit** [*follow “the way” of Jesus*], and you will not carry out the desire of **the flesh**. For the flesh sets its desire against the Spirit, and **the Spirit against the flesh**; for these are in opposition to one another [*custody battle*], so that you may not do the things that you please [*self-indulgence, self-will*] (Gal. 5:16-17).

We are adopted, ‘half-formed’ children in *process* of re-gene-ration; therefore, we require daily discipline:

We had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much

rather be subject to **the Father of** [*our human*] **spirits**, and **live** [*made spiritually 'alive' in Agape to do His will*]? ...**Father disciplines us** for our good, so that we may **share His holiness** [*eros-free nature*] (Heb. 12:9-10).

Through the **Holy Spirit** indwelling us, **Father disciplines into** us “the way...the truth...the life” of His **Son** who was “made perfect [*eros-free*]” as a Man by maintaining a prevailing human spirit. Since Father Himself is *a Spirit* and “the Father of spirits,” He is eager to teach us how to maintain our prevailing *spirit*, so we can enter into Him, know Him, and share everything with Him in “the third heaven” (2Cor. 12:2). “For all who are **being led by the Spirit of God** [*as Jesus was led*], these are the **sons of God**” (Rom. 8:14). A “willing spirit” is necessary to embrace Father’s discipline. “For God has not given us a **spirit** of timidity [*shrinking back*], but of power [*fusion*] and Agape [*sacrificial self-giving*] and **discipline** [*self-denial*]” (2Tim. 1:7).

One of the goals of Father’s discipline is “that you be renewed [*re-gene-rated*] in the **spirit of your mind** [*Agape rationale*]” (Eph. 4:23). Paul affirmed that “we have **the mind of Christ**” (1Cor. 2:16); however, we recovering individualists have long been ‘schooled’ in eros and remain natural-minded and self-focused. Therefore, Father must

teach us the ‘discipline’ of **thinking spiritually and relationally**. In order to see and fully receive “the Light of the **knowledge** of the glory of God in the face of Christ” (2Cor. 4:6), the Spirit must help us systematically dismantle and discard our old, self-centered presuppositions and reasoning.

## **No Longer According to the Flesh**

God is three, *spiritual* Beings. Two of these ‘Eternals’ have been sent to us on the earth: first the Son, then the Holy Spirit. It was not possible for mankind, as corrupt, sensual, inebriated, individualists to *see*, much less *know*, the Triune-Spirit; therefore, the Person of **the Son** “**became flesh**, and dwelt among us, and **we saw His** [*spiritual*] **glory**, glory as of the only begotten [*incarnated*] from the Father, full of grace and truth [*Agape*]” (John 1:14). First, the Son was sent as a Man to reveal and “explain” (John 1:18) the un-seeable God, to “reconcile [*adopt*] you in His fleshly body through death” (Col. 1:22), and to make His own prevailing, fuse-able, “life-giving spirit” *communicable* to us as human beings.

After the Son had “**accomplished the work**” (John 17:4) Father gave Him, He departed this natural world and ascended back to Father. Fifty days after His ascension, at Pentecost, the Father and the glorified Son, *together*, sent **the Spirit** as the One through whom the “seed” of the fuse-able nature of the Son—“the life”—would abide

in us and re-gene-rate us: “through His Spirit who dwells in you” (Rom. 8:11). The Spirit is the One through whom we are fused individually and corporately into “God in Christ:” our human spirits, made alive in Christ, fuse into the Triune-Spirit in and through the Holy Spirit. “The kingdom of God” is the cohabitation of God and man fused together “**in one Spirit**” (Eph. 2:18; Phil. 1:27). Before the Cross, Jesus said to His disciples:

I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may be with you forever, that is, the **Spirit of truth** [*Agape*], whom the world [*corrupt in eros*] cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him [*inebriated and eclipsed in self-worth-ship*], but **you know Him** because He abides with you and **will be in you** [*fused into the awakened, prevailing human spirit I will give you*]. I will not leave you as **orphans** [*de-gene-rate captives of the false-father*]; **I** [*the Nucleus of Trinity*] **will come to you** [*in the Spirit, the Re-gene-rator*] (John 14:16-18).

The disciples could never have known the Triune-Spirit without the coming of the Son Jesus. John testified:

What was from the beginning [*eternal Son—a Spirit—Nucleus of the Trinity*], what we have **heard**, what we have **seen** with our [*physical*] eyes, what we have looked at and **touched** with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—and the life [*“fullness” of the Triune-Spirit*] was **manifested** [*in the human Nucleus of Christ*] (1John 1:1-2).

However, the Son Jesus could not *directly* give to these men the “fullness” (Col. 2:9-10) that He had sacrificially prepared in Himself as Man. Only the Holy Spirit could give the “fullness” of the Son to them.

But now **I am going to Him** who sent Me [*first Man fused into God*]; but none of you asks Me, “**Where** are You going?” [*still natural-minded; not yet awakened to spiritual Reality; not yet “seeking the things above” Col. 3:1*] But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart [*they saw Jesus’ departure only as a natural loss*]. But I tell you the truth, it is **to your advantage that I go away**; for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you (John 16:5-7).

At the time Jesus was crucified, He had eleven disciples, *plus* those “seventy others He

appointed and sent out” (Luke 10:1), *plus* “many women were there [*at the Cross*] looking on from a distance, who had followed Jesus from Galilee while ministering to Him” (Mt. 27:55). This group basically represented “about **one hundred and twenty persons**” who would later gather together in the upper room and be “filled with the Holy Spirit” at Pentecost after Jesus had ascended (Acts 1:15). “To these Jesus also **presented Himself** [*physically*] **alive** after His suffering, by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over a period of forty days and speaking of the things concerning the **kingdom of God** [*transcendent, spiritual Reality*]” (Acts 1:3).

The time between Jesus’ resurrection and ascension was forty days, and the time between His ascension and the outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost was fifty days. However, at the very moment Jesus was raised from the dead as the perfected, “glorified” God-Man, all those who had followed Him and believed in Him were **legally “adopted...through Jesus Christ”** (Eph. 1:5). Immediately after His resurrection, at dawn, Jesus met Mary outside the tomb and said to her, “**Stop clinging to Me** [*to My natural flesh*], for I have not yet ascended to the Father, but go to **My** [*adopted*] **brothers** and say to them, ‘I ascend to My Father and **your Father**, and My God and **your God**’” (John 20:17).

Jesus knew “He would [*physically*] depart out

of this [*natural*] world to the Father [*into spiritual Reality*]" (John 13:1). Mary who was "clinging" to Him, John "who had leaned back on His bosom at the supper" (John 21:20) and all His other followers would no longer be able to touch His *physical* body or "know Christ according to **the flesh**" (1Cor. 5:16) as they had known Him before. They would have to learn to *know* and *touch* the glorified Son *through* **His Spirit** coming to "fill" and "indwell" them. The "seed" of faith in the resurrected God-Man—"faith working through Agape" (Gal. 5:6)—would powerfully magnetize them to **discover immediate, spiritual proximity to Him** through their awakened, prevailing human spirits abiding in fusion with the Holy Spirit.

These natural-minded, half-inebriated followers could not even imagine how this *spiritual* arrangement could be to their "advantage," *far better* than having Jesus *physically* present with them, and they were "filled with **sorrow**." Yet, the Son knew that in a very short time "**His joy**," which was already "made full" in spiritual fusion with Father and Spirit, would be "made full" in them (John 15:11). They would soon discover that relational, inter-personal fusion (Trinity-like fusion) "**in one Spirit**" was an infinitely deeper, more powerful, and intimate **Oneness** than the *natural* relationship they shared with Jesus, merely following Him around Israel "according to

the flesh.” In the Holy Spirit, they would truly come to “know” Jesus in transcendent, spiritual Reality—“the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ” (2Cor. 4:6).

After Jesus met Mary at the tomb, He appeared to His new “brothers,” and “**He** [*life-giving spirit*] **breathed** on them and said to them, “**Receive the Holy Spirit** [*One through whom you will be fused into Me and the Father, spirit into Triune-Spirit*]” (John 20:17, 22). Now, the Spirit did not come upon them at that very moment. The Spirit would be poured out fifty days after Jesus ascended at Pentecost, but something else happened—an essential, preliminary ‘**inception**’—the disciples “believed” and the “seed” of faith was planted in them:

Jesus said to Thomas, “Reach here with your finger, and **see** My hands; and reach here your hand and put it **into My side** [*entrance into the “fullness” of the Triune-Spirit*]; and do not be unbelieving, but **believing.**” Thomas answered and said to Him, “My Lord and **my God!**” [*I see “God in Christ”!*] Jesus said to him, “Because you have **seen Me** [*in the natural*], have you believed? Blessed are they who **did not see** [*with physical eyes*], and yet believed [*through My Spirit*]” (John 20:27-29).

This “seed” of faith in “God in Christ” was planted within each of Jesus’ new, adopted brothers and sisters, yet the “seed” would not germinate, fully awaken their human spirits, and re-gene-rate them as fuse-able “life-giving” spirits until they had received His indwelling Spirit. Jesus knew He was about to depart and ascend; therefore, “gathering them together, He commanded them not to leave Jerusalem, but to **wait** for what the Father had promised, ‘you will be **baptized with the Holy Spirit** not many days from now” (Acts 1:4-5).

During those entire ninety days before the outpouring of the Spirit, these adopted, believing children were still tyrannized by their old, eros instinct of suspicion, unbelief, and **self-preservation**: “the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews” (John 20:19). Jesus had to come through these locked doors to appear to them: “a rock garden locked, a spring sealed up, is my beloved” (Songs 4:12). Yet, after “they were all **filled** with the Holy Spirit [*fuse-able DNA; “fullness” of the kingdom, mutual indwelling*]” (Acts 2:4), these sons and daughters unlocked the doors and came out seriously **jealous-for** “God in Christ!”

They repeatedly stood in the midst of the religious Jews in the Temple boldly proclaiming Jesus as the Christ. They “took their stand” with Peter, the man who three months earlier *denied*

Jesus three times to preserve his own life! Having been “born of the Spirit,” this *new* Peter, this fuse-able, *life-giving* Peter, boldly declared: “Men of Israel...this Man Jesus...you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death! But God raised Him up again, putting an end to the agony of death, since it was impossible for Him to be held in its power” (Acts 2:23-24).

These “Spirit-filled” sons and daughters were repeatedly arrested, beaten, put in jail, miraculously released by angels and earthquakes, and went right back to proclaiming the kingdom again—‘swatting the religious hornet’s nest’ at the risk of their own lives! They were *more* than ‘saved’ believers; they were gen-uinely following Jesus as “life-giving” spirits abiding in the Holy Spirit. Fused together with Father and Son “in one Spirit,” they were walking daily in *gen-uine*, reciprocal, Trinity-like Agape, just as their Forerunner Jesus had walked. They finally understood the strange word Jesus had spoken to them while they were still cowardly ‘self-preservers:’ “you will receive **power** [*fusion power of Triune-Agape*] when the **Holy Spirit** has come upon you” (Acts 1:8). Abiding in the Spirit, they were “dead to sin [*eros*] and **alive** to God [*and one another*] in Christ Jesus” (Rom. 6:11).

For the **Agape** of Christ [*life-giving, ‘jealous-for’ DNA*] **controls** us....  
Therefore from now on we recognize no

one according to **the flesh**; even though we have **known Christ according to the flesh**, yet now we **know Him in this way no longer** [*we know Him and one another spirit to spirit in the Holy Spirit*]. Therefore if anyone is **in Christ** [*the Nucleus*], he is a **new creation** [*spiritually alive, fuse-able*]; the **old** [*natural, fleshly*] **things** passed away; behold, **new** [*spiritual*] **things** have come [*transcendent spiritual Reality: fusion Oneness in a spiritual dwelling place*] (2Cor. 5:14-17).

These adopted sons and daughters were “born of the Spirit;” therefore, they “were *continually* filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit” (Acts 13:52). Though these gen-uine “children of God” ached for Christ’s promised return, they remembered Jesus’ word: “I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Mt. 28:20). In the Spirit, they could **hear the exact same familiar voice** they had heard before out of Jesus’ *physical* lips, but now He was speaking through His Spirit *within* them, and it was *really* ‘Him!’ Now, through His Spirit, Jesus’ voice and presence was with them 24/7, anywhere and everywhere they went: “the sheep **hear His voice**, and He calls His own [*individual*] sheep by name and leads them out [*of Worthless’ world, eros unreality*]....He goes ahead of them [*Forerunner into spiritual Reality*], and the sheep

**follow Him** [*“the Spirit of Christ”*] because they **know His voice**” (John 10:3-4). These *Spirit-filled* followers of Jesus no longer needed to know or be with Him “according to the flesh” because **their human spirits had awakened in His Spirit**, and they entered *into* who Jesus truly was and is—the Son of God, the Nucleus of the Triune-Spirit. T. Austin Sparks explains:

We can only know Christ after the Spirit, so that Christ for us in this dispensation [*age since Jesus’ ascension*] is **spiritual** in the sense that all that we know of Him or can have to do with Him can only be **in the Spirit**. He is known after the Spirit [*awakening to spiritual Reality*]. Our resources are spiritual. The weapons of our warfare are spiritual. Everything has got to come to us from above [*from Father and Son through the ‘Open Window’ of the Spirit*] (T. Austin Sparks, *That Which Was From The Beginning*, chap 1).

Peter wrote to those of us born in subsequent generations who have never “known Jesus according to the flesh” but have *received* Him through His Spirit, “And though you have not seen Him [*in the natural*], you Agape Him, and though you do not see Him now, but believe in Him [*worth-ship Him by self-giving fusion*], you greatly rejoice with

**joy inexpressible** and **full of glory** [*“fullness” of the kingdom*]” (1Pet. 1:8). The idea of **‘happiness’** is a construct of eros—a sensual ‘individualist’ pursuing his own gratification and exploiting others to do so. Since *happiness* is based in “the lie,” it is a fleeting mirage, the unattainable ‘carrot on a stick’ that a cruel master suspends in front of a donkey motivating the beast to keep walking, hauling his load. Conversely, **“joy”** is a relational, inter-personal, *spiritual* reality—the ‘yield’ of reciprocal, sacrificial self-giving, spirit *into* Spirit. In the Scriptures, “joy” is always connected to “the fullness” of life in one Spirit.

### **Life in One Spirit**

But **we all** [*awakened human spirits*], with **unveiled face** [*face of Christ, our Head, “life-giving spirit”*], beholding as in a **mirror** the **glory of the Lord** [*fusion of the Triune-Spirit*], are **being transformed** [*re-gene-rated individually and corporately*] into the **same** [*spiritual, relational, inter-personal*] **image** from glory to glory, just as **from the Lord, the Spirit** [*actuated by the Holy Spirit*] (2Cor. 3:18).

The Son Jesus “became a life-giving spirit” (1Cor. 15:45). “The life” that the Son gives us is the kingdom of God—a multitude of fuse-able

individuals sharing one cohabitation with the Triune-God “**in one Spirit**” (Eph. 2:18). The fusion of God (three life-giving Spirits) and human beings (re-gene-rated as life-giving spirits) in the One Nucleus of the God-Man Jesus is *actuated* by the Holy Spirit. Paul described this kingdom cohabitation:

Christ Jesus [*tested, perfected Man*] Himself being the **corner stone**, in whom the whole building [*relational, interpersonal ‘infrastructure’*], being fitted together [*by the Spirit*], is growing [*re-gene-rating*] into a **holy** [*eros-free*] **temple in the Lord** [*within the Trinity: “God is a dwelling place”*], in whom you also are being **built together** into a dwelling of God **in the Spirit** (Eph. 2:22).

Paul clearly defined the kingdom as life in one Spirit, “**The kingdom of God is...**righteousness [*sacrificial self-giving*], peace [*relational rest*], and joy [*inter-personal, spiritual Oneness*] **in the Holy Spirit**” (Rom. 14:17). The ‘cement’ that holds this *unshakable* kingdom together is the fuse-able DNA of Agape—“the divine nature” (2Pet. 1:4)—that the Son perfected in Himself as a Man, and gives to us “through His Spirit who dwells in (us)” (Rom. 8:11). John showed us the *spiritual* nature and dynamic of Agape:

No one has seen God [*Three life-giving Spirits*] at any time; if we **Agape** one another [*“be imitators of God...walk in Agape” Eph. 5:1*], God abides [*in fusion*] in us, and **His Agape** [*fuse-able DNA*] **is perfected in us** [*just as it was in our Forerunner*]. By this we know that **we abide in Him** [*the Nucleus*] **and He in us** [*fusion Oneness, mutual indwelling*], because He has given us of **His Spirit** [*one shared Life, mutual indwelling “in one Spirit”*] (1John 4:14-16).

God is “Holy, Holy, Holy [*Three eros-free Individuals*]” (Rev. 4:8), and “God is Agape [*Three sacrificial Self-givers*]” (1 John 4:8), and “God is Spirit [*Three life-giving Spirits*]” (John 4:24). The kingdom of the Triune-Spirit is “**built together**” by Agape. This dynamic building activity is *fusion* by **reciprocal gene-rosity**. From eternity, Father, Son, and Spirit are three “life-giving” Spirits who freely and perpetually fuse into One Another, Spirit *into* Spirit by an **extreme Self-forsaking Love**; therefore, “God is **one**” (Mark 12:29). The relational, inter-Personal *infrastructure* of the kingdom is the *mutual indwelling* of these three “life-giving” Spirits in **Oneness**: “the eternal God is a dwelling place” (Deut. 33:27).

The treasure of each “Holy” is *not* Himself, but the other Two. In superabundant Agape, the

Triune-Holy sacrificially gives the treasure of *One Another* to us. First, the Father and the Spirit gave the **Son** to us. Then, the Father and the Son gave the **Spirit** to us. Now, the Son and the Spirit give the **Father** to us:

**For through the Son** [*who gave us His own “life-giving spirit”*], **we have our access in one Spirit** [*Jesus and we are fused in the Person of the Holy Spirit as “one spiritual body” 1Cor. 15:44*] **to the Father** [*“third heaven;” transcendent, spiritual Reality; relational “fullness” of the kingdom*] (Eph. 2:18).

In superabundant Agape, the Triune-Spirit has made a way for us to enter, participate, and be “built into” Their dynamic “eternal life” of fusion Oneness *through* the “life-giving spirit” of the Son. The Son’s own, *prevailing*, “life-giving” human spirit became a **suitable Nucleus** for the habitation of the Triune-Spirit. In fact, the whole dynamic, relational, inter-Personal “life”—the kingdom—that the Triune-God shared before the foundation of the world was occurring *within* the willing human spirit of the Man Jesus Christ! “For in Christ all the **fullness** of Deity [*Triune-Spirit*] dwells in bodily form [*fused into His prevailing human spirit*] and **in Him** [*fused into the God-Man Nucleus*] you have been made **full** [*with the kingdom*]” (Col. 2:9).

As a Man, the Son Himself became “full” with this “fullness” by living His life “**in the Spirit**”—perpetually *fusing* His human spirit into the Holy Spirit. *Through* the Spirit, Jesus was “one” with the Father: “I am not alone, because the Father is with Me” (John 16:32); “I and the Father are one” (John 10:30). The way the glorified Son makes us “full” with this “fullness” dwelling *within* Him is by “**pouring**” the **Holy Spirit out upon us**, right out of *Himself*—Man to man: “the Son gives the Spirit **without measure** [*“fullness” of the kingdom in the Holy Spirit*]” (John 3:34). The Son pours out His Spirit upon those willing to come to Him, to follow Him, and to receive and reciprocate His sacrificial self-giving Love: “the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who **obey** Jesus [*“lose your life” into Me; “follow Me!”*]” (Acts 5:32).

The Triune-God gave *the Son* to mankind knowing Their own Nucleus would be betrayed for thirty pieces of silver, traded for the murderer Barabbas, and torn open on the Cross. This was certainly the **sacrificial ‘Son-giving’ Love** of the Triune-God. Sending *the Holy Spirit* to us is also a profoundly deep, intimate, and vulnerable *generosity*—the **sacrificial ‘Spirit-giving’ Love** of the Triune-God. The kingdom, which the Triune-Spirit seeks to *share* with us ‘recovering individualists,’ is “**in the Spirit.**” Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven [*“in the Holy Spirit”*] suffers violence...” (Mt. 11:12). Hear it again: that ‘sacred nest of

vulnerable rest' in which the Triune-Holy desires to *cohabit* with us 'recovering zombies' in eros-free Oneness is "**in the Holy Spirit.**" Therefore, ignoring and marginalizing the Spirit, "quenching the Spirit" (1Thes. 5:19), "resisting the Holy Spirit" (Acts 7:51), "grieving the Spirit" (Eph. 4:30), or "blaspheming against the Holy Spirit" (Luke 12:10) is willfully and recklessly **rejecting** and **disowning** "God is a dwelling place."

The Triune-God of Agape has *already* given "**the fullness**" of Their dwelling place to us. The kingdom has *already* come to us in "fullness" in the Person of **the Son**, and the kingdom is *now here* among us in "fullness" in the Person of **the Spirit**. We are *adopted* children whom **the Father** has already brought home, yet we are only 'half-formed.' We are still in the *process* of re-generation and naturalization: "we are **children** of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be" (1John 3:2). We still *act* like willful, "fleshly" **orphans** in Father's House because we do not know how to *follow* Jesus and *abide* in the Spirit. The degenerate nature of eros individualism that *persists* in us, even as adopted children, continues to corrupt, inebriate, and enslave our human spirits in self-focus and self-worth-ship; therefore, this *spiritual Reality* is largely **eclipsed** to us. The "fullness" of our **inheritance**—life in one Spirit—**waits** for us, but we struggle even to *perceive* it, much less *enjoy* it! Paul shows us the way *through*:

When a person [*eros individualist*] **turns to the Lord** [*sacrificially falls on the Cornerstone, fuses into “God in Christ”*], the **veil is taken away** [*transcendent spiritual Reality is no longer eclipsed*]. Now **the Lord is the Spirit** [*Triune-Spirit in fusion Oneness*], and where the **Spirit** of the Lord is there is **liberty** [*from the tyranny of self-love; liberty to fuse, abide, and participate in the kingdom*] (2Cor. 3:16-17).

The indwelling “Spirit of Christ” **liberates** you by *flooding* your eclipsed human spirit with “**the God of glory** [*fusion Oneness*” (Acts 7:2). The “fullness” of this Triune-Light *liberates* you from the darkness of self-absorption and sets your human spirit *free* to fuse into “God is Spirit” in reciprocal self-giving. Your spirit, soul, and body are set *free* to reciprocate God’s Agape—to “worship Him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24). You are set *free* to freely love and be loved, to *move* spiritually and relationally, to *dance* the eros-free dance of Trinity. “For **in Him** [*Triune-Spirit*] we **live** [*in mutual indwelling*] and **move** [*relationally*] and **have our being** [*spirit, soul, body in proper, fuse-able order*]” (Acts 17:28). We are set *free* to *enter* our inheritance, participating together in “the eternal kingdom.” We are *free* to “grow into a holy temple in the Lord...built together into a **dwelling of God in the Spirit**” (Eph. 2:22).

Therefore, since we **receive** a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude [*reciprocal gene-rosity*] by which we [*as a many-membered bride*] may **offer** to God [*Triune-Spirit; Groom*] an acceptable service with reverence and awe; for **our God is a consuming fire** [*fusion Vortex of Three jealous-for One Another and for us*] (Heb. 12:28).

The *unshakable* power of the kingdom of the Trinity and man is the **fusion** power of diverse, unique, free individuals joined **in one Spirit**. “Not by **might** [*fleshly strength, self-effort*] nor by **power** [*soul power, self-will*], but by My **Spirit** [*‘Agent’ of relational, inter-personal fusion*]’ says the **Lord of hosts** [*Nucleus of multitudes of “life-giving spirits” in Oneness*]” (Zech. 4:6). Among the various authors of the Scriptures, Paul received a unique, panoramic vision and experience of this transcendent, *spiritual* Reality. Further, he received a profound understanding of how we half-inebriated, recovering individualists will *awaken* and get ‘there.’ Paul’s summary, recorded in 1 Corinthians 2:9-16, serves as a fitting conclusion for us:

Just as it is written, “Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard [*transcendent, spiritual Reality: the kingdom*], and which

have **not entered** into the heart of man [*eclipsed in eros individualism*], all that God has prepared for those who **Agape Him** [*reciprocate in “a life-giving spirit”*].” For to us [*followers of Jesus*] **God revealed them through the Spirit**; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except **the spirit of the man** which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the **Spirit of God** [*in the Spirit, we know God’s mind—“we have the mind of Christ”*].

Now we have received, not the **spirit of the world** [*eros nature of false-father: “lust of flesh...lust of the eyes...boastful pride of life” 1John* ], but the **Spirit who is from God** [*re-gene-ration into one, eros-free, fuse-able DNA*], so that we may **know the things** [*spiritual, relational inheritance*] **freely given to us by God** [*participation in the eternal kingdom*], which things we [*Spirit-filled children*] also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom [*eros rationale: “earthy, natural, demonic wisdom” James 3:15*], but in those **taught by the Spirit**, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words [*Agape rationale: “wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable,*

*gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy” James 3:17].*

But a **natural man** [*inebriated by “old wine,” corrupt in “the lie”*] does not accept the things of the Spirit of God [*spiritual Reality*], for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are **spiritually appraised** [*revealed by true worth-ship: magnifying God*]. But he who is **spiritual** [*alive to God in a prevailing, life-giving spirit*] appraises all things [*discerns “the truth” from “the lie”*].... But we have the **mind of Christ** [*Agape rationale; spiritual Reality*] (1Cor. 2:9-16).

God spoke to the young prophet Jeremiah, “If you **extract the precious** [*“the truth”*] **from the worthless** [*“the lie”*], you will become **My spokesman** [*kingdom ambassador*” (Jer. 15:19). As the Spirit cultivates “the mind of Christ” in us, teaching us to think and live *together* as “one” in Trinity-likeness, He is leading us deeper into *spiritual Reality* “from glory to glory.” We are being *matured* as gen-uine, trusted **ambassadors** of our shared kingdom, to proclaim this spiritual Reality to the world both in word and by the light of our life together “in one Spirit.”

For further understanding of how we participate in the spiritual kingdom, read Lifechangers' *Plumblines* entitled *Open Windows*.



The Scriptures teach us that the resources of heaven **come down** to earth through ‘*Open Windows*.’ Further, “in Christ Jesus,” we are even now **taken up** by the Spirit through *Open Windows* into our heavenly inheritance. For most believers, these portals between heaven and earth are largely undiscovered spiritual dimensions. Yet, for those of us who “confess that we are strangers and exiles on the earth” (Heb 11:13), and who are ‘emigrating’ to the kingdom of heaven, discovering and learning to access *Open Windows* is our daily endeavor.

As sons and daughters seeking to be “led by the Spirit” (Ro 8:14), we must learn to make the spiritual journey through *Open Windows* to enter and receive our inheritance of abundant, heavenly Life in this present age. Father has already “raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus” (Eph 2:6), but we must perpetually ‘go’ there. In *proximity* to the Father and the Son *through* the Holy Spirit, we are equipped with all the heavenly resources needed to do the generous will of God on earth.