

III. HOW CAN I KNOW THAT I AM SAVED?

1. God's Word tells me==1 John 5:11-12; By believing the record (God's Word) and having the Son (of God==Jesus)
2. God's Spirit Bears Witness==Rom. 8:14-16; 1 John 3:24; 1 John 4:13;
3. Because I love the Brethren==1 John 2:9-11; 3:14, 10d; 1 John 4:7-8;
4. We keep the Lord's commandments==1 John 2:3; 3:22-23;
5. By believing on the Name of the Son or God==1 John 5:13; 1 John 3:18;
6. Because I have believed in Jesus==John 3:16; 6:40, 47;
7. Because I have asked Jesus to come into my spirit (heart or life) which is God's will==1 Timothy 2:3-4; 2 Peter 3:9; 1 John 5:14-15; Revelation 3:20;

WHAT DO I DO WHEN I SIN?

1. Confess it to God==1 John 1:9
2. Can I lose My Salvation?==John 1:12-13; John 3:1-6;

HOW DO YOU DEAL WITH TEMPTATION?

1. Resist it==1 Cor. 10:13; James 1:14-15; 1 John 5:4; Phil. 4:13;=with the Lord's help! Remember, 1 John 4:4; and that sin shall not rule or reign in your life from now on=Rom. 6:11-14, 16-18; you can not do it alone but ask the Lord to strengthen you(Phil. 4:13) and with His help plus your choosing to say NO to sin you will have VICTORY!

WHAT IS A CARNAL CHRISTIAN?

1 Corinthians 3:1-3

1. A Spiritual baby==v.l immature, childish, self-centered,
 1. Carnal==means "centered around the flesh"
 1. Carnal=(1) in or of the flesh; bodily; material or worldly-, not, spiritual (2) having to do with or preoccupied with bodily or sexual pleasures; sensual or sexual. {Webster's New world Dictionary}
 2. Carnal==(1) SARKIKOS (Greek) from sarx, flesh, signifies (a) having the nature of flesh, sensual, controlled by animal appetites, governed by human nature, instead of by the Spirit of God, 1 Cor. 3:3. (2) SARKINOS (c) given up to the flesh with almost the same significance as sarkikos, Rom. 7:14 "I am carnal, sold under sin;" 1 Cor. 3:1. It is difficult to discriminate between sarkikos and sarkinos in some passages. In 1 Cor. 3:1 sarkinos is an accusation far less grave than sarakikos would have been. The Corinthian saints were making no progress, but they were not anti-spiritual in respect of the particular point with which the Apostle was there dealing. (However) in ver . 3-4 they are charged

with being sarkikos. (Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament)

2. Eats a Milk diet==1 Corinthians 3:2, Heb. 5:13;
 3. Has Emotional Problems=1 Corinthians 3:3
 1. Envy=James 3:14-15;
 2. Strife=James 3:15-16; Struggling to live the Christian life in his own strength only to fail=Rom. 7:14-24;
 3. Divisions=1 Corinthians 3:4-8;
 4. Walks as men (that is as unbelievers) 1 Corinthians 3; 3d
 1. By sight=(in other words, unbelief)-Leaning to own understanding (Prov. 3:5) rather than trusting the Lord.
 2. By feelings="Well, I don't care what the Bible says I feel ... "
 3. By human wisdom=James 3:14-16
 4. By hearing not doing=James 1:22-24;
- (refer to the diagram on page 3)

WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL CHRISTIAN?

1. Mature==Eph. 4:13-15;
2. Eats Spiritual Bread and Meat==John 6:32-58; Heb. 5:11-14;
3. Not Envious but Content==1 Timothy 6:6;
4. Not striving and struggling but at Peace and Resting== Ephesians 4:30-32; Hebrews 3:7-4:16; Matthew 11:28-30;
5. Not Divided but United, walks in Love==1 Corinthians 13:1-8; Ephesians 5:2;
6. Walks as Christ walked==1 Peter 2:21-25; Note=v.24b "that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness:" see Rom. 6:9-22; As Christ "did not sin, neither was guile found in his mouth" 1 Pet. 2:22 so we are to count ourselves dead to sin and walk in righteousness=Rom. 6:11-14; This does not mean that we will not sin because as long as we are in this body we will have struggles with sin but we do not have to live under the dominion of sin any longer=v.14. HOW CAN I DO WHAT IS RIGHT WHICH IS WHAT RIGHTEOUSNESS REFERS TO?
ANSWER==THROUGH THE POWER OF THE INDWELLING HOLY SPIRIT!.
John 3:6; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Rom. 8:9b; Eph. 1:13-14; 1 Cor. 3:16; (These scriptures explain that the believer is indwelt by the Holy Spirit at Salvation.) See=Rom. 8:(The victory chapter where the Holy Spirit is mentioned 19 times and how He works in the believer's life is explained.) v.9 14;
7. Lives by Faith=(Hab. 2:4) Rom. 1:17b; Gal. 3:11; Gal. 2:20; .Heb. 10:38;
8. "delight(s) in the law of God after the inward man" Rom. 7:22; He revels in the Truth!

HOW CAN I GROW IN CHRIST!

1. Drink the Milk of the Word==1 Pet. 2:2-3; (The simple truths of God's word.)
2. Eat the solid food of the Word==Hebrews 5:11-14; II Timothy 2:15; (and more difficult truths of God's Word.

A Biblical Picture of Man

Man - A Three-Part Whole (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

SPIRIT is where SALVATION takes place - here we are made righteous.

SIN indwells in the "Flesh" = Body

Therefore we have the battle between spirit and body Romans 7:22-24 - which will be stronger than the other? - The one we feed!

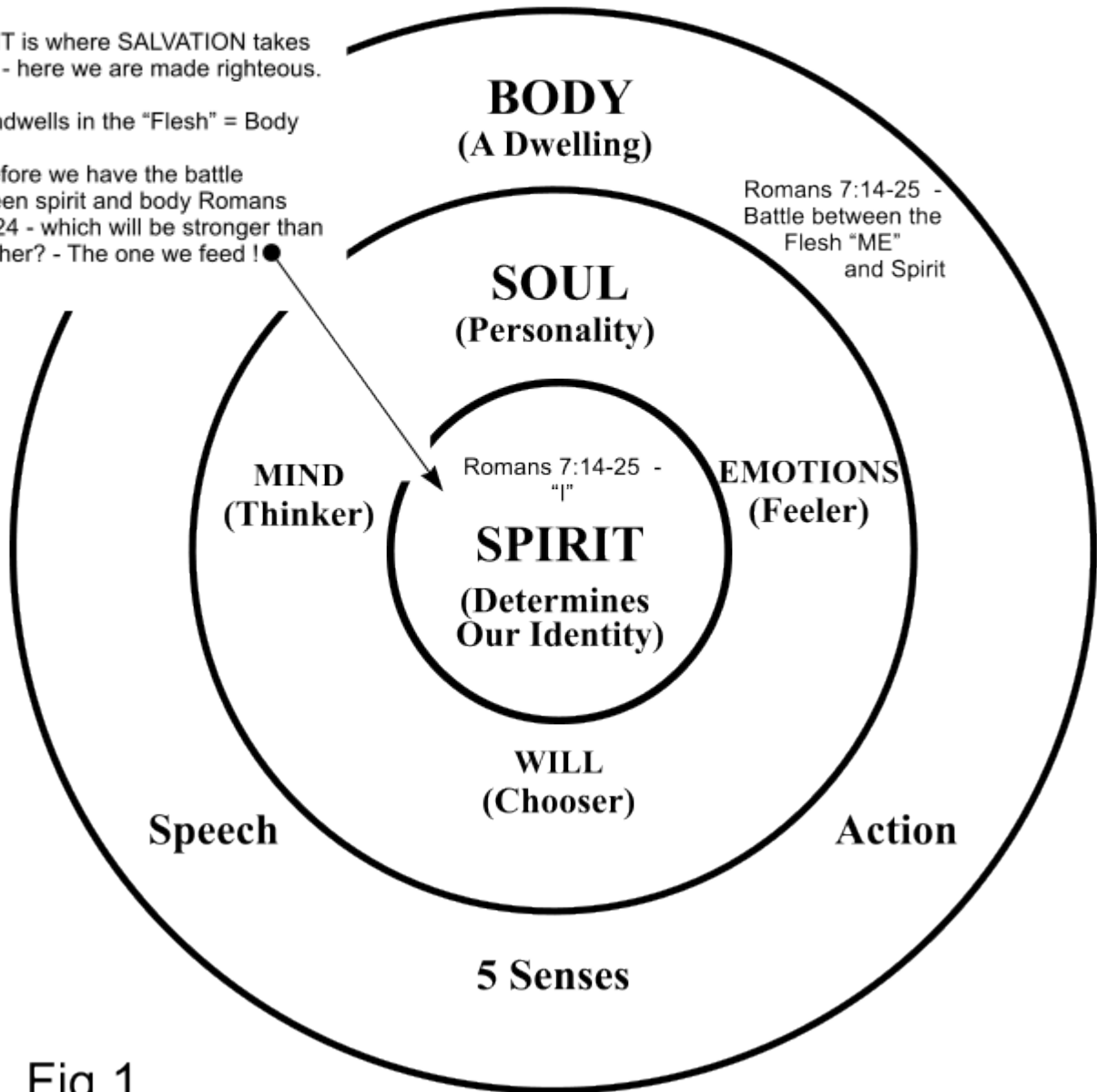


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