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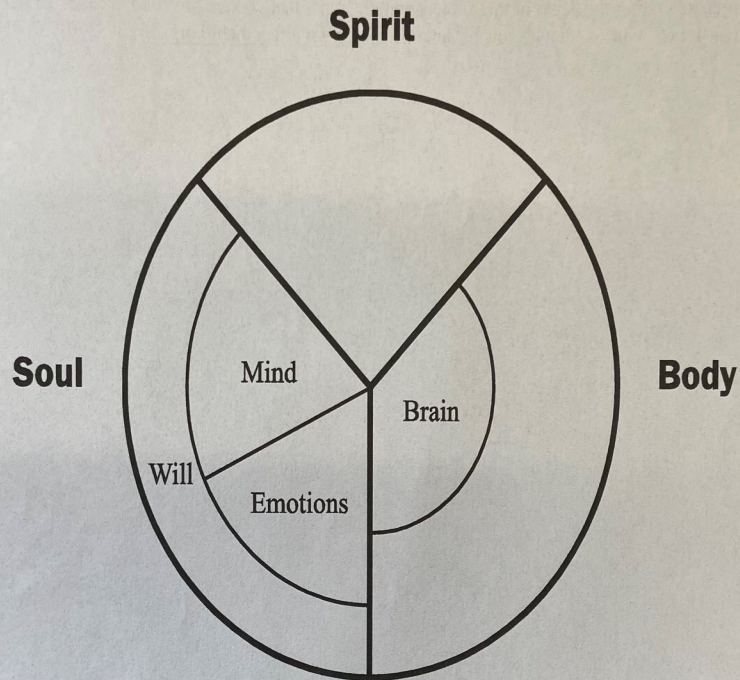
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Diagram 1

Man is a Three Part Being

1Thessalonians 5:23



Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, (1Thessalonians 5:23)

Body: What houses the soul and spirit (2Corinthians 5:1-4). Notice that the brain is part of the body.

Soul: Mind, Emotions and Will. Man thinks with his mind, feels with his emotions, and chooses with his will.

Spirit: The part of a New Testament believer that houses God's presence (John 14:16-17, 20, 23). Void of God's presence, this part of man is dead to God (Genesis 2:17; Ephesians 2:1). It is through the avenue of the Spirit that man communicates with God (John 4:24), and God with man (John 14:26).

Diagram 2

Sin (the Power of Sin) Entered into Man

Romans 5:12

Just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned, (Romans 5:12)

When Adam disobeyed God, the law of sin (the power of sin, sin) moved into Adam's spirit, soul, and body. Adam was then influenced by the messages he received from the law of sin (the power of sin, sin).

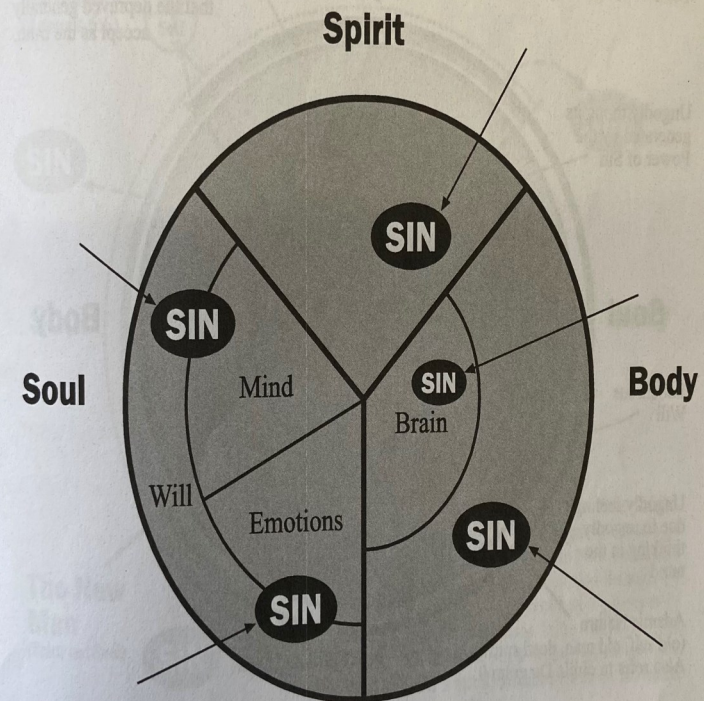
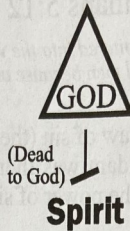


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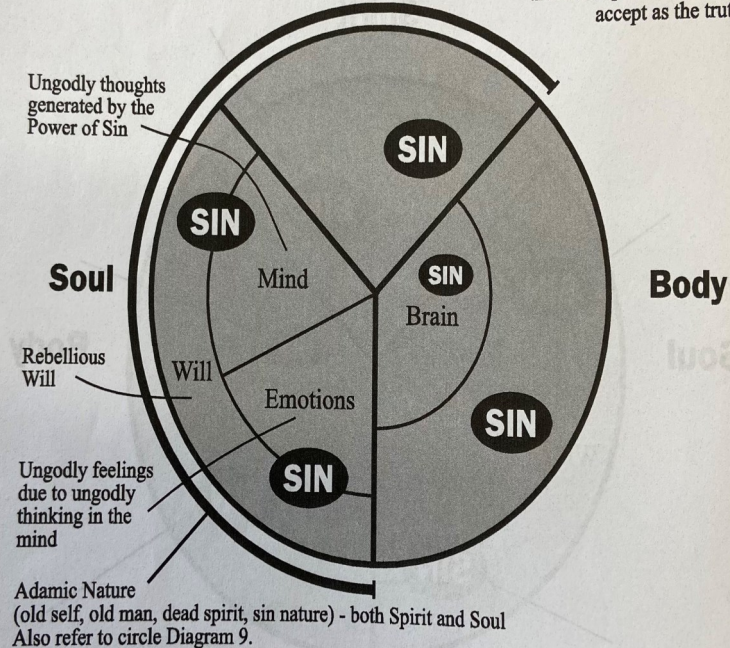
Man without Christ

Romans 5:12



When Adam sinned the Adamic Nature was born, the Adamic Nature being soul and spirit. It was then natural for Adam to be controlled by the Power of Sin that lived in his spirit, soul, and body.

Man is born in the same condition that Adam was in after he sinned. Man is born spiritually separated from God, but not to the degree that he is incapable of exercising personal repentance and faith while depraved. The Power of Sin generates ungodly thoughts that the depraved generally accept as the truth.



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The terms old self, old man, dead spirit, sin nature, and Adamic Nature (listed above as the spirit and soul of lost mankind) are all synonymous. When you see one of these terms, either in the course or in Scripture, know that it refers to the nature that Adam possessed after he sinned. Since we are descendants of Adam, we are born with this same nature. This nature is rebellious toward God, but not so much so that it can't repent and exercise faith.

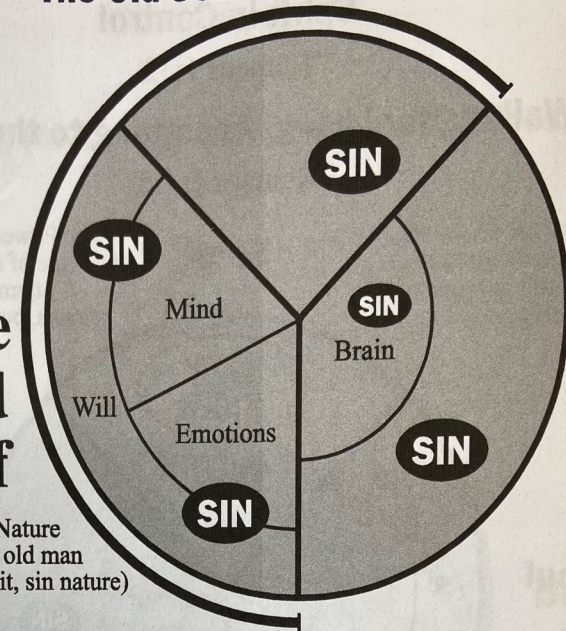
Make sure that you don't confuse the sinful nature with the power of sin (sin). They are different in that the sinful nature has to do with the nature of lost mankind, while the power of sin (sin) is Satan's messenger (Satan's agent).

Diagram 9

The Old Self was Soul and Spirit

The Old Self

Adamic Nature
(old self, old man
dead spirit, sin nature)



The New Self is Soul and Spirit

The New Self

The New Man

