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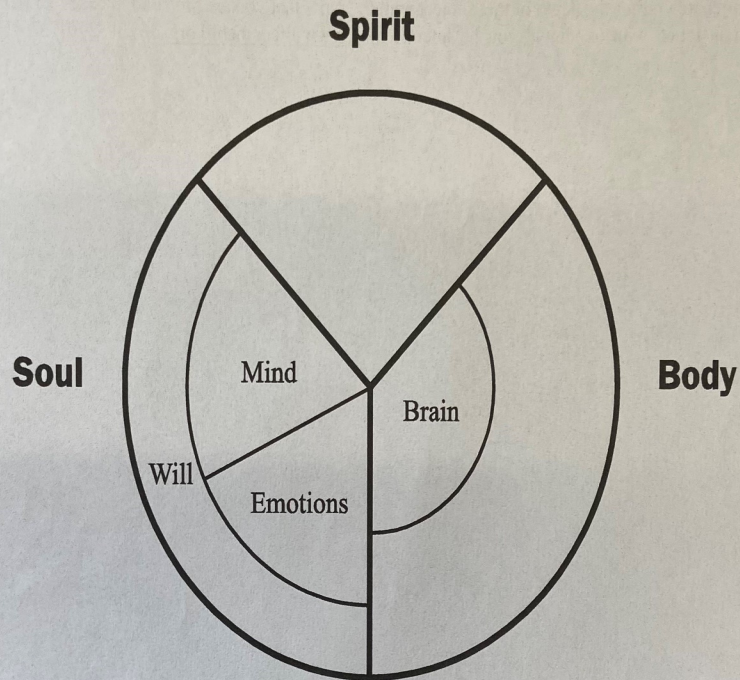
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Diagram 1

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).

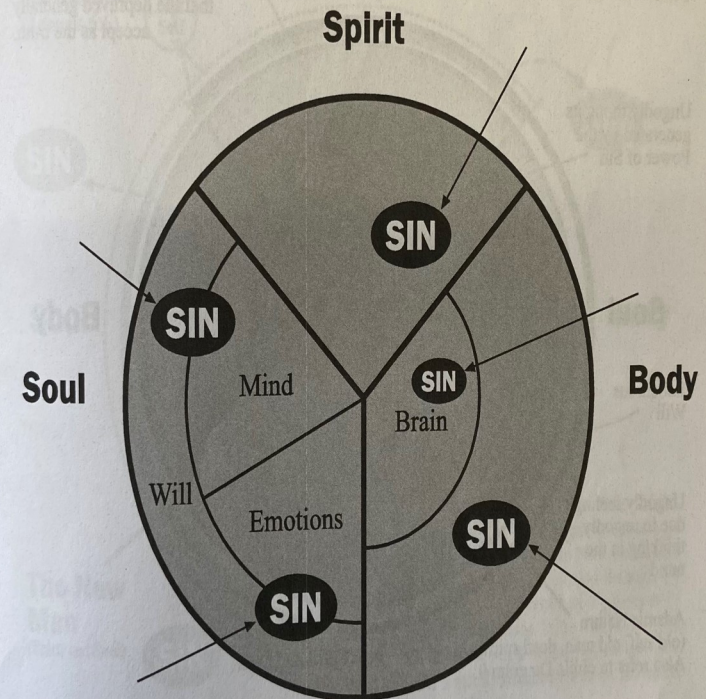
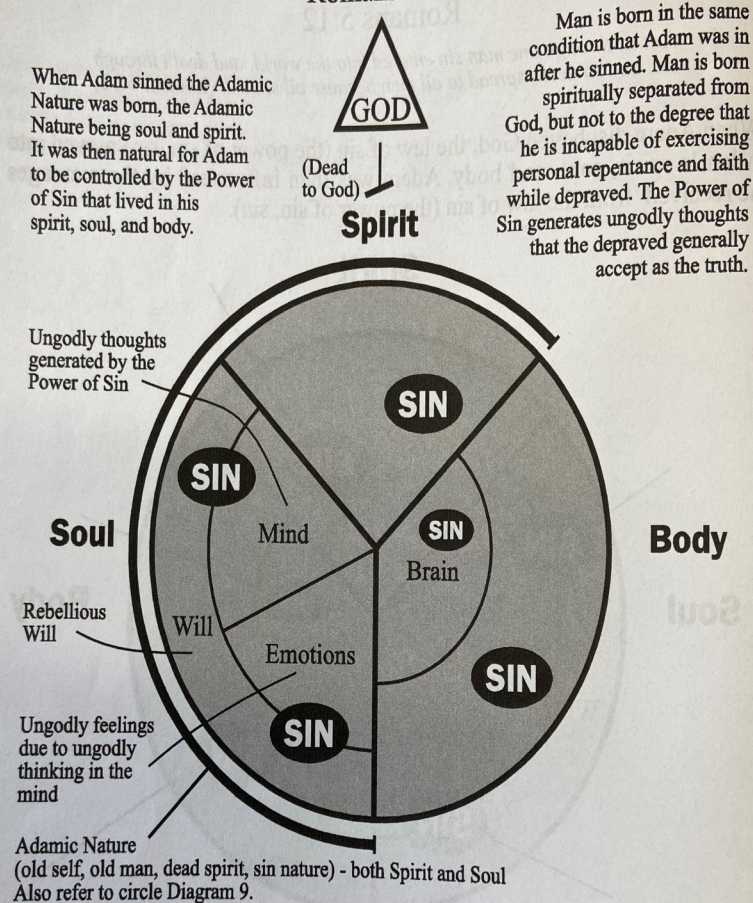


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Man without Christ

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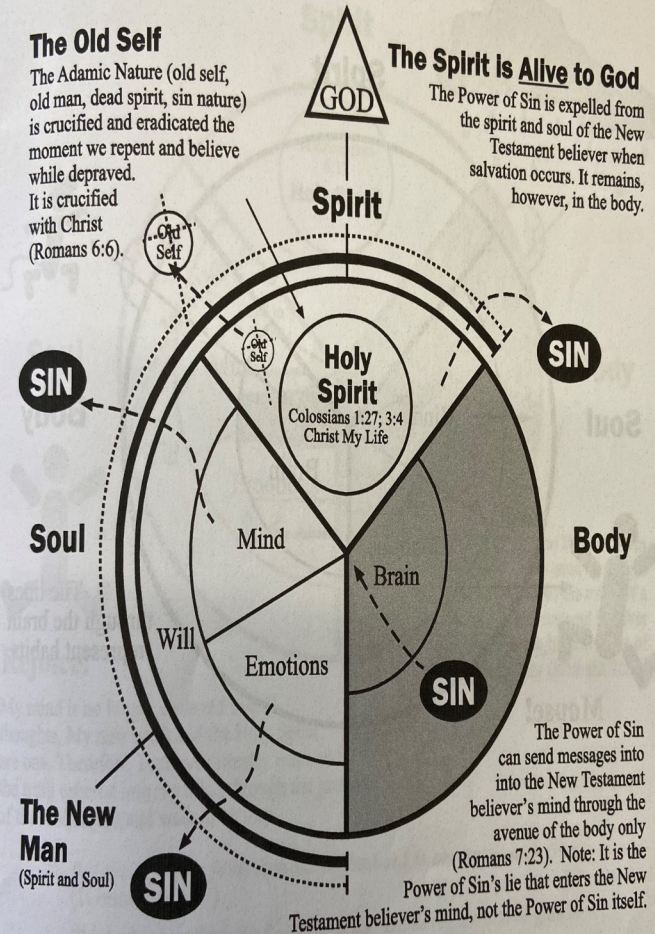
The terms old self, old man, dead spirit, sin nature, and Adamic Nature (listed above as the spirit and soul of lost mankind) are all synonymous. When you see one of these terms, either in the course or in Scripture, know that it refers to the nature that Adam possessed after he sinned. Since we are 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 4

Man with Christ

2Corinthians 5:17



... Christ in you, the hope of glory. (Colossians 1:27)

When Christ, who is our life,... (Colossians 3:4)

Therefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold new things have come. (2Corinthians 5:17)

Knowing this, that our old self was crucified with Him,... (Romans 6:6)

...greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world. (1 John 4:4)

But I see a different law in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind, and making me a prisoner of the law of sin which is in my members. (Romans 7:23)