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Transformed Thinking in a Non-Transformed World In Need of Renewal

Changed!! Changed from the inside out!! No more doing the things that I hate finding myself doing. Instead, doing the things I know I should do by don't. That is what transformation is all about. But can it be for real? And will it last? How do I make it work? Scripture tells us that it is all done in your mind. But how? You cannot do it yourself, as you know if you have ever tried. If our body-soul-spirit is actually a temple as the New Testament teaches, can we learn anything from the Old Testament tabernacle (or temple)? Come and explore the Scripture as we take another look at this exciting subject.

The Transformation of the Mind

Scripture teaches of real change that transforms us by renewing the mind! But How? Will it last? Is this Bible instruction alone, sufficient for the task? Herein lies the key to all victorious Christian Living!

Presuppositions

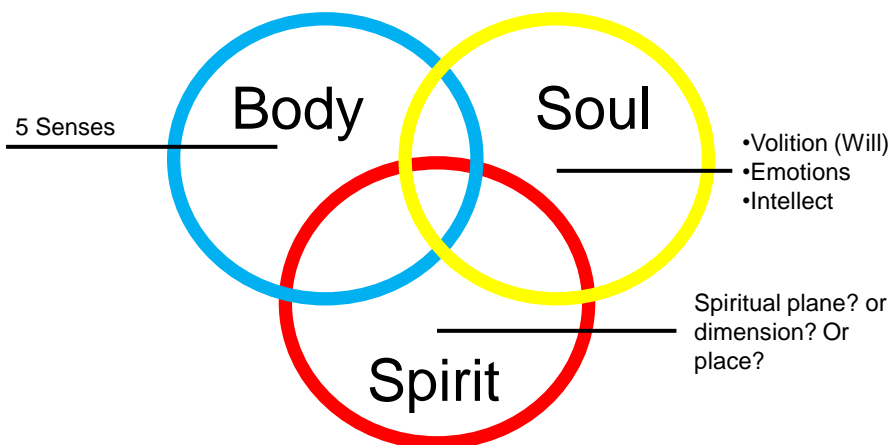
- God Is
- God is Absolute Truth
- God has Revealed Himself in His Written Word (Scripture) and His Living Word (God the Son, Jesus Christ)
- God is the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe

Made in the Image of God

A Trinity: Body-Soul-Spirit

- Body – 5 Senses
- Soul – Volition (Will)-Emotions-Intellect
- Spirit is dead until “quicken” (made alive) by the Holy Spirit as Salvation

The Following visual shows my original view of the trichotomy of Body-Soul-Spirit. It is okay as far as it goes, but very limited. Scripture gives a better visual in Solomon’s temple.



Love

- ❖ Three words for human “love”
 - Storge – hovering, “helicopter”
 - Phileo – anything that we are strongly attached to
 - Eros – passionate, intoxicating, momentarily lifts us above ourselves, distorts reality, can overrule will
- ❖ Two words for God’s “love”
 - Agape – God’s pure unconditional love
 - Agapao – to give ourselves over totally to, be consumed with

(from “The Way of Agape” by Chuck & Nancy Missler)

1 John 4:7-8(KJV)

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

⁸He that loveth not knoweth not God; for **God is love.**

Matthew 24:12(KJV)

¹²And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold.

Romans 14:22-23(KJV)

²²Hast thou faith? have *it* to thyself before God. Happy *is* he that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth.

²³And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because *he eateth* not of faith: **for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.**

❖ Agape – God’s Love is supernatural

- It is completely different from human love
- Do NOT try to figure out Agape from the human experience
- This is God Himself, alone, unconditionally working in me as a channel, conduit, or pipe
- Sin causes a blockage, (heart attack or “plugged pipe”)
- Agapao – An act of our will
- lose, relinquish, set aside self; be broken of self
- As we love, God removes negatives and permeates us with supernatural love

1 Corinthians 13:1-3(KJV)

¹Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.

²And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing.

³And though I bestow all my goods to feed *the poor*, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

So How do I Agapao (love) God?

- Obey God’s Word
- Trust God’s power (Holy Spirit)
- Choose to Worship and Serve Him

Mark 12:30 (KJV)

³⁰ And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.

Matthew 22:36-40(KJV)

³⁶Master, which *is* the great commandment in the law?

³⁷Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

³⁸This is the first and great commandment.

³⁹And the second *is* like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

⁴⁰On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Deuteronomy 6:5 (KJV)

5 And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

. . . love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Temptation and the Process of Sinning

Sin Basics

Pride
Lust
Anger
Fear

Temptation Basics

Lust of the Flesh
Lust of the Eyes
Pride of Life

Genesis 3:4-6(KJV)

¹Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

²And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden:

³But of the fruit of the tree which *is* in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die.

⁴And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

⁵For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

⁶And when the woman saw that the tree *was* good for food, and that it *was* pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make *one* wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

Matthew 4:1-11(KJV)

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

²And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungered.

³And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

⁴But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

⁵Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple,

⁶And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in *their* hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone.

⁷Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.

⁸Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them;

⁹And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

¹⁰Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

¹¹Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

1 John 2:15-17(KJV)

¹⁵Love not the world, neither the things *that are* in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

¹⁶For all that *is* in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

¹⁷And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Galatians 5:16(KJV)

¹⁶*This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

James 1:13-15(KJV)

¹³Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

¹⁴But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed.

¹⁵Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

James 4:1-8(KJV)

¹From whence *come* wars and fightings among you? *come they* not hence, *even* of your lusts that war in your members?

²Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

³Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

⁴Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

⁵Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy?

⁶But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

⁸Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse *your* hands, ye sinners; and purify *your* hearts, ye double minded.

1 Corinthians 10:13(KJV)

¹³There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.

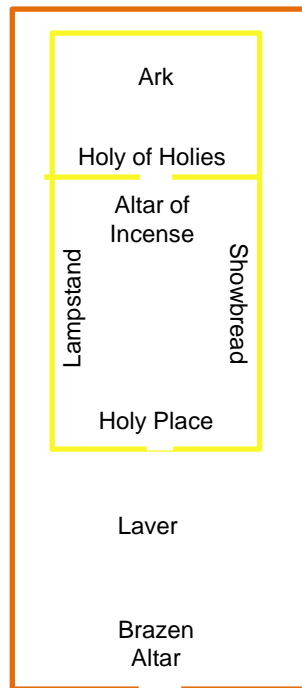
Bible “Psychological” Terms

- ❖ Spirit *pneuma* – new life (or power) source
- ❖ Heart *kardia* – actual place where God’s Life, that is, His Love (*Agape*), Thoughts (*Logos*) and Power (*Dunamis*) are created
- ❖ Our New Willpower (*Dianoia*)
- ❖ Soul (*Psyche*) Conscious thoughts, emotions, and desires

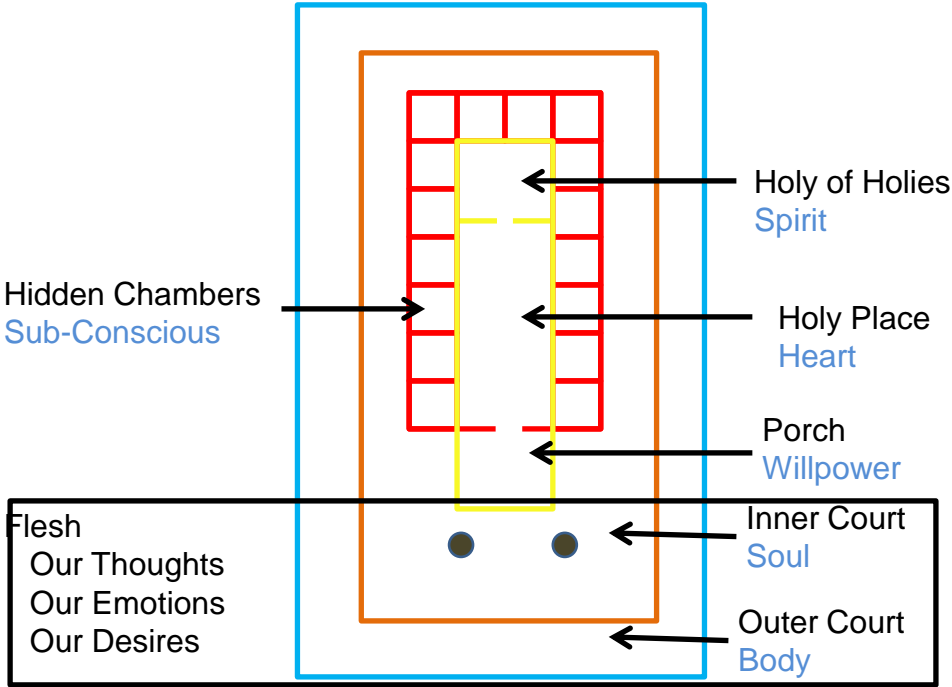
1 Corinthians 6:19(KJV)

¹⁹What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

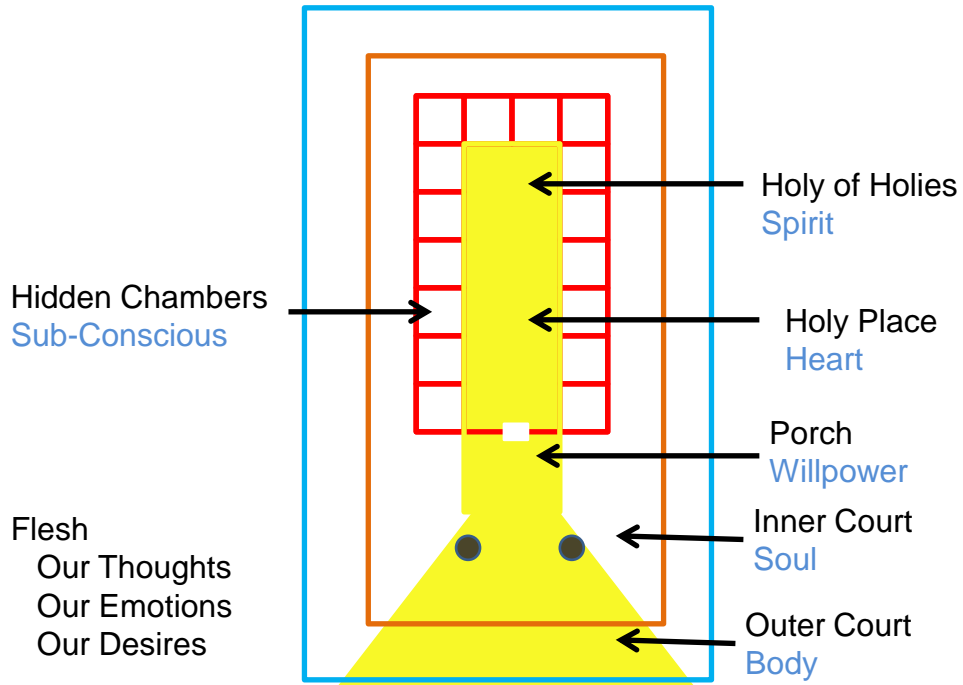
The following visual is a rough sketch of the Old Testament Tabernacle



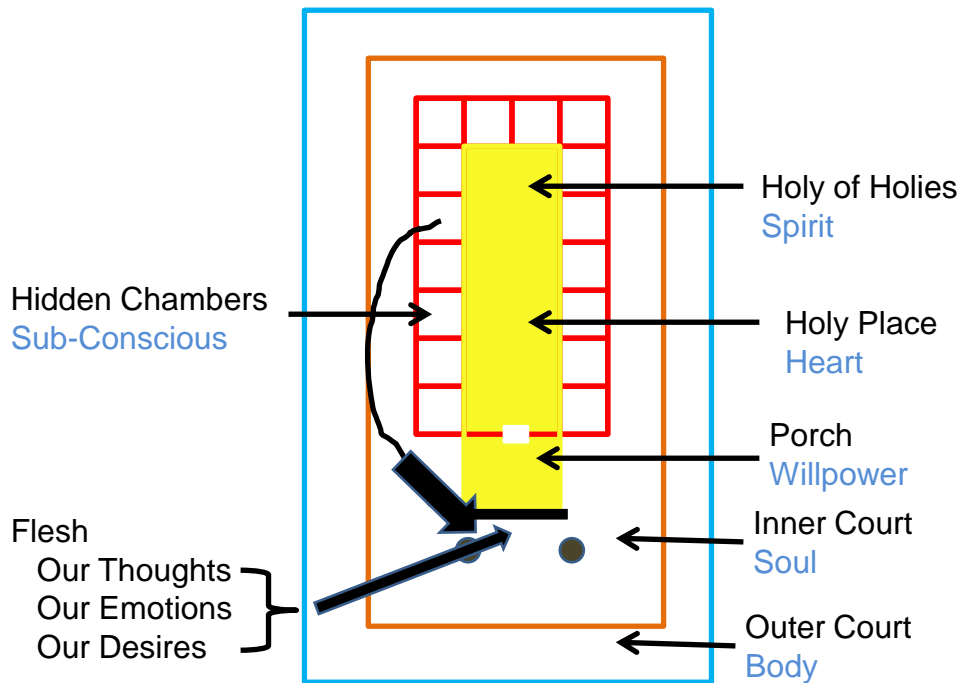
The following is a rough sketch of Solomon's Temple with the corresponding parts of our body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit.



The Spirit-Filled Life



The Self-Life:



2 Corinthians 10:3-5(KJV)

³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

⁴(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

⁵Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

So What?

1. Present our bodies a ***LIVING*** sacrifice
2. Continually deny self
3. Willing to obey God no matter what He asks us to do
4. Take every thought captive
5. Acknowledge all sinful thoughts, emotions, desires and deeds
6. Confess and repent of all that the Holy Spirit reveals to us
7. Give all things over to God
8. Read God's Word

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