

Memorial Day Single Adults Conference 2012 Workshop

Changed by a Mind Renewal

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The Transformation of the Mind

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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

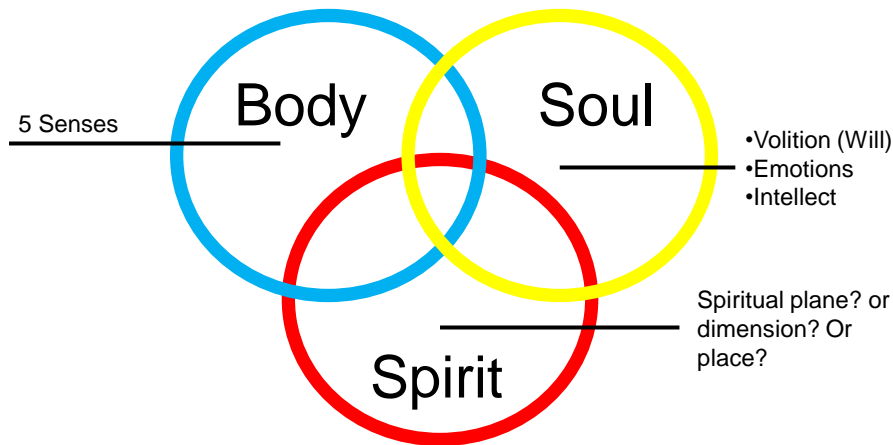
- God Is
- God is Absolute Truth
- God has Revealed Himself in His Written Word (Scripture) and His Living Word (God the Son, Jesus Christ)
- God is the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe

Made in the Image of God

A Trinity: Body-Soul-Spirit

- Body – 5 Senses
- Soul – Volition (Will)-Emotions-Intellect
- Spirit is dead until “quickened” (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.**

Love

- ❖ 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.

Love

So How do I Agapao (love) God?

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

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.

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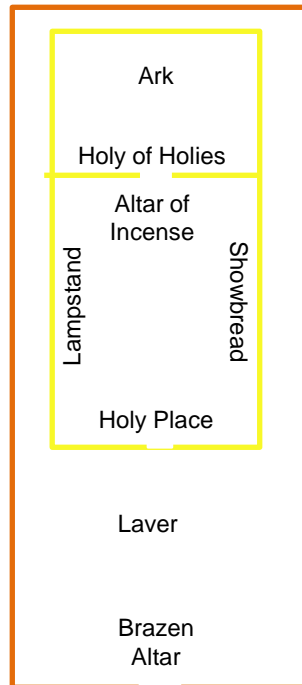
Bible “Psychological” Terms

- ❖ 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

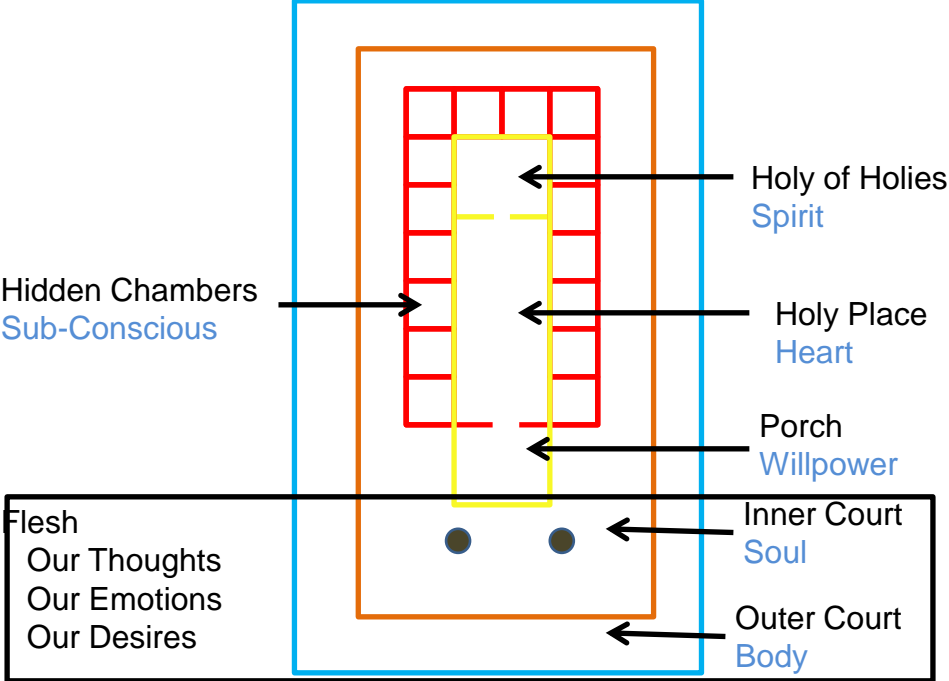
1 Corinthians 6:19(KJV)

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?

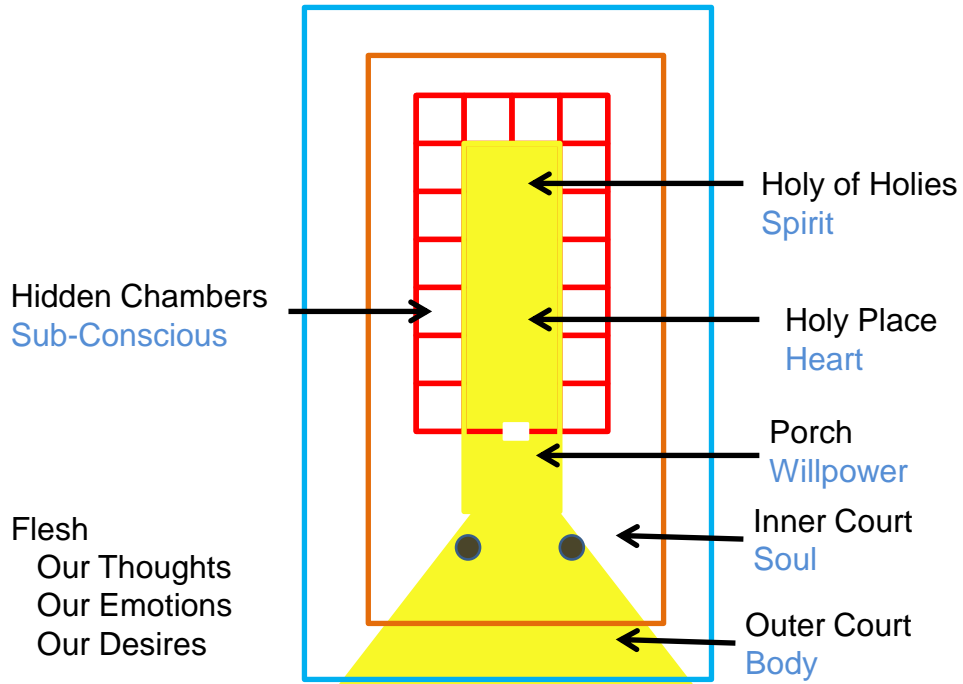
The following visual is a rough sketch of the Old Testament Tabernacle



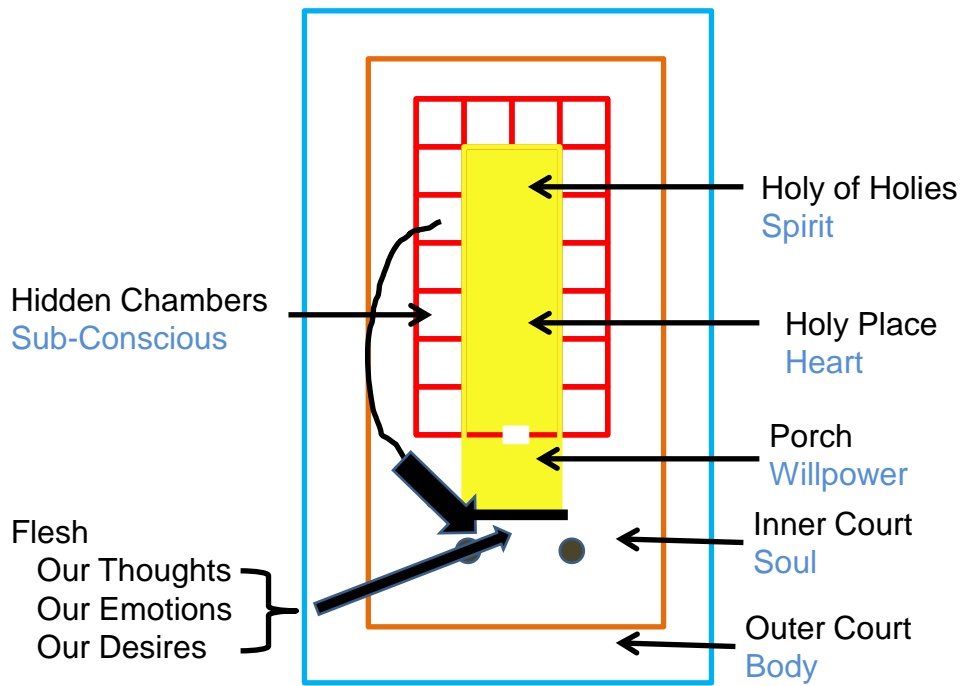
The following is a rough sketch of Solomon's Temple with the corresponding parts of our body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit.



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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