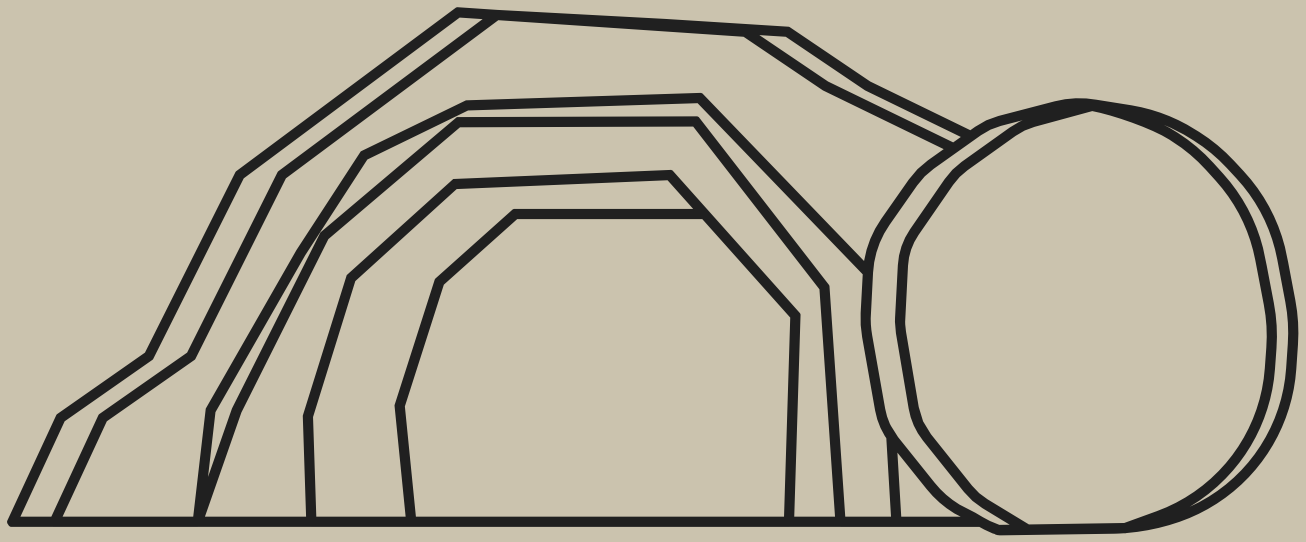

THE GOSPEL IS NOT ABOUT WHAT JESUS WILL DO FOR US; IT IS ABOUT WHAT <u>HE HAS DONE</u> FOR US.

He will do far more than we can ask, think, or imagine, but we give our lives to Him because of what He has done on the cross and through His resurrection

How God Speaks

BECAUSE HE DOES!

Through the Word

2 Timothy 3:16- All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for rep roof, for correction, and for training for righteousness.

Directly to Our Hearts

Jeremiah 33:3- Call to me and I will answer you and show you great and unreachable things you do not yet know.

Through Other People

Acts 2:17- And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.

How God Speaks

BECAUSE HE DOES!

Through Creation

Luke 19:40- I tell you, if those who know the truth of Jesus keep quiet, the stones will cry out.

Audibly

Hebrews 13:8- Jesus Christ Is the same yesterday, today, and forever more.

He did it then. Why can't He do it now?

Through Holy Spirit/ However He Pleases

John 16:13- When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all truth for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

The Roman Road of Salvation

1. **Everyone needs salvation because we have all sinned.**

   Romans 3:10-12, and 23
   As the Scriptures say, 'No one is righteous-not even one. No one is truly wise; no one is seeking God. All have turned away; all have become useless. No one does good, not even one. For everyone has sinned, we all fall short of God's glorious standard. (NLT)

2. **The price (or consequence) of sin is death.**

   Romans 6:23
   For the wages of sin is death but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our lord. (NLT)

3. **Jesus Christ died for our sins. He paid the price for our death.**

   Romans 5:8
   But God showed his great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners. (NLT)

4. **We receive salvation and eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ.**

   Romans 10:9-10, and 13
   If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with Goel and it is by confessing with your mouth that you are saved ... For "Everyone who calls on the name of the lord will be saved." (NLT)

5. **Salvation through Jesus Christ brings us into a relationship of peace with God.**

   Romans 5:1
   Therefore/ since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our lord has done for us. (NLT)

   Romans 8:1
   So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. (NLT)

   Romans 8:38-39
   And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life/ neither angels nor demons/ neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow-not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below-indeed nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our lord. (NLT)

Growing with God

Not sure where to start in getting to know God deeper? Want to spend time with Him, but every time you try your mind wanders? Here is a list of ideas to help you get started in your alone time with Him. Find a quiet space, breathe in, breathe out, and rest. Breathe again, deeply, and still your body. Come to God from a place of expectancy. He will show up. No pressure. No rules. No regrets. No doubts. Just relationship. He wants to meet with you today. He wants to meet you. He is here with you. Listen more than you speak.
"Be still and know that I am God." -Papa God

Simply Talk to God
Come to God on a very personal level. Tell Him what's bothering you, express your love for Him, and ask Him what moves His heart. When was the last time you just whispered to Him that you love Him?

Prayer List
Make prayer lists for different areas of your relationship with God and prayer requests that He puts on your heart- such as your calling, prophecies, prayer for your heart and your relationship with Jesus and also for other people or social issues. Use these lists as a jump-start for your time with Him and to hold on to things in prayer that are important to you.

Thanksgiving
"Come into His gates with thanks!" (Ps 100: 4) "God is the giver of all good things" (James 1:17). Thank Him for all the good things in your life! Become specific and remember in which situations He blessed you. You will be amazed at how much there is to say.

Intercession
Lift up friends, cities, and concerns that matter before God. Ask Him specifically what you can pray for and what God wants to release. Thus, intercession becomes an exciting time with God in which you get to know more of His heart. Share your impressions as encouragement to the person you were interceding for (for example by e-mail or text).

Prayer with Others
Join what God is doing in the prayer room. For example, sing along with the worship songs, gather in a group to pray for a specific topic when God calls you to, or meditate on the same Scripture as the worship leader.

Worship
Tune into the worship music in the room. Sing or meditate the lyrics. Focus on God to whom you sing. You can, for example, enter the heavenly throne room in the Spirit (Revelation 4-5, Isaiah 6, Ezekiel 1, Daniel 7).

Praying in Tongues
"One who speaks in a tongue edifies himself" (1 Cor 14: 4). By praying in tongues, you spiritually strengthen yourself for a life of love and holiness. Stay tuned for a period of time, so your focus is on God and your mind is in touch with Him. Make sure to use an adequate personal volume to honor other people in the room.

Ask God Questions
Take a paper and pencil, write down your question, ask God about them and write done His answers. First, write down the question and listen to his answers. Write down everything that comes to your

mind. Later, reread it and test what is from the Lord. His words will always line up with the Truth of Scripture. You will experience that God speaks and enjoys revealing Himself to you. He promised, "My sheep hear my voice." (Jn 10:27)

Soaking Time
"Be still and know that I am God." (Ps 46:10) Sit back, close your eyes, listen inwardly, and feel the tender touch of Jesus. Let God become active and expect that He desires to meet you - even more than you desire to meet him.

Use Your Imagination
"I have set the Lord continually before me" (Ps 16:8) Imagine that Jesus is by your side. Talking to Him like a friend sitting next to you changes everything. The Bible speaks in many passages about the fact that we can perceive more than what our natural eyes see, and we have access to heavenly places: "eyes of your heart may be enlightened" (Eph 1:18), "seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus" (Eph 2: 6), "you will see the heavens opened" (Jn 1:51). For example, let God show you His heavenly throne room (Rev 4-5, Isa 6, Ezek 1, Dan 7) - you will be amazed and fascinated by His beauty and glory.

Read Your Bible
You can use a Bible reading plan, read shorter books of the Bible one at a time, or read coherent chapters (several times over). Take notes and write down your impressions and thoughts. What is God speaking to you today through His Word?

Bible Meditation / Pray Read the Word
Take a short text, a verse, or just a part of verse and spend some time with it. Think about it and talk to God about it. With stories, you can empathize with the situation and become part of the events yourself. Ask God what it looks like, where you are, where it is, what's important to you right now, and so on. Thank God for the truth He reveals to you and ask Him to give you greater knowledge and revelation. Pray that the truth He shows you transforms your heart and pray for grace to walk out the things He asks of you. For systematically studying the Bible, books related to specific topics are helpful. You could use concordances, commentaries, theological dictionaries, articles on the Internet, etc. to help. Take notes.

Read Christian Books
Devotional books or books on specific topics of the kingdom of God can help to get to know God better and to grow in relationship to Him. Especially books that deal with God's character and nature are recommended.

Journaling
Keep a spiritual diary: What is God doing in your life? Where did He touch you? What does he say? Address your diary to God; write it like a letter to Him. Or write it down as a conversation in which you address Him and write down what He speaks to you.

Prophetic Art and Dance
Draw, paint, or sketch as the Lord speaks to you. Express through artistic movement what God is speaking over you.

GOD'S PERFECT WILL FOR YOU

1.

AS A CHILD OF GOD

To be with Him. Presence based; not performance based. Adam and Eve were created to walk with God through life.

FOR HUMANITY

2.

God's will is that none should perish but all have eternal life in the redemption of Jesus Christ. Share this. Live this.

3.

AS A MAN/WOMAN

Gender plays a role in what God calls us to, and this can change seasonally. As a mother, my call is very focused on my children.

FOR YOU INDIVIDUALLY

4.

God has gifted you uniquely. You can share His Kingdom. Ask Him to reveal your gifting and desires and use them for Him.

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HOW TO READ

THE BIBLE

1

WHERE TO START

The beginning is always good. Read Genesis. The Gospels are the life of Jesus. Start with John. Then read Acts.

2

HOW TO READ

The Bible is alive. Read it with Holy Spirit. Ask questions to Him as you study.

3

VERIFY/ LEARN

Community is crucial. Write questions. Ask them to a mentor

4

KNOW CONTEXT

If you are confused, study out the culture and context.

Justification vs. Sanctification

Justification

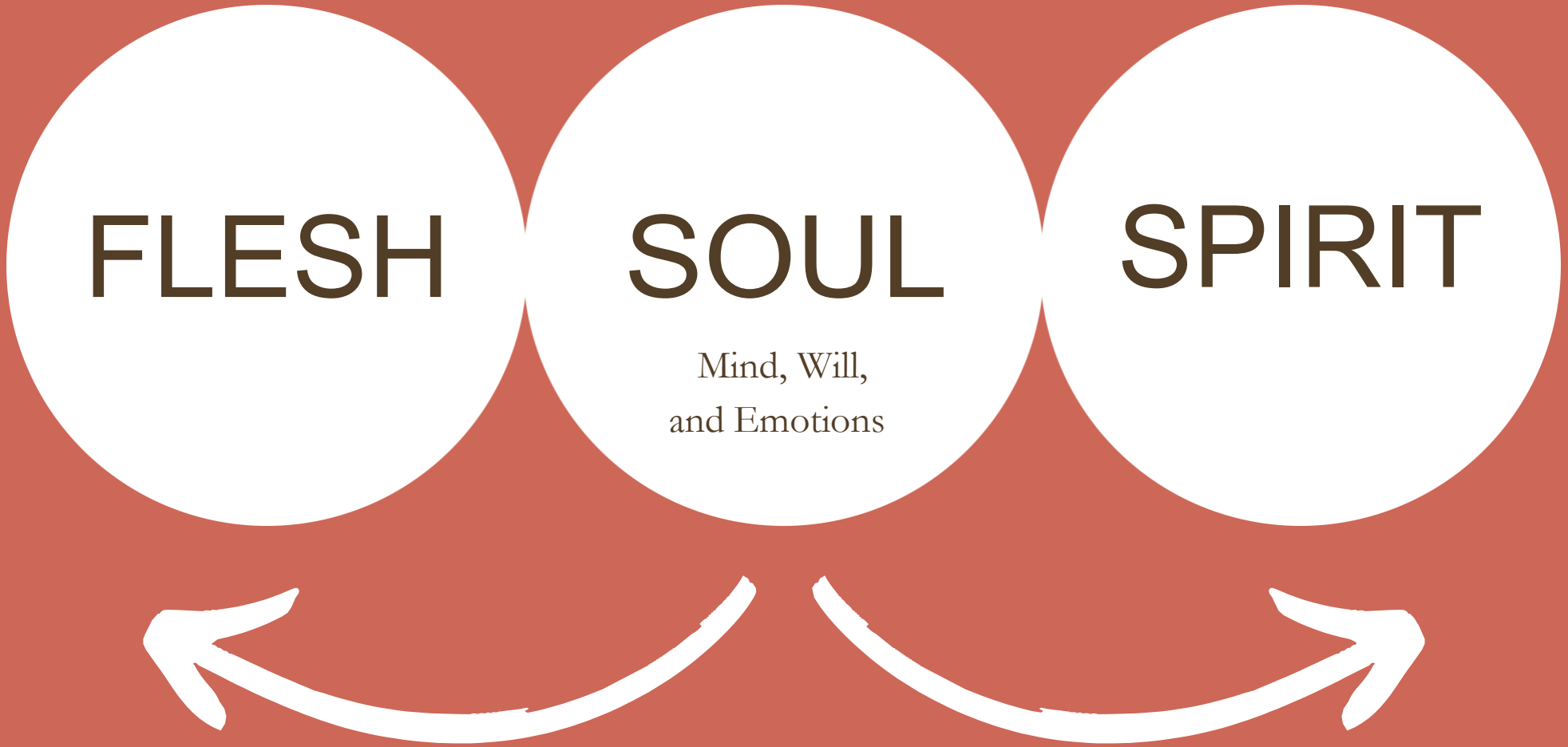
- JUDICIAL- DECLARED RIGHTEOUS
- INSTANTANEOUS
- NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR WORKS- HIS GRACE
- WHEN GOD SEES US, HE SEES CHRIST'S WORK IF WE HAVE ACCEPTED CHRIST
- PARDONED

Sanctification

- MORAL- EXPRESSING RIGHTEOUSNESS
- LIFELONG PROCESS WITH HOLY SPIRIT
- COMMUNION WITH CHRIST
- WORKING AND GROWING IN EXPRESSION OF OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS IN CHRIST
- PURIFICATION

Renew Your Mind

Every thought can be submitted to a
reaction in the flesh or the Spirit.



MAN'S KINGDOM

1. Pleasure, performance, and pride based
2. Flesh led and self centered. Temporary.
3. Many laws are influenced in self pleasure. Good will be called evil. Evil will be called good.

VS

GOD'S KINGDOM

1. God's glory, grace, and Gospel based
2. Spirit led and love centered. Eternal.
3. Guidelines are there to bring glory to God and protection/ good to us. His heart and rules trump man's kingdom.

THE IMPORTANCE OF BAPTISM

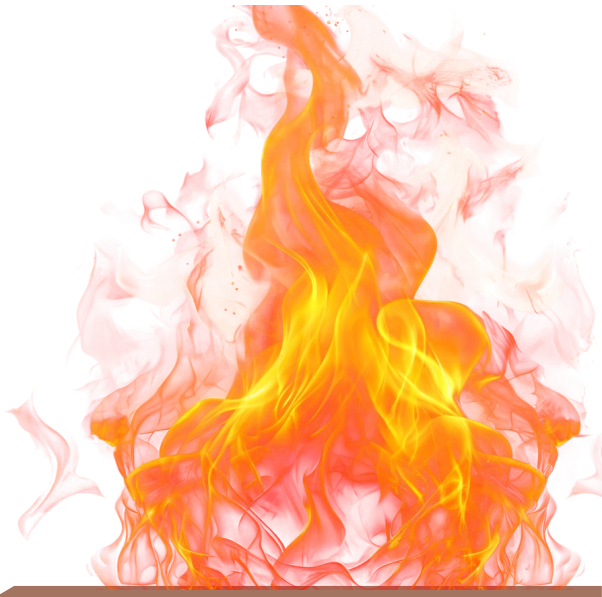
What is important to God should also be important to us. Baptism is a show of commitment, obedience, and faith in God. It is the second step in our new walk with the Lord. (1- accept/ profess Him. 2- Baptize into His Kingdom)

"Go therefore into all the world, making disciples and baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit." Mat. 28:19

DIE WITH CHRIST

Rise with Him in new life!

Holy Spirit



Fruit (Galatians 5)	Gifts (1 Cor. 12)
Love	Knowledge
Joy	Wisdom
Peace	Faith
Patience	Healing
Kindness	Working of Miracles
Goodness	Prophecy
Gentleness	Distinguishing Spirits
Faithfulness	Various Tongues
Self Control	Interpretation of Tongues

A Healthy Church

A healthy church will have a place for all five of these leadership types. It will be Bible focused, declaring the Word as infallible. It will be presence of God filled. Holy Spirit will be active in fruit and gifts. The Gospel will be preached.