

Chapter 3 Eschatology and Human History

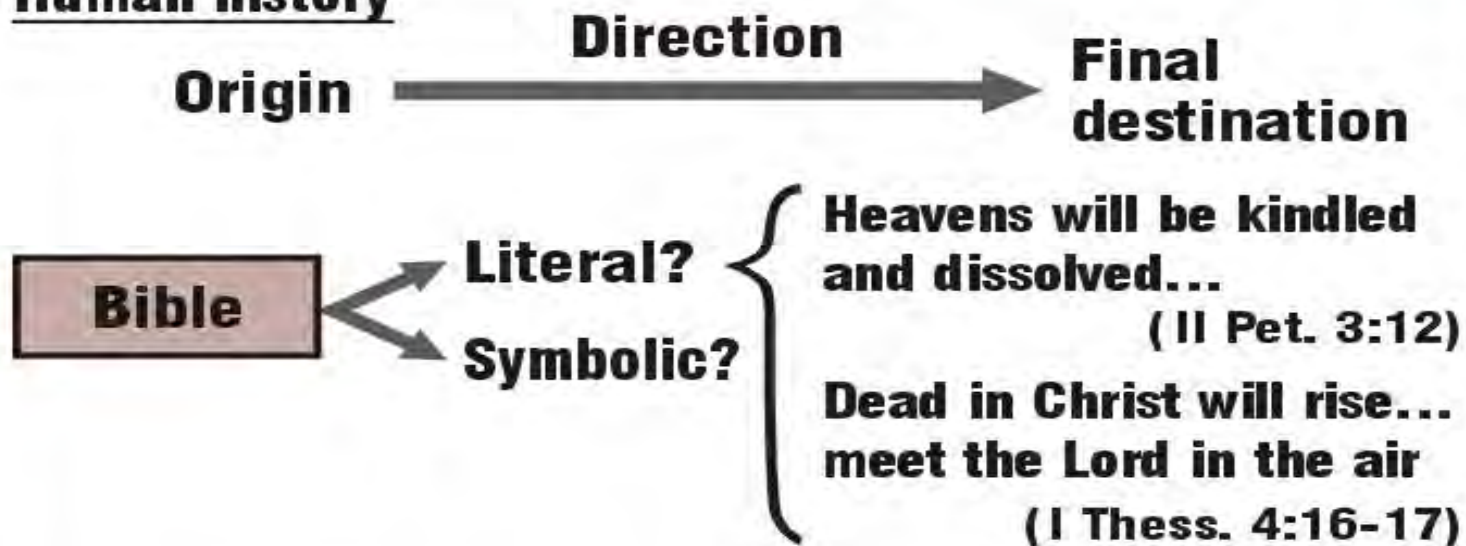
Human history



- We dwell in ignorance of history, uncertain about its origin, the direction in which it is heading, and its final destination .

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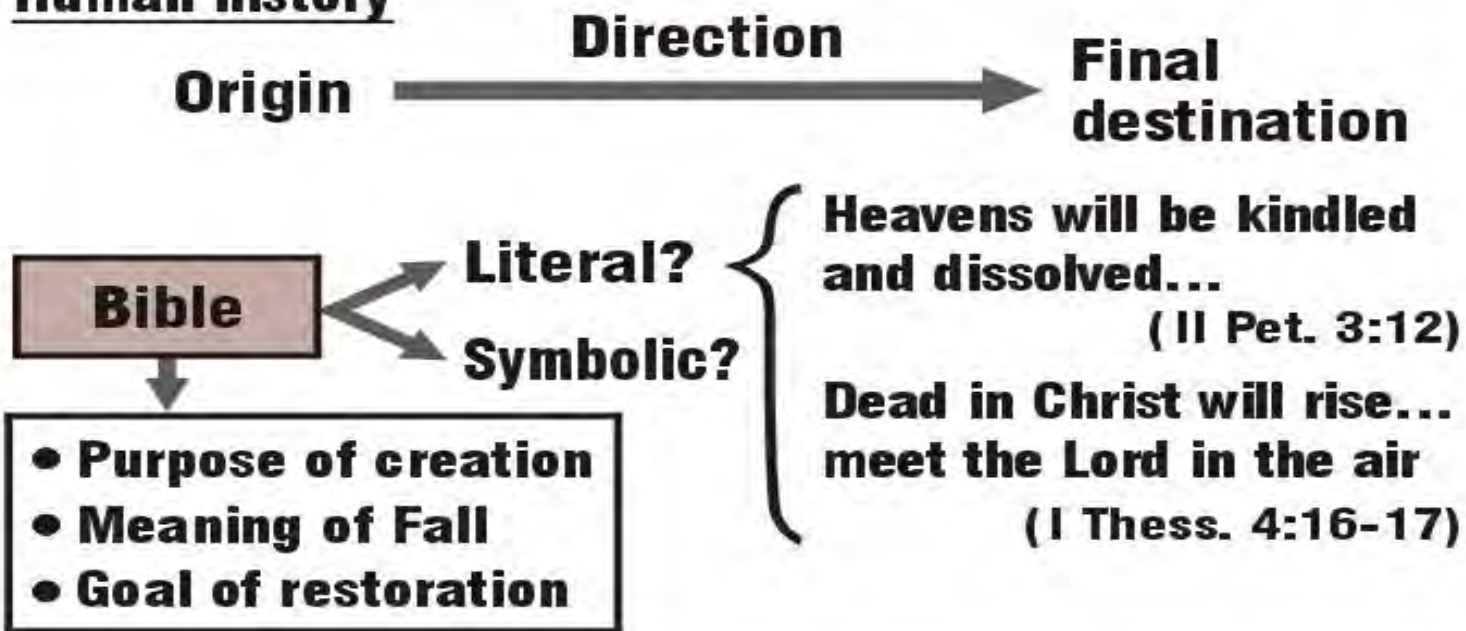
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- Concerning eschatology, or the doctrine of the *Last Days*, many Christians believe literally what is written in the Bible: "the heavens will be kindled and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire"; (II Pet. 3:12) and "the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air." (I Thess. 4:16-17) One pertinent question for Christians is whether these events will take place literally or whether the verses are symbolic, as are many parts of the Bible.

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Human history



- To address this issue, we should first understand such fundamental matters as the purpose of God's creation, the meaning of the human Fall, and the goal of the providence of restoration.

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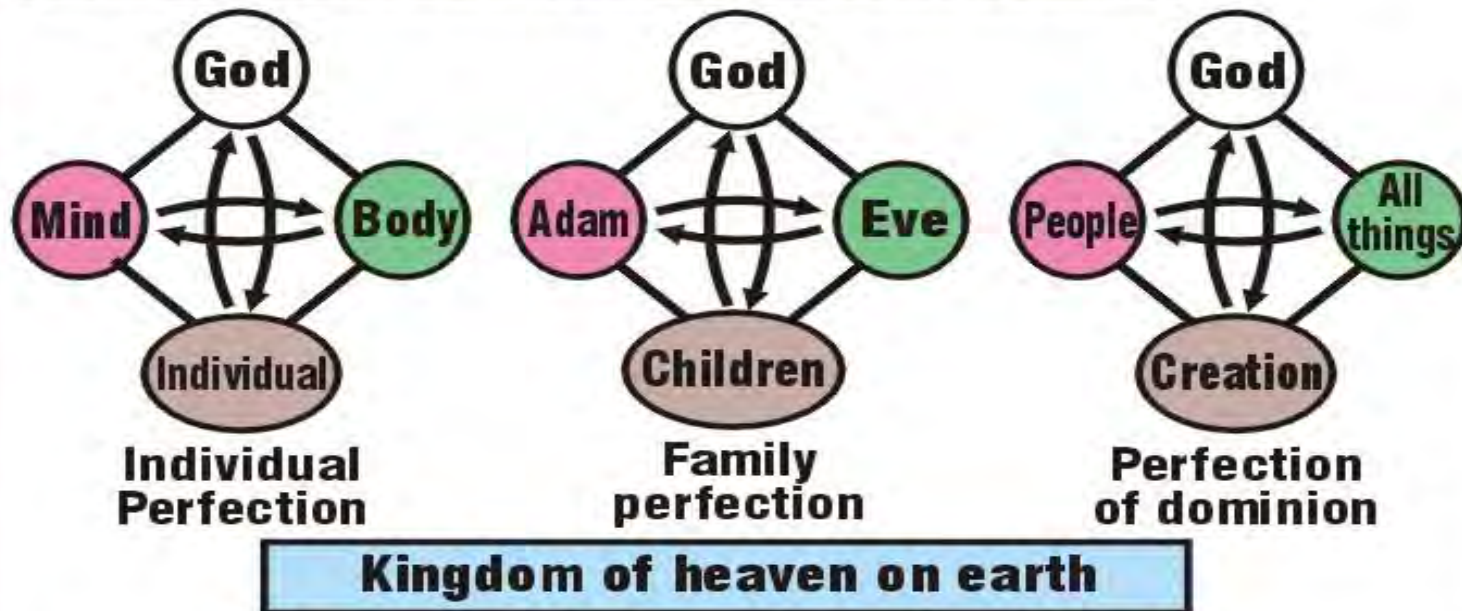
The completion of God's purpose of creation



- A person who has emotional sensitivity to the Heart of God, intuition and reason to comprehend His Will, and the requisite abilities to practice it has perfected his individual character.
- Had Adam and Eve reached perfection, they would have borne good children and founded a sinless family and society in complete concordance with God's blessings. They would have founded one great family with the same parents.
- People of perfected character should advance science and create an extremely pleasant social and living environment (perfection of dominion).

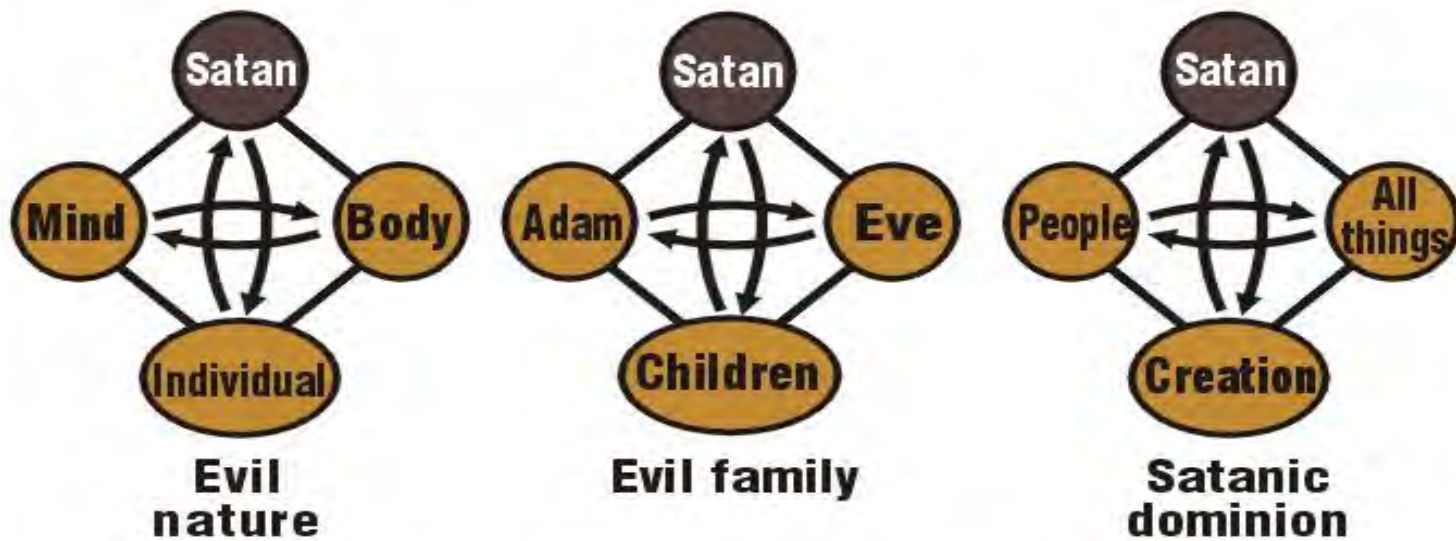
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The completion of God's purpose of creation



- Kingdom of Heaven on earth is where such an ideal is realized. God's purpose of creation is to build the Kingdom of Heaven first on earth.

Consequences of the human fall

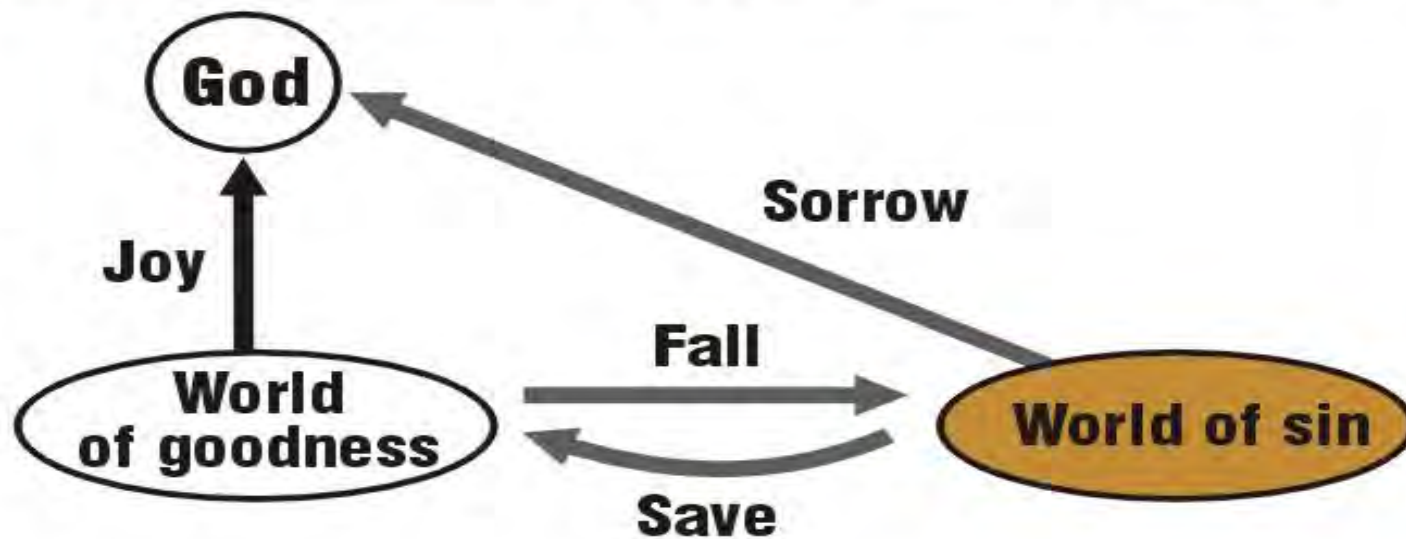


Hell on earth = Sovereignty of Satan

- Due to the Fall, human beings united with Satan and became his dwelling places, acquiring an evil nature.
- People with evil nature have propagated evil through their children, constituting evil families, evil societies and an evil world.
- This is the hell on earth in which we have been living. We have established the sovereignty of Satan.

Section 2 God's Work of Salvation

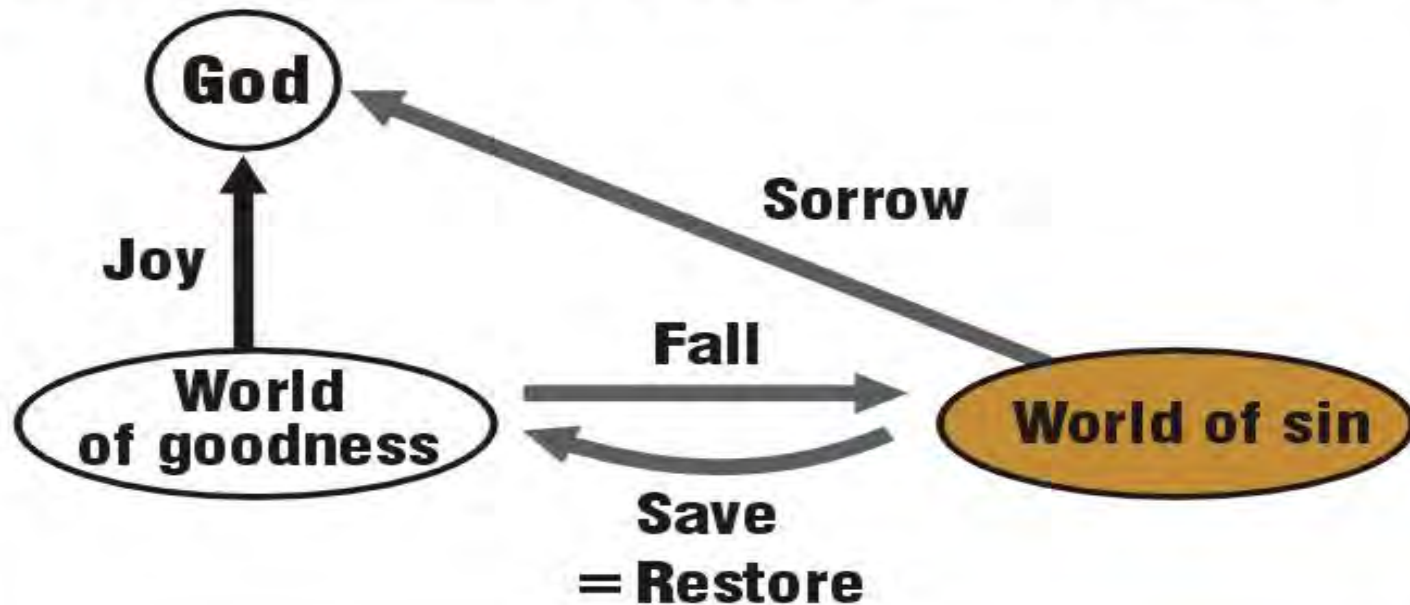
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- God intended to create a world of goodness and experience from it the utmost joy; yet due to the human Fall, the world came to be filled with sin and sorrow.
- If this sinful world were to continue forever in its present state, then God would be an impotent and ineffectual God who failed in His creation. Therefore, God will save this sinful world, by all means.

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- To save a person suffering under the yoke of sin means to restore him to his original, sinless state.
- In other words, God's work of salvation is the *providence of restoration*.

Section 3 The Last Days

The meaning of the Last Days



- The Last Days is this time, when, with the advent of the Messiah as the turning point, the evil world under satanic sovereignty is transformed into the ideal world under God's sovereignty.
- Hell on earth will be transformed into the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.
- Therefore, it will not be a day of fear when the world will be destroyed by global catastrophes, as many Christians have believed. In fact, it will be a day of joy, when the cherished hope of humankind, the desire of the ages, will be realized.
- Today is the Last Days.

Bible verses concerning the signs of the Last Days

- **Judgment by fire:**
“...heavens will be kindled and dissolved...”
(II Pet. 3:12)
- **Word is like fire. (Jer. 23:29)**

Judgment by fire = Judgment by God's Word

- What is the meaning of the prophecy that “the heavens will be kindled and dissolved and the elements will melt with fire” (II Pet. 3:12) in the Last Days ?
- It is written, “Is not my word like fire, says the Lord?” (Jer. 23:29) Therefore, judgment by fire represents judgment by the Word of God .

“Then we shall be caught up together in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”

【 1 Thess. 4:17 】

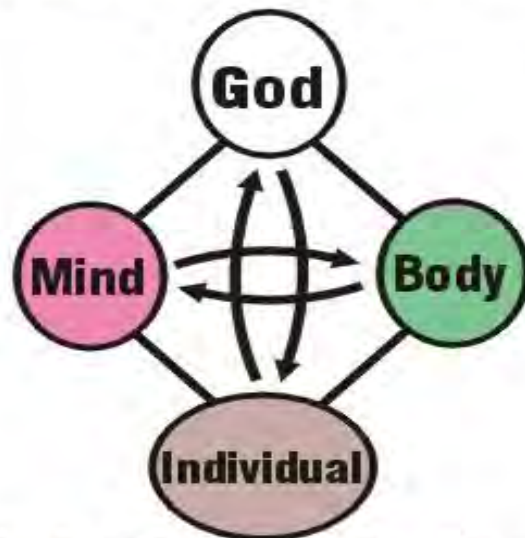
- **Air (Heaven) — Sinless world of good sovereignty**
- **Earth — Fallen world under evil sovereignty**

Receive the Lord in the world of good sovereignty

- The "air" mentioned in 1 Thess. 4:17 does not refer to the sky over our heads .
- In the Bible, "earth" is often a symbol for the fallen world under the sway of evil sovereignty, while "Heaven" is often a symbol for the sinless world of good sovereignty.
- Meeting the Lord in the air means that the saints will receive the Lord in the world of good sovereignty when Christ comes again and restores the Kingdom of Heaven on earth by defeating the kingdom of Satan.

Section 4 The Last Days and the Present Days

Signs of the restoration of the first blessing

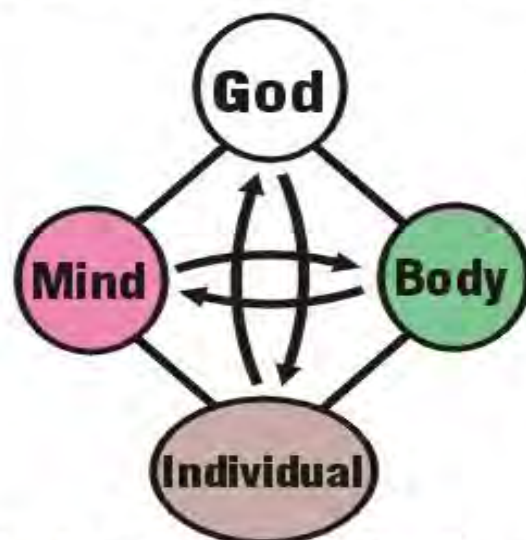


Individual perfection

- We can deduce that today is in fact the Last Days by examining the various circumstances of the present age. We can recognize in these circumstances the restoration of the three great blessings, which God has purposed in His providence of restoration .
- The first blessing is perfection of individual character. We see signs of the restoration of the first blessing in that:

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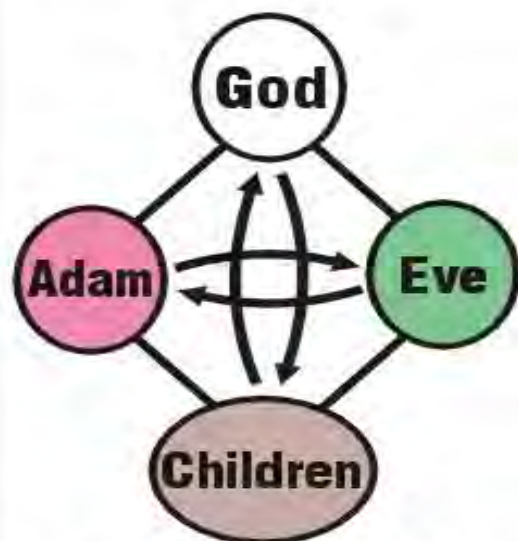


Individual perfection

- ① **Spirituality**
- ② **Freedom of original mind**
- ③ **True human value**
- ④ **Original love**

- ① The spirituality of fallen people is being restored.
 - ② History moves toward the recovery of the freedom of the original mind.
 - ③ True human value is being restored.
 - ④ Original, true love in fallen people is being restored.
- From this we can see that the present time is the eve of the Last Days, when we can reach perfection of individual character.

Signs of the restoration of the second blessing



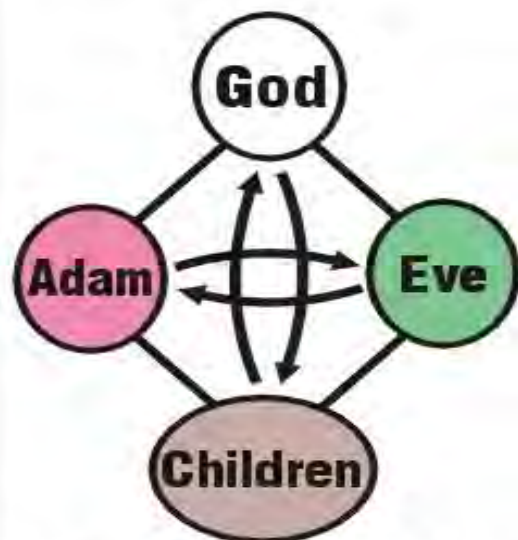
Internal: development of cultural spheres

External: rise and fall of nations

Family perfection

- God's second blessing was for Adam and Eve to form a family, society and world where goodness reigns.
- Accordingly, the signs of the internal and external restoration of God's sovereignty signify the restoration of the second blessing. These are manifested as trends in the history of the development of cultural spheres and in the history of the rise and fall of nations.

Signs of the restoration of the second blessing



Internal: development of cultural spheres

(Brothers and sisters in Jesus)

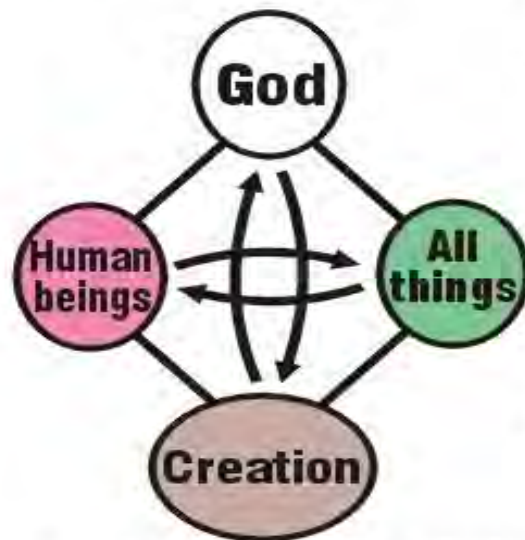
External: rise and fall of nations

(Democratic and communist worlds)

Family perfection

- Internally, all races and peoples are increasingly coming to stand side by side as brothers and sisters under the love and guidance of Jesus Christ.
- Externally, at present, our world is divided into two: the democratic world, which seeks to create societies on God's side, and the communist world, which has been establishing regimes on Satan's side. These opposing forces are at the point of intersection.
- Hence, the present age is the Last Days because the second blessing is being restored.

Signs of the restoration of the third blessing



Internal dominion:

Dominion of the heart

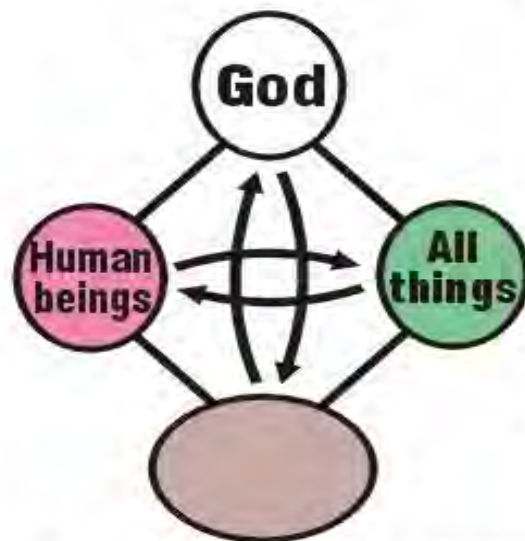
External dominion:

Mastery through science

Perfection of dominion

- The third blessing means gaining dominion over the natural world .
- Internal dominion denotes dominion of the heart, and external dominion denotes proper mastery of the creation through science and technology.

Signs of the restoration of the third blessing



Internal dominion:

Dominion of the heart

- **Religion, philosophy, ethics**
- **Elevated spirituality**
- **Govern creation through heart**

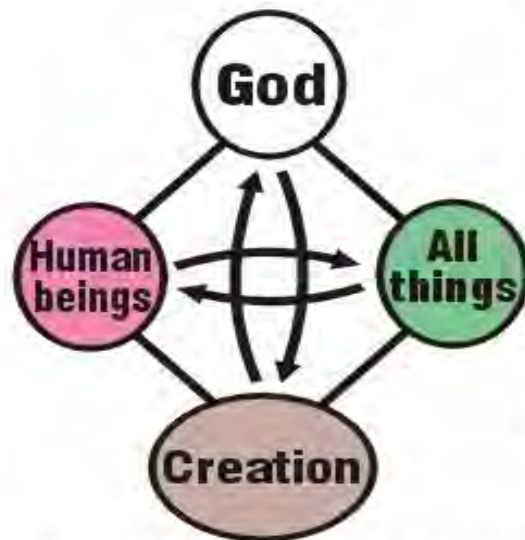
External dominion:

Mastery through science

Perfection of dominion

- Internally, God's providence of restoration through religion, philosophy, ethics and so forth, has gradually elevated the spirituality of fallen people toward God. In the modern world, there is evidence that people are regaining the worthiness to govern the creation through heart.

Signs of the restoration of the third blessing



Perfection of dominion

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External dominion:

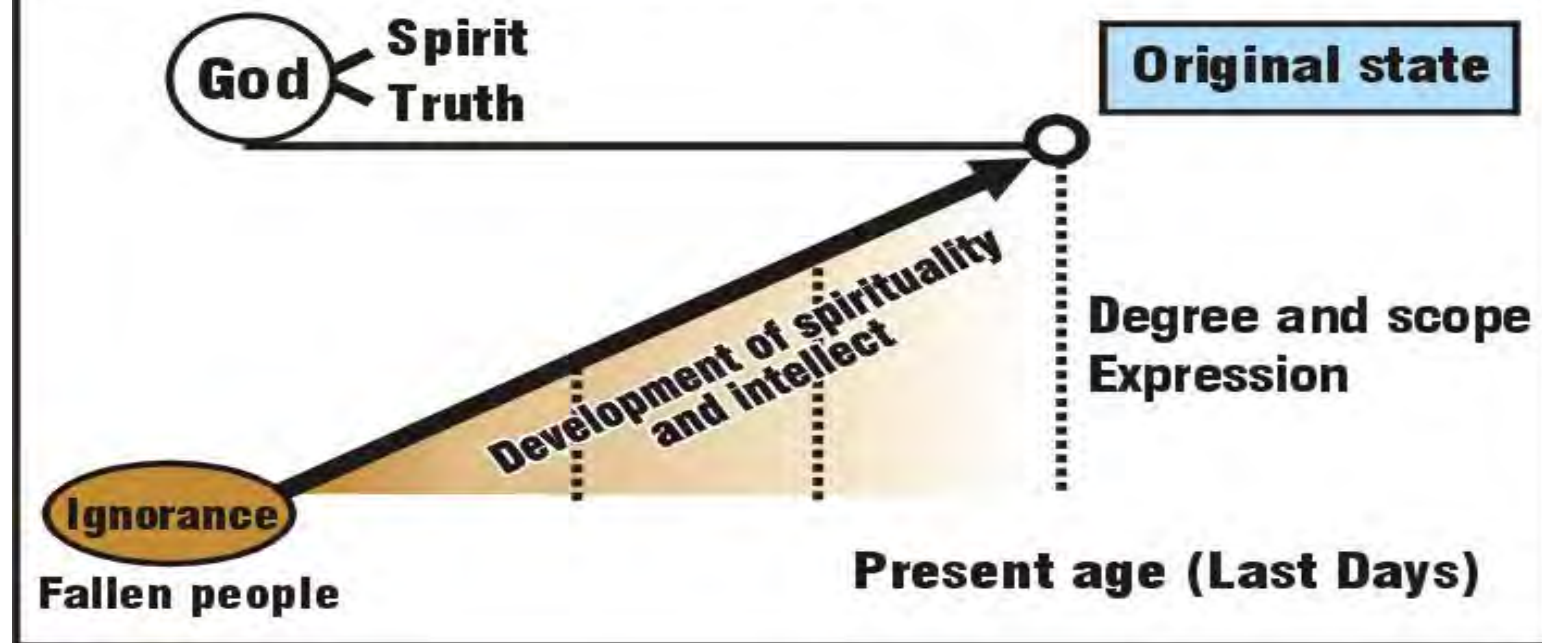
Mastery through science

- Economic progress
- Pleasant living environment

- Externally, modern people have built an extremely comfortable and pleasant living environment through the economic progress that has accompanied scientific development.
- Observing signs of the re-establishment of God's third blessing, we are assured that the present era is the Last Days.

Section 5 The Last Days, the New Truth and Our Attitude

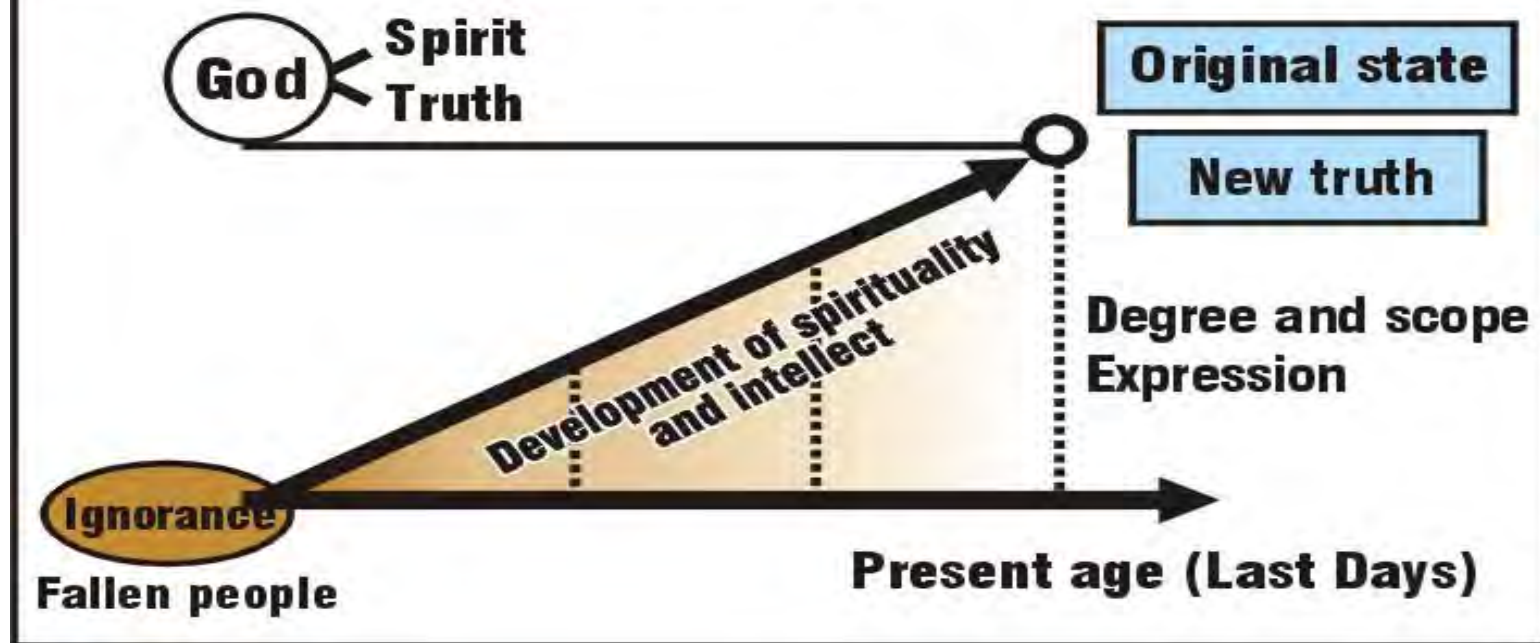
The Last Days and the new truth



- God assists ignorant, fallen people to elevate their spirituality and enlighten their intellect through spirit and truth. By these means, God conducts His providence to restore people to the original state before the Fall.
- Spirit and truth are unique, eternal and unchanging. However, the degree and scope of their teaching and the means of their expression will vary from one age to another as they restore humankind from a state of utter ignorance.

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The Last Days and the new truth



- For modern, intellectual people to be enlightened in the truth, there must appear another textbook of higher and richer content, with a more scientific method of expression. We call this the new truth.

Our attitude in the Last Days



- **Internally: absence of a guiding ideology**
- **Externally: strife and battles**

- A new dispensation begins when the old dispensation is about to end.
- Those who live in this period suffer internally from anxiety, fear and confusion due to the absence of a guiding ideology or philosophy. They suffer externally from strife and battles fought with fearsome weapons .

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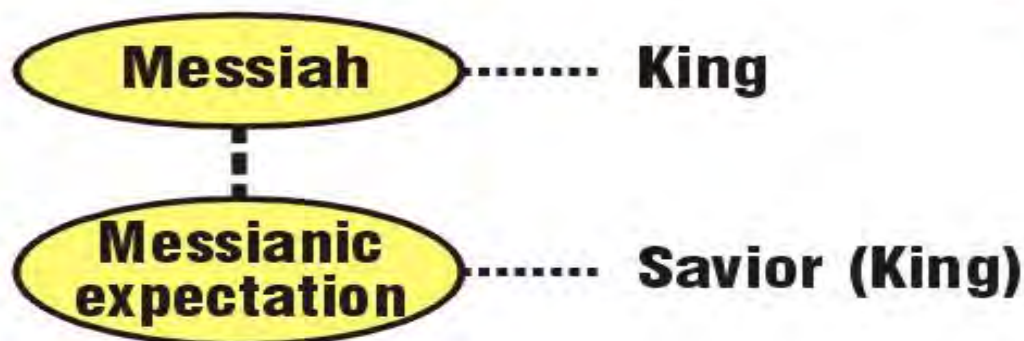


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New age: center of good sovereignty

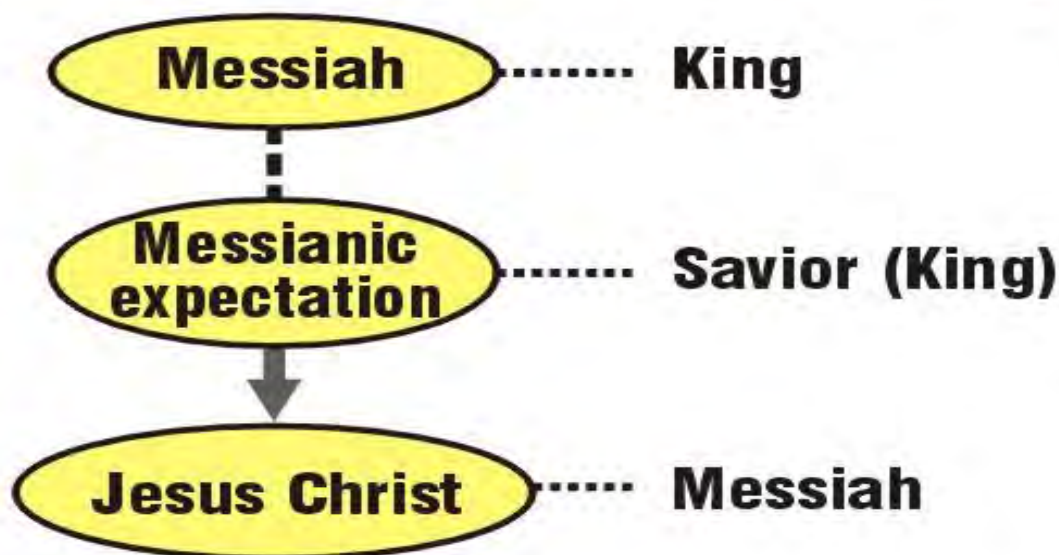
- In the midst of such wretchedness, God without fail will establish the center of the emerging good sovereignty in order to usher in a new age.
- We should not be strongly attached to conventional concepts, but rather should direct ourselves to be receptive to the spirit, in order that we may find the new truth which can guide us to the providence of the new age.

Chapter 4 The Messiah: His Advent and the Purpose of His Second Coming



- The word "Messiah" in Hebrew means the "anointed one," signifying a king .
- The chosen people of Israel believed in the Word of God as revealed through the prophets, which promised that God would send them a king and savior. Such was their messianic Expectation.

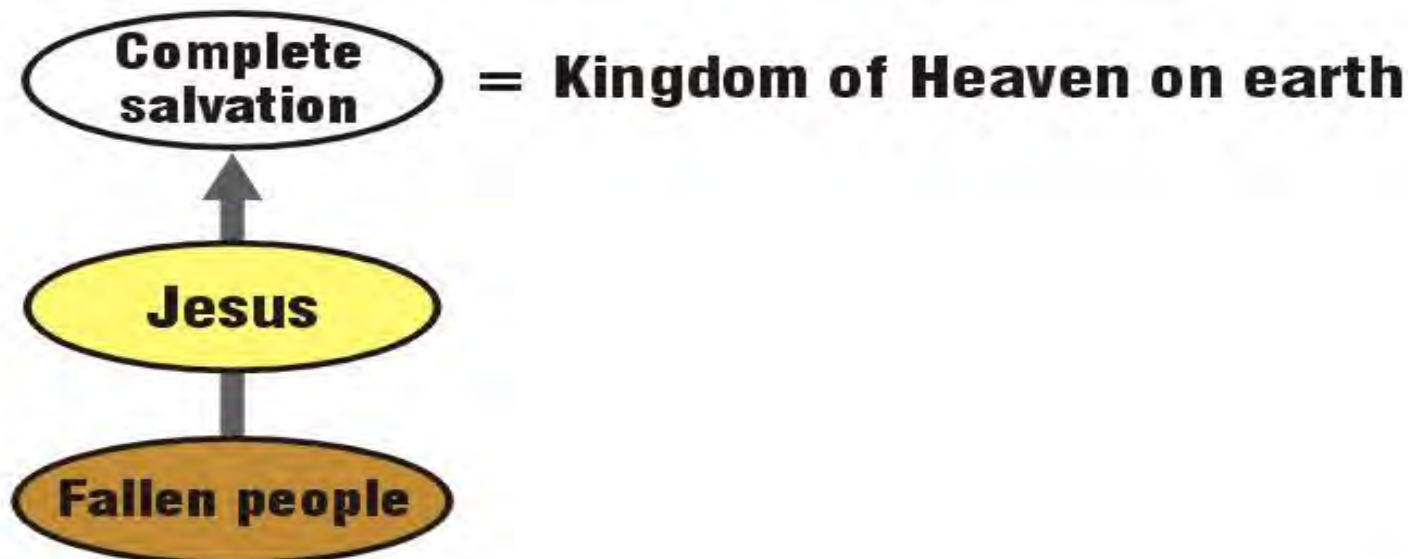
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- God sent this Messiah in the person of Jesus Christ. "Christ" is the Greek word for Messiah.
- The Messiah comes to fulfill the purpose of God's work of salvation.

Section 1 Salvation through the Cross

The purpose of Jesus' coming as the Messiah



- Jesus came as the Messiah for nothing less than the complete salvation of humanity and the establishment of the Kingdom of Heaven, first on the earth.

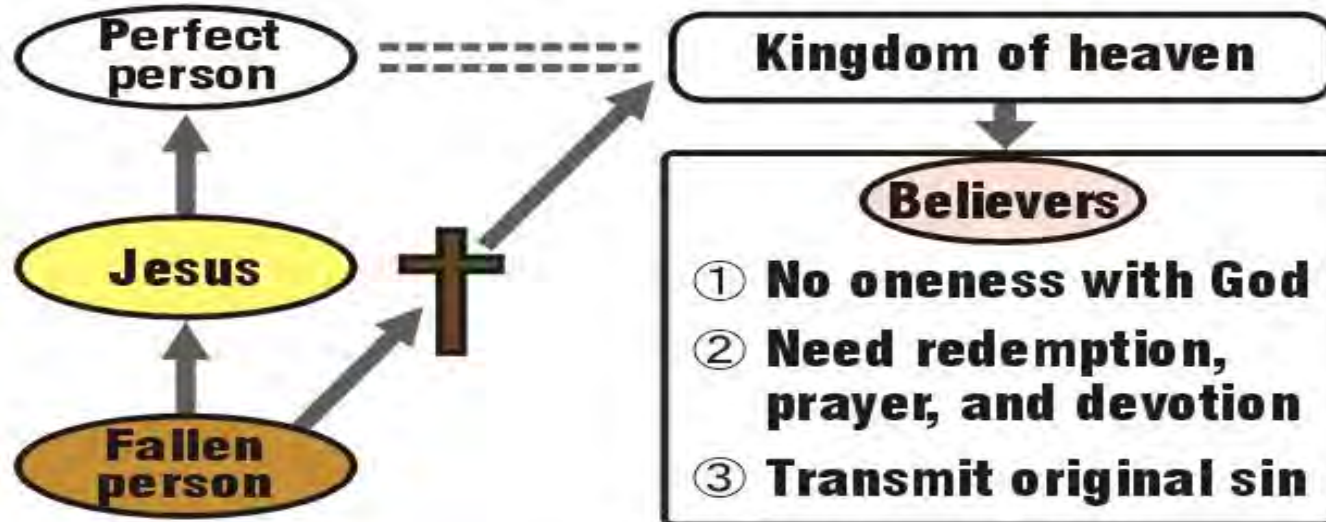
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- ① Perfect people are fully attuned to God and experience God's Heart within their innermost self. They possess a divine nature and live their life with God, inseparable from Him.
- ② Moreover, they do not have the original sin, and hence are not in need of redemption or a savior. They do not need to pray arduously or practice a faith, both of which are necessary for fallen people as they seek God.
- ③ Furthermore, since they do not have the original sin, their children are naturally born good and sinless and likewise have no need of a savior for the redemption of their sins.

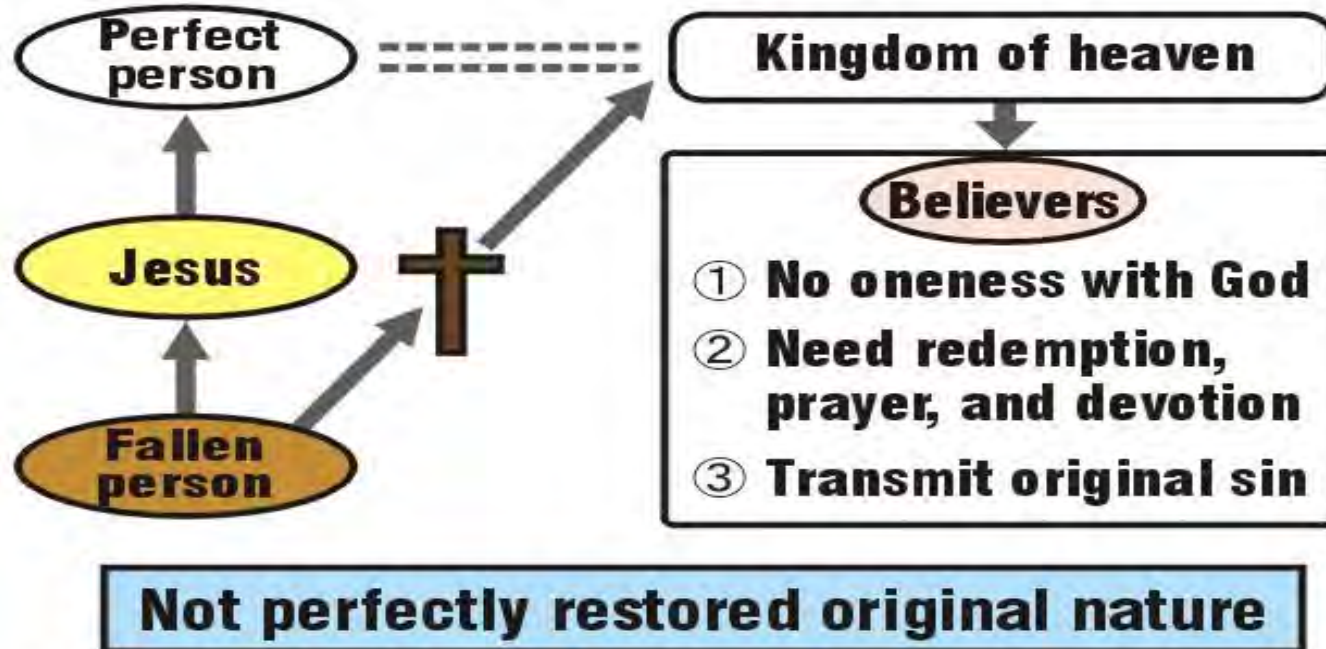
Was salvation completed through the cross?



● Did Jesus' crucifixion fulfill the purpose of the providence of restoration? If so, faithful believers in Jesus would have restored their original nature and built the Kingdom of Heaven on earth .

- ① Yet in the entire history of Christianity, there has been no one, no matter how devout, who lived his life in inseparable oneness with God.
- ② There has never been a believer who had no need of redemption or a life of ardent prayer and devotion.
- ③ No matter how devout, Christian parents continue to transmit the original sin to their children.

Was salvation completed through the cross?



- It teaches us that the grace of redemption by the cross has neither fully uprooted our original sin nor perfectly restored our original nature.

Was Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for naught?



History of Christianity

Redemption by the cross

- Without the cross, Christianity would not have brought forth its illustrious history.
- Furthermore, our own personal experiences in faith make it plain how great is the grace of redemption by the cross.
- Then, what is an accurate assessment of the extent of salvation through the cross? To answer this, we must re-examine Jesus' death on the cross.

Jesus' death on the cross

① Feeling among disciples (Acts 7:51-53)

② God's providence

③ Jesus' words and deeds

(John 6:29 Matt. 23:37 John 10:38)

● Was Jesus' death on the cross the most desired Will of God?

① There was one unanimous feeling evident among the disciples concerning the death of Jesus: they were grief-stricken and indignant (Acts 7:51-53).

② From the viewpoint of God's providence, God called the chosen people of Israel and prepared them to receive the Messiah.

③ Jesus' words and deeds were meant to engender belief on the part of the people that he was the Messiah (John 6:29 Matt. 23:37 John 10:38).

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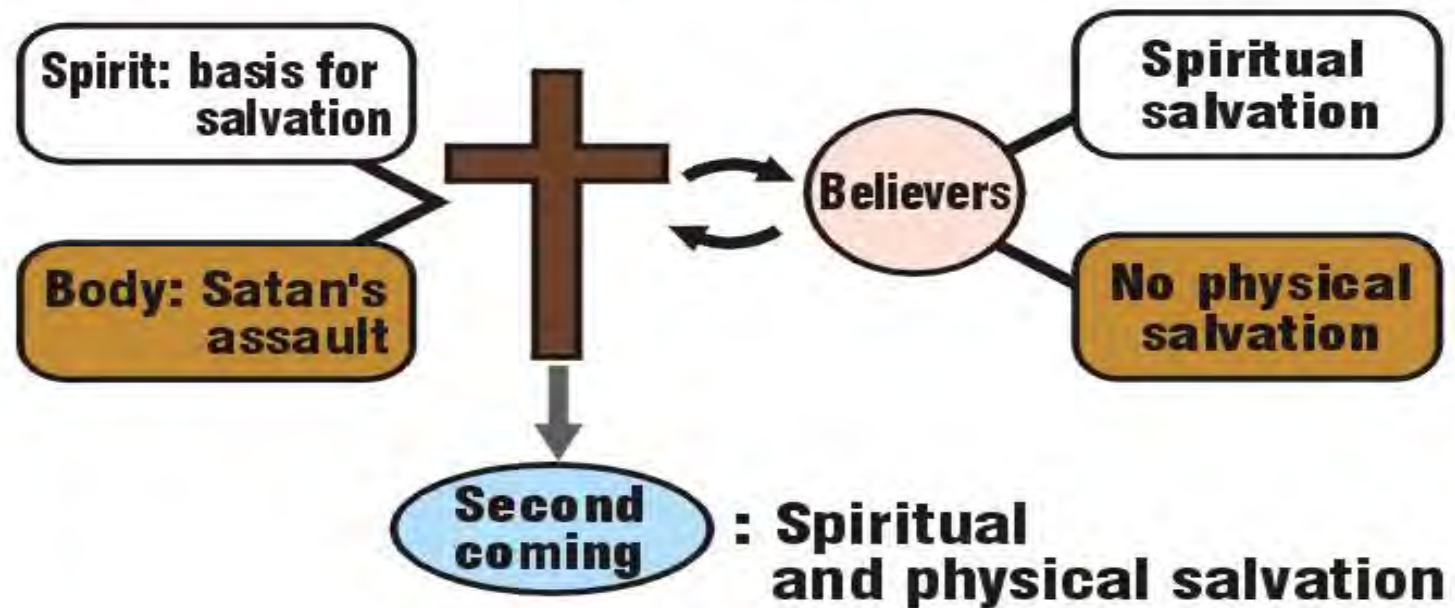
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: ignorance and disbelief of Jews

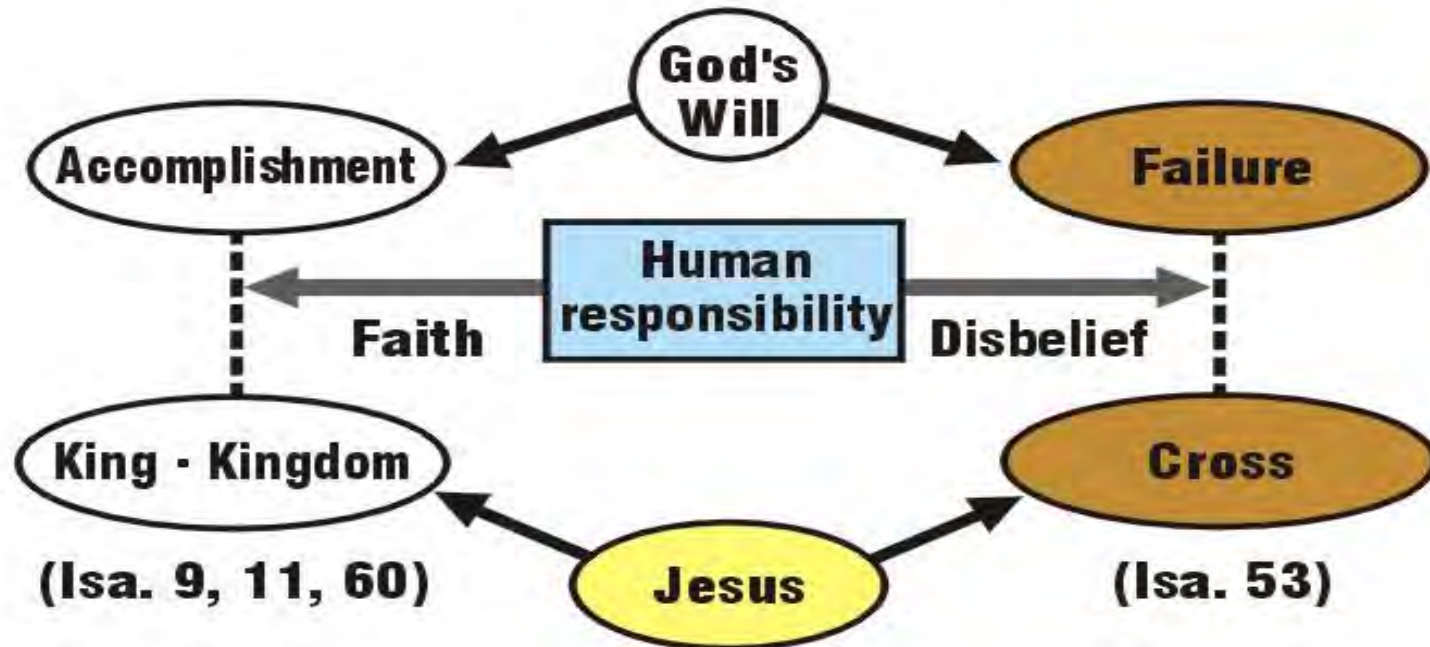
- These considerations indicate that Jesus' death on the cross was not necessitated by God's Will but due to the ignorance and disbelief of the Jews.

The limit of salvation through redemption by the cross and the purpose of Jesus' second advent



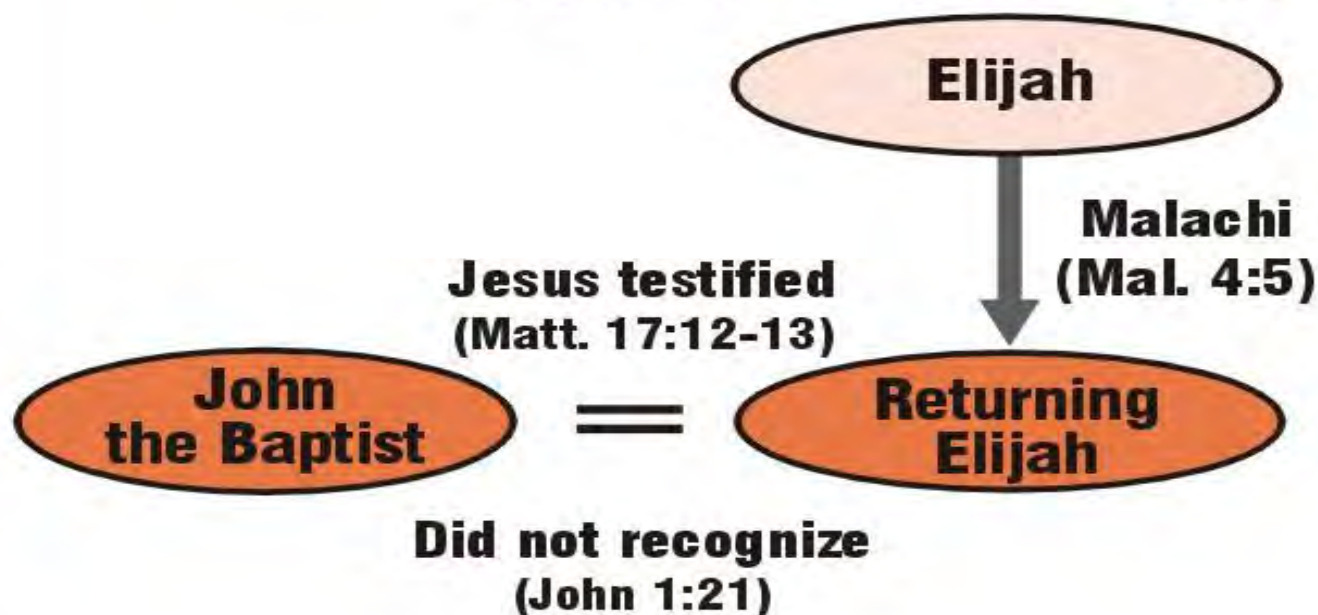
- The people did not believe in Jesus; instead they led him to the cross. Jesus' body was exposed to Satan's assault, and he was killed. Consequently, Christians cannot attain physical salvation.
- However, Jesus laid the basis for spiritual salvation by securing the victorious foundation for his resurrection through the redemption by his blood on the cross. As a result, all believers since his resurrection have received the benefit of spiritual salvation, but not physical salvation.
- To complete the work of spiritual and physical salvation, Jesus must come again on earth.

Two kinds of prophecies concerning the cross



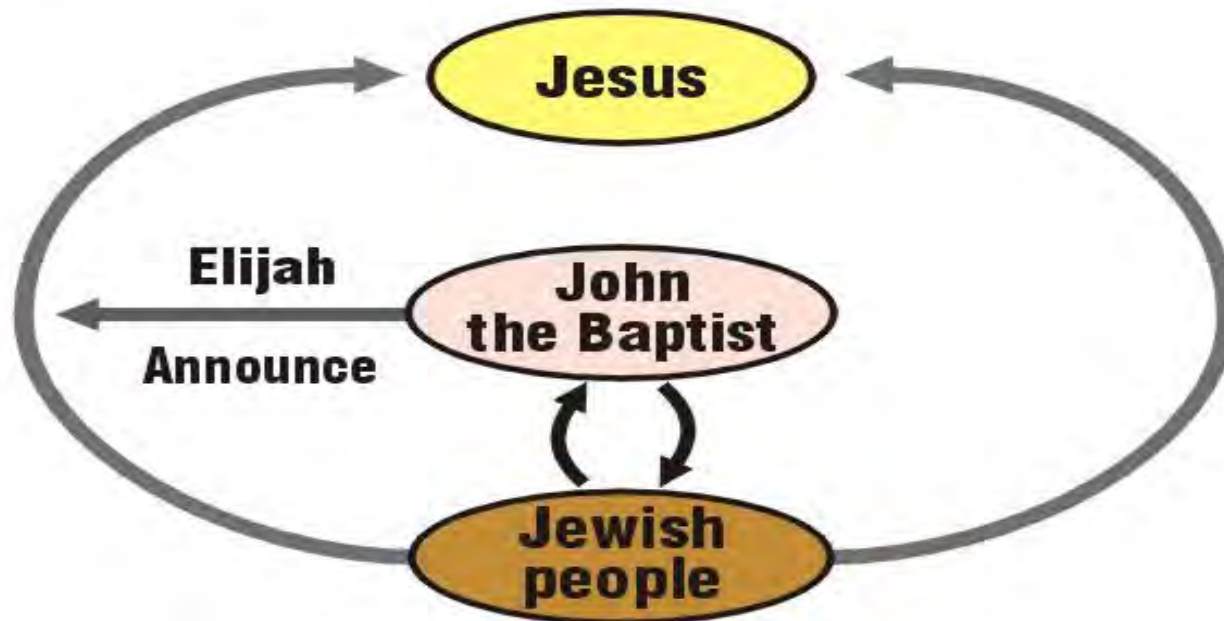
- It was prophesied in Isaiah 53 that Jesus would suffer the ordeal of the cross; in Isaiah 9, 11, 60, however, it was foretold that Jesus would become the king of the Jews in his lifetime and establish an everlasting kingdom on the earth. Let us investigate why God gave two contrasting kinds of prophecies concerning Jesus .
- The nature of the fruits human beings bear depends upon whether or not they fulfill their portion of responsibility. For this reason, God gave two kinds of prophecies concerning the accomplishment of His Will.

Section 2 The Second Coming of Elijah and John the Baptist



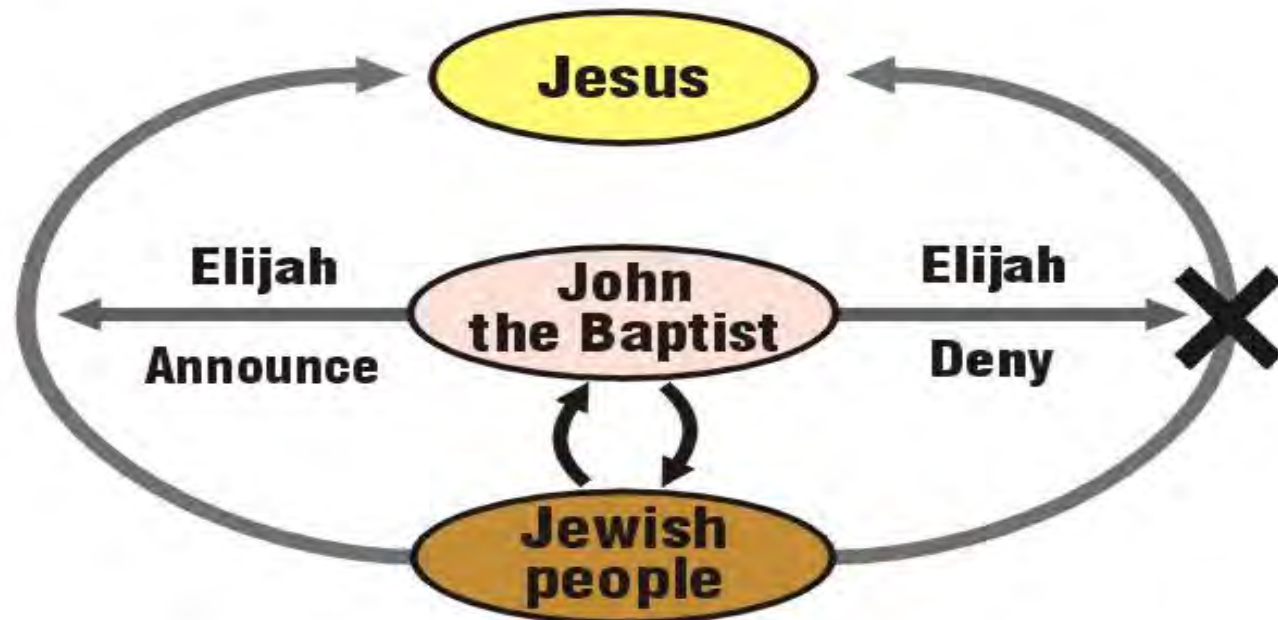
- The prophet Malachi foretold that Elijah would come again before the Messiah (Mal. 4:5) .
- Jesus testified that the prophesied coming of Elijah was realized in none other than John the Baptist (Matt. 17:12-13).
- Nevertheless, John the Baptist did not recognize himself to be the second coming of Elijah (John 1:21).

The faithlessness of John the Baptist



- Many among the Jewish leadership and people of Jesus' day had the highest respect for John the Baptist; some even thought of him as the Messiah.
- Had John the Baptist announced that he was Elijah, as Jesus had testified, all the Jewish people would have readily believed John's testimony and flocked to Jesus.

The faithlessness of John the Baptist



- Instead, John's ignorance of God's providence, which led him to deny his being Elijah, became the principal reason why the Jewish people did not come to Jesus.
- Here we have come to understand that the main reason why Jesus had to die on the cross was the failure of John the Baptist.

The sense in which John the Baptist was Elijah

Inherit the mission

(Luke 1:17)

**John
the
Baptist**

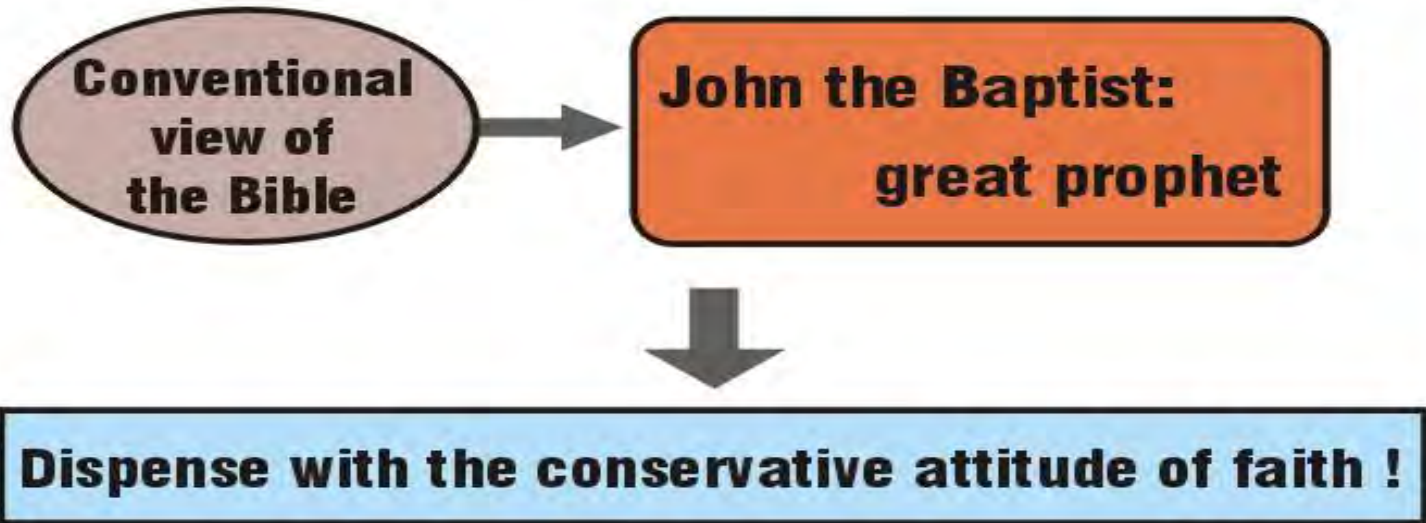


Elijah

**Second
coming**

- As recorded in the Bible, John the Baptist was to inherit and complete the mission which Elijah had left unfinished on earth (Luke 1:17).
- Hence, in terms of his mission, John was the second coming of Elijah.

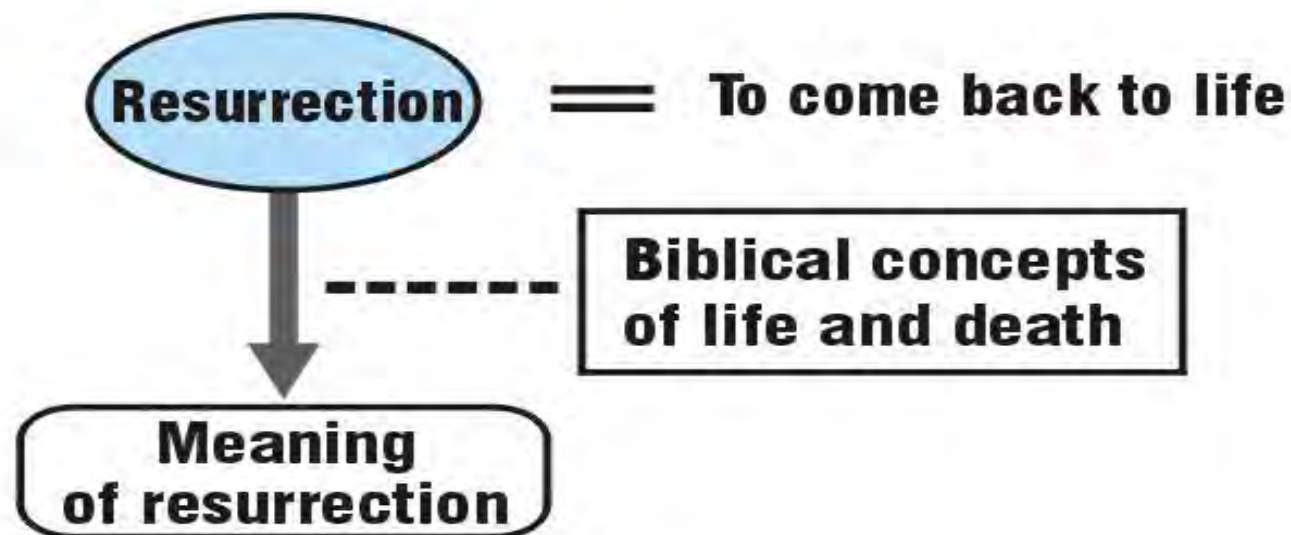
Our attitude toward the Bible



- Until today, no one has ever uncovered this heavenly secret.
- This is because we have been reading the Bible based on the unquestioned belief that John the Baptist was a great prophet.
- We should dispense with the conservative attitude of faith which makes us afraid to question conventional beliefs and traditional doctrines .

Chapter 5 Resurrection

Section 1 Resurrection



- Resurrection means to come back to life. To come back to life implies that we have been dead.
- Therefore, to fathom the meaning of resurrection, we must clarify the biblical concepts of life and death.

The biblical concepts of life and death

Leave the **dead** to bury their own **dead**.

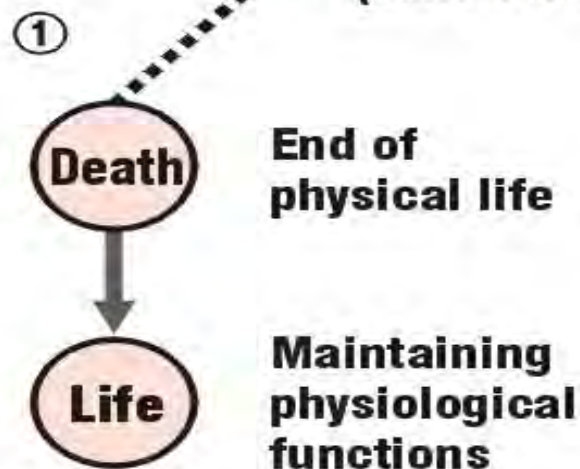
(Luke 9:60)

- Jesus said, "Leave the dead to bury their own dead." (Luke 9:60)
- From these words of Jesus, it is clear that the Bible contains two different concepts of life and death.

The biblical concepts of life and death

Leave the **dead** to bury their own **dead** .

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- ① First, "death" means the end of physical life, as was the case of the disciple's deceased father who was to be buried. "Life" in that sense means the state in which the physical self maintains its physiological functions .

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②

Death

Falling under
the dominion
of Satan

Life

Living in
the dominion
of God's love

①

Death

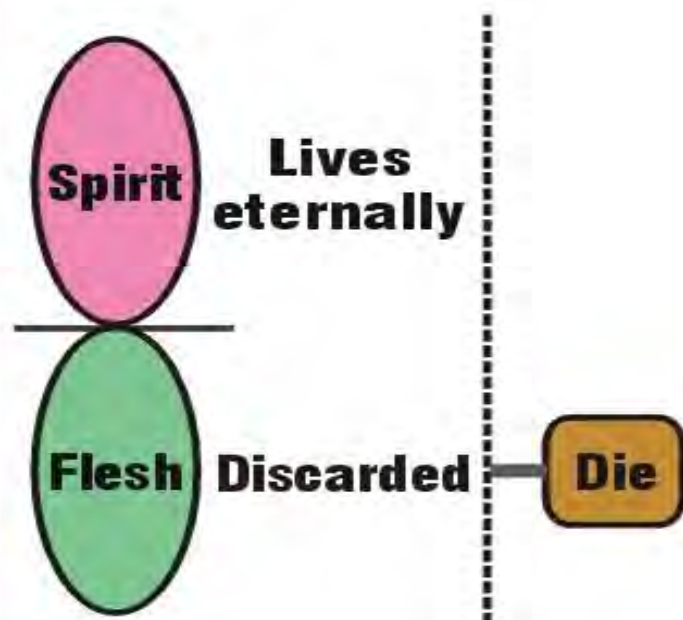
End of
physical life

Life

Maintaining
physiological
functions

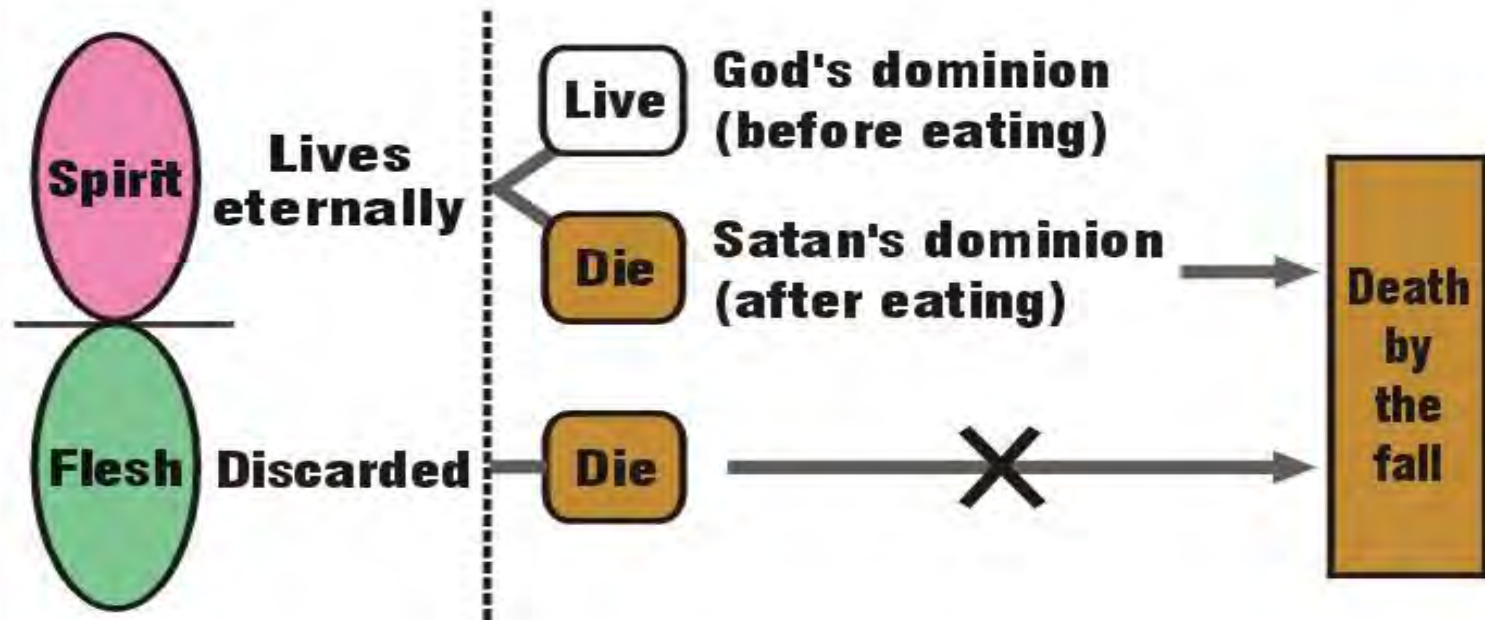
- ② The second concept of life and death concerns those living people who had gathered to bury the deceased man; this death refers to leaving the bosom of God's love and falling under the dominion of Satan. The corresponding concept of life refers to the state of living in accordance with God's Will, within the dominion of God's infinite love.

The death caused by the human fall



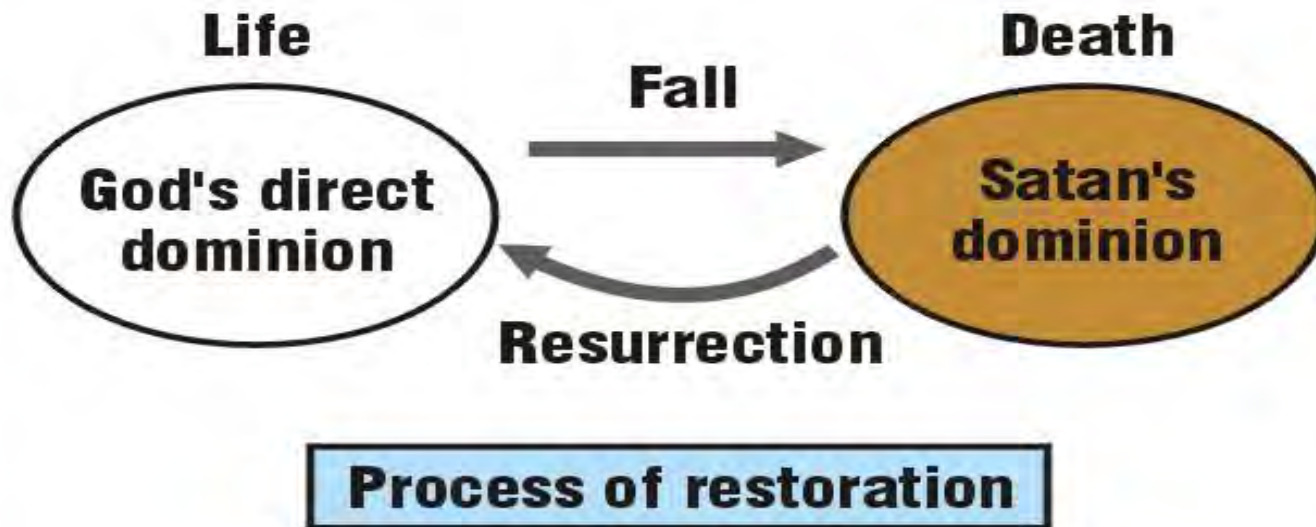
- Which of the two refers to the death brought about by the Fall of the first human ancestors?
- According to the Principle of Creation, the flesh is the clothing of the spirit. Just as one discards worn-out clothes, the flesh is to be discarded when it has grown old and weak. Only the unclothed spirit self enters the spirit world and lives there eternally.

The death caused by the human fall



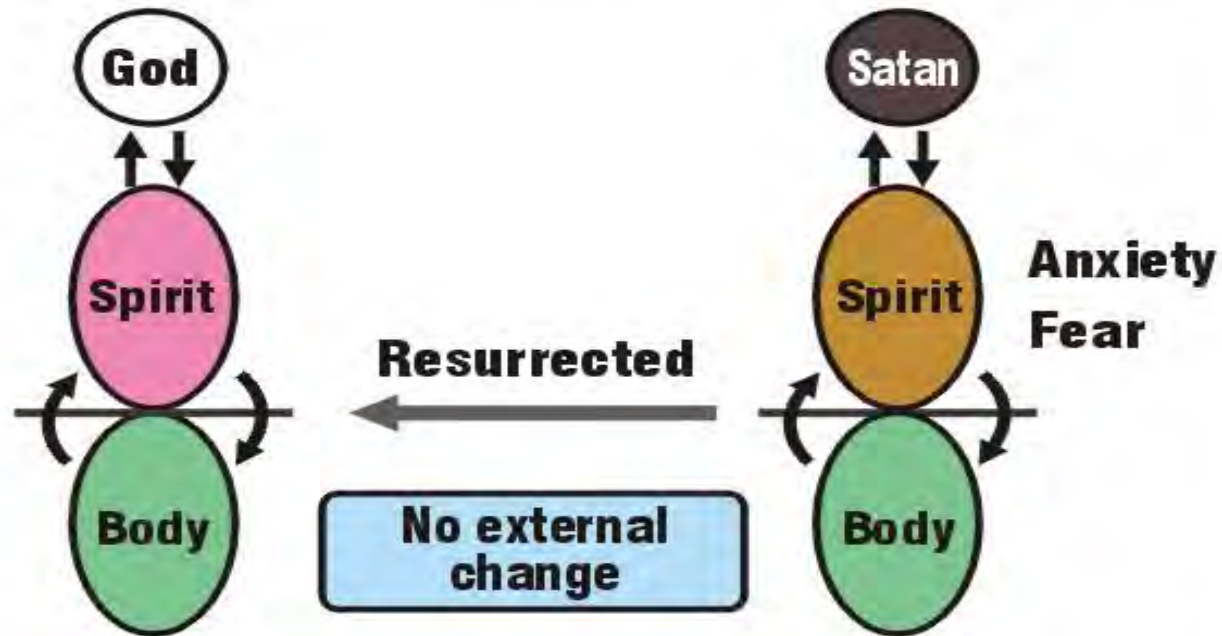
- The death caused by the Fall does not mean the end of physical life, but rather the descent into the evil dominion of Satan.
- God told Adam and Eve that on the day they ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil they would surely die. (Gen. 2:17)
- Hence, before eating the fruit, they were alive, and after eating the fruit, they were dead.

The meaning of resurrection



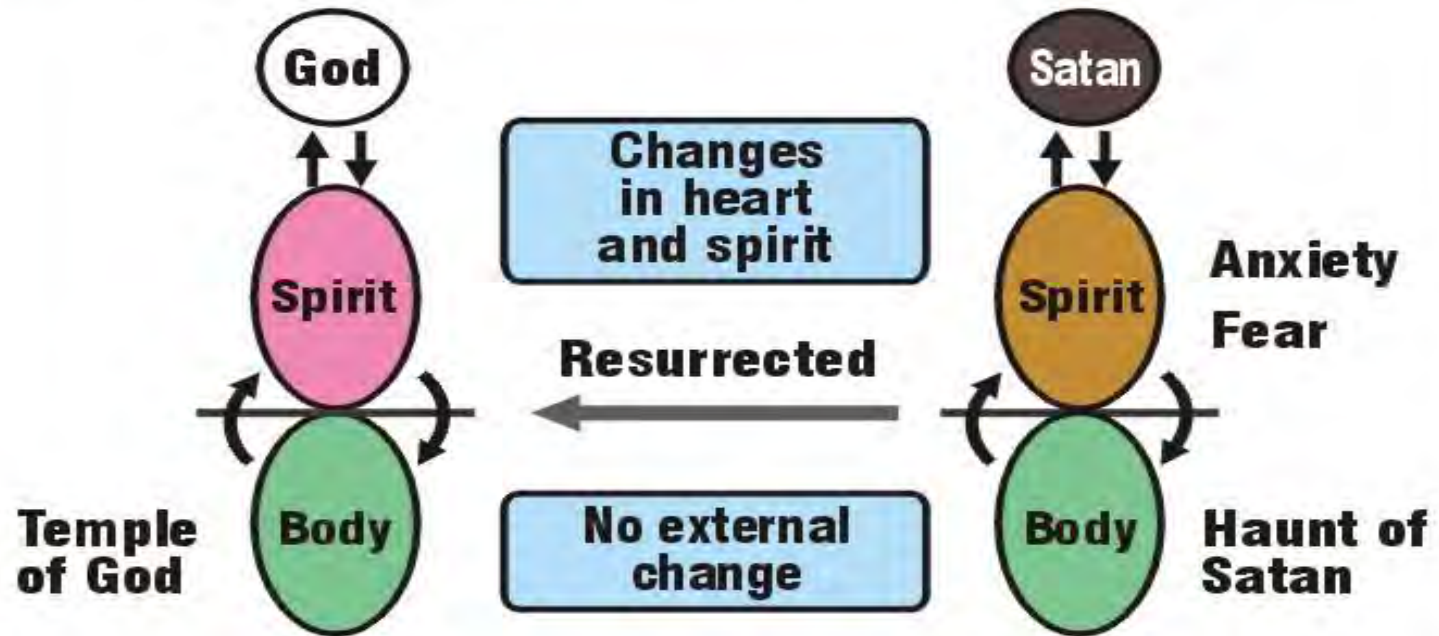
- Resurrection may be defined as the process of being restored from the death caused by the Fall to life, from the realm of Satan's dominion to the realm of God's direct dominion, through the providence of restoration.

What changes does resurrection cause in human beings?



- Adam and Eve died when they ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Nevertheless, no significant external change took place in them. At most there were momentary changes in their countenances due to the anxiety and fear they felt over having fallen.
- Likewise, no significant external changes should be expected to take place in fallen people when they are resurrected to the state prior to the Fall.

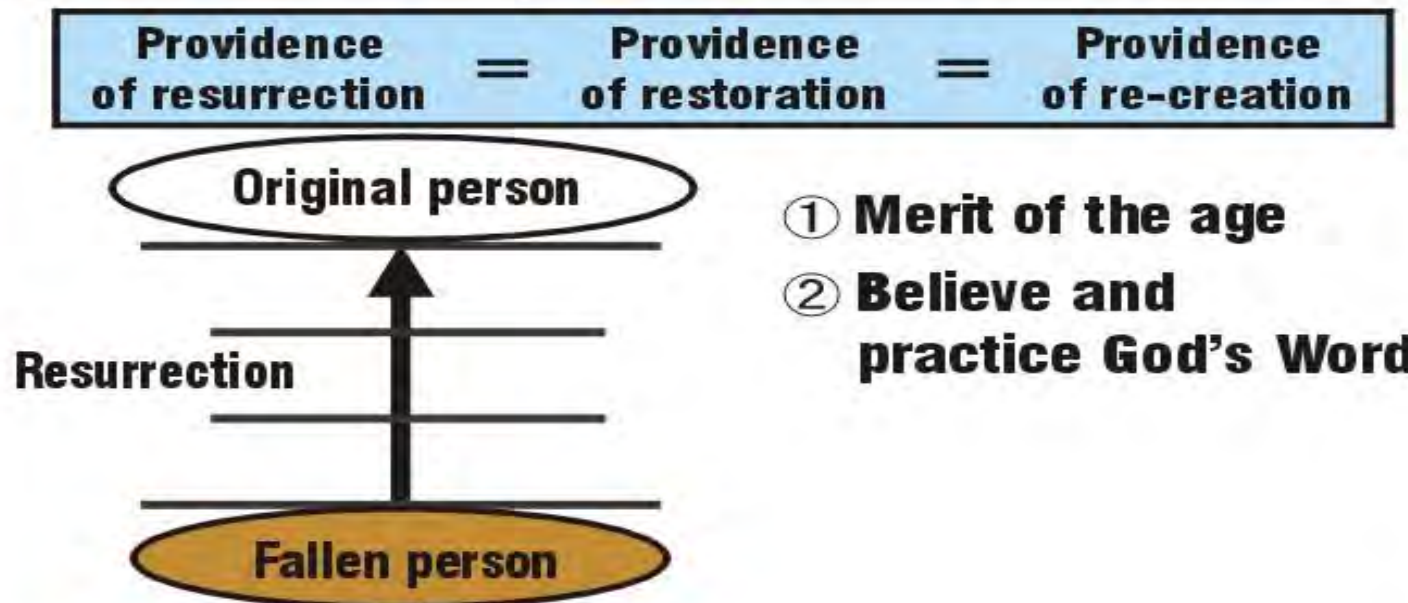
What changes does resurrection cause in human beings?



- Jesus was truly a man who fulfilled the purpose of creation. Nevertheless, judged by his outward appearance, Jesus was not noticeably different from ordinary people.
- The changes a person experiences when he is resurrected and enters the governance of God take place in his heart and spirit. These internal changes also purify his body, transforming it from a haunt of Satan into a temple of God.

Section 2 The Providence of Resurrection

How does God carry out his work of resurrection?

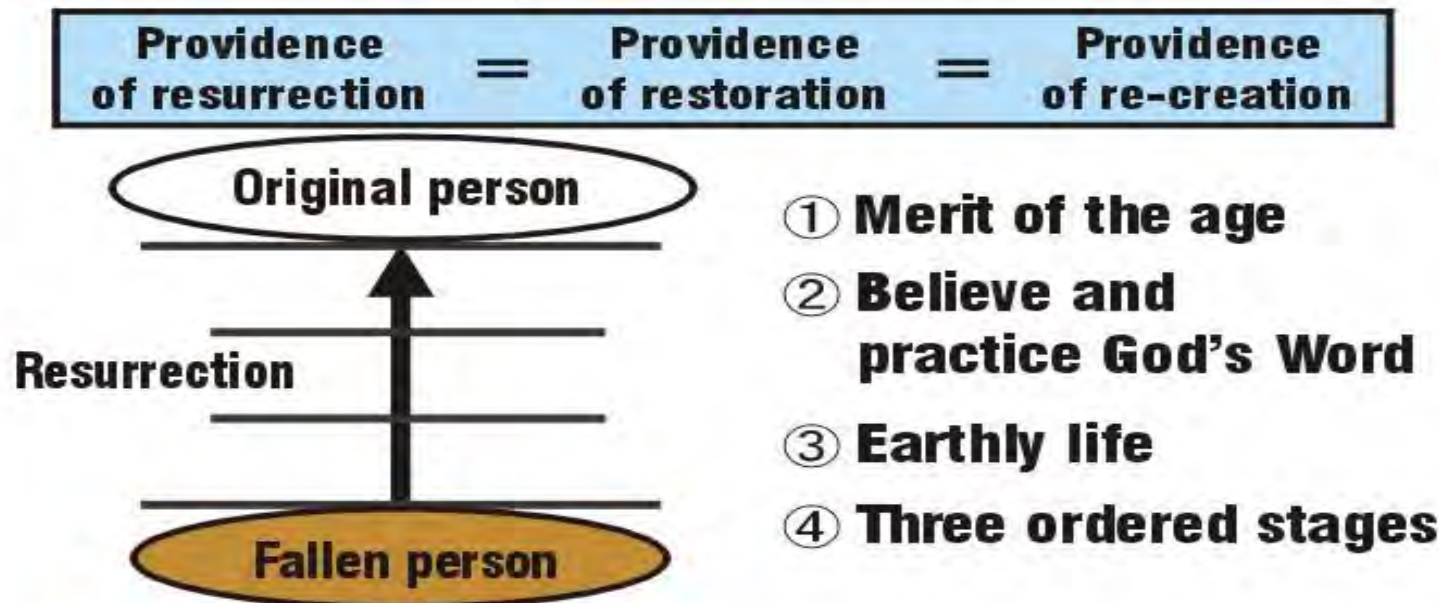


● The providence of resurrection is the providence of restoration, and thus providence of re-creation. Thus, the providence of resurrection is carried out in accordance with the Principle of Creation :

- ① First, the merit of the age has increased in proportion to the foundation of heart laid by the prophets, sages and righteous people who came before us, and the subsequent generations benefit from the merit of the age.
- ② Second, God's responsibility is to give us His Word and guidance, and our responsibility is to believe and practice it.

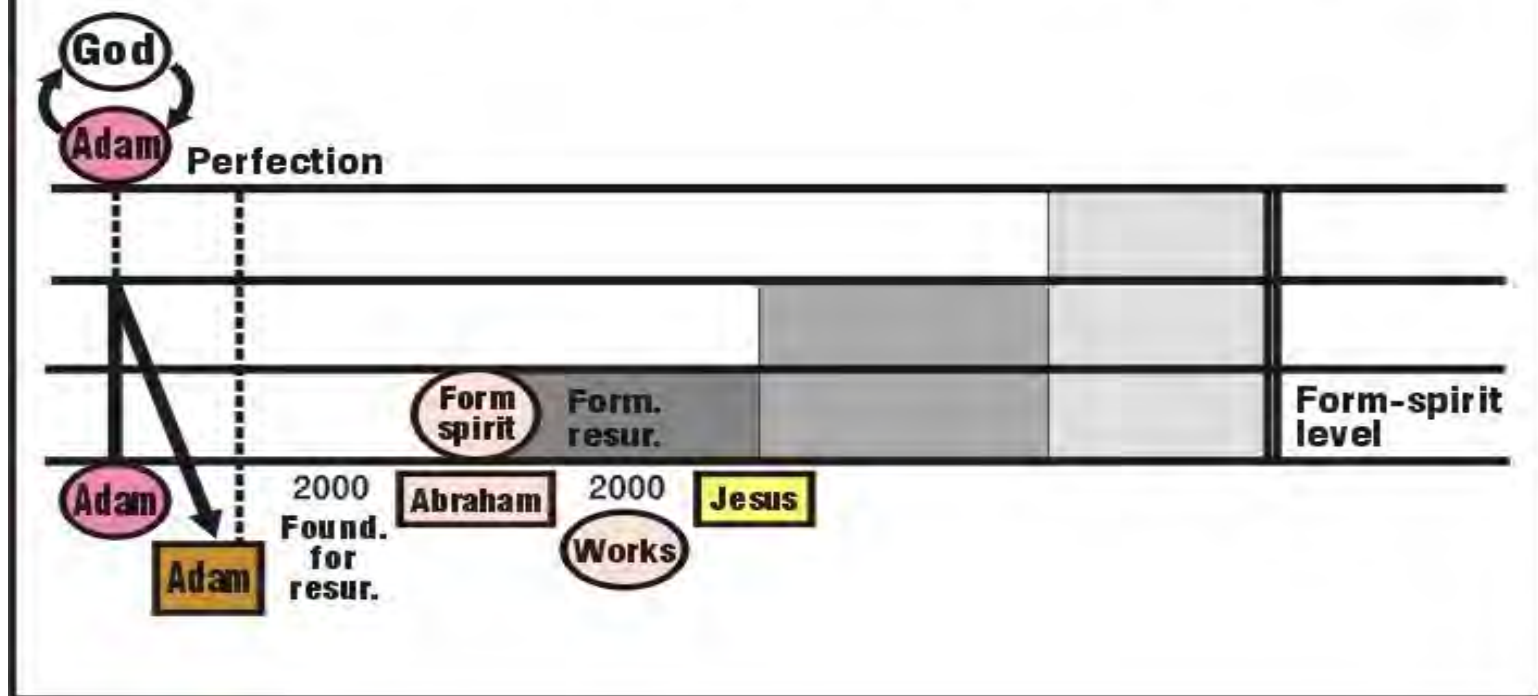
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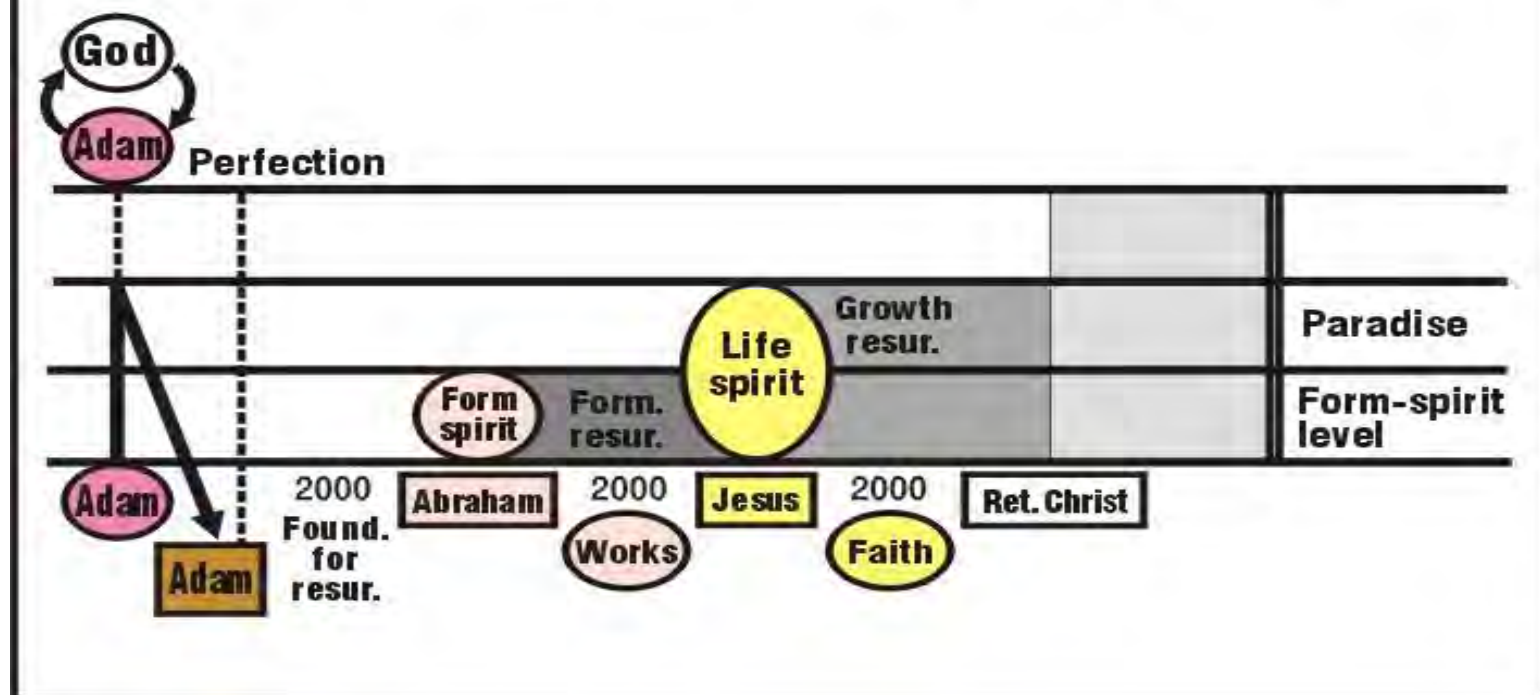
- ③ Third, the resurrection of a spirit can be achieved only through earthly life, in the physical self.
- ④ Fourth, the providence of resurrection is to be completed through three ordered stages.

The providence of resurrection for people on earth



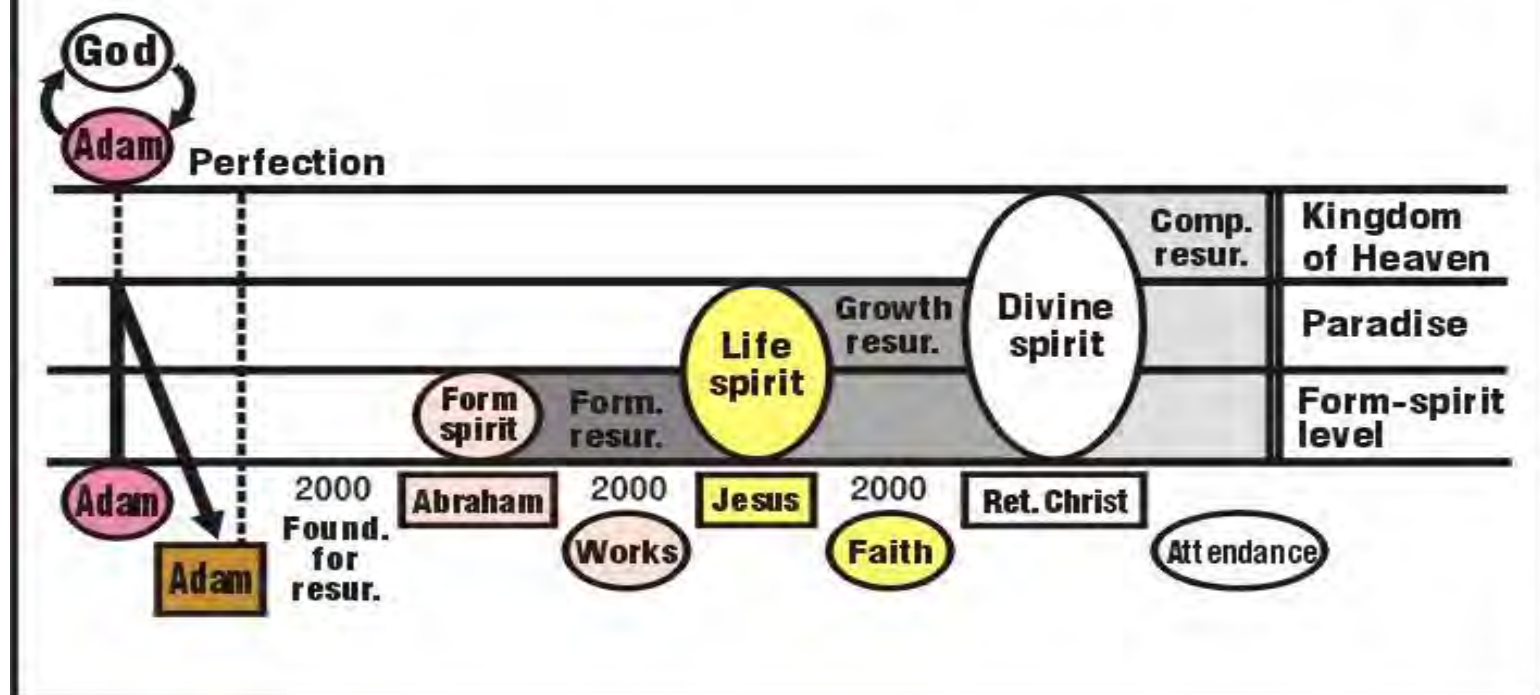
- The 2000 years from Adam to Abraham may be called the age of the providence to lay the foundation for resurrection.
- The 2000 years from Abraham to Jesus may be called the age of the providence of formation-stage resurrection (age of justification by works). Upon their death, the believers of this era entered and abided in the form-spirit level of the spirit world.

The providence of resurrection for people on earth



- The 2000 years from Jesus to the returning Christ may be called the age of the providence of growth-stage resurrection (age of justification by faith). Upon their death, the believers of this era enter and abide in Paradise, the life-spirit level of the spirit world.

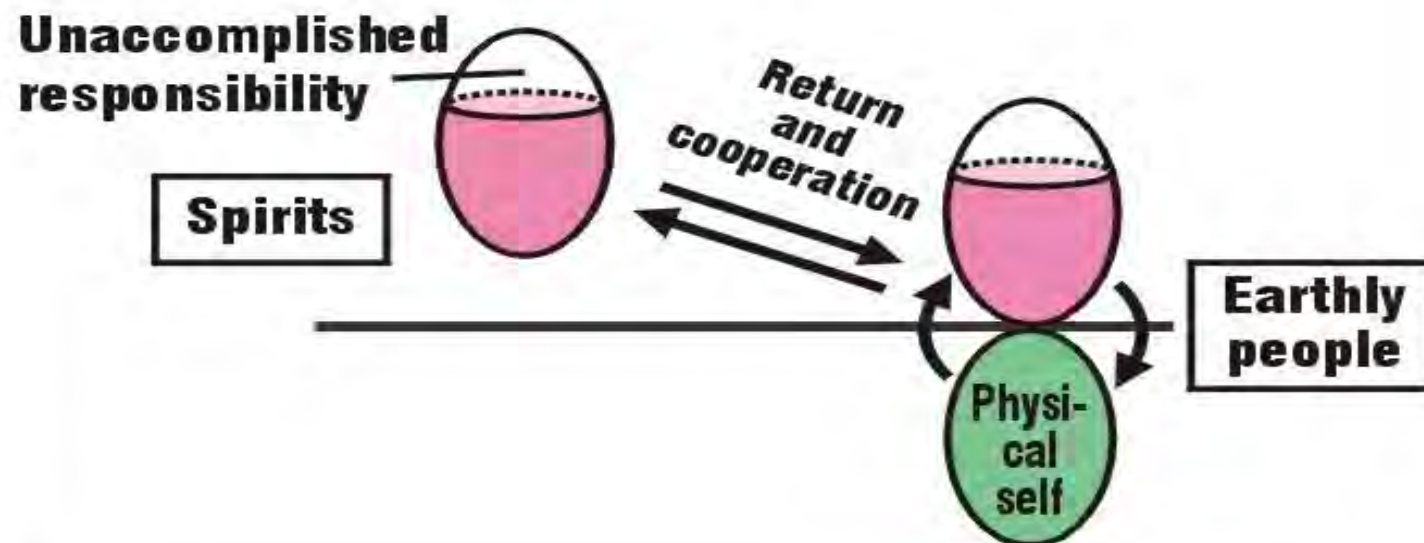
The providence of resurrection for people on earth



- The era when people are to complete the providence of resurrection through the returning Christ is called the age of the providence of completion-stage resurrection (age of justification by attendance). Upon their death, the believers of this era will enter and abide in the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven, which is the divine-spirit level of the spirit world .

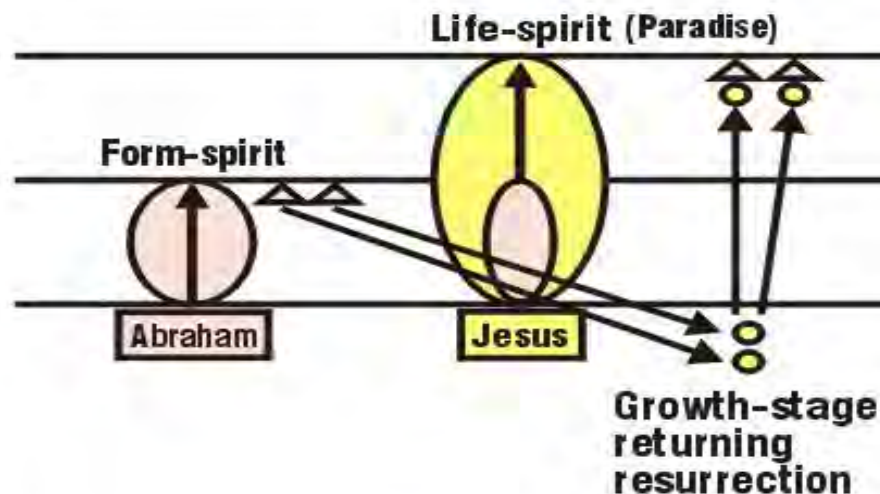
The providence of resurrection for spirits

Purpose and way of returning resurrection



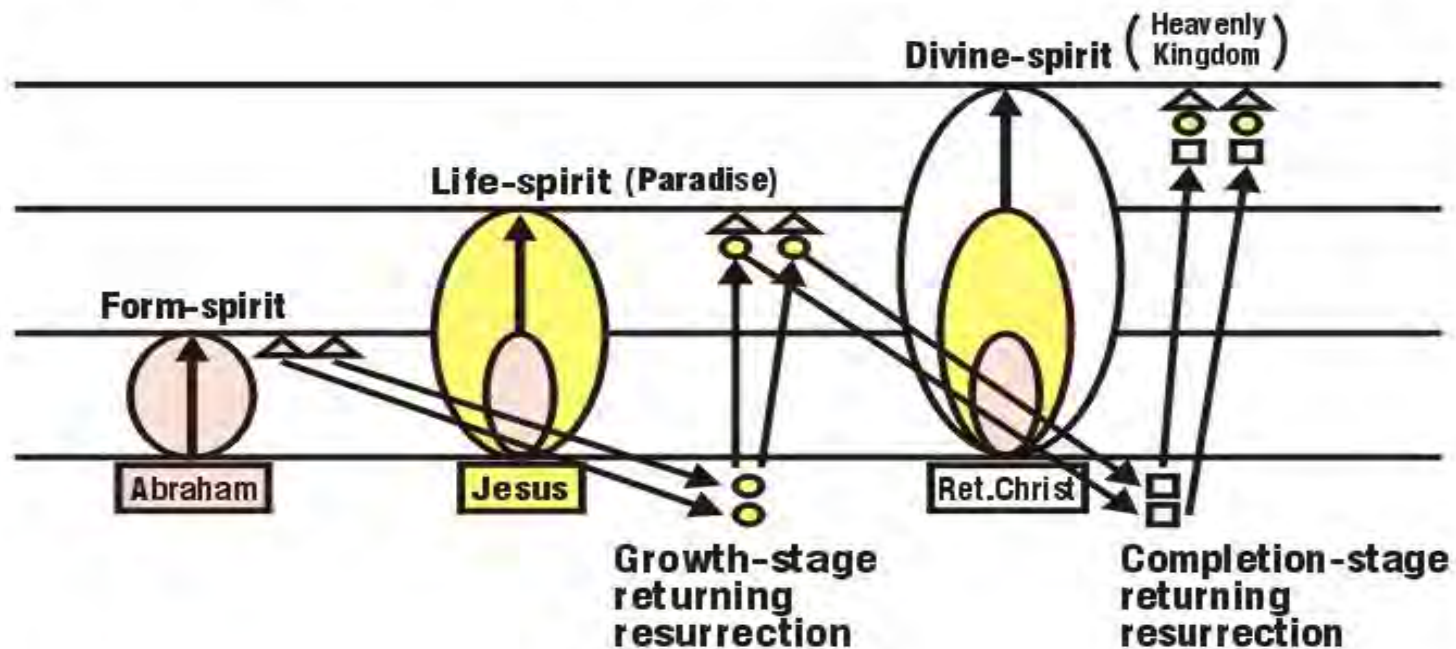
- The spirits of people who died before they could reach perfection during their earthly life can be resurrected only by returning to earth and completing their unaccomplished responsibility through cooperation with earthly people .
- We call this process returning resurrection .

The returning resurrection of the spirits of Israelites and Christians



- After the advent of Jesus, the form spirits of the Old Testament Age (△) all returned to earth and assisted faithful people on earth (●) to attain the level of life spirit. By this, they too received the same benefit: entered Paradise together. We call this growth-stage returning resurrection.

The returning resurrection of the spirits of Israelites and Christians



- After the Second Advent, the life spirits of the New Testament Age (● △) will all return to the earth to help faithful people on earth (□) to attain the level of divine spirit. By this, they too will receive the same benefit and enter the 'heavenly kingdom together. We call this completion-stage returning resurrection .

The returning resurrection of spirits who abide outside paradise

Spirits of other religions



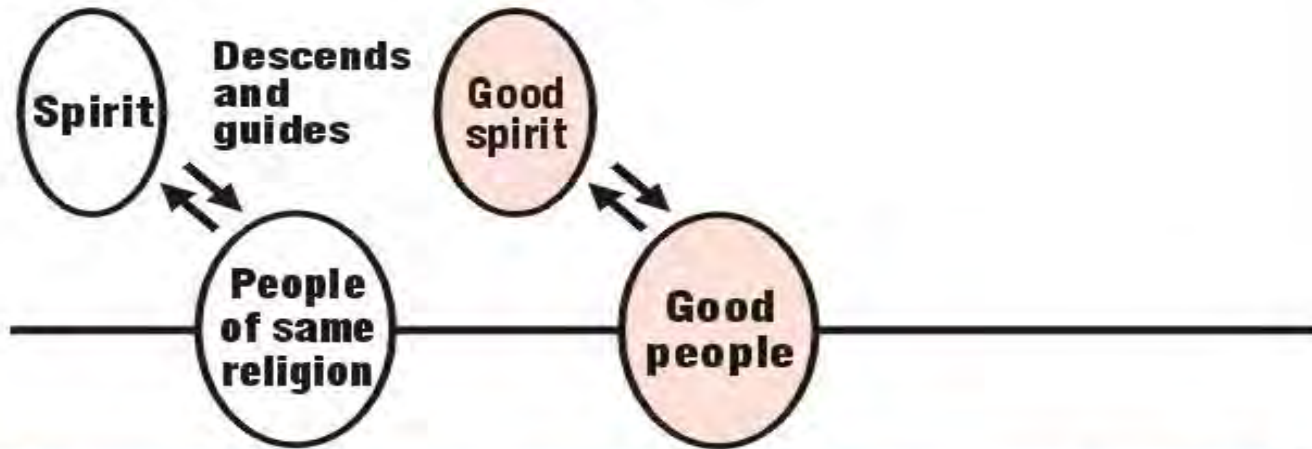
Fulfill purpose of providence → Same benefit

- A spirit who believed in a religion other than Christianity during his lifetime seeks a counterpart among the earthly people of the same religion as he believed during his earthly life. He descends to the person of his choice and guides him. When he helps that person fulfill the purpose of the providence of restoration, they both receive the same benefit.

The returning resurrection of spirits who abide outside paradise

Spirits of other religions

Good spirits



Fulfill purpose of providence → Same benefit

- Good spirits who lived a conscientious life descend to good people on earth and cooperate with them. In the process, the spirits receive the same benefits as the people they have helped.

The returning resurrection of spirits who abide outside paradise

Spirits of other religions

Spirit

Descends and guides

People of same religion

Good spirits

Good spirit

Good people

Evil spirits

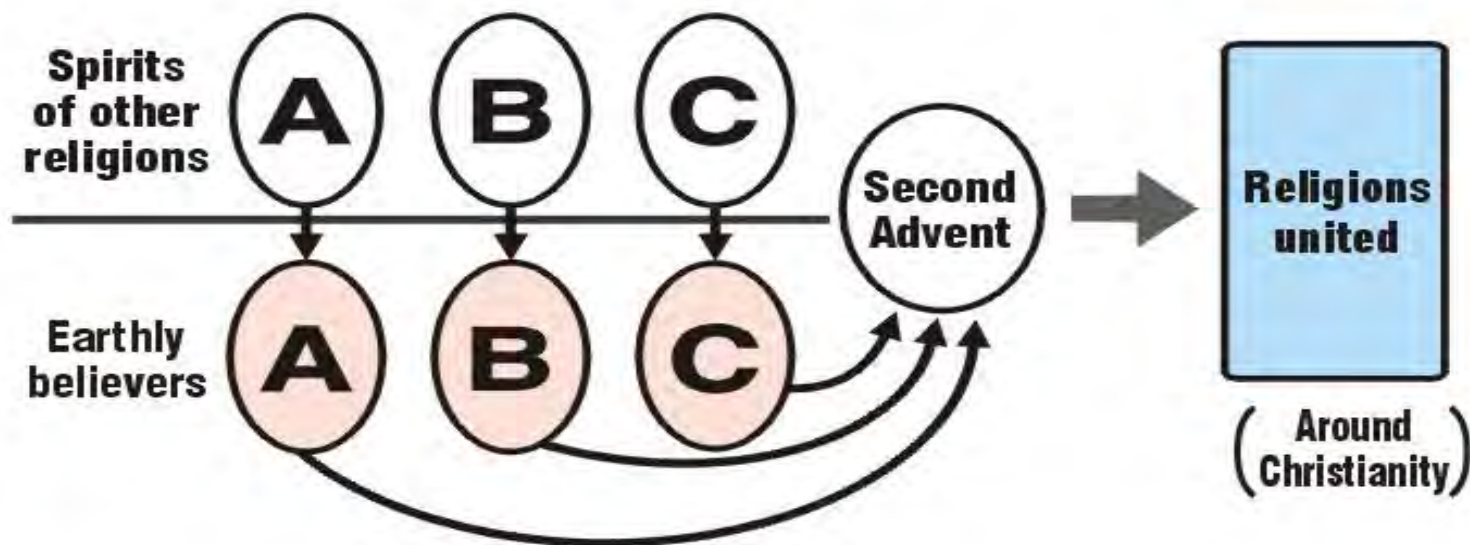
Evil spirit

Earthly people

Fulfill purpose of providence → Same benefit

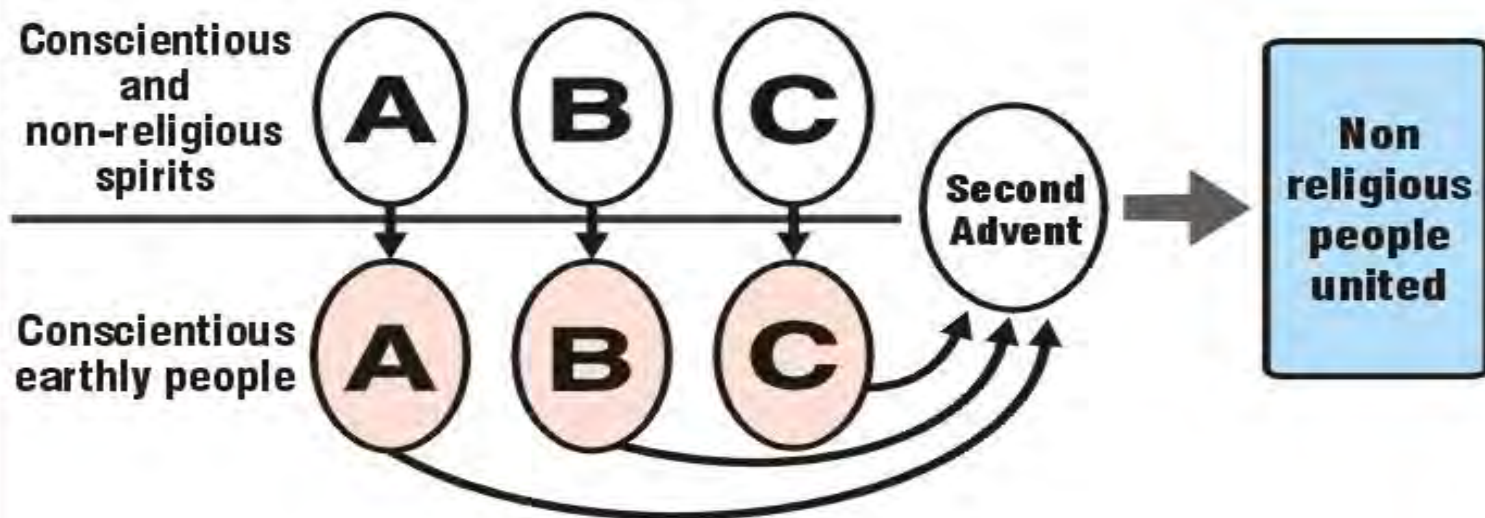
- In order for evil spirits to receive the benefit of returning resurrection, their works must have the effect of punishing earthly people to help them make conditions to indemnify their failures which have frustrated God's past efforts to cleanse them of their sins .

Section 3 The Unification of Religions through Returning Resurrection



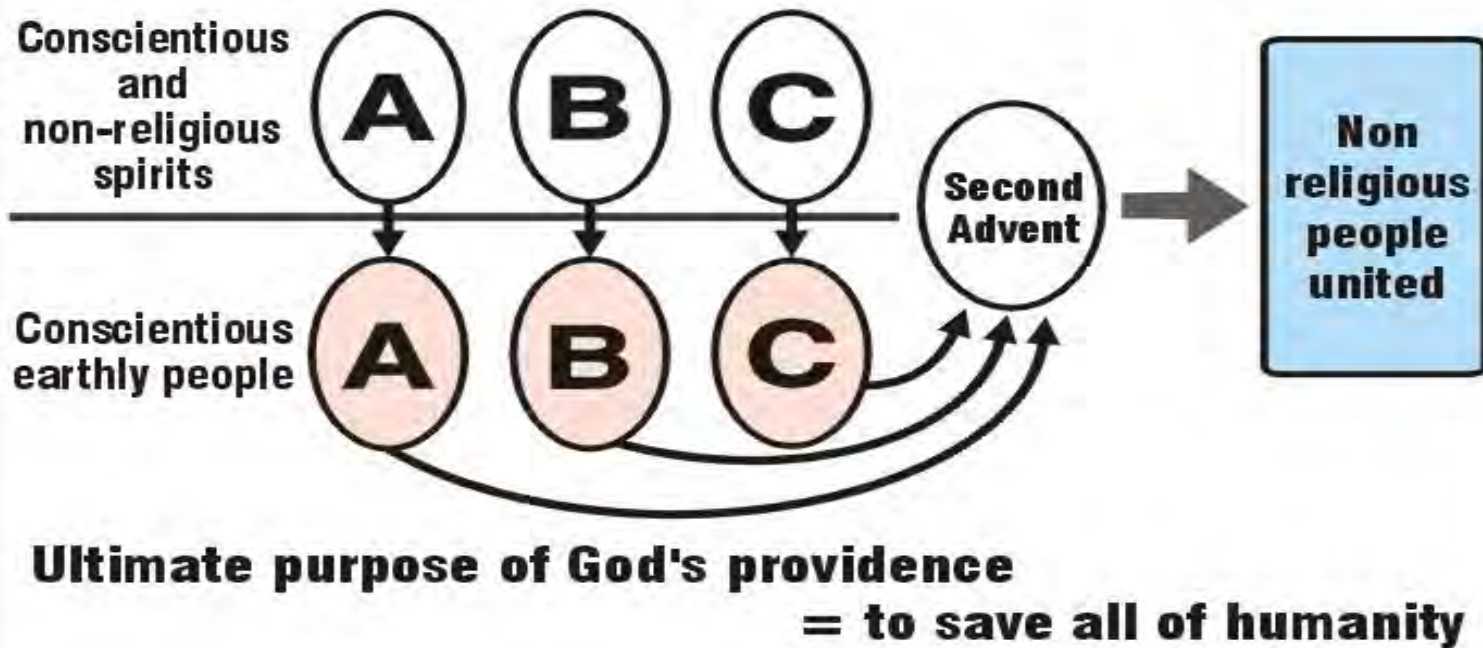
- Christ at the Second Advent is the central figure whose advent is expected in other religions as well.
- Consequently, all spirits who believed in religions other than Christianity during their lifetime must guide the earthly believers of their respective religions to Christ at the Second Advent and assist them to believe in him and attend him in his work to fulfill God's Will, even though the timing will vary depending upon their spiritual position.
- All religions will eventually be united around Christianity .

Unification of non-religious people through returning resurrection



- Spirits who, in their lifetime, led a conscientious life but did not believe in any religion will also return to earth at the granted time to receive the benefit of returning resurrection.
- They will guide conscientious earthly people to seek out Christ at the Second Advent, attend him, and assist him in fulfilling God's Will.

Unification of non-religious people through returning resurrection



- The ultimate purpose of God's providence of restoration is to save all of humanity. Therefore, God intends to abolish hell completely.
- By participating in these various dispensations over a long course of time, all people will gradually converge toward the goal of God's ideal world.

Chapter 6 Predestination

- **Prosperity and decline, happiness and misery**
- **Salvation and damnation**
- **Rise and fall of nations**

Affirm predestination

Rom. 8:30

Rom. 9:15-16

Rom. 9:21

Rom. 9:11-13

Refute predestination

Gen. 2:17

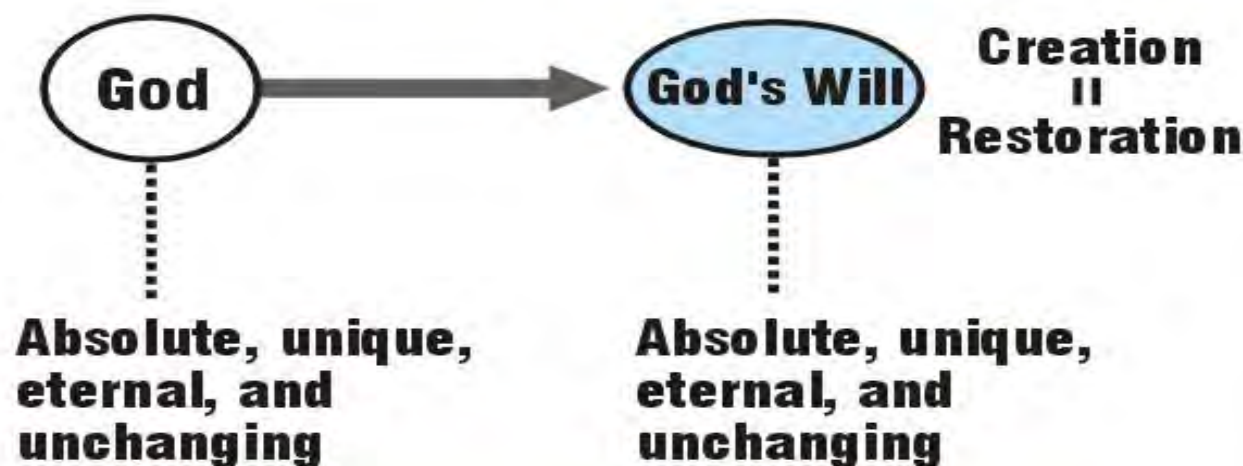
Gen. 6:6

Matt. 7:7

James 5:14-15

- Theological controversy over predestination has caused great confusion in the religious lives of many people .
- In the Bible, we find many passages which are often interpreted to mean that everything in an individual's life comes to pass exactly as predestined by God.
- Yet we can find sufficient evidence in the Bible to refute the doctrine of absolute predestination .
- How can the Principle solve this problem?

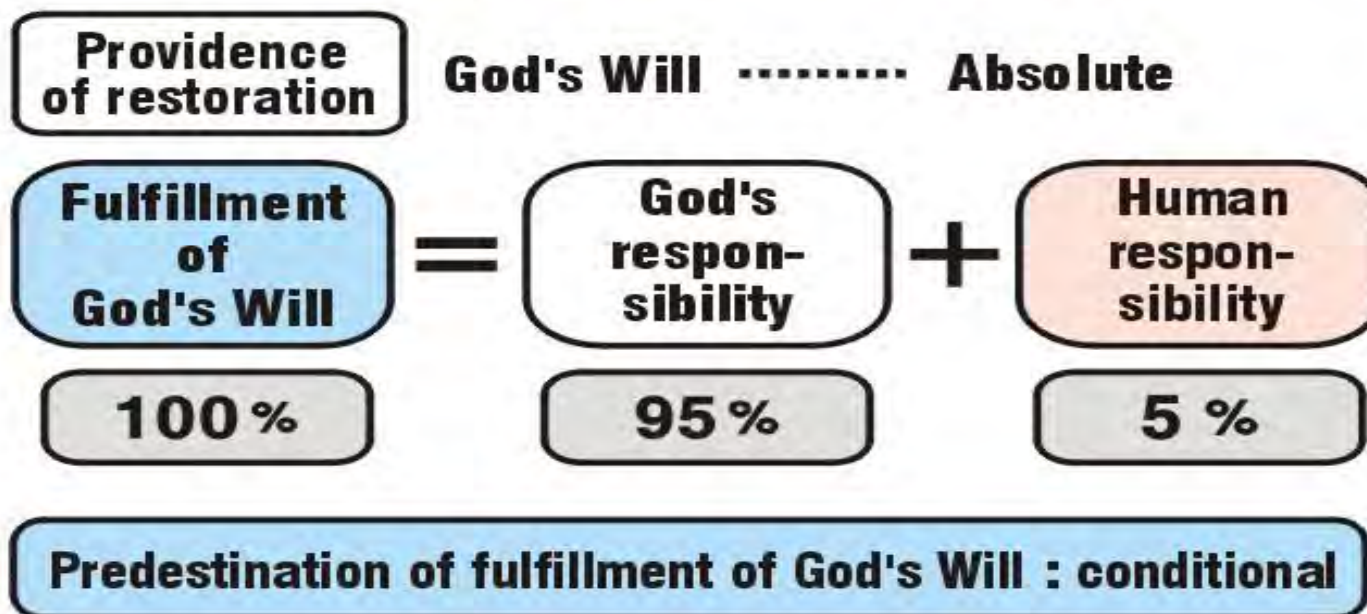
Section 1 The Predestination of God's Will



Predestination of God's Will : absolute

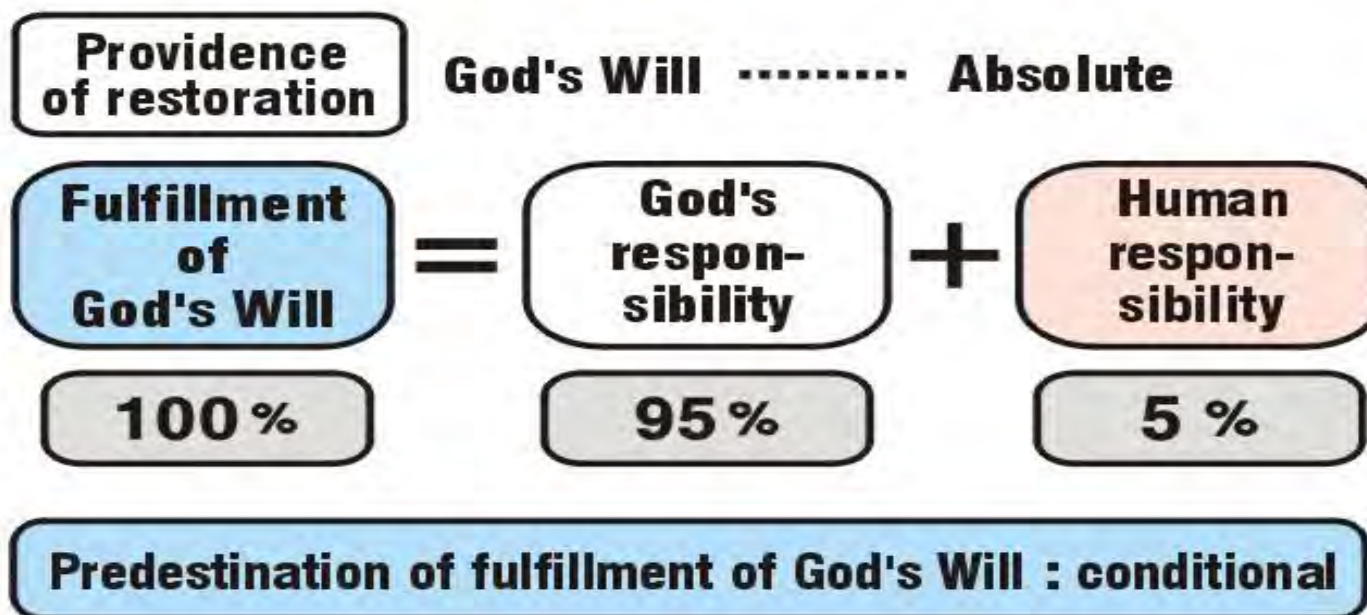
- God could not accomplish His purpose of creation due to the human Fall. Accordingly, God's Will is still to accomplish the purpose of creation. In this sense, God's Will is that restoration be accomplished .
- God is the absolute Being, unique, eternal and unchanging; therefore, His Will must also be absolute, unique, eternal, and unchanging.
- God's predestination of His Will is absolute.

Section 2 The Predestination of the Way in Which God's Will Is Fulfilled



- Although God's Will of the providence of restoration is absolute and beyond human influence, its fulfillment necessarily requires the accomplishment of the human portion of responsibility .
- God predestines the process of its fulfillment conditionally, contingent upon the five percent responsibility of the central figure, which must be completed in addition to the ninety-five percent responsibility of God .

Section 2 The Predestination of the Way in Which God's Will Is Fulfilled



- The proportion of five percent is used to indicate that the human portion of responsibility is extremely small when compared to God's portion of responsibility. Yet for human beings, this five percent is equivalent to one hundred percent of our effort.
- The predestination of the fulfillment of God's Will is conditional.

Section 3 The Predestination of Human Beings

Predestination of human beings : conditional

God's providence of salvation :

One point → Whole

- If a person does not complete his responsibility, he cannot become the person God has purposed him to be. Hence, predestination of human beings is conditional.
- God's providence of salvation begins from one point and gradually expands to cover the whole. Therefore, in the providence of salvation, God first predestines one person to be the central figure and then calls him to a mission.


Section 3 The Predestination of Human Beings

Predestination of human beings : conditional

God's providence of salvation :

One point  Whole

Central
figure

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- ① Chosen people
 - ② Ancestral line with good accomplishments
 - ③ Requisite character
 - ④ Necessary qualities
 - ⑤ Time and place fitting to God's need

- What qualifications should the person possess to merit such a calling ? He must be born into the chosen people. He must come from an ancestral line with many good accomplishments. He must be endowed with the requisite character. He must develop the necessary qualities during his early life. He must live in a time and place most fitting to God's need.

Section 4 Elucidation of Biblical Verses Which Support the Doctrine of Absolute Predestination

Rom. 8:29-30



- The book of Romans says: "For those whom He foreknew He also predestined... those whom He predestined He also called; and those whom He called He also justified; and those whom He justified He also glorified." (Rom. 8:29-30)

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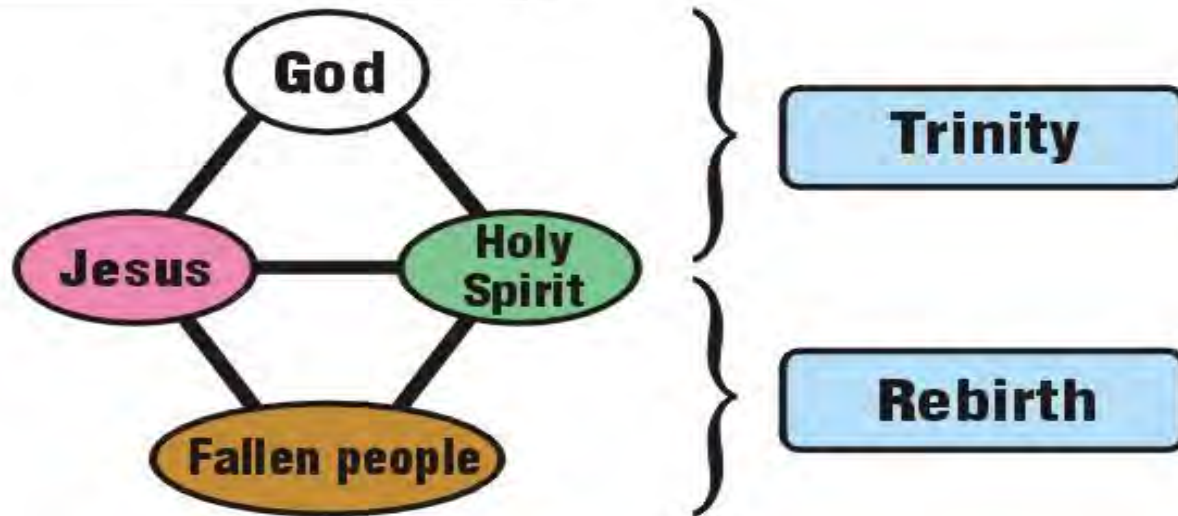
→ **Not mention human responsibility**



- God predestines those whom He foreknows; then He calls upon him to fulfill the purpose of the providence. Calling the person is God's responsibility, but only when the person completes his responsibility after being called by God is he justified and then glorified.
- Because the biblical verse does not mention the human portion of responsibility, people may misinterpret it to mean that all affairs are determined solely by God's absolute predestination.

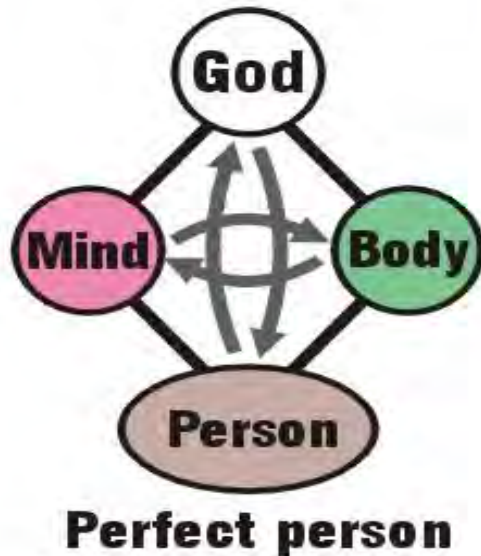
Chapter 7 Christology

Issues of Christology



- Issues which fall within the scope of Christology include the Trinity, which deals with the relationship between God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit, as well as rebirth and the relationship between Jesus, the Holy Spirit and fallen people.
- Until today, the controversies surrounding these issues have never been clearly settled. Consequently, considerable confusion remains in Christian doctrine and ways of faith.

Section 1 The Value of a Person Who Has Realized the Purpose of Creation



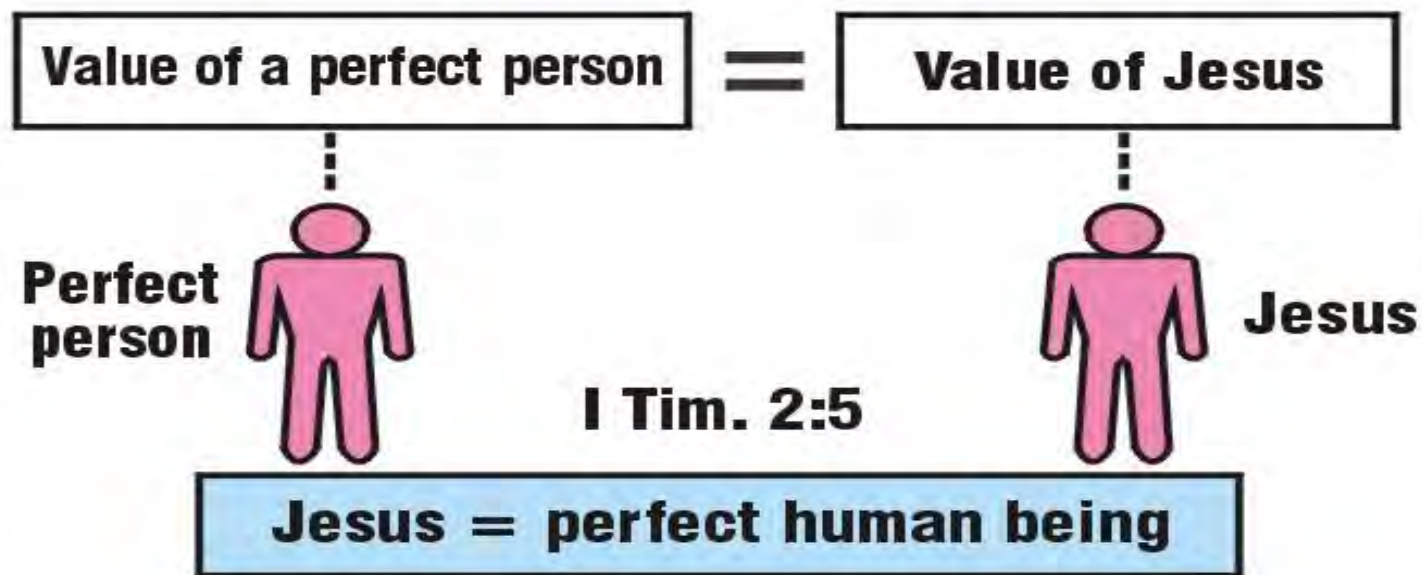
① **Divine value (Mat. 5:48)**

② **Unique existence**

③ **Value of entire cosmos
(Mat. 16:26)**

- The key in approaching these matters is to understand the original value of human beings.
- A person who has realized the purpose of creation (perfect person)
 - ① assumes a divine value, comparable to God;
 - ② is a unique existence in the cosmos;
 - ③ has the value of the entire cosmos.

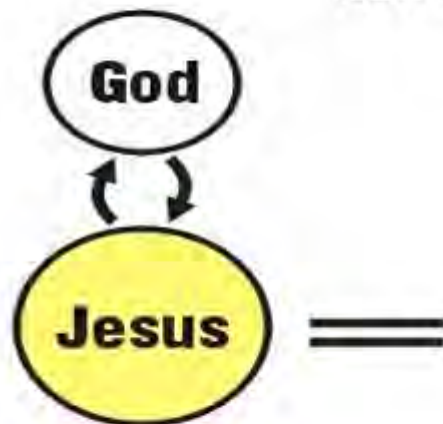
Section 2 Jesus and the Person Who Has Realized the Purpose of Creation



- A perfect person has the same divine nature as God. He is unique in all the cosmos. Furthermore, he possesses the value of the cosmos.
- There is no greater value than the value of a person who has realized the ideal of creation. This is the value of Jesus, who surely attained the highest imaginable value .
- Thus, Jesus is a human being who realized the ideal of creation on the individual level.

Is Jesus God himself?

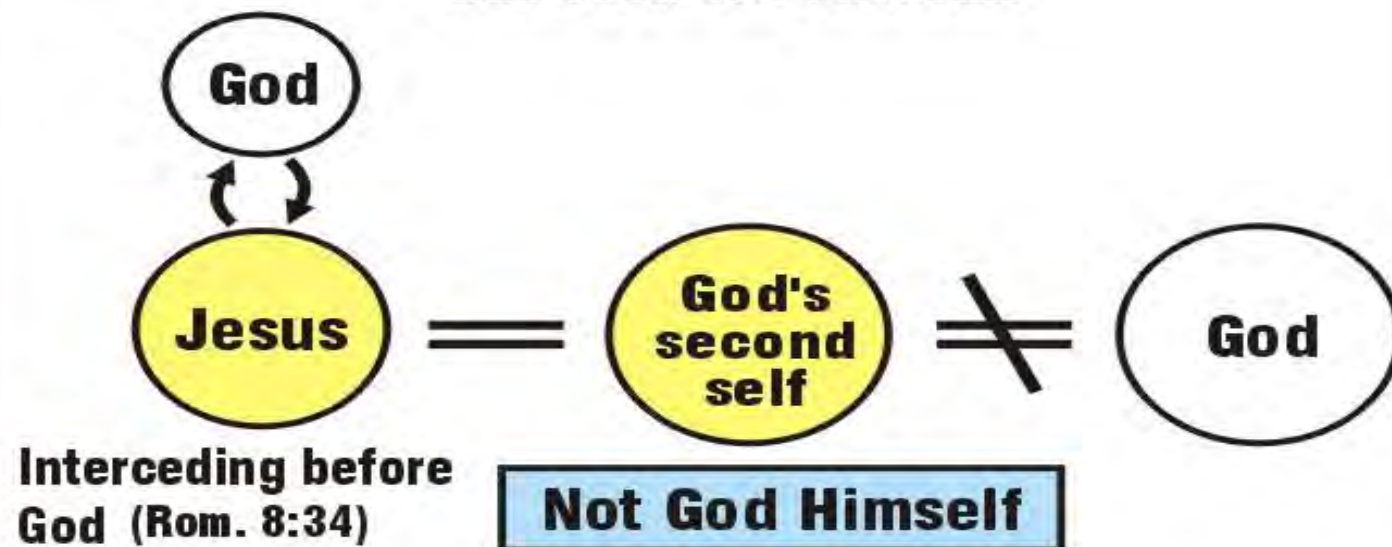
John 14:9-10 **He who has seen me
has seen the Father...**



- When Philip asked Jesus to show him God, Jesus said, "He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, 'Show me the Father?'" (John 14:9-10) Based on such biblical verses as this, many Christians have believed that Jesus is God, the Creator .
- Jesus may well be called God because, as a man who has realized the purpose of creation and who lives in oneness with God, he has a divine nature. Nevertheless, he is not God Himself.

Is Jesus God himself?

John 14:9-10 **He who has seen me
has seen the Father...**



- The body may be understood to be the mind's second self; but it is not the mind itself. By analogy, Jesus may be understood to be God's second self; but he is not God.
- It is written that since his resurrection, Jesus has been interceding for us before God (Rom. 8:34) as he did while he was on earth. This tells us that Jesus was not God Himself.

Section 3 Jesus and Fallen People

Fallen person	Jesus
① <u>Has nothing of the value</u> of a true person who has completed the purpose of creation.	① <u>Came with the full value</u> of a true person who has completed the purpose of creation.
② <u>Has fallen</u> to such a lowly status that he looks up to the angels.	② <u>Angels and all things</u> were put in his dominion.
③ <u>Is with original sin</u> and stained with the condition through which Satan can attack him.	③ <u>Had no original sin</u> and no condition in himself for Satan to invade him.
④ <u>Cannot fathom</u> the Will and Heart of God. At most, he can catch only a glimpse of them.	④ <u>Experienced God's Heart</u> as his own reality in his daily life.

- A person has virtually none of his original value as long as he remains in the fallen state. If, however, he were to be reborn through Jesus, the True Parent, and become his good child cleansed of the original sin, he would be restored as a true person who has perfected the purpose of creation, like Jesus Christ himself.

Section 4 Rebirth and Trinity

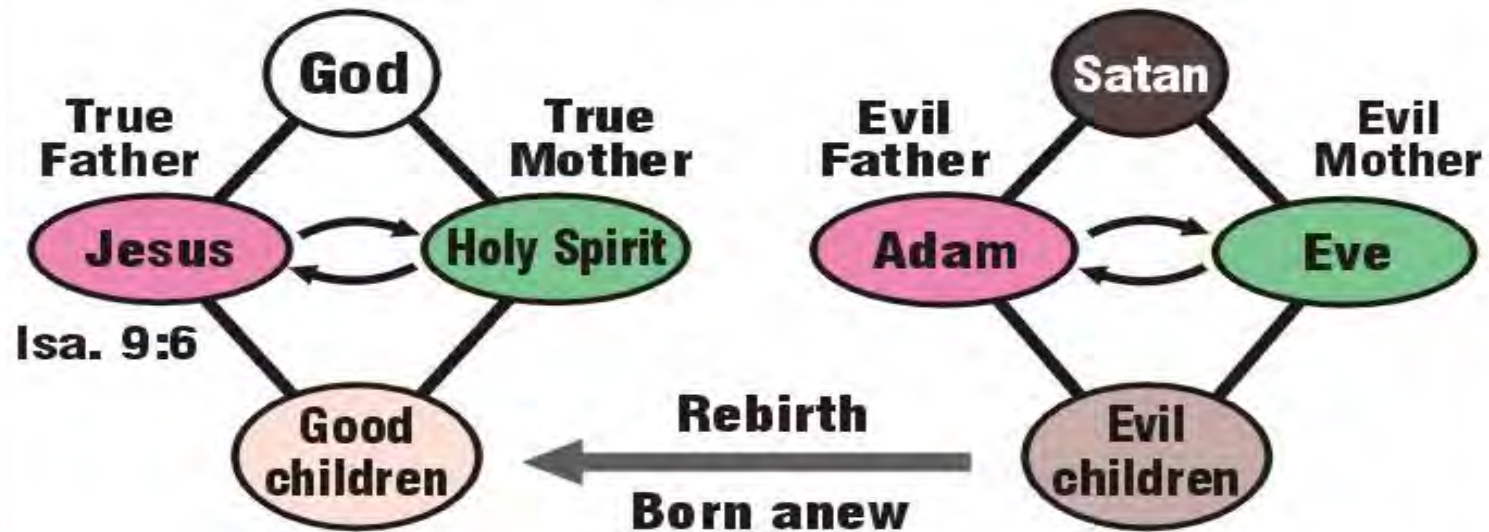
Jesus and the Holy Spirit and their mission to give rebirth



- Jesus told Nicodemus, "Unless one is born anew, he cannot see the kingdom of God." (John 3:3) Why must fallen people be born anew?
- Adam and Eve fell and became evil parents, multiplying evil children. Hence, fallen people must be born anew as children without original sin.

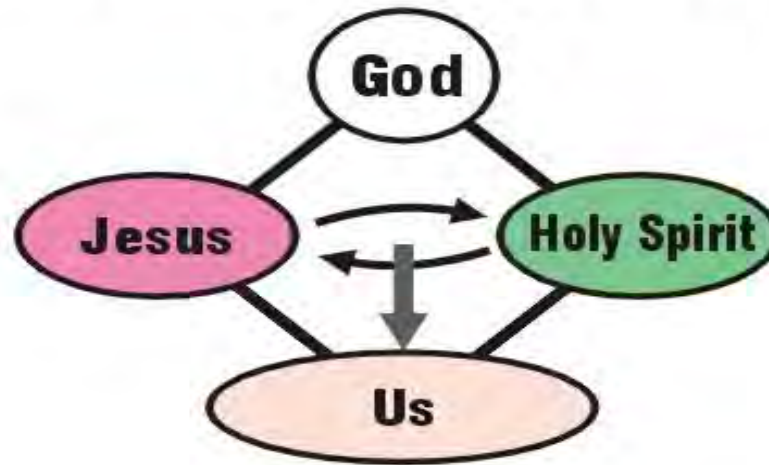
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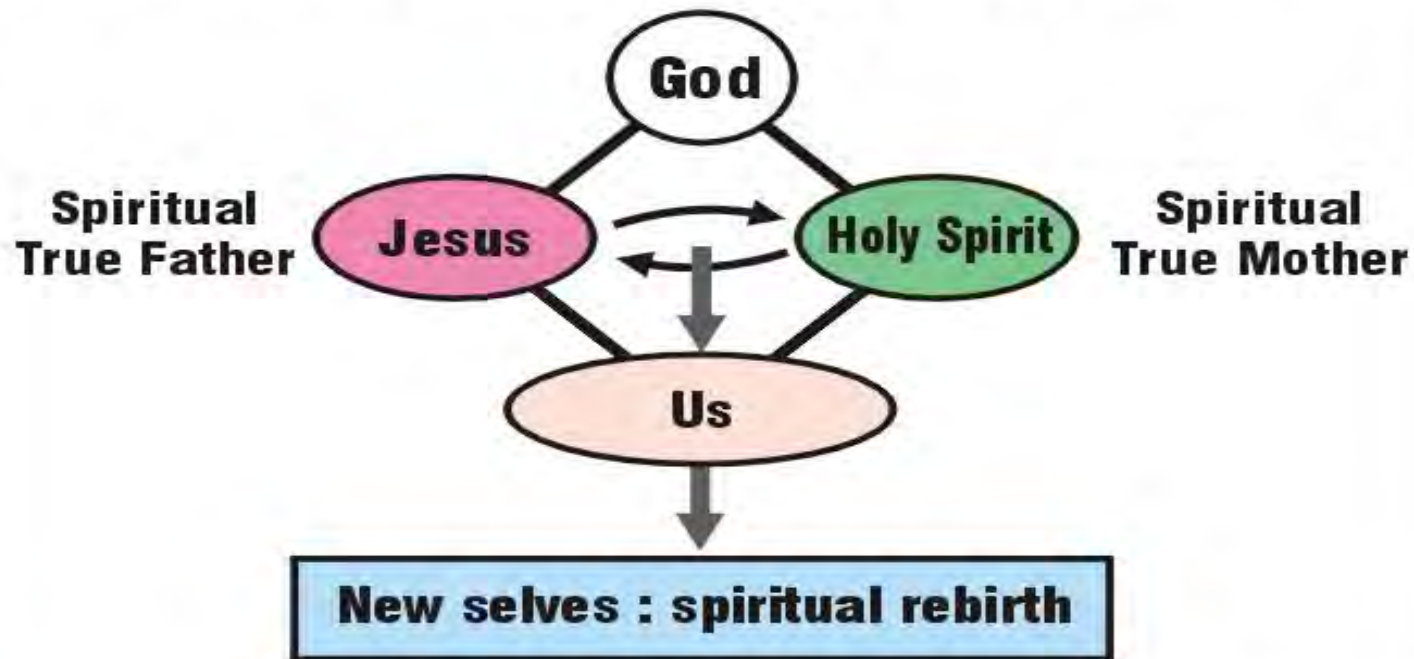
- Jesus came as the True Father in order to give rebirth to fallen people, transforming them into good children, thoroughly cleansed of original sin. The Holy Spirit came as the True Mother.
- For this reason, Isa. 9:6 speaks of him as the "Everlasting Father."

Spiritual rebirth through Jesus and the Holy Spirit



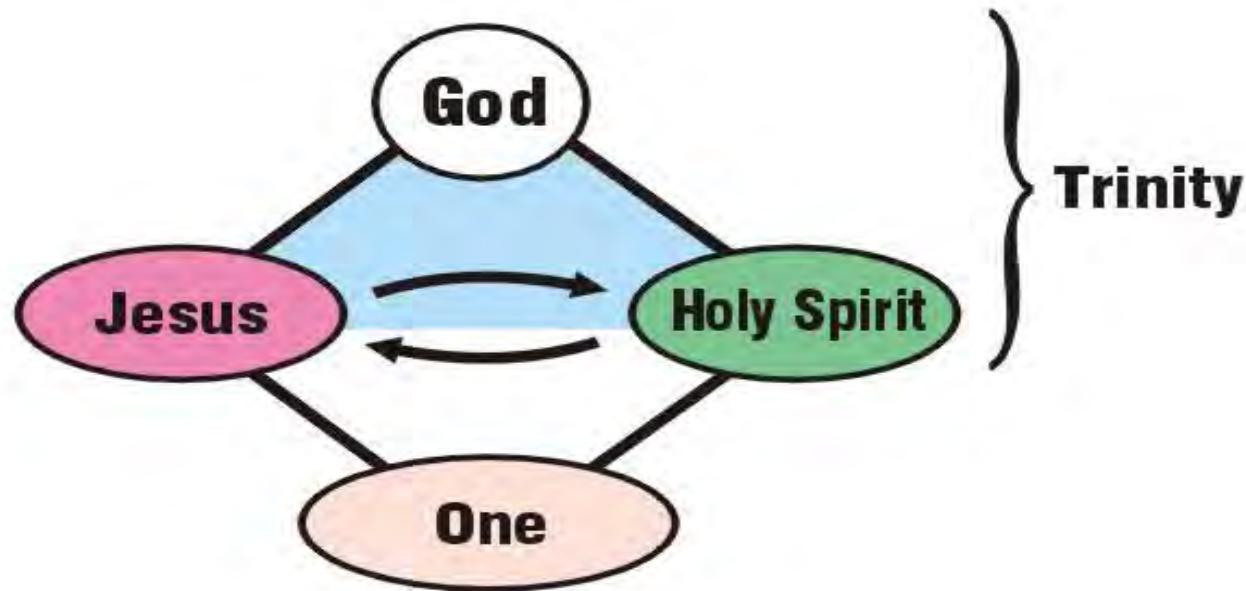
- Jesus said that no one can enter the Kingdom of God unless he is born anew through the Holy Spirit (John 3:5).
- Being feminine, the Holy Spirit consoles and moves the hearts of people (Rom. 5:5).

Spiritual rebirth through Jesus and the Holy Spirit



- When we believe in Jesus as the Savior through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
- We receive the love of the spiritual True Parents, generated through the give and take between Jesus and the Holy Spirit .
- Through this love, new life is infused into us, and our spirits are reborn as new selves.
- This is spiritual rebirth.

The Trinity



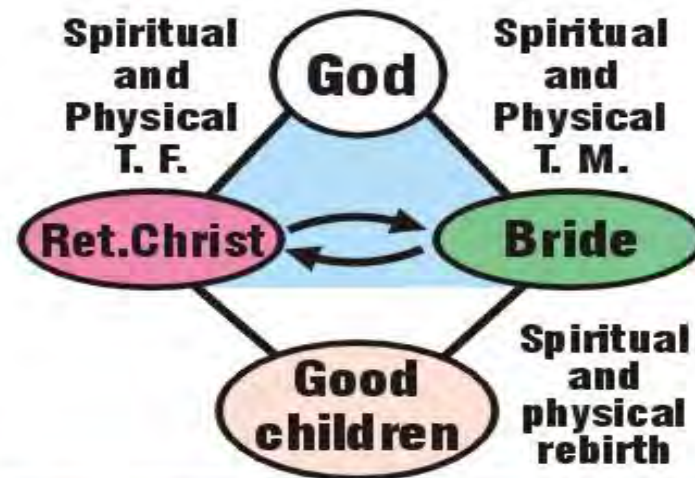
- To fulfill the purpose of creation, Jesus and the Holy Spirit stand before God as object partners who separately manifest the dual characteristics of God. They unite through give and take with each other with God as the center and form the four position foundation.
- Jesus and the Holy Spirit thus become one centering on God, and this oneness constitutes the Trinity.

Spiritual and perfect trinities



- Jesus and the Holy Spirit in oneness with God could form only a spiritual trinity. They could fulfill only the mission of spiritual True Parents.

Spiritual and perfect trinities



**Become True Parents spiritually
and physically
Build Kingdom of Heaven on earth**

- Christ must return in the flesh and find his Bride. They will form on the earth a perfect trinity with God and become True Parents both spiritually and physically. They will give fallen people both spiritual and physical rebirth, removing their original sin and enabling them to build trinities on earth with God as the center.
- Then, we will finally be able to build the Kingdom of Heaven on earth where God's three great blessings are fulfilled.