

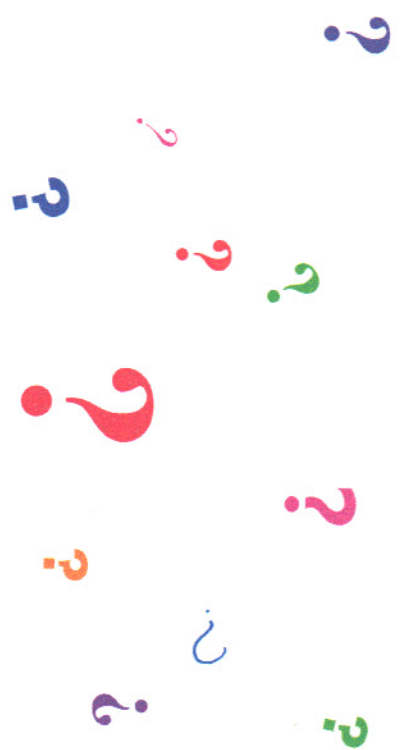
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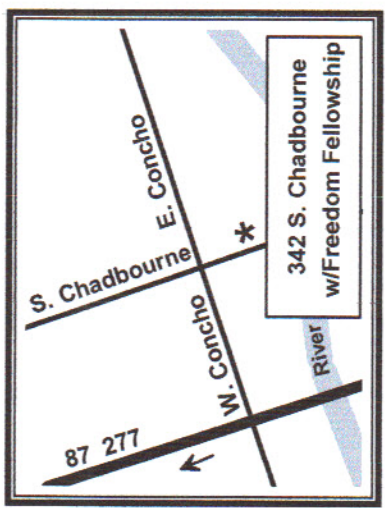
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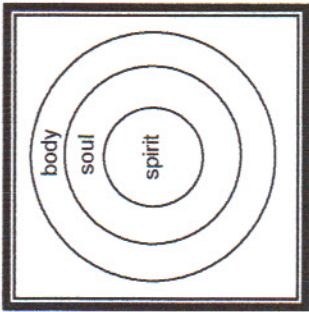
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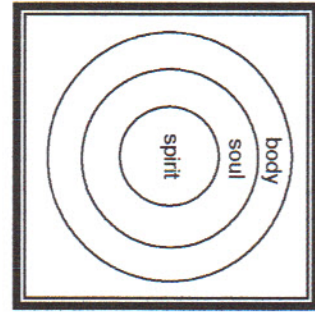
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spirit for the purpose of having a relationship with God. God looks at us from the inside out. "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23). **However**, something has happened to the spirit of man that keeps him from having a personal relationship with God ...

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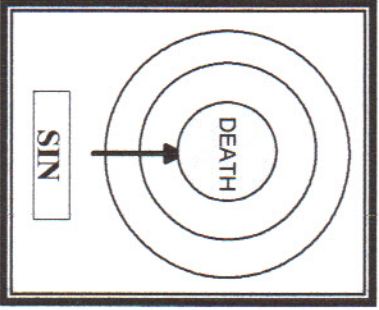
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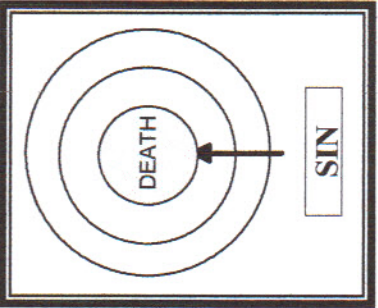
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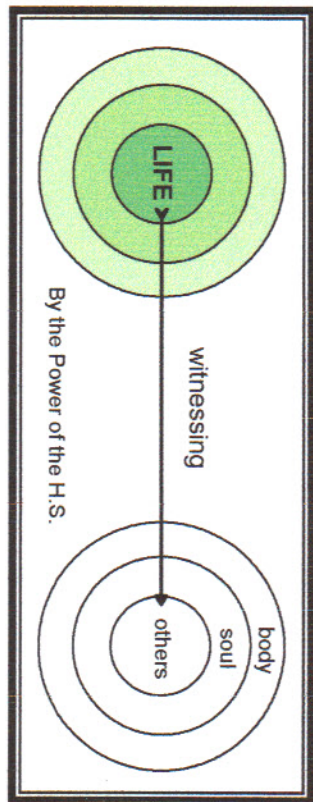
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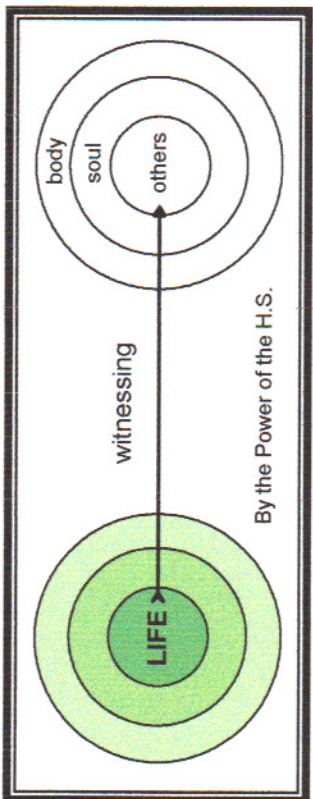
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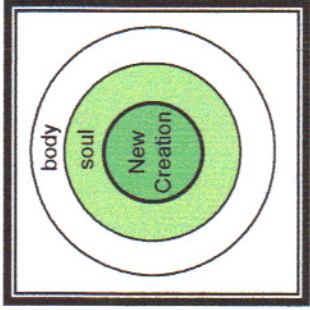
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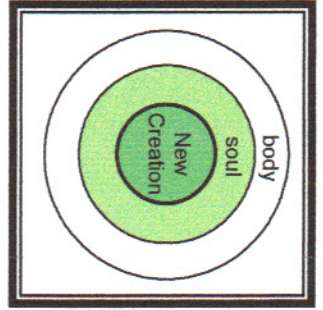
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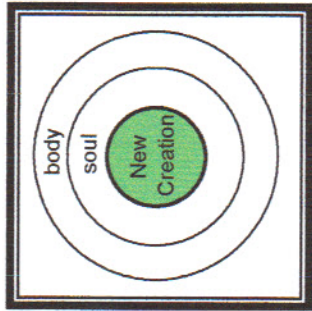
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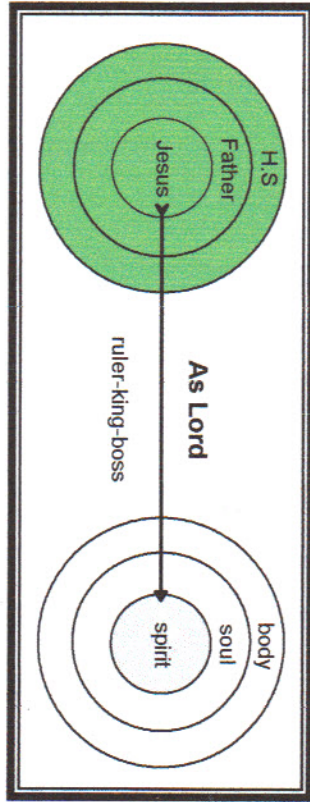
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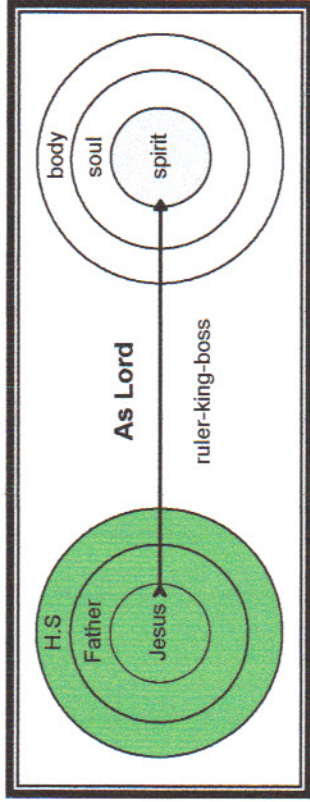
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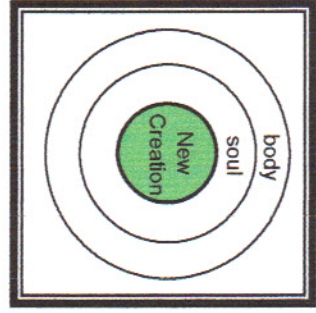


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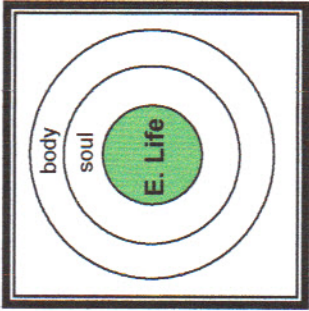
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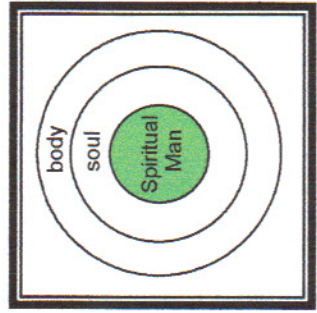
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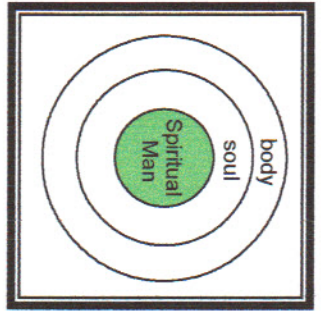
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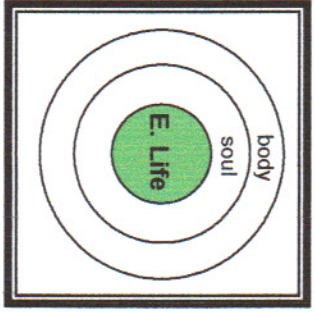


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