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Spirit	=	heart, inner person	(unseen)
Soul	=	mind, emotion, will	(unseen)
Body	=	physical	(seen)

**Spirit** has the **authority**

**Soul** is the **administrator**

**Body** is the **workforce**

The reborn Christian receives a new heart.

### **Ephesians 4 verse 17-24**

*So this I say, and affirm together with the Lord, that you walk no longer just as the Gentiles also walk, in the futility of their mind, 18 being darkened in their understanding, excluded from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardness of their heart; 19 and they, having become callous, have given themselves over to sensuality for the practice of every kind of impurity with greediness. 20 But you did not learn Christ in this way, 21 if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught in Him, just as truth is in Jesus, 22 that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, 23 and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth.*

We lay aside the old, we put on the new, a new mind and a new heart. But who is to rule? It's Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Every Christian believer is to become a Priest and a Prophet.

### **Exodus 19 verse 3-6**

*Moses went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob and tell the sons of Israel: 4 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings, and brought you to Myself.*

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*5 Now then, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be My own possession among all the peoples, for all the earth is Mine; 6 and you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.'*

### **Isaiah 61 verse 1-6**

*The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners; 2 To proclaim the favorable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn, 3 To grant those who mourn in Zion, giving them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a spirit of fainting. So they will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified. 4 Then they will rebuild the ancient ruins, they will raise up the former devastations; and they will repair the ruined cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 Strangers will stand and pasture your flocks, and foreigners will be your farmers and your vinedressers. 6 But you will be called the priests of the Lord; you will be spoken of as ministers of our God. You will eat the wealth of nations, and in their riches you will boast.*  
Note that in the last verse we are to become priests and ministers.

### **1 Peter 2 verse 9-10**

*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10 for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.*

### **Romans 9 verse 6-8**

*But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For they are not all Israel who are descended from Israel; 7 nor are they all children because they are Abraham's descendants, but: "through Isaac your descendants will be named." 8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh who are children of God, but the children of the promise are regarded as descendants.*

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We are the people of the promise, both Gentile and Jew.

**Credentials of the Priest – Jesus**

### ***Galatians 3 verse 23-29***

*But before faith came, we were kept in custody under the law, being shut up to the faith which was later to be revealed. 24 Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor. 26 For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. 27 For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. 29 And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's descendants, heirs according to promise.*

### ***John 15 verse 2-3***

*Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you.*

### ***1 John 1 verse 7-10***

*If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; 7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. We have to be holy (consecrated).*

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### **Ephesians 4 verse 11-13**

*And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, 12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ; 13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.*

### **Colossians 1 verse 28-29**

*We proclaim Him, admonishing every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man complete in Christ. 29 For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily works within me.*

We have a perpetual (endless) duty.

### **2 Corinthians 4 verse 7-10**

*But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; 8 we are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body.*

We are to become perfect.

### **Credentials of the Prophet - Jesus**

#### **Acts 15 verse 32**

*Judas and Silas, also being prophets themselves, encouraged and strengthened the brethren with a lengthy message.*

A prophet fortifies and inspires us.

#### **Acts 13 verse 1-3**

*Some men came down from Judea and began teaching the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."*

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*2 And when Paul and Barnabas had great dissension and debate with them, the brethren determined that Paul and Barnabas and some others of them should go up to Jerusalem to the apostles and elders concerning this issue. 3 Therefore, being sent on their way by the church, they were passing through both Phoenicia and Samaria, describing in detail the conversion of the Gentiles, and were bringing great joy to all the brethren.*

A prophet defines God's will through the Lords word.

### ***Psalm 110 verse 1-4***

*The Lord says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet." 2 The Lord will stretch forth Your strong scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of Your enemies." 3 Your people will volunteer freely in the day of Your power; in holy array, from the womb of the dawn, Your youth are to You as the dew. 4 The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, "You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek."*

### ***Isaiah 9 verse 1-7***

*But there will be no more gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make it glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles. 2 The people who walk in darkness will see a great light; those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them. 3 You shall multiply the nation, you shall increase their gladness; they will be glad in Your presence as with the gladness of harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian. 5 For every boot of the booted warrior in the battle tumult, and cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire. 6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.*

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*7 There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness from then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.*

A prophet speaks of and teaches of things to come with regard to the Kingdom of God, from the Word of God.

### **Hebrews 11 verse 6**

*And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.*

A prophet is someone of Faith.

### **Jesus Used Creation to Illustrate Truth**

That is, seed, trees and fruit.

### **Matthew 7 verse 15-23**

*"Beware of the false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly are ravenous wolves. 16 You will know them by their fruits. Grapes are not gathered from thorn bushes nor figs from thistles, are they? 17 So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. 19 Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. 20 So then, you will know them by their fruits. 21 "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. 22 Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'*

### **Good Fruit or Bad Fruit? That is the Question**

### **2 Corinthians 13 verse 5**

*Test yourselves to see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you - unless indeed you fail the test?*

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## **Romans 14 verse 17-18**

*Therefore do not let what is for you a good thing be spoken of as evil; 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he who in this way serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men.*

### **A Comparison Chart**

## **Galatians 5 Verse 22-23**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

The fruit of the Spirit is:

Love. Joy is Love's strength, peace is love's security, patience is love's endurance, kindness is love's conduct, goodness is love's character, faithfulness is love's confidence. Gentleness is love's humility, self-control is love's victory. Compare with the fruit of the carnal person, our flesh, our old nature, our old heart.

Immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissention, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing.

Are Christians immune from these things?

**True Adulthood is God's Love at Work**

## **1 Corinthians 13 verse 11**

*When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things.*

Fathers, men, mothers and women, don't behave like children!

### **Characteristics of Children**

They are untruthful, avoiding the truth, but not necessarily telling lies!

They have no sense of personal responsibility, they depend on others for many things. When corrected, or faced up with an issue, they either sulk or become aggressive. They make a scene when things get difficult.

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They cannot control emotional outbursts if they don't get their way.

They are prone to resentment when the sulking stage is over. They are unforgiving to others and will go into long silences to punish the offender.

They love to be praised and use it as ammunition against their nearest and dearest.

### **Characteristics of Mature Christians**

#### **Romans 5 verse 1-2**

*Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God.*

An adult who knows God has peace with Him.

#### **Philippians 4 verse 6-7**

*Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

They know the peace of God and shares that peace with others.

#### **1 Thessalonians 2 verse 10-12**

*You are witnesses, and so is God, how devoutly and uprightly and blamelessly we behaved toward you believers; 11 just as you know how we were exhorting and encouraging and imploring each one of you as a father would his own children, 12 so that you would walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.*

They rejoice over their family.

#### **Philippians 4 verse 13**

*I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.*

They know that the only source of true strength is through God.

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### ***Philippians 3 verse 13-14***

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.*

They don't brood over the past, they look to the future.

### ***Romans 8 verse 28***

*And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.*

They know that everything works for their wellbeing as they love and follow the Lord.

### ***Philippians 4 verse 11***

*11 Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.*

They are, therefore at ease in all situations.

### ***John 10 verse 10***

*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.*

### ***Ephesians 3 verse 20-21***

*Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, 21 to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.*

They live in an abundant life, not in poverty.

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