

**In Christ: One with the  
Father**



**BRIDGING  
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# Ripped Off



# Broken: A Symbol of Grace



- **Got it for a bargain - broken**
- **A little glue and white duck tape**
- **The imperfection doesn't upset me**
- **Reminds me of how much I saved 😊**
- **Better for the environment, why throw it out??**



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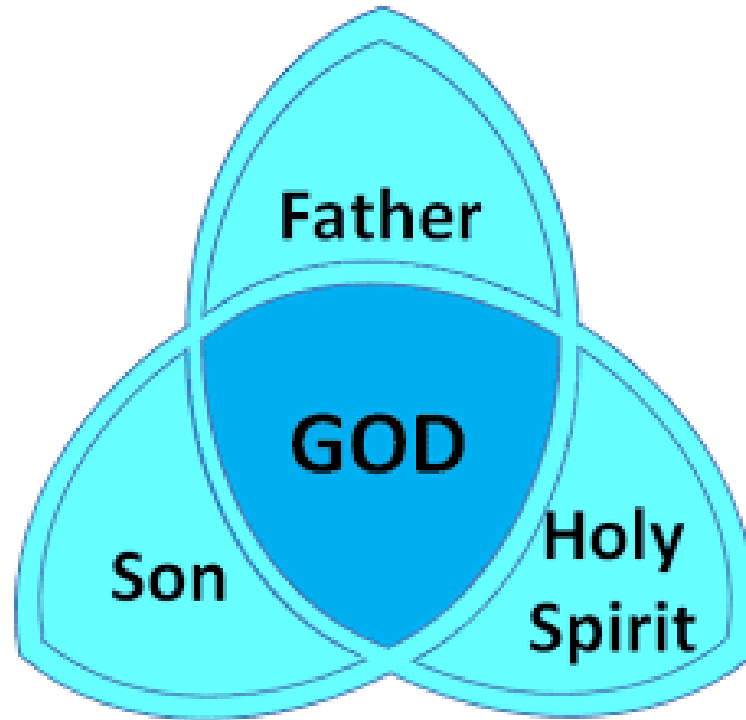
- **What if my brokenness reminded me of God's incredible love for me?**
- **That in spite of what I am, He chose to love me anyway and sent His Son to die for me?**



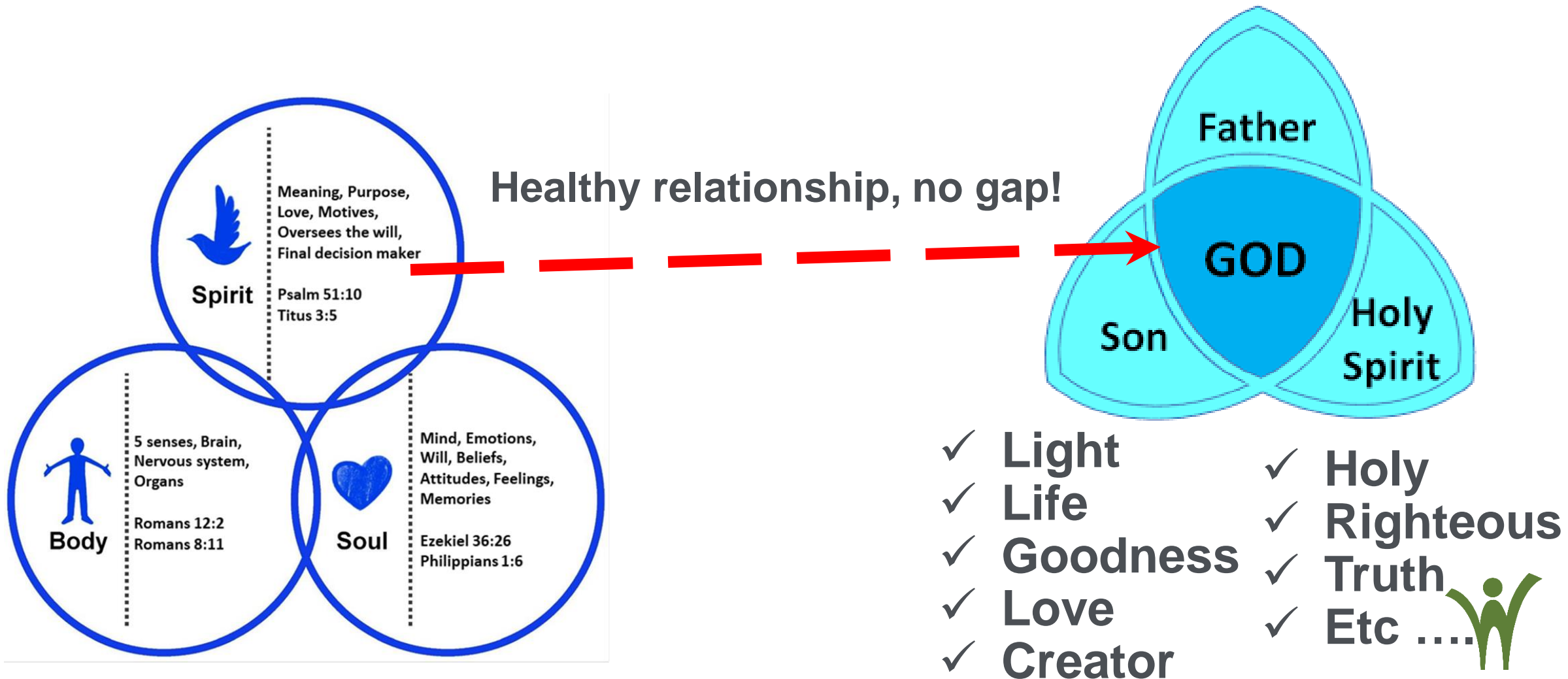
# The Foundation: God's Nature

## God is:

- ✓ Light
- ✓ Life
- ✓ Goodness
- ✓ Love
- ✓ Creator
- ✓ Holy
- ✓ Righteous
- ✓ Truth
- ✓ Etc ....

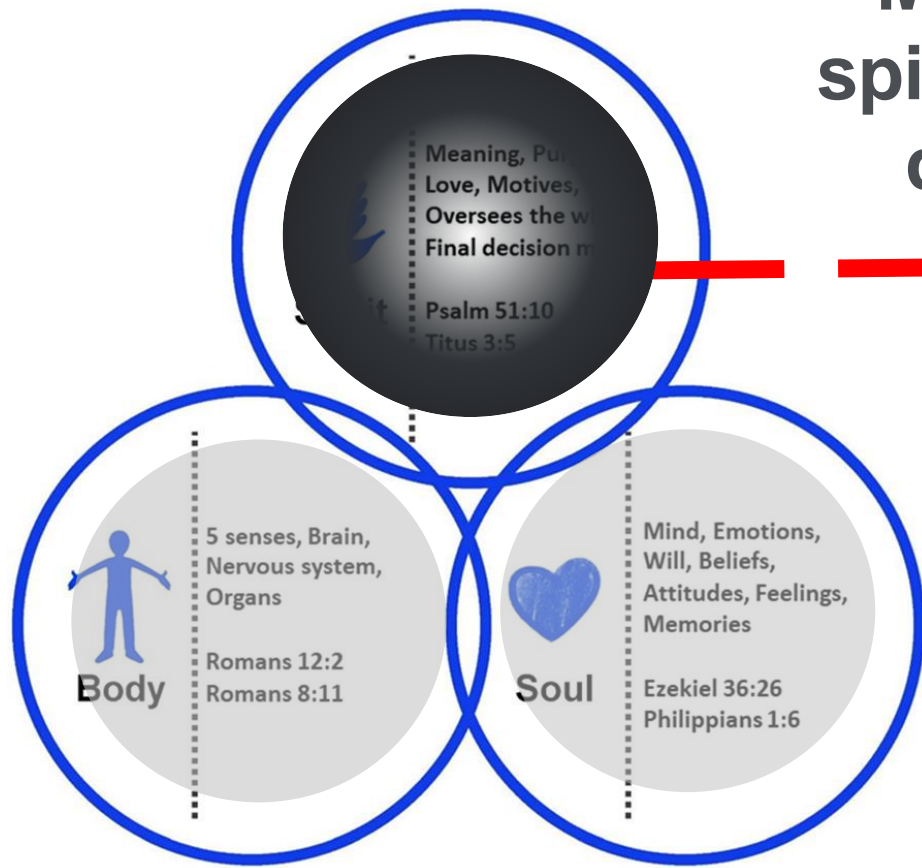


# The Foundation: Original Creation



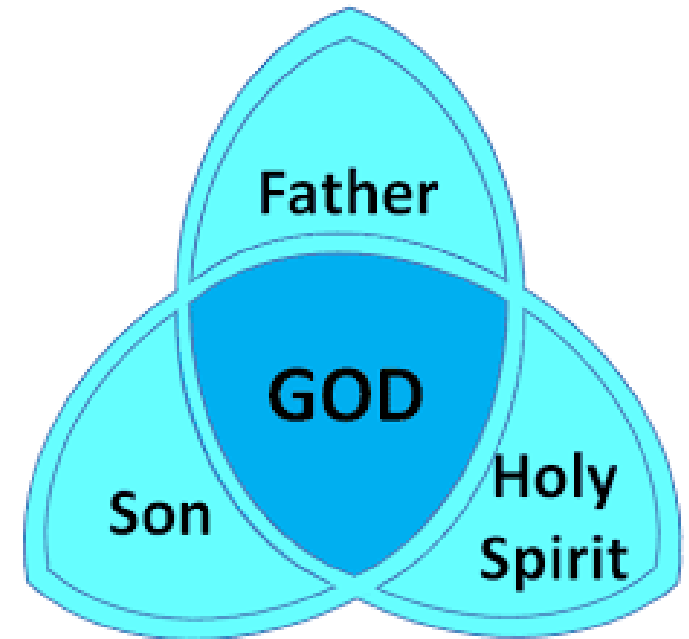


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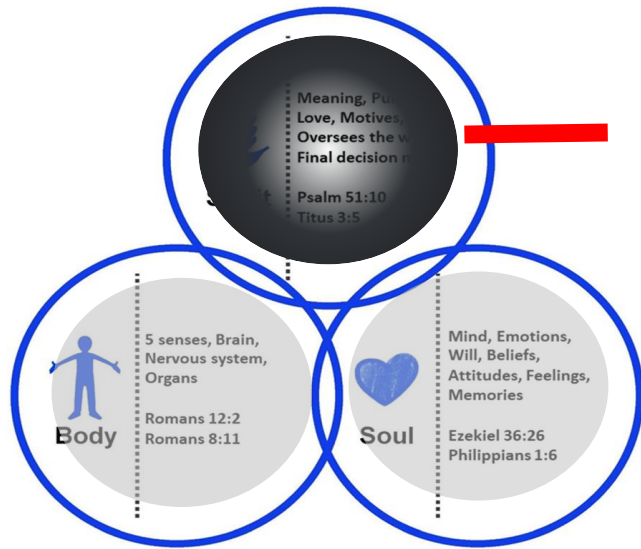


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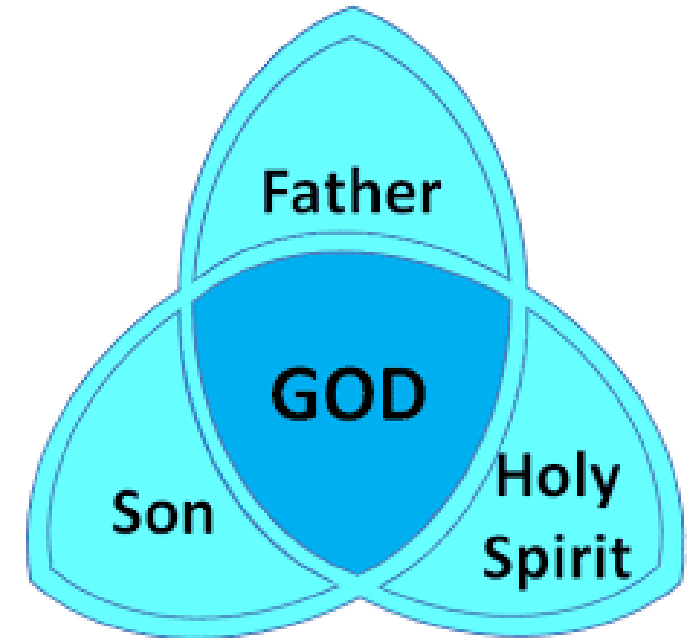
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- ❖ from a very young age learn bad habits, fleshly coping strategies, damage

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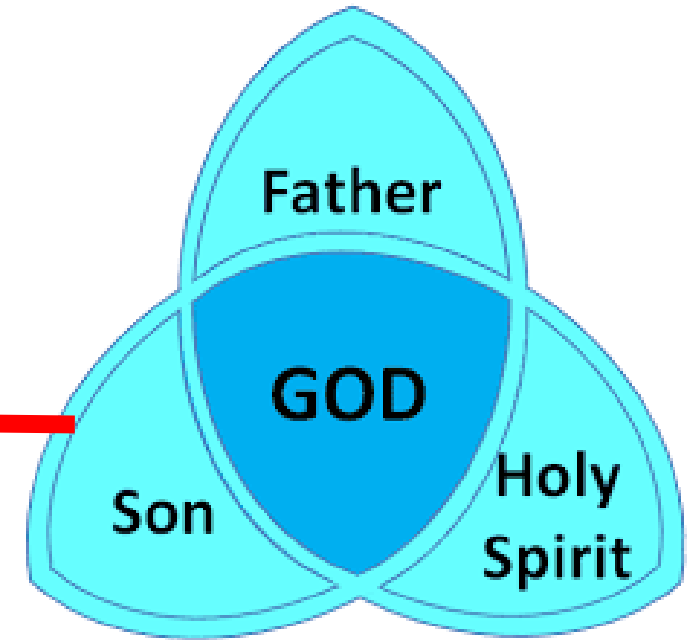


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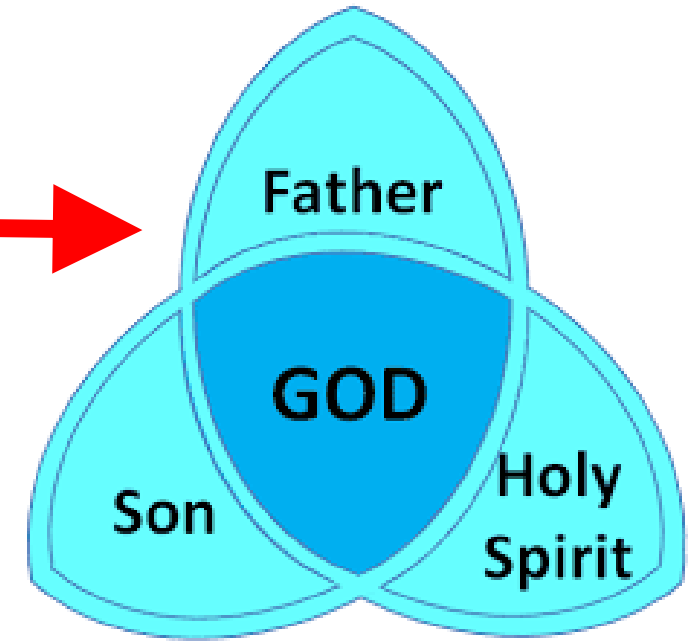
- ❖ God becomes a man
- ❖ The eternal Son is born, called Jesus

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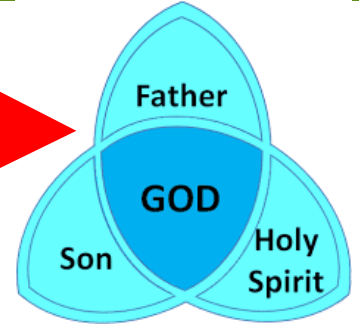
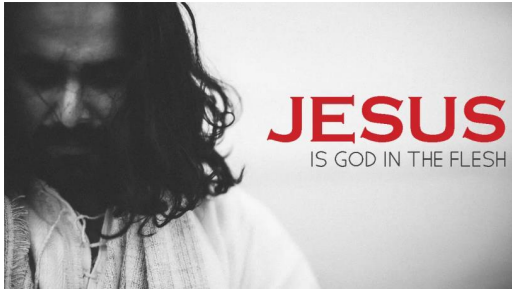
- ❖ There is NO gap
- ❖ Jesus – fully man - is in perfect union with God

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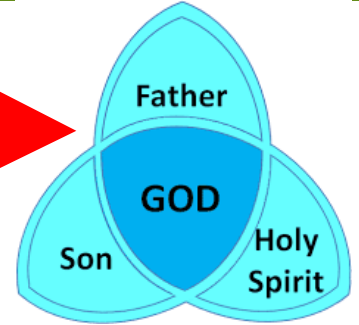
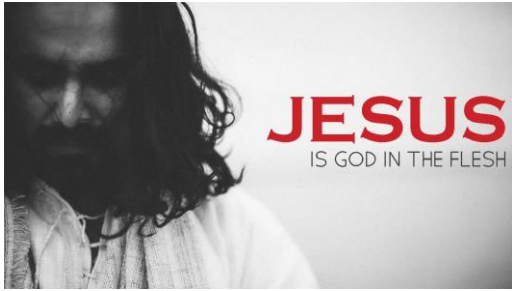
# John 17:1-5, 20-26    Pew Bible pg. 765



- ❖ V 1 Father
- ❖ V 1 glorify each other
- ❖ V 5 glory before creation
- ❖ v 10 Mine is Yours, Yours are mine
- ❖ V 11 We are One



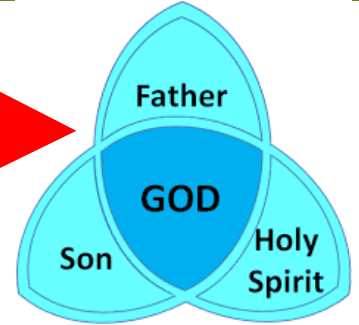
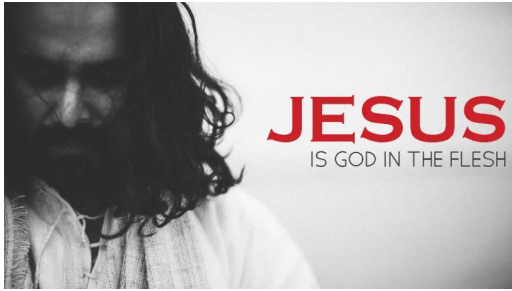
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- ❖ V 21 You in Me I in You
- ❖ V 22 You gave me glory
- ❖ V 23 You in me – perfected unity
- ❖ V 23 You loved me
- ❖ V 24 The glory you gave me
- ❖ V 24 You loved me before the foundation of the world!



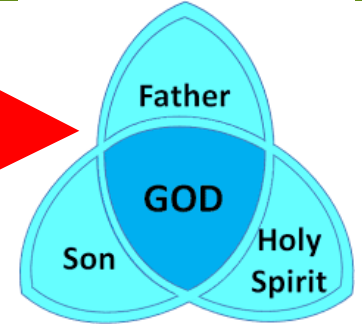
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- ❖ V 25 I have known you
- ❖ V 26 You have loved me



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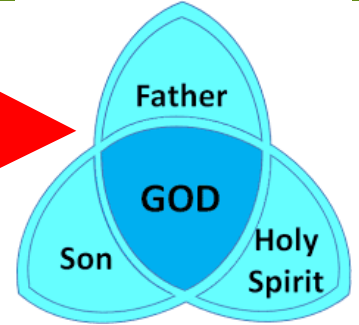


**Jesus is everything that we  
should have been and everything  
we could ever want to be!**  
**There is no Gap between God the  
Son , the man Jesus, and God the  
Father**





# John 17:1-5, 20-26



**What does that have to do with us?**  
**How does that impact me?**  
**What difference does it make tomorrow?**



# Ephesians 1:13-14

**“And you also became God’s people when you heard the true message, the Good News that brought you salvation. You believed in Christ, and God put his stamp of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit he had promised. The Spirit is the guarantee that we shall receive what God has promised his people, and this assures us that God will give complete freedom to those who are his. Let us praise his glory!” (Ephesians 1:13–14, TEV)**



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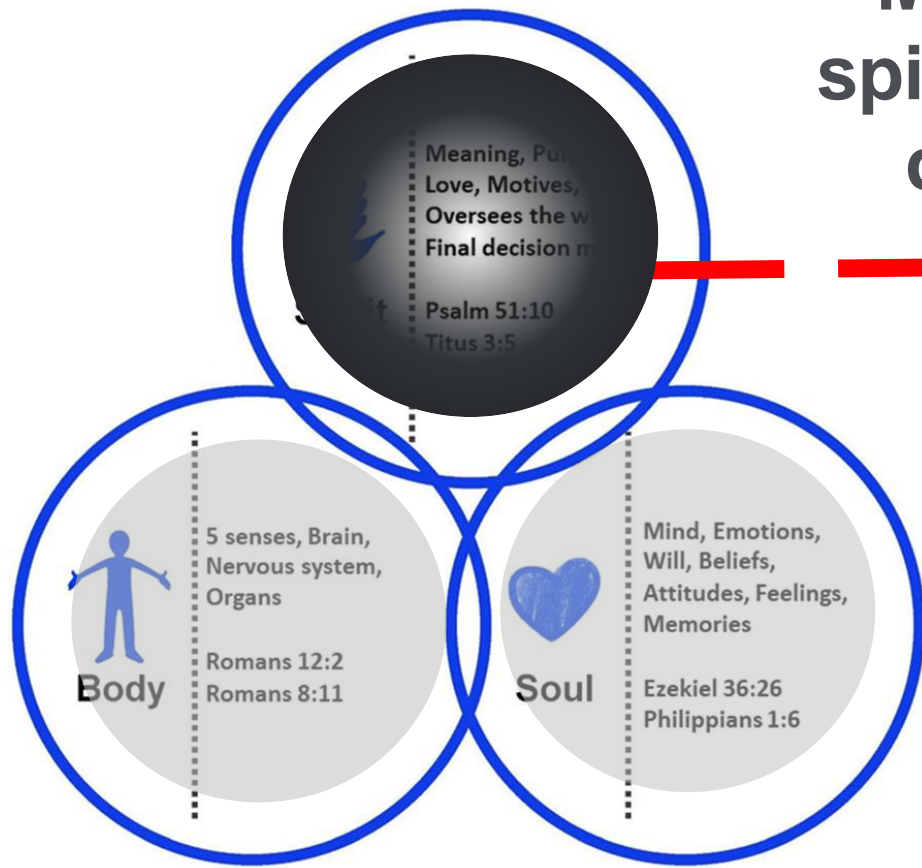
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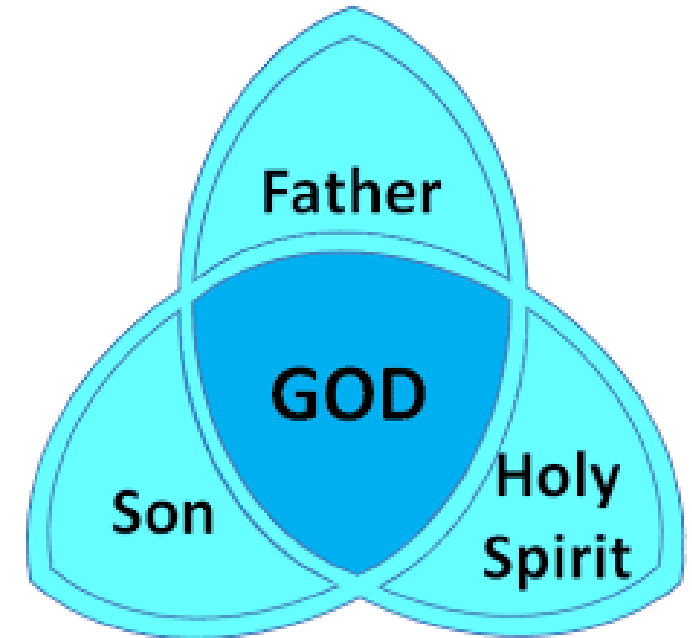


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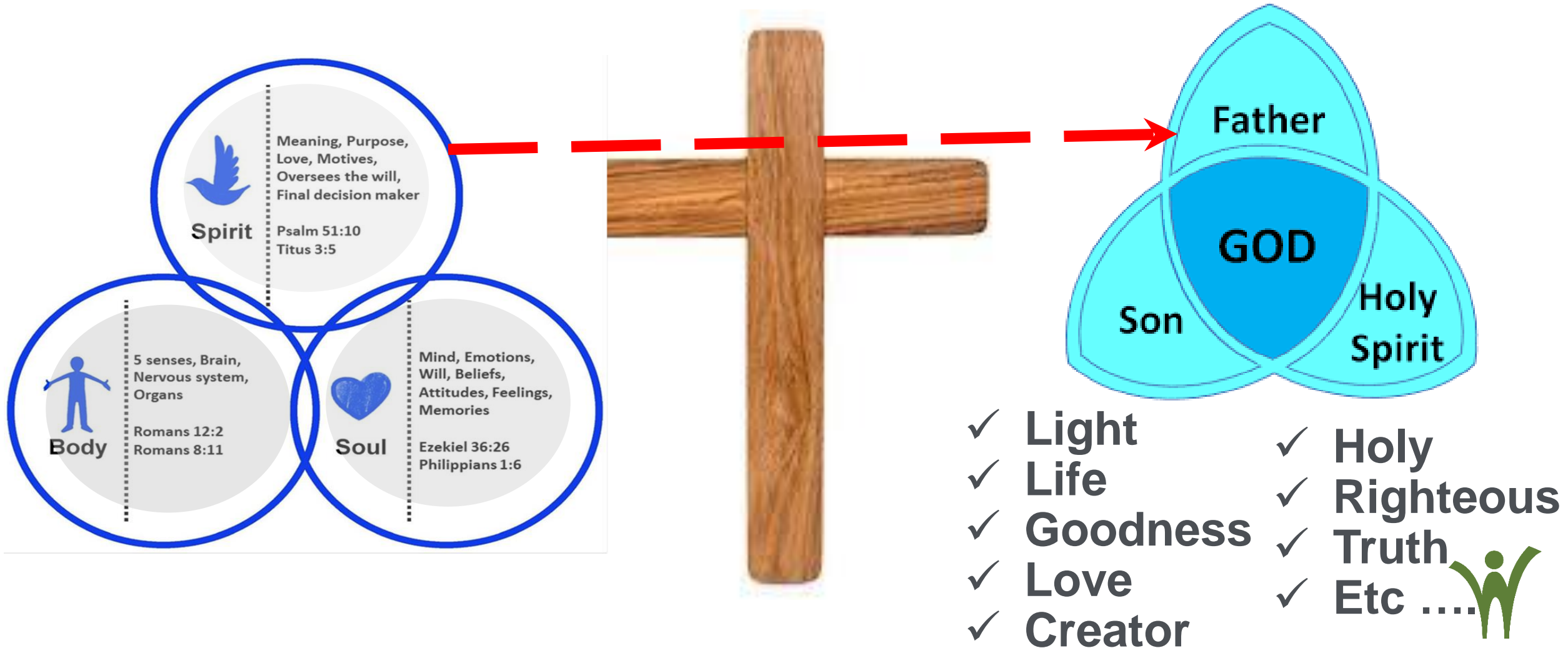


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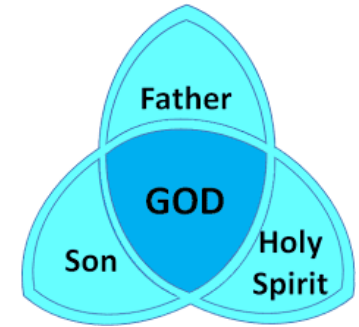
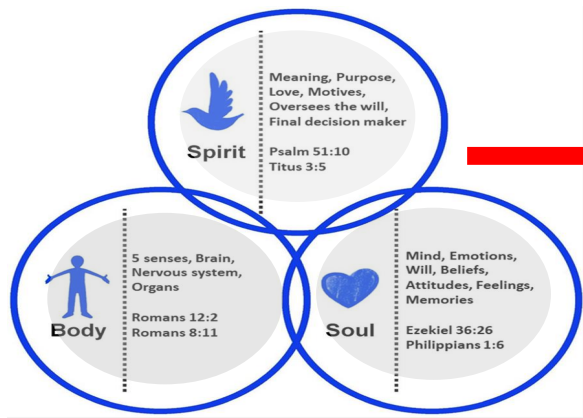
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**V 21 That they may be in Us!**

**V 23 I in Them and You in Me!**

**V 24 That they may be with Me (in heaven)!**

**V 26 The Father's love in us and Jesus in us!**





# You are Loved

*““My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,” (John 17:20, NIV84)*

*“I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me **and that you love them as much as you love me.**”*

*(John 17:23, NLT)*



# Application

1. Have I heard, believed and received? There is no spiritual gap?
2. Do I accept that there is no gap for Jesus - He is in perfect relationship with God the Father?
3. Can I begin to accept that God sees Jesus not me when He looks at me? I am in Jesus!
4. Can I remind myself that God loves me as much as He loves Jesus when my: boss, neighbour, schoolmate, teacher, spouse, parent etc. speaks words of rejection?
5. When my self-talk says I am unwanted – can I repeat John 17:23?



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***“I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them **(all believers)** as much as you love me.” (John 17:23, NLT)***



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- 6. Can I accept that when I fail that does not change God's love and acceptance of me?**
- 7. Can I accept that when I sin , God wants me to confess but no matter what, He still loves me just as He loves Jesus?**



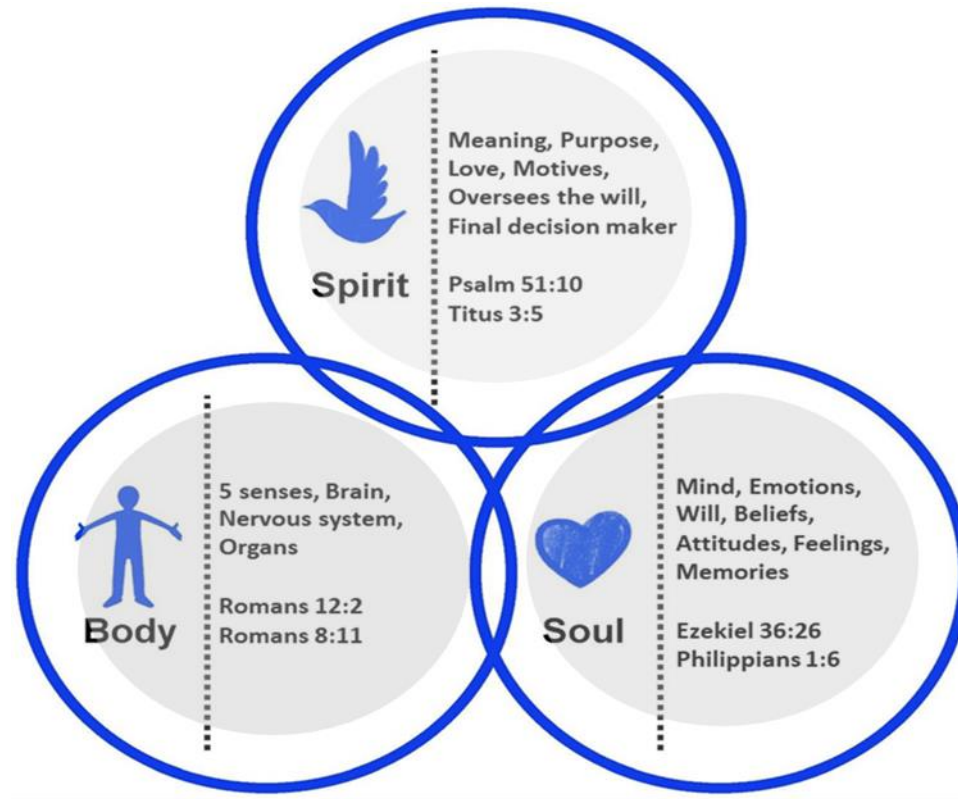
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## Memorize this Verse!

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