

# Ephesians Series

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# EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK  
& WARFARE  
OF THE BELIEVER

**Total Inability or Total Depravity?  
Ephesians 2:1–3**

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Christ (by grace you have been saved),”  
~NKJV**

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**This salvation is “through faith” which means faith must precede salvation.**

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*Pneuma me echontes*,  
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**1 Cor. 2:14, “But a natural man does not accept the things [revealed Scripture] of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”**

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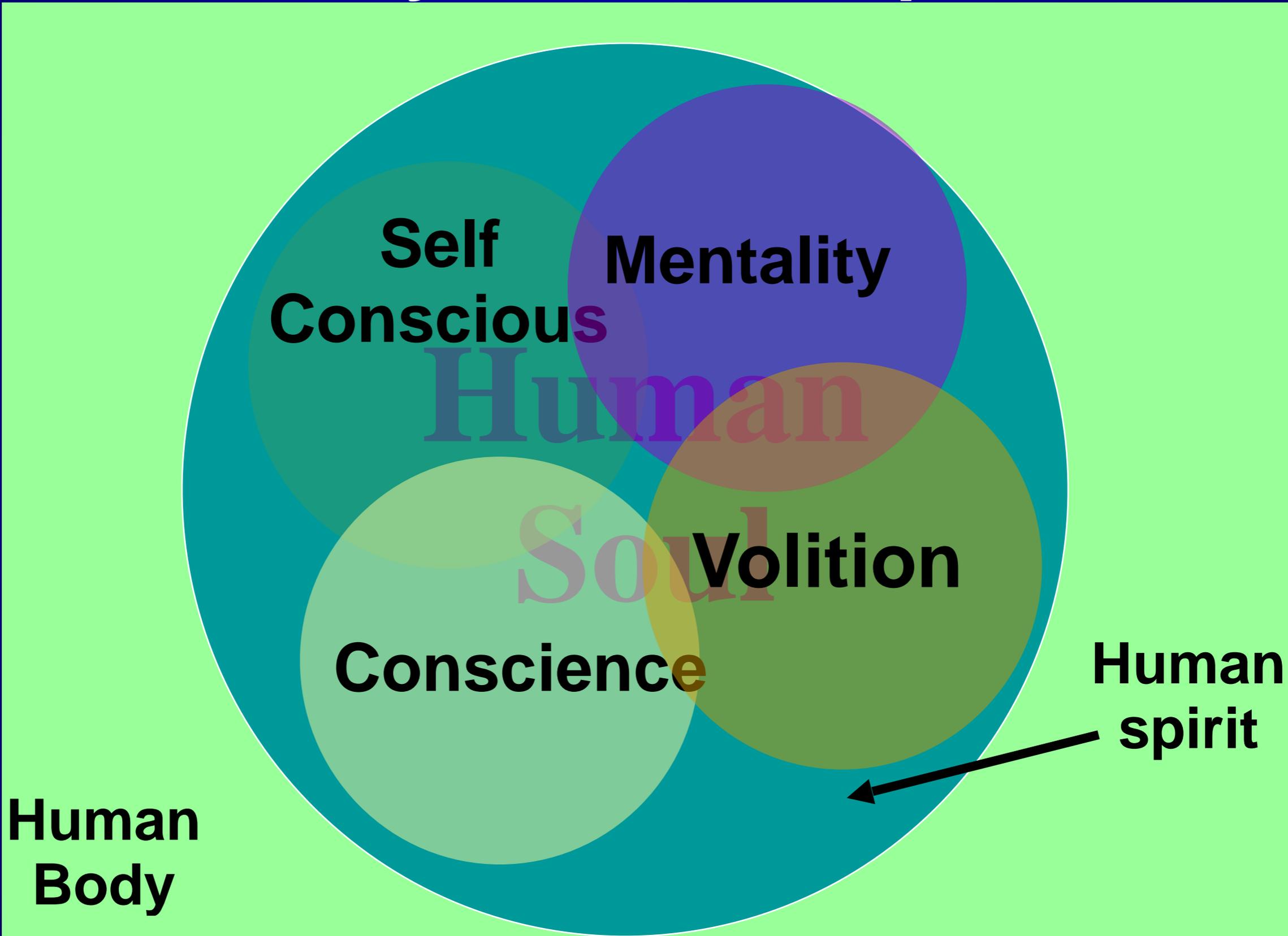
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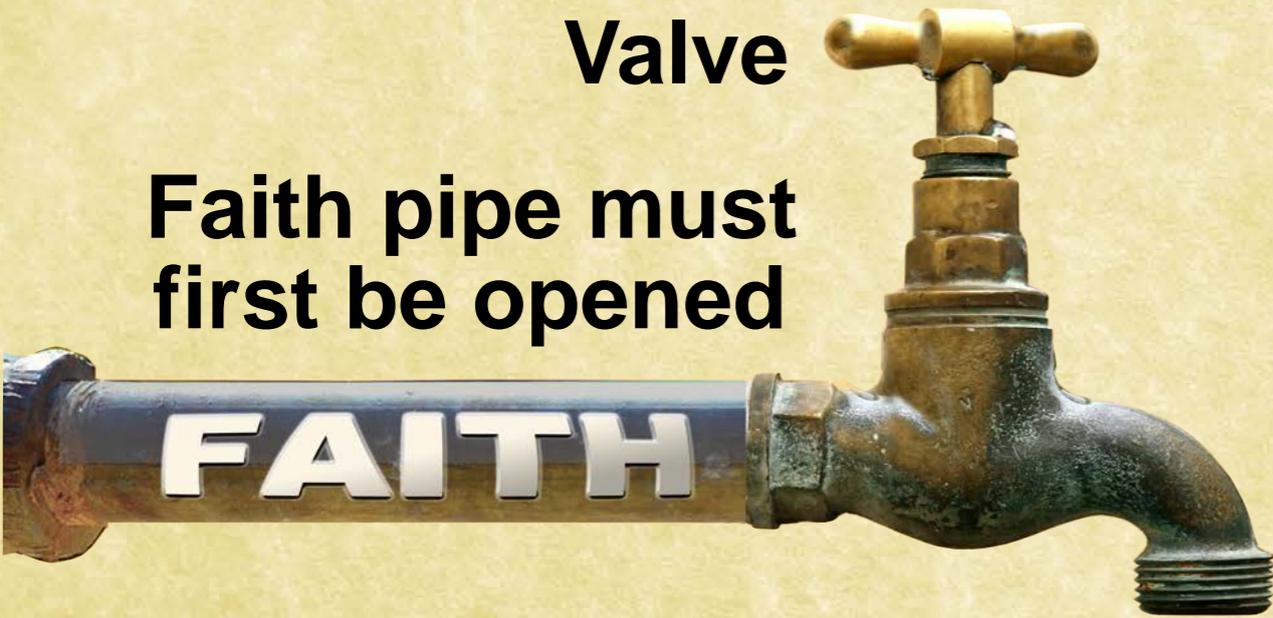
**Gen. 2:17, “but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”**

# The Three Parts of a Human Being: Body, Soul, and Spirit



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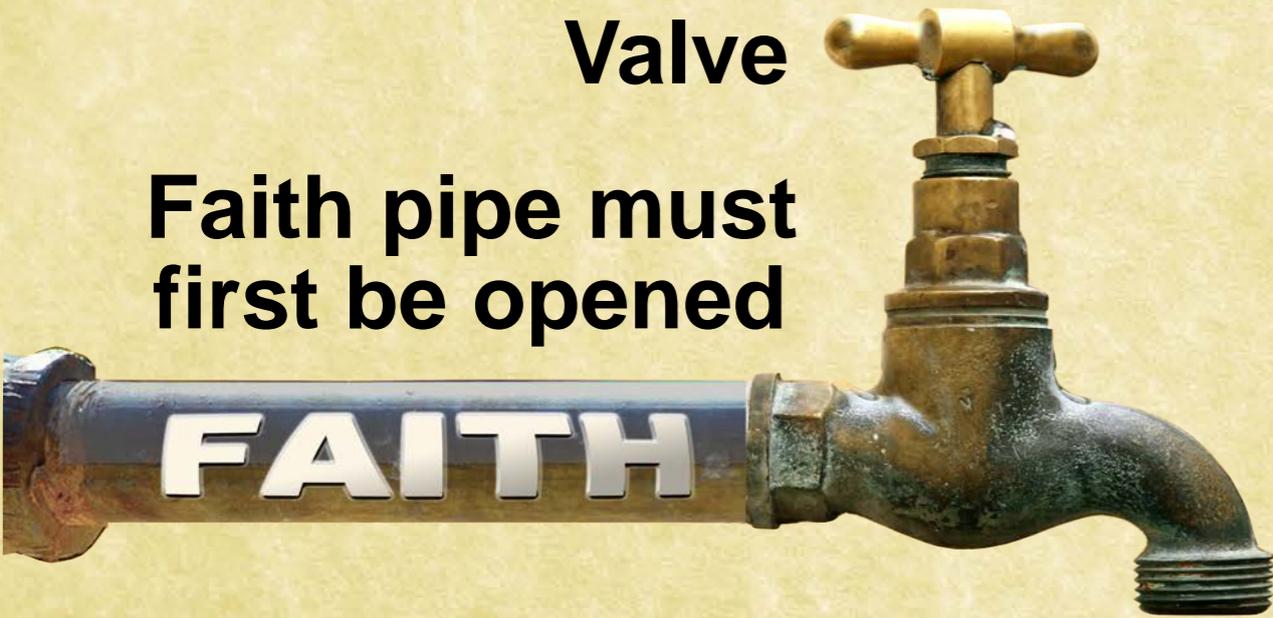


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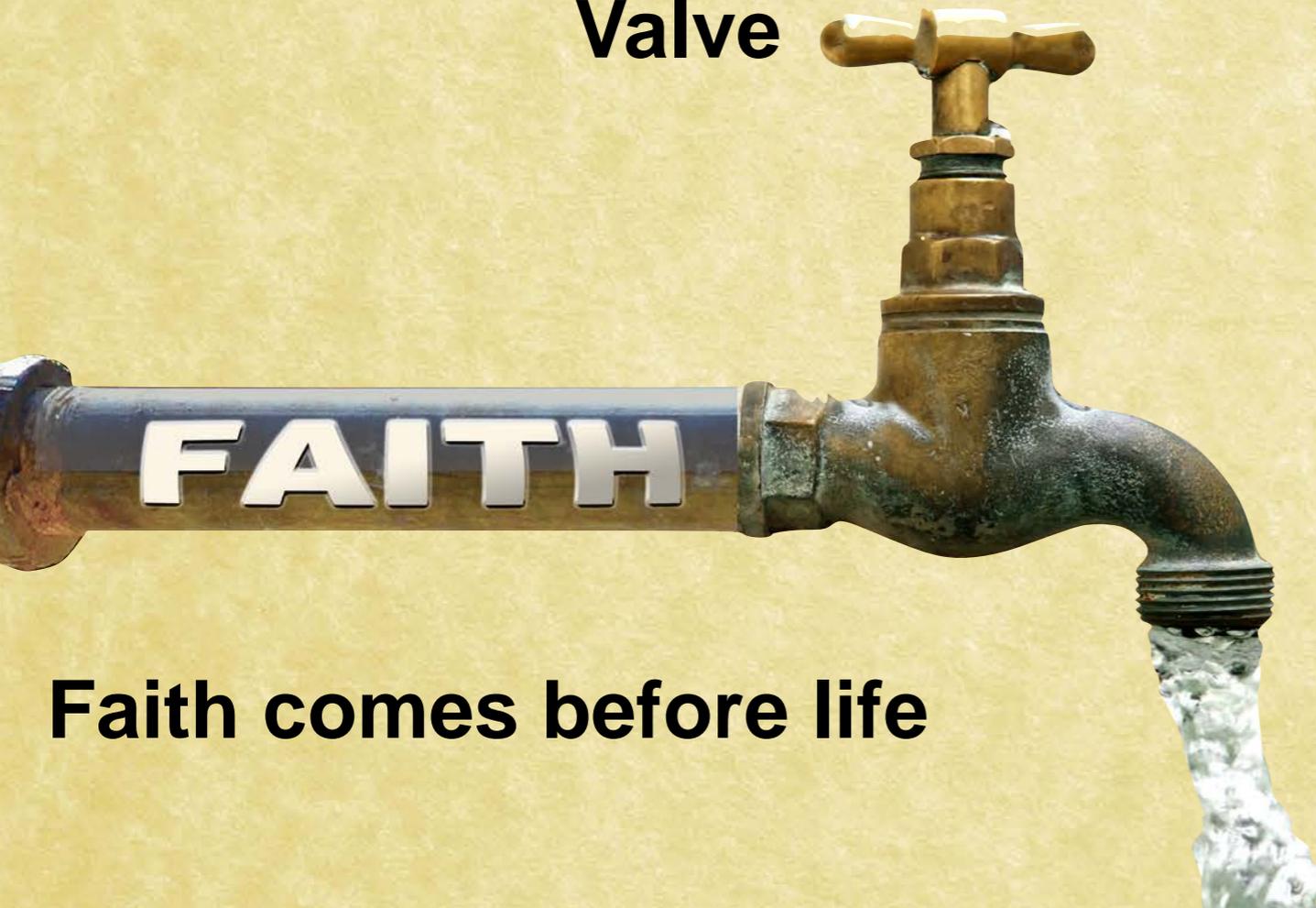
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**Faith comes before life**



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- 1. being “saved” = regeneration (being born again) = “made alive together”**
- 2. What is the “that?” Is it faith?**
- 3. The pronoun “that” is a neuter and must refer to a neuter noun.**
- 4. “Grace” and “faith” are feminine nouns; “saved” is a masculine participle.**
- 5. In Greek neuter demonstrative pronouns are used to refer to phrases, clauses, sentences, and entire works of literature.**

**Eph. 2:8**, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that ‘*by grace through faith salvation*’ is not of yourselves; it is the gift of God,

**Eph. 2:9**, “not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

**Eph. 2:1**, “And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

**Eph. 2:2**, “in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

**Eph. 2:3**, “among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

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**Eph. 2:6**, “and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

**Eph. 2:7**, “that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

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**The Problem: What we were before we were saved, Eph. 2:1–3**

**The Solution: God's love and mercy, grace in action, regenerate, raise, and seat us positionally in Christ. Eph. 2:4–9**

**The Purpose: We are saved, created in Christ Jesus, for good works.**

- 1. Review of key concepts.**
- 2. What is spiritual death? And how does an spiritually dead person hear and understand the gospel? John 16:7–11**
- 3. What is our walk according to the course of the world?**
- 4. The unsaved Jews had the same walk, Eph. 2:3**

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# TEMPORAL REALITIES



ACTS 16:31

IN CHRIST

Baptism by the Holy Spirit

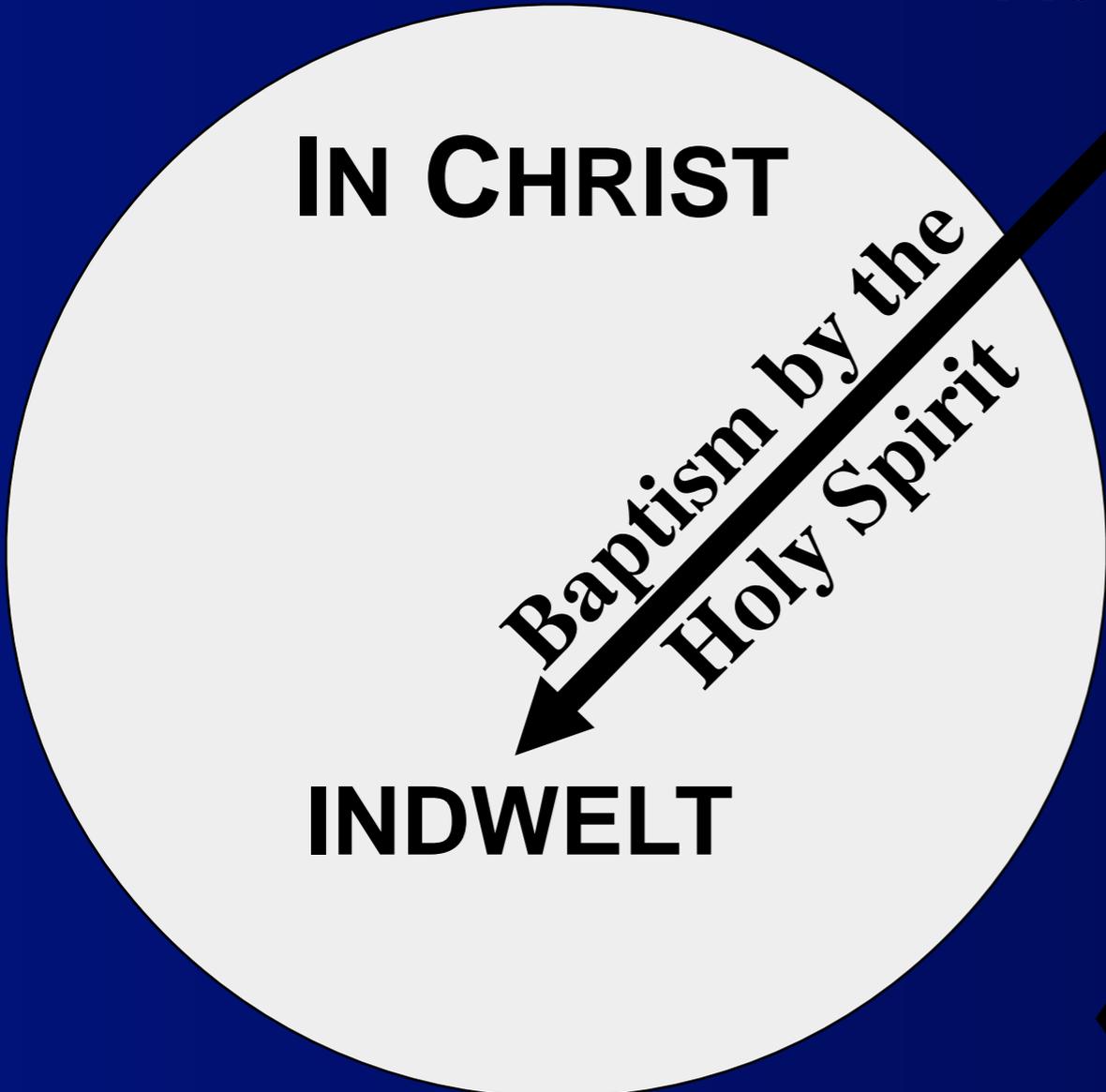
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Sin Nature Control

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**Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that **y’all** should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,**

**Eph. 4:18, “having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in **them**, because of the blindness of **their** heart;**

**Eph. 4:19, “who, being past feeling, have given **themselves** over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”**

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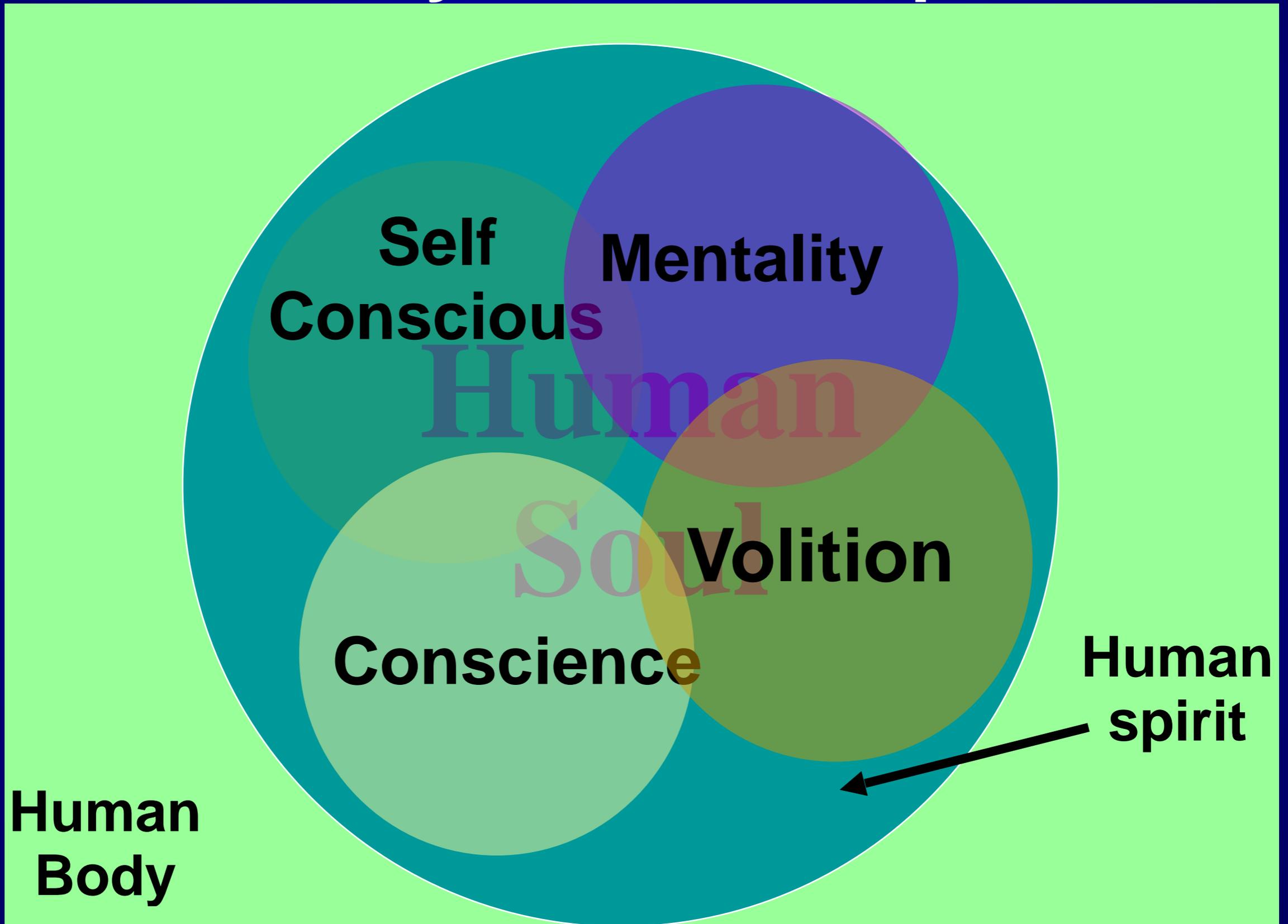
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**Eph. 2:12, “that at that time **y’all** were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.”**

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**Calvinists: Dead men cannot hear, exercise positive volition. Dead men can't think. Dead men can't respond, so therefore dead men must be first made alive and then they can hear and then believe."**

**John 5:25, “Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.”**

**John 16:7, “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.**

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**fut act indic to  
reprove, convict;  
refute**

**Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, Vol. 3, 218:**

**“In view of a finished work by Christ wherein sin is borne and all blessings are secured, the immeasurable failure for the individual for whom Christ has died is that he does not believe on Him. It is noticeable, though contrary to general opinion, that the Spirit does not enlighten the mind with respect to all the sins the individual has committed.”**

**“It is not a matter of creating shame or remorse concerning sin, nor is it so much as a reminder of sin that has been committed—though there is nothing, on the other hand, to preclude sorrow or consciousness of sin; it is rather that, since sin has been borne by Christ, there remains the one great and only responsibility of one’s attitude toward the Savior who bore sin.”**

**“This unbelief the Lord declared is the basis of final condemnation, when He said, ‘he that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.’ (John 3:18). To make the unsaved realize this is a task too great for the preacher; it must be accomplished by the Holy Spirit, and He will so reveal this specific truth to the unsaved, within the elective divine purpose, as the gospel is preached to them.”**

**“The fact indicated in this text, that the one ground of condemnation is the failure to believe on Christ as Savior, confirms the truth, restated more than one hundred times in the New Testament, that the one and only condition of salvation is faith in Christ as Savior.”**

**John 16:9, “of sin, because they do not believe in Me;**

**John 16:10, “of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;”**

**2 Cor. 4:3, “But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing,**

**2 Cor. 4:4, “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”**

**“The whole world is under the control of the evil one” (1 John 5:19)**

**3. What is our walk according to the course of the world? Eph. 2:2**

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