

Notes from church school courseDoctrine of PredestinationRelated Factors

Satan (Cherubic angel, Ezek. 1:5)--created by God, full of wisdom, perfect in beauty and ways. Ezek. 28:12-15. Though the words are spoken to the king of Tyre--they are directed to Satan, as the power behind the king. See also Isa. 14:12-17.

Sin -- began in the universe when Satan first said "I will" against God; corrupted by pride of beauty (and knowledge and position?).

Judgment -- condemnation to eternal hell. Isa. 28:15, Matt. 25:41, Rev. 20:10.

No opportunity, or remedy provided for his redemption. Same justifying principle, as in Gen. 6:5-7--when God said he would destroy wicked man from off the face of the earth. Though he spared Noah and his family by grace--he did not have to do it.

Man -- (Adam & Eve) created by God--in the image (likeness*) of God, with His life (Spirit) in them. But a distinction must be made here as to what kind of life God technically gave man, originally. If it had been actually God's life, or Spirit, it would have been eternal. Though it was spiritual, it must have been an essentially different life given to Adam--not yet immortal; subject to the results of the special test of obedience to follow.

* God, a trinity--Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Matt. 3:16-17, 28:19.

* Man, a trinity--Body, Soul, and Spirit. I Thess. 5:23.

Spirit (mind)--God consciousness.

Soul (emotions)--self consciousness.

Body (senses)--world consciousness.

See illustration page attached.

Age

Innocency Test of Obedience -- choice of life, or death. Complete ability to secure eternal life, by eating of the tree of life in the garden of Eden. Gen. 2:9, 16.

Consequence--if forbidden fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil eaten; spiritual death. Gen. 2:17.

Conscience Sin -- began on earth when Eve (deceived by Satan's temptation) ate of the forbidden tree, followed by Adam's participation. Adam could not claim the excuse or reason of temptation by Satan, for I Tim. 2:14 tells us that Adam was not deceived.

Judgment -- (Fall from Grace); Death: spiritual, immediately--physical, later (and finally the 2nd death--hell), with various changed human and earthly conditions. Gen. 2:17, 3:5, 16-19, 22-24, Rev. 20:14, 21:8.

Life principle after the fall:

Natural, with no spiritual faculty (dead in sin; alienated from God). Eph. 2:1,5, 4:18. Totally depraved (corrupted).

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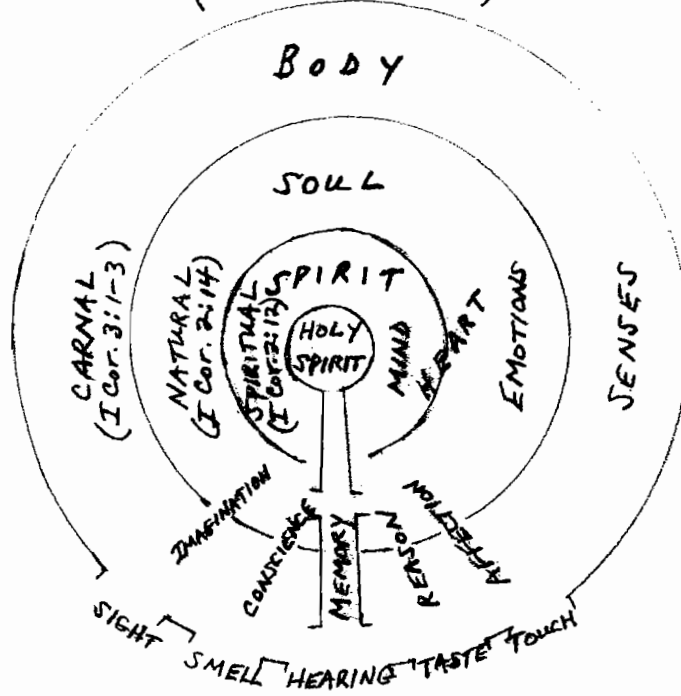
Grace

Salvation -- Non-compulsory, sovereign act of God's mercy and grace, to redeem fallen men (by exclusionary decree*).

1st instance of salvation: Gen. 3:21. God (directly, purposefully) provided the first sacrifice for sin (type of Christ), when he slew an animal and made coats of skin (type of Christ's garments of righteousness), and clothed them (typically restored them to fellowship--Adam and Eve).

*Preterition -- "God's act of passing by and leaving some, who are called the rest, when he chose others to salvation; and is the effect of God's sovereign good will and pleasure, etc." (John Gill).

THE TRINITY OF MAN
(I Thers. 5:23)



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