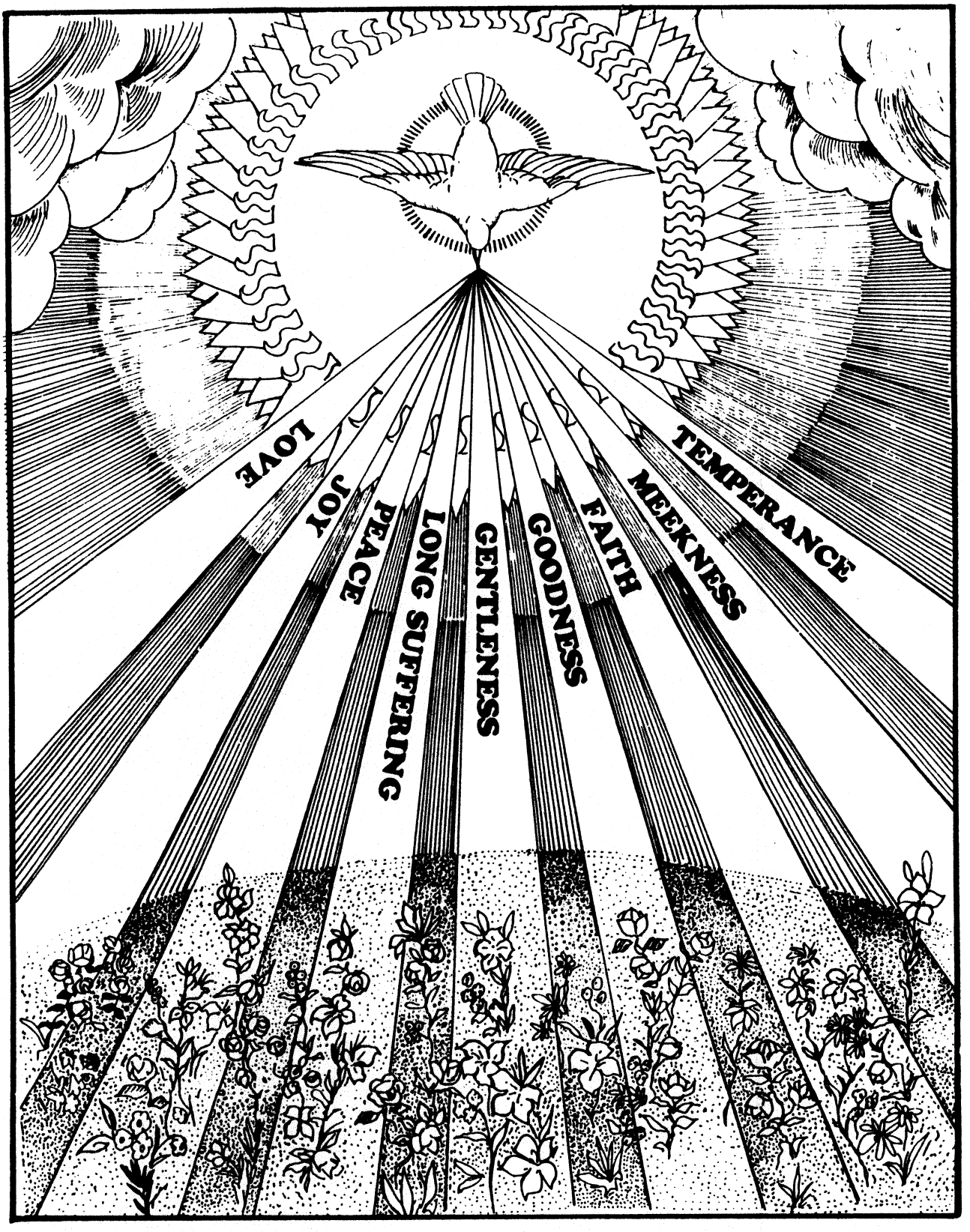
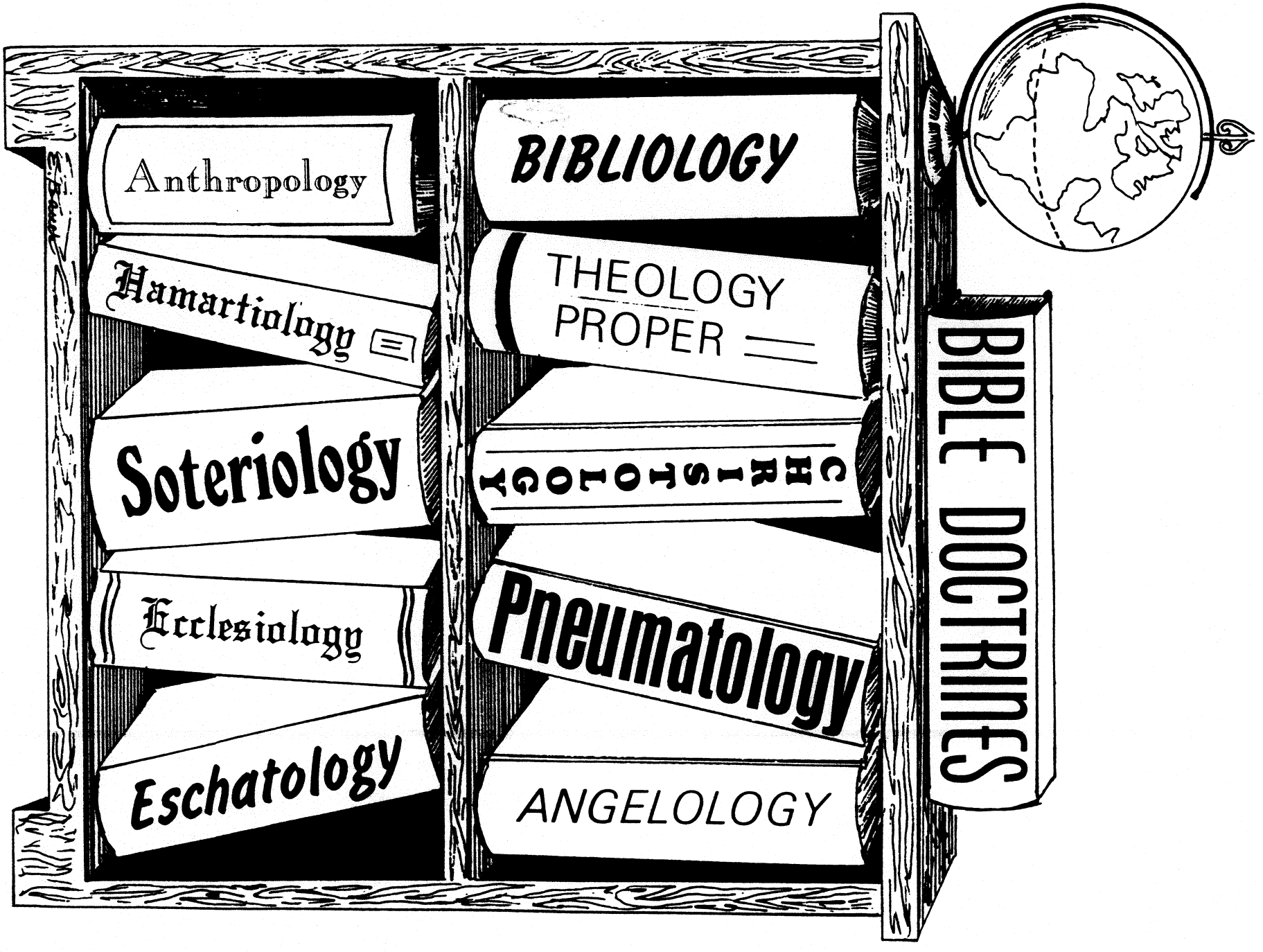
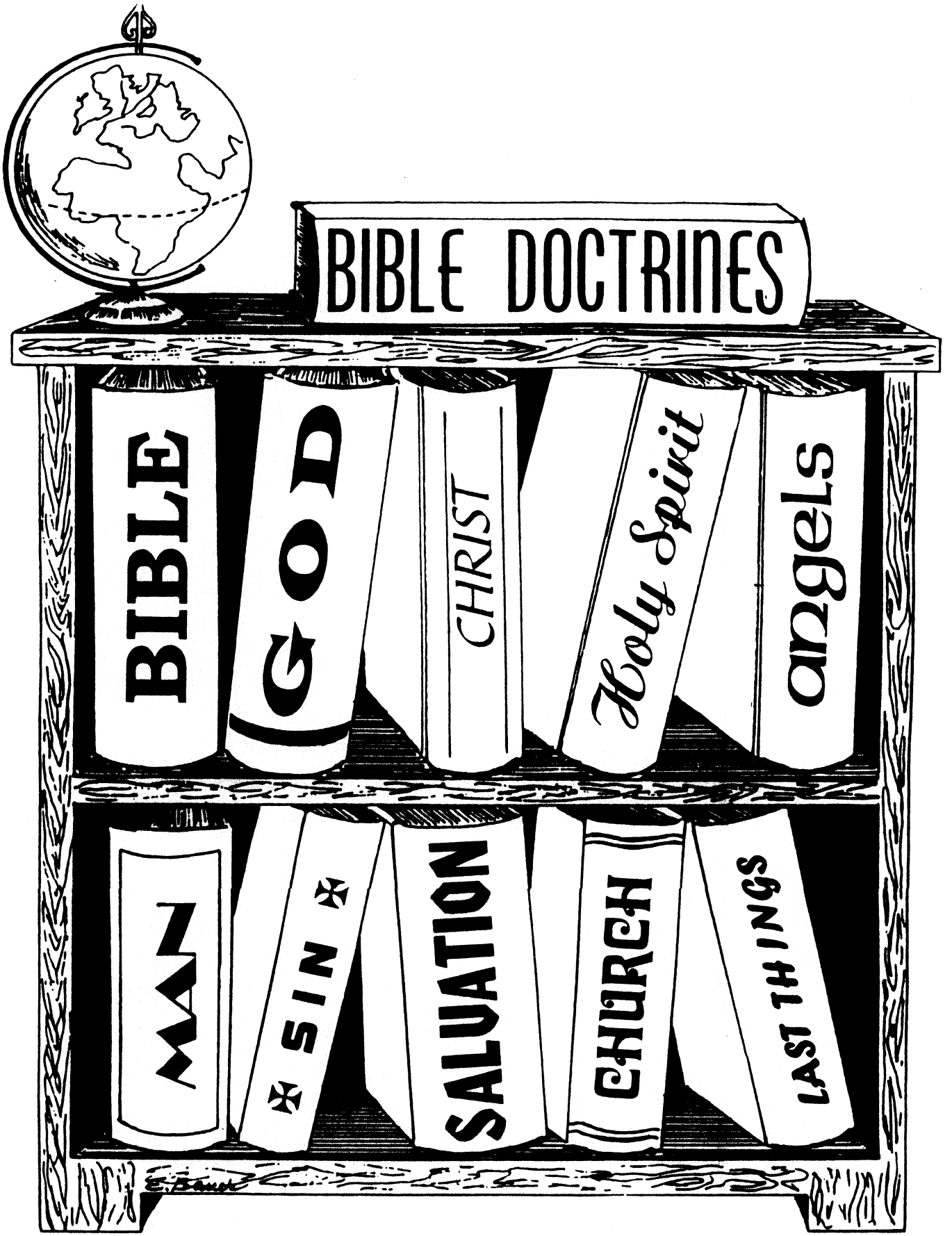


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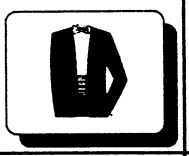
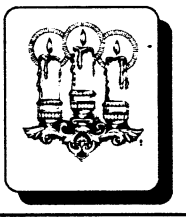
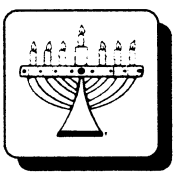
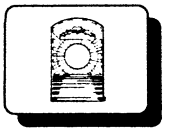
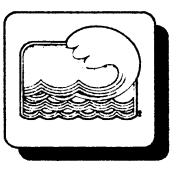

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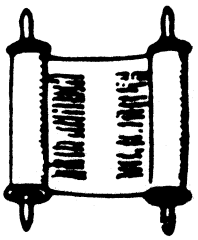


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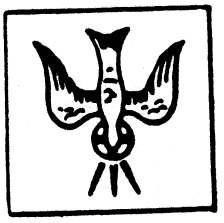
PICTURES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Type:		Meaning	Importance
Clothing Luke 24:49		Clothing shows God's power over us. The Holy Spirit is our covering of protection.	Being clothed with the Spirit shows we belong to Christ. We represent Christ in the world.
Dove Matt. 3:16 Mark 1:10 Luke 3:22 John 1:32		The Spirit is true and holy. He is pure bringing peace from heaven	The Spirit descended on Christ showing Christ's purity, deity and the peace He will ultimately bring.
Earnest II Cor. 1:22 II Cor. 5:5 Eph. 1:14		The Holy Spirit's presence is God's pledge to the believer that He will receive the future blessings promised him.	This guarantees the believer God will never fail in any of His promise to him.
Fire Acts 2:3		Fire symbolizes the Lord's presence, approval, protection and cleansing power throughout the Old Testament and to the people present at Pentecost.	The Holy Spirit is present in the believer protecting the believer and cleansing him from sin.
Oil Luke 4:18 Acts 10:38 II Cor. 1:21 I John 2:20		The Holy Spirit lights men's way to Christ, sanctifies them and gives them power for their ministry.	The Holy Spirit emphasizes Christ and de-emphasizes Himself. He sanctifies the believer. The Holy Spirit is the power to live the new life.
Seal II Cor. 1:22 Eph. 1:13		The Holy Spirit, being our seal, shows God owns us. God is our keeper.	The Holy Spirit keeps us until the day of our redemption.
Servant Gen 24		Abraham's servant searching for a wife for Isaac pictures the Holy Spirit. He speaks only of His master. He sought a bride and gave her gifts	The Spirit seeks out Christ's bride, brings her to Christ.The Holy Spirit also bestows spiritual gifts.
Water John 4:14 John 7:38-39		The Spirit, as water, shows our eternal life coming from death. The Spirit gives us the ability to serve.	The Holy Spirit begets in the believer eternal life. The believer is given the ability for service by the Spirit.
Breath, Wind John 3:8 Acts 2:1-2		Christ, when speaking of regeneration, described the Spirit as wind. Regeneration is an invisible sovereign and heavenly work.	The Holy Spirit does a work in the sovereignly chosen ones to bring them into the heavenly family.




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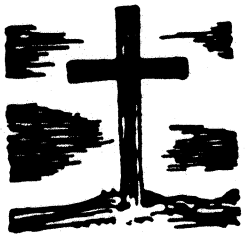


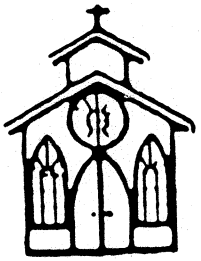






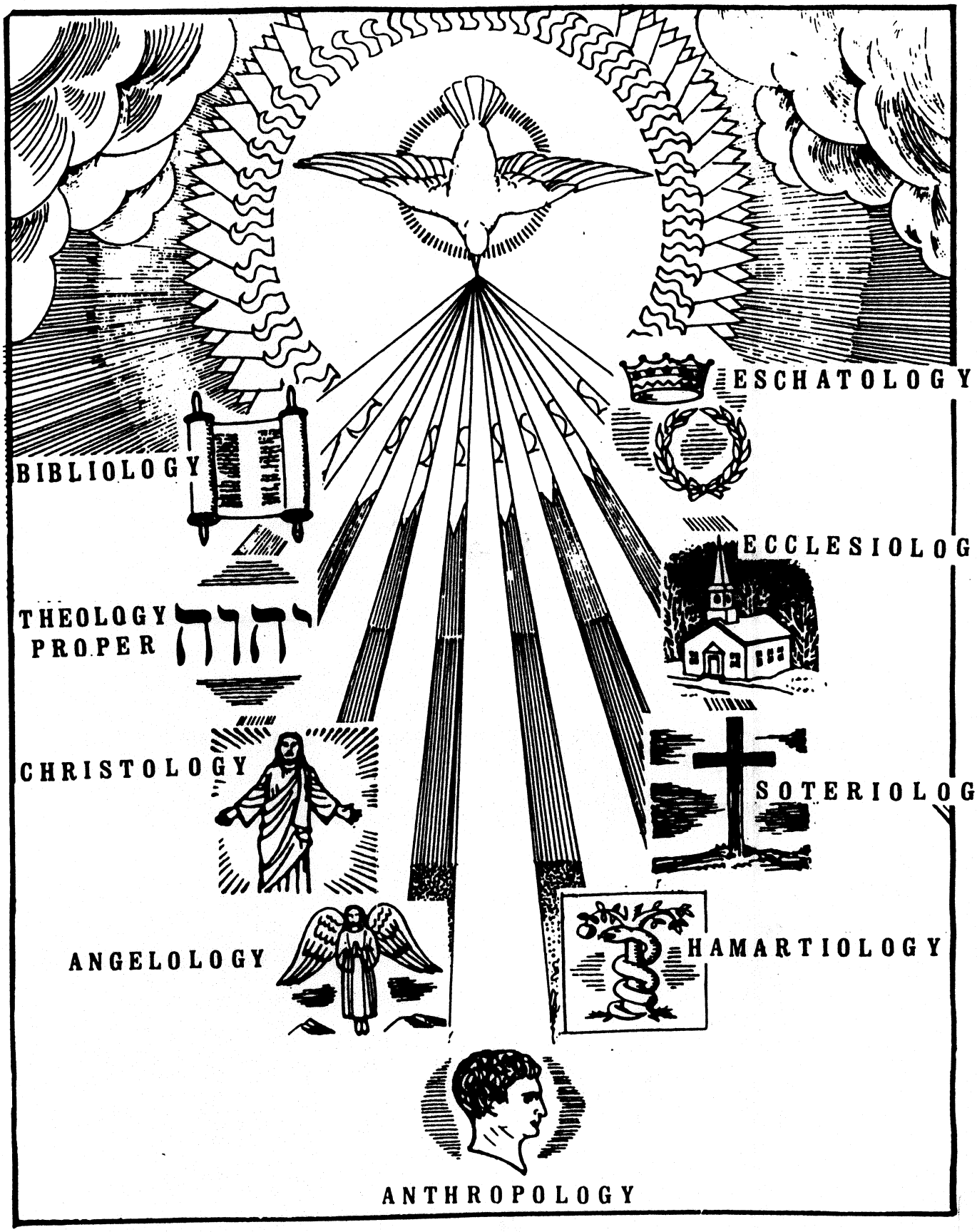




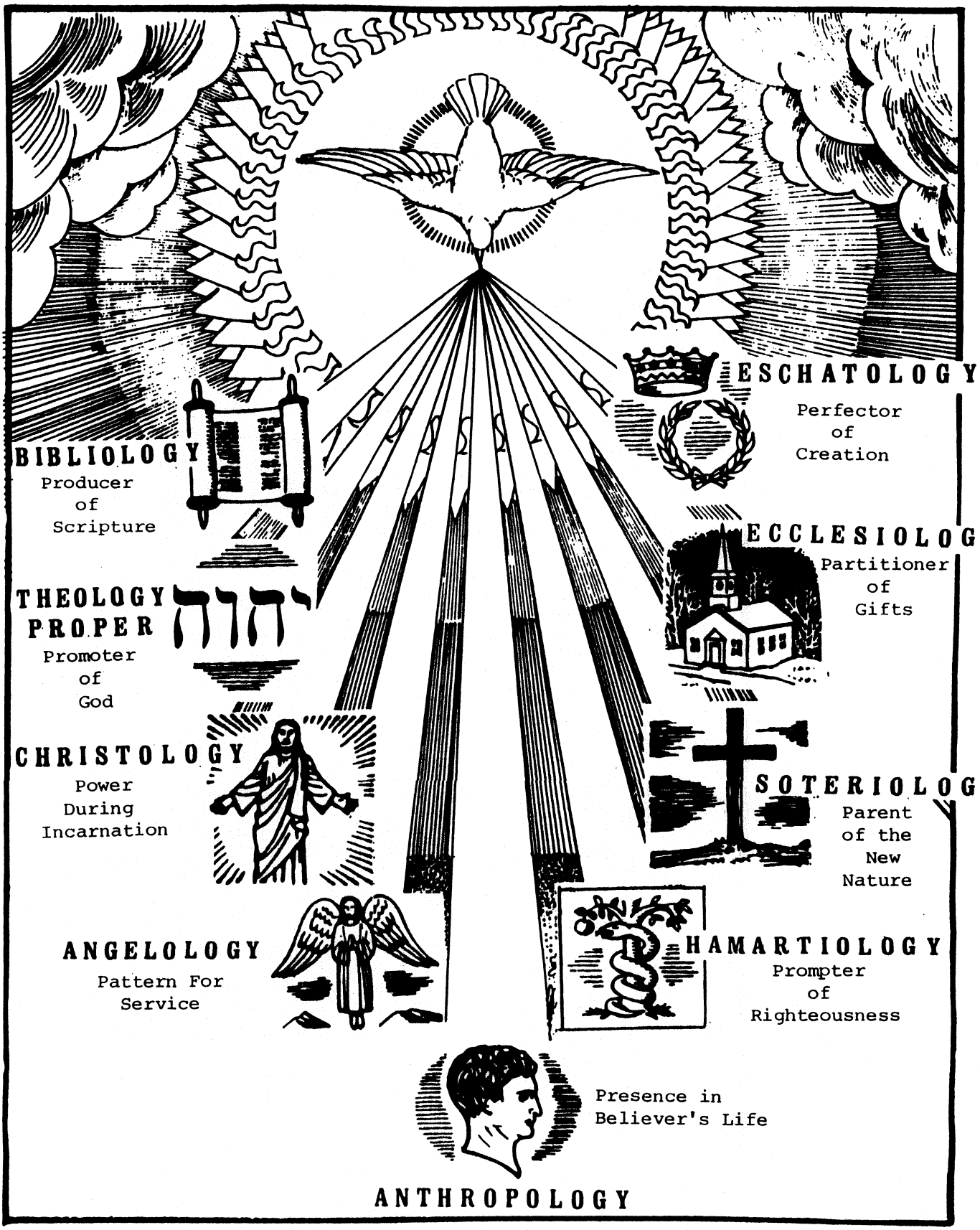


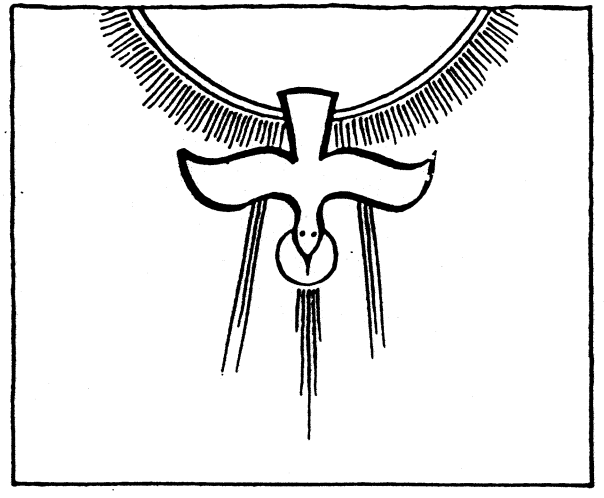


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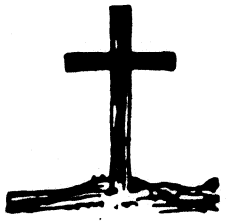


THE SPIRIT

HE IS:

- The antidote for every error, Ephesians 4:3
- The power for every weakness, Ephesians 5:18
- The victory for every defeat, Ephesians 6:17-18
- The answer for every need, Ephesians 3:16

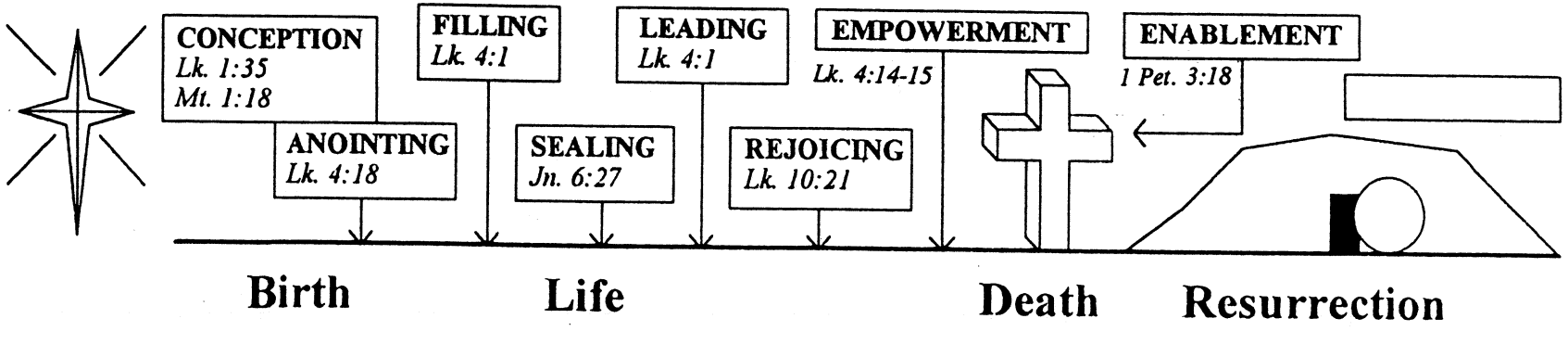




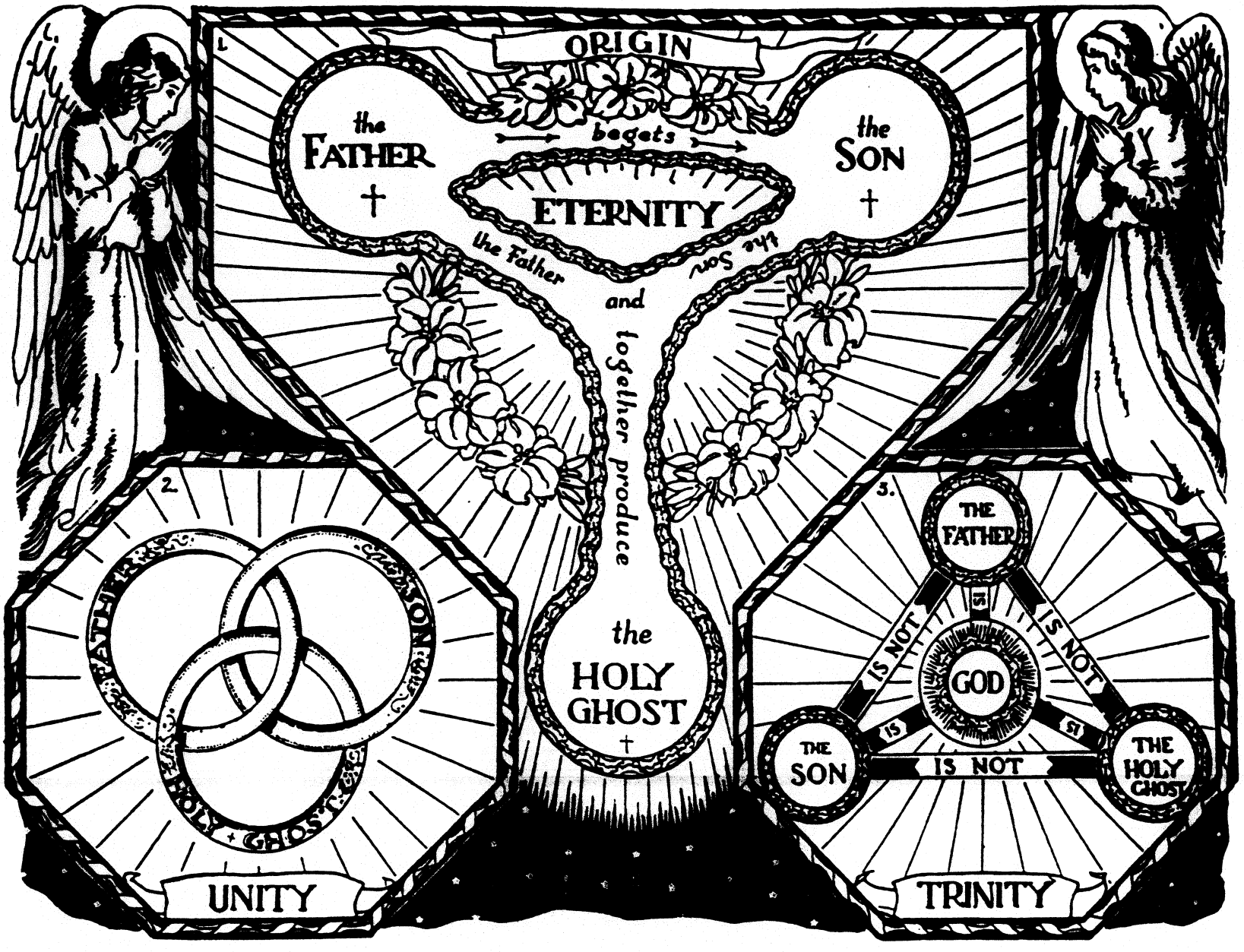
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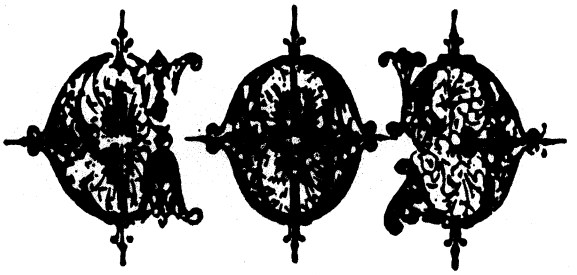
Titus 3:5	Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;	REGENERATION
1 Cor. 12:13	For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether *we be* Jews or Gentiles, whether *we be* bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.	BAPTISM
1 Cor. 6:19	What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?	INDWELLING
Eph. 4:30	And grieve not the holy Spirit of God whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.	SEALING
2 Thess. 2:13	But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth:	SANCTIFICATION

The Savior and the Spirit



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ORIGIN
the FATHER
begets
the SON
ETERNITY
the Father
and
the Son
together produce
the HOLY GHOST
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TRINITY





THE FATHER

ETERNAL GENERATION

ETERNAL PROCESSION



THE SON



THE SPIRIT

ST. JOHN 15

26 But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, *even* the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:

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PEANUTS By Schulz



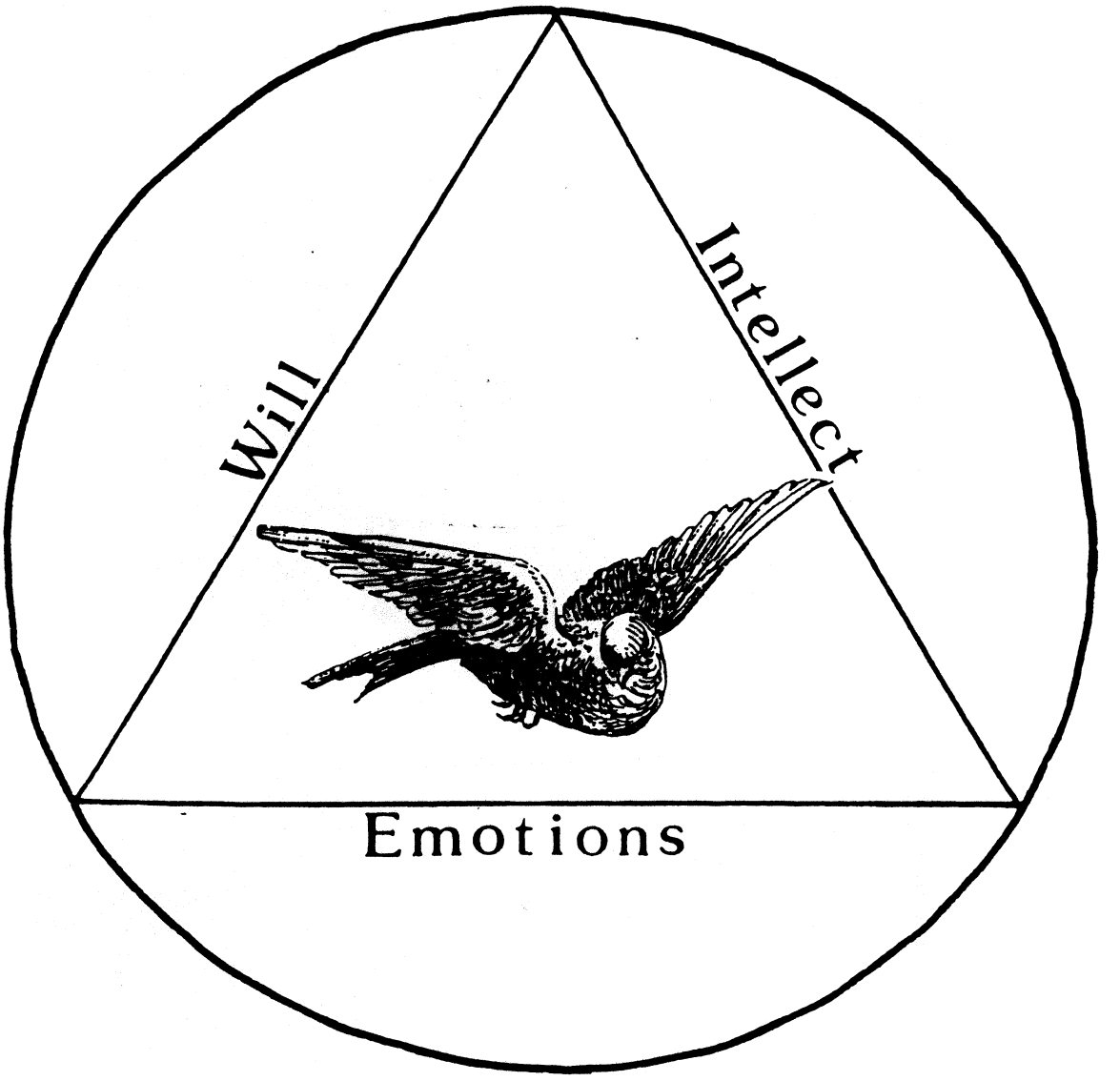
THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A PERSON, NOT AN IMPERSONAL FORCE OR DIVINE INFLUENCE.

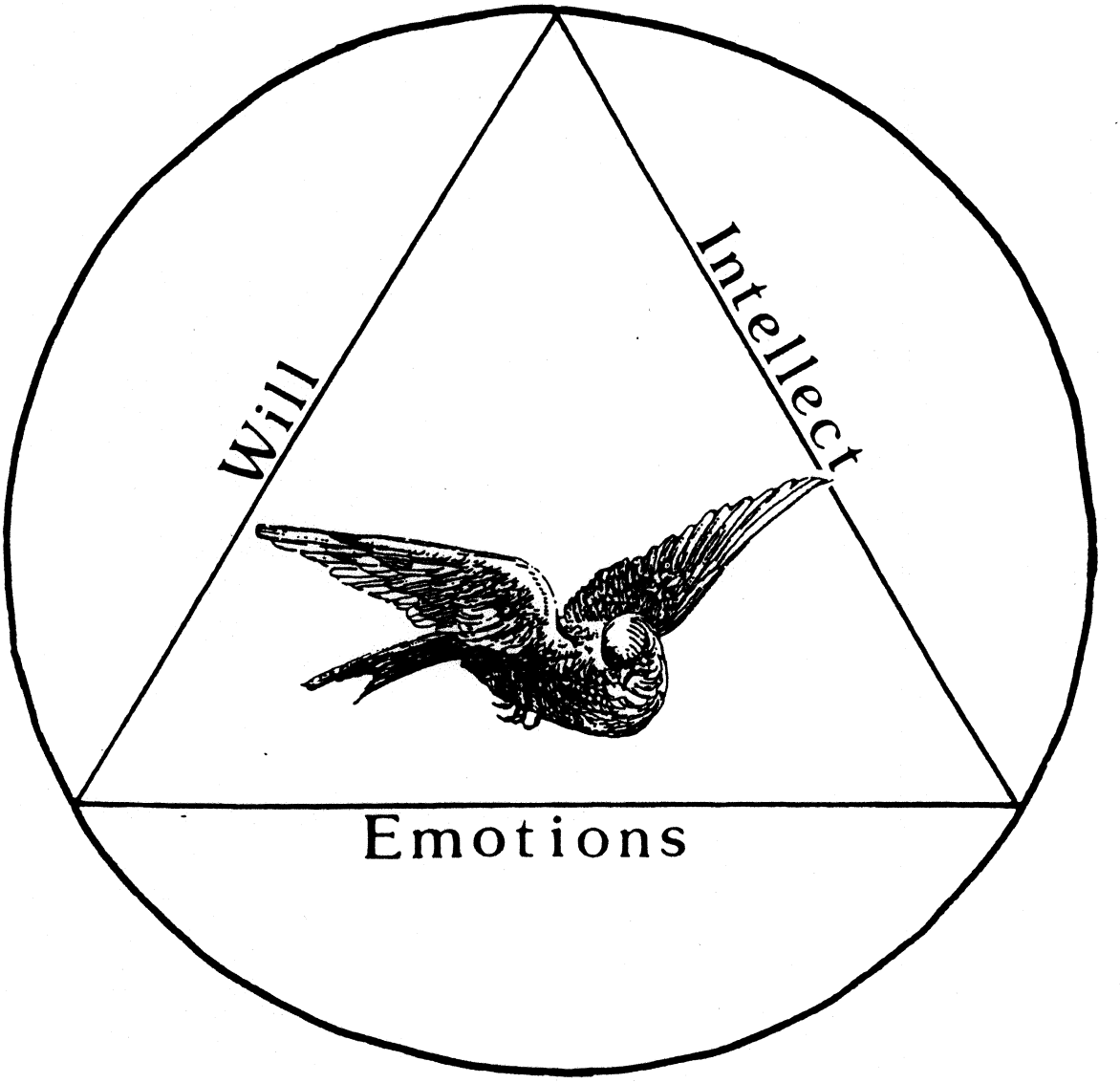
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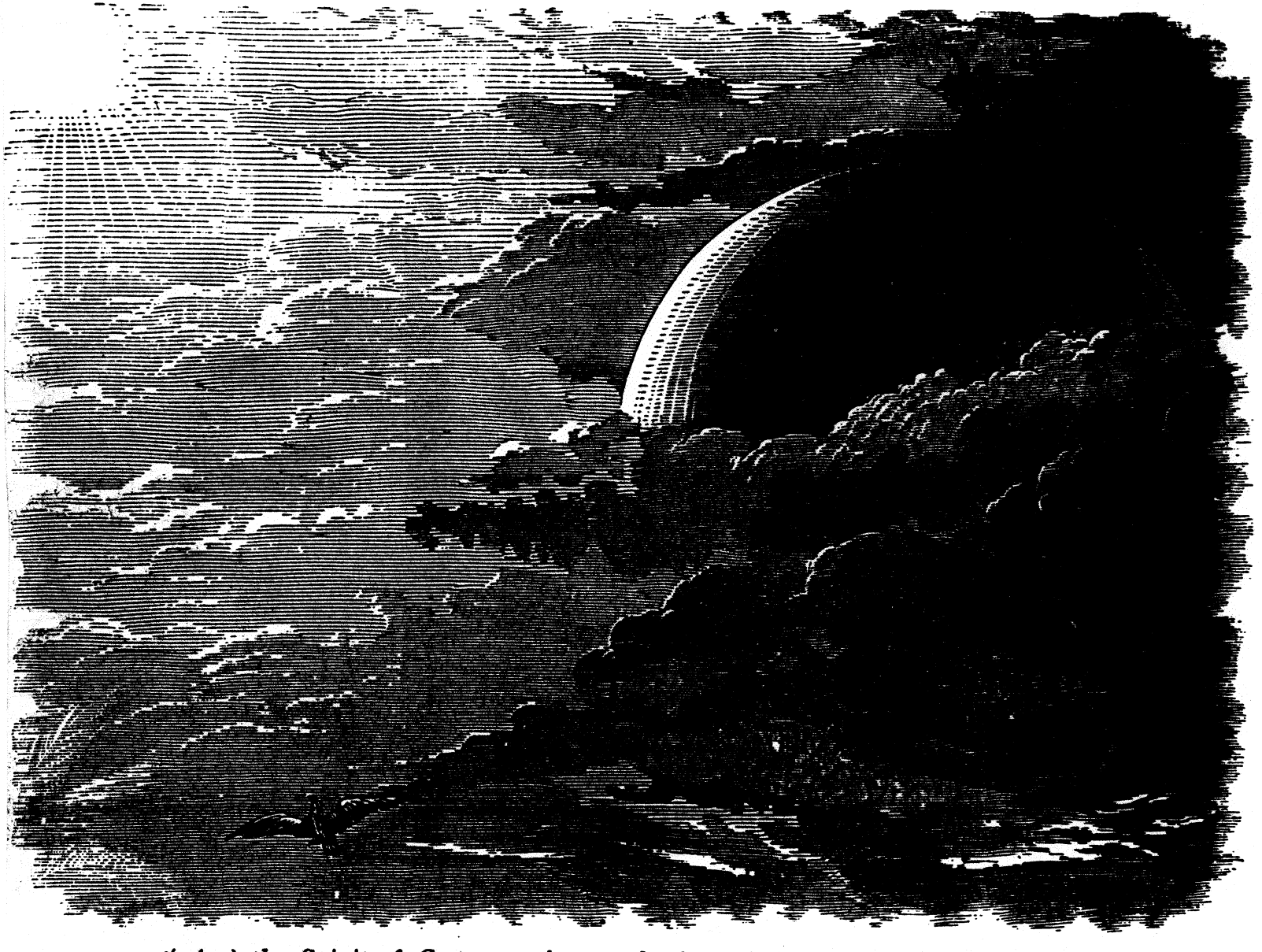
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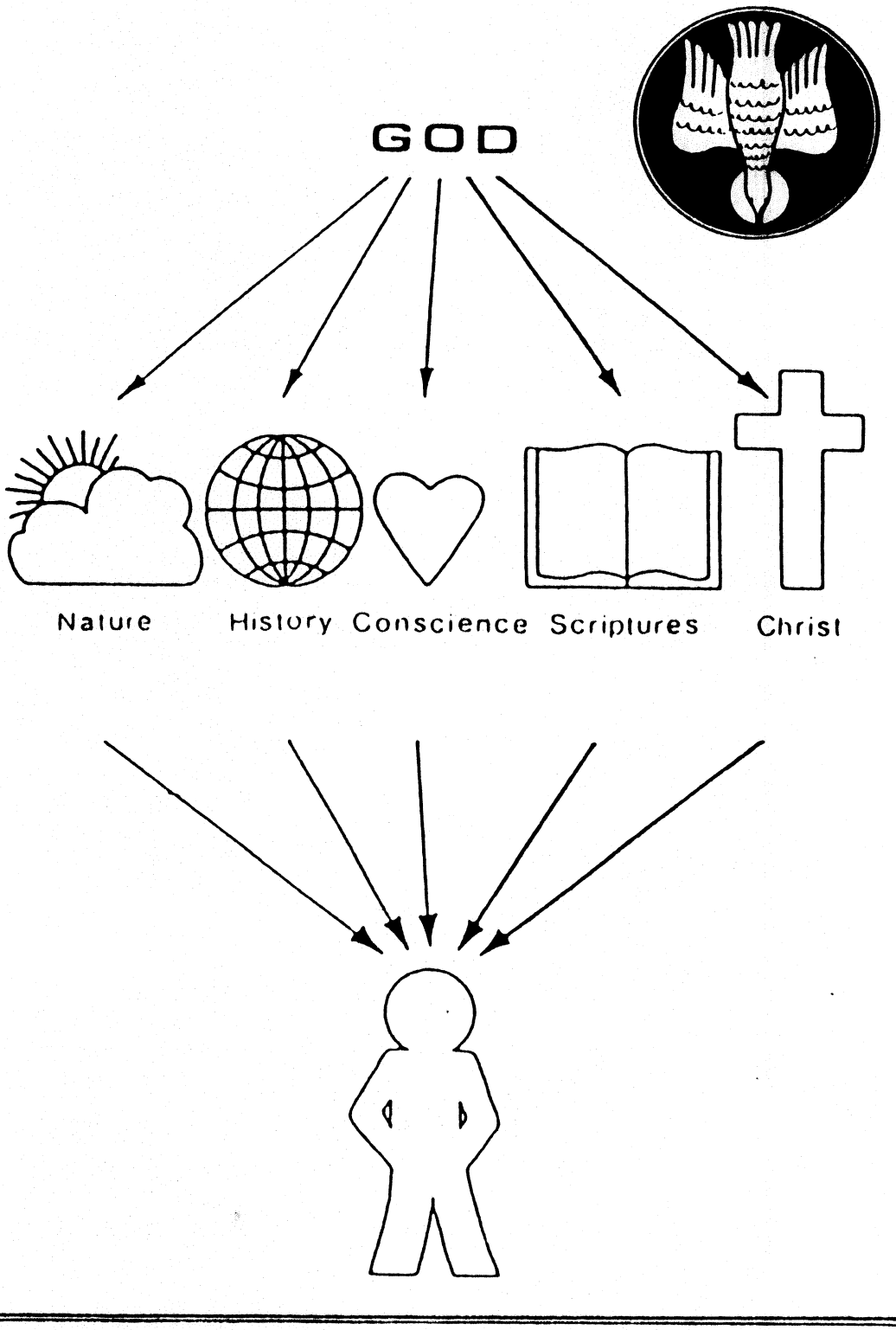


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"And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."—Genesis i, 2.

REVELATION:



Berufung der Werkmeister.
(Vgl. K. 31, 1-6.)

30 Und Mose sprach zu den Kindern Israel: Sehet, der HErr hat mit Namen berufen den Bezaleel, den Sohn Uris, des Sohnes Hurs, vom Stamme Juda, 31 und hat ihn erfüllt mit dem Geist Gottes, daß er weise, verständig, geschickt sei zu allerlei Werk,



32 kunstreich zu arbeiten an Gold, Silber und Erz, 33 Edelsteine zu schneiden und einzusetzen, Holz zu zimmern, zu machen allerlei kunstreiche Arbeit. 34 Und hat ihm ins Herz gegeben, zu unterweisen, ihm und Oholiab, dem Sohn Ahisamachs, vom Stamme Dan. 35 Er hat ihr Herz mit Weisheit erfüllt, zu machen allerlei Werk, zu schneiden, zu wirken und zu sticken mit blauem und rotem Purpur, Scharlach und weißer Leinwand, und mit Weben, daß sie machen allerlei Werk, und kunstreiche Arbeit erfinden.

EXODUS 35:29

IN OLD TESTAMENT TIMES, THE SPIRIT GAVE CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS ENABLEMENT FOR SPECIAL TASKS, E.G. Bezaleel AND Aholiab, EX. 35:30-36:2

29 The children of Israel brought a **willing offering** unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses.

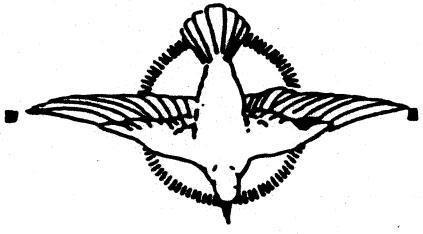
30 *a*Ex 31:1-6

30 *a*And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the LORD hath called by name **Bez'aleel** the son of U'ri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

31 And he hath filled him with the **spirit of God**, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship;

Dispensational Distinctions

THE SPIRIT UNDER LAW



THE SPIRIT UNDER GRACE

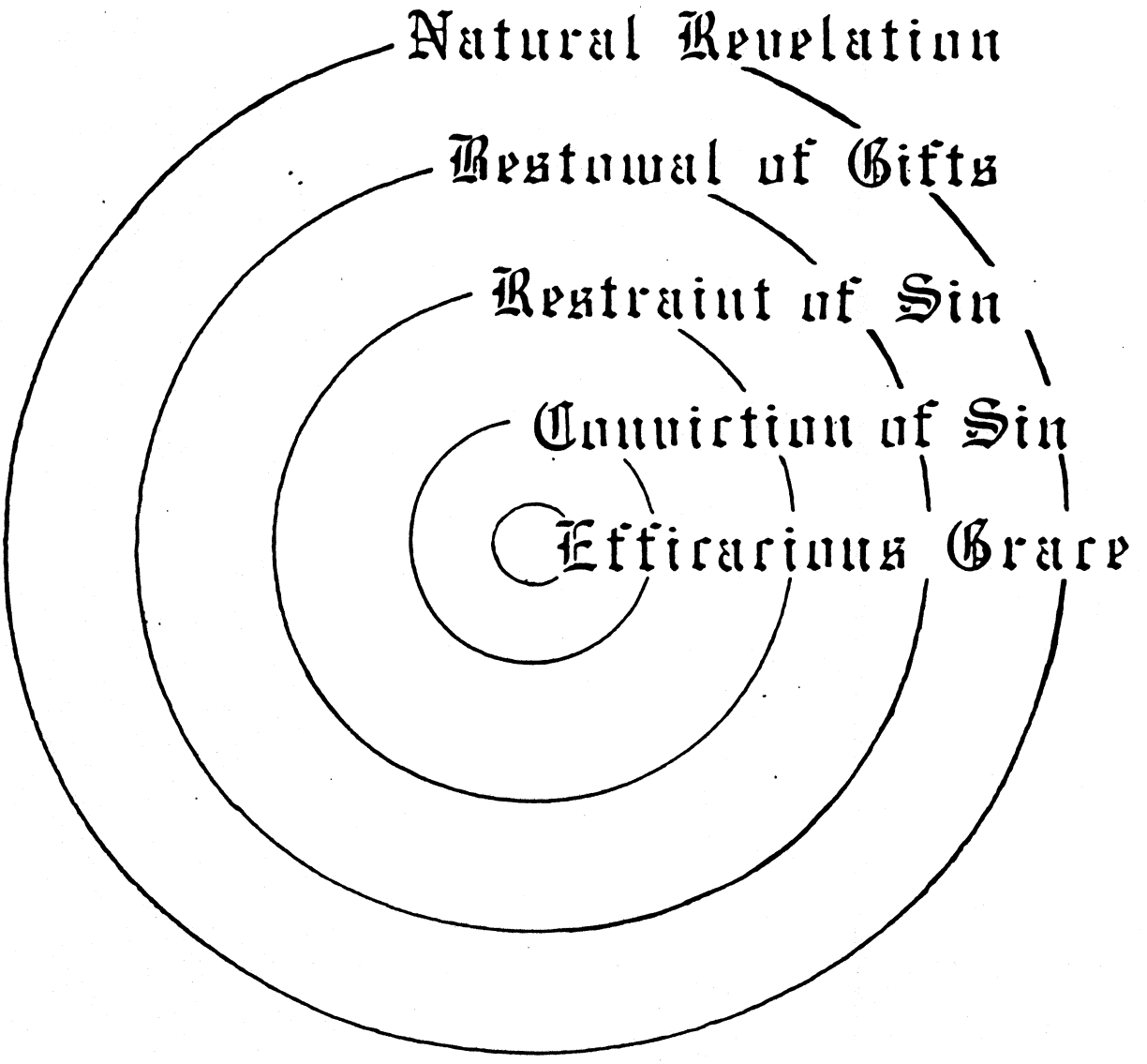
John 14:16-17

16 And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another
[f]Comforter, that he may abide
with you for ever;
17 *Even* [g]the Spirit of truth;
[h]whom the world cannot re-
ceive, because it seeth him not,
neither knoweth him: but ye
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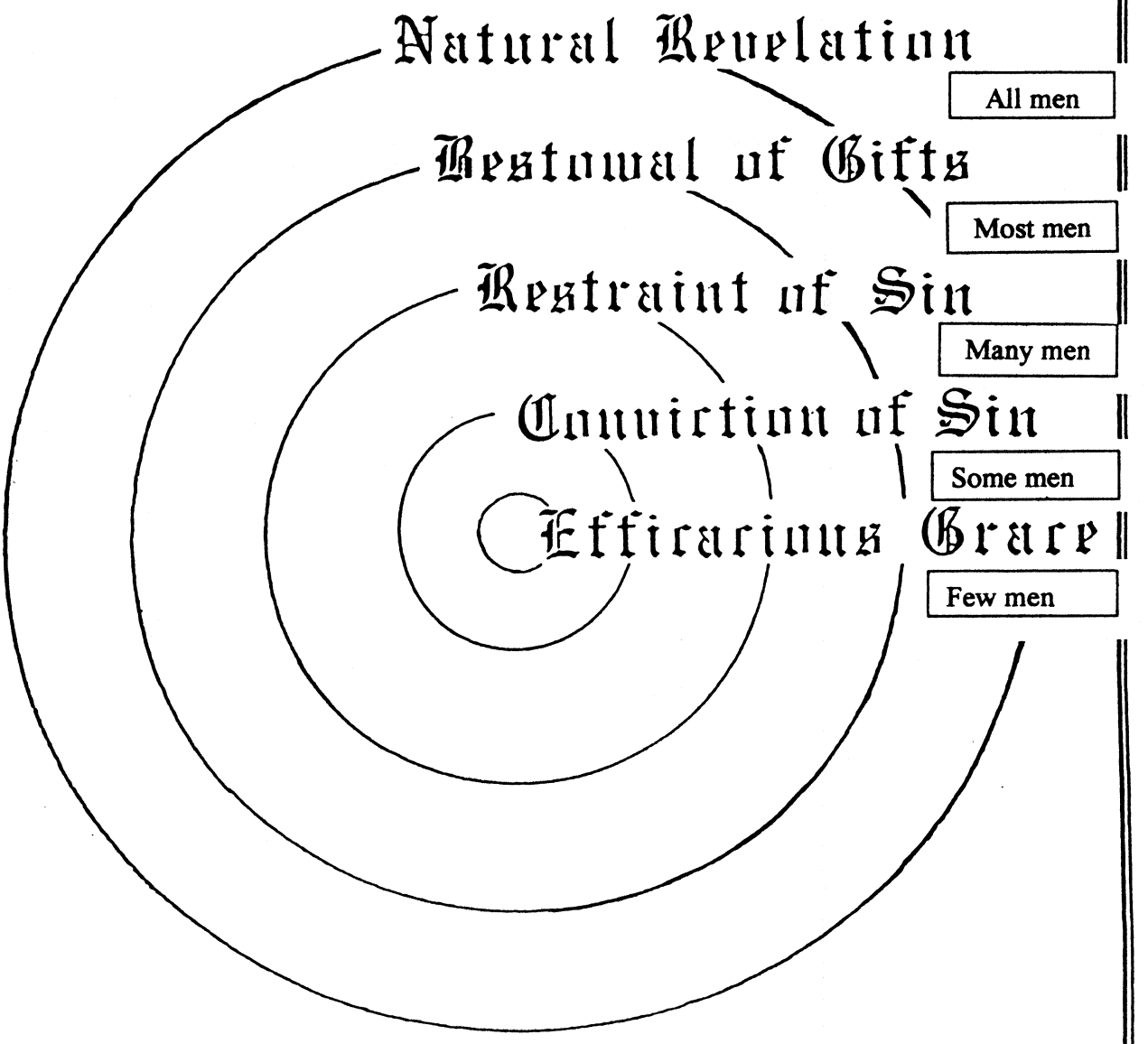


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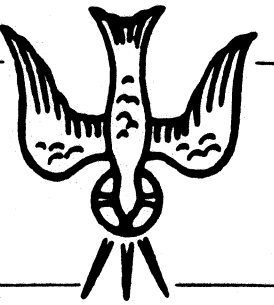
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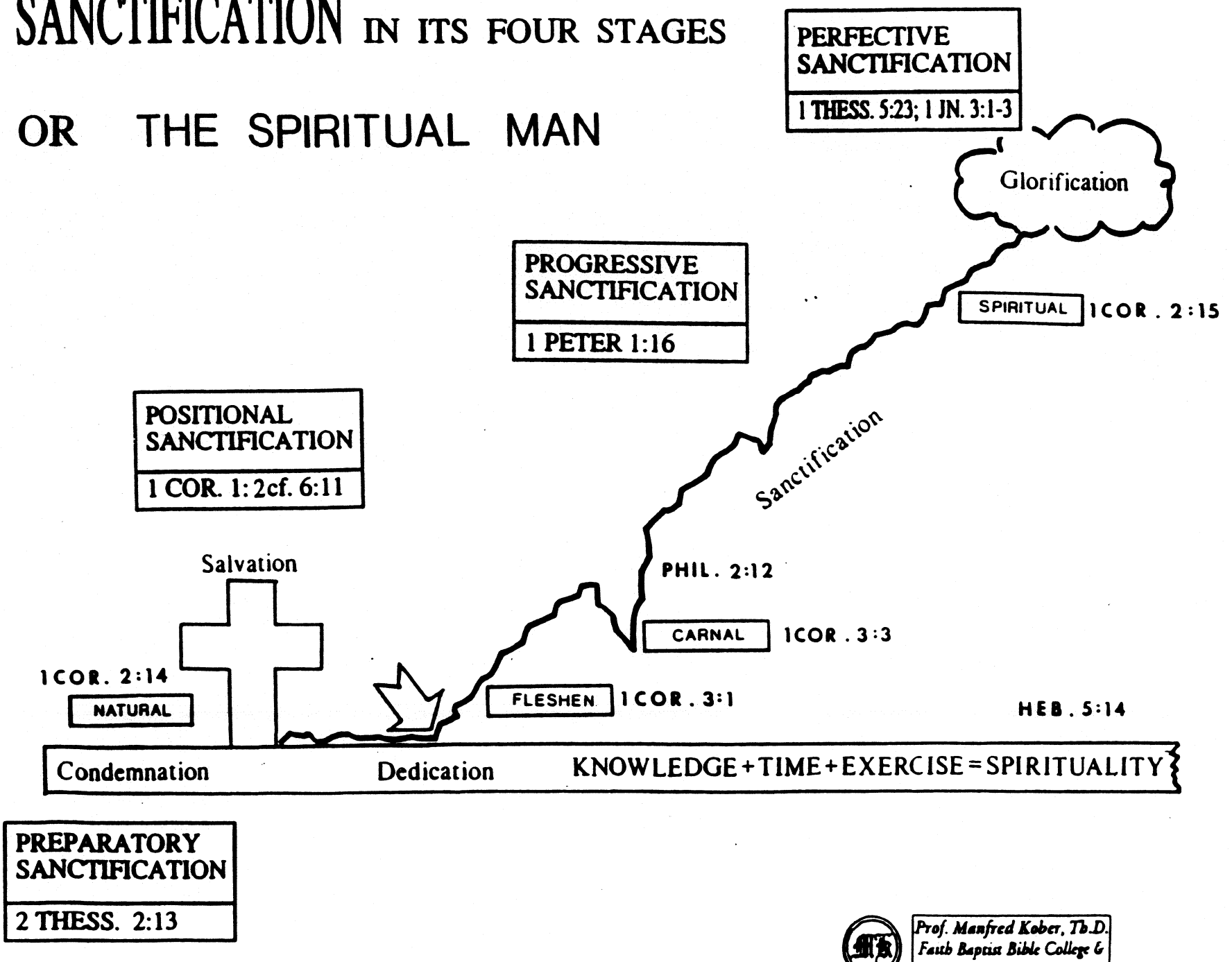
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COMMON GRACE		EFFICACIOUS GRACE
ALL MEN PROCESS USE OF MEANS PRIOR TO SALVATION TITUS 2:11	WHAT GOD GIVES US	SOME ACT DIRECT MOMENT OF SALVATION EPHESIANS 2:8 II TIMOTHY 1:9
GENERAL CALL		EFFICACIOUS CALL
MATT. 22:14 ISAIAH 55:1	WHAT GOD DOES	ROMANS 8:28 I TIMOTHY 6:12

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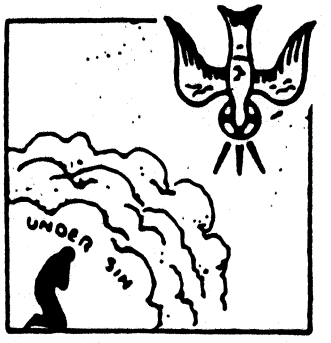
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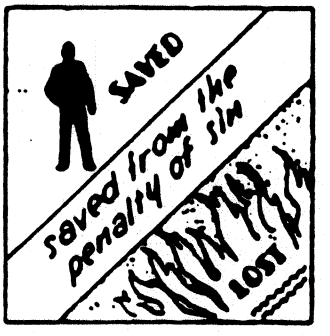
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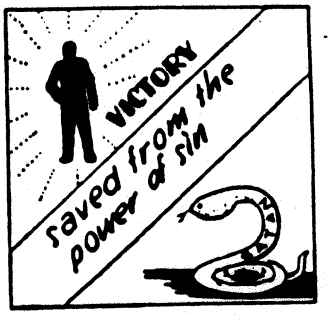
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2 THESS. 2:13



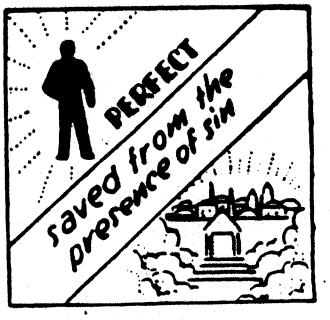
POSITIONAL SANCTIFICATION
1 COR. 1:2 cf. 6:11



PROGRESSIVE SANCTIFICATION
1 PETER 1:16



PERFECTIVE SANCTIFICATION
1 THESS. 5:23; 1 JN. 3:1-3

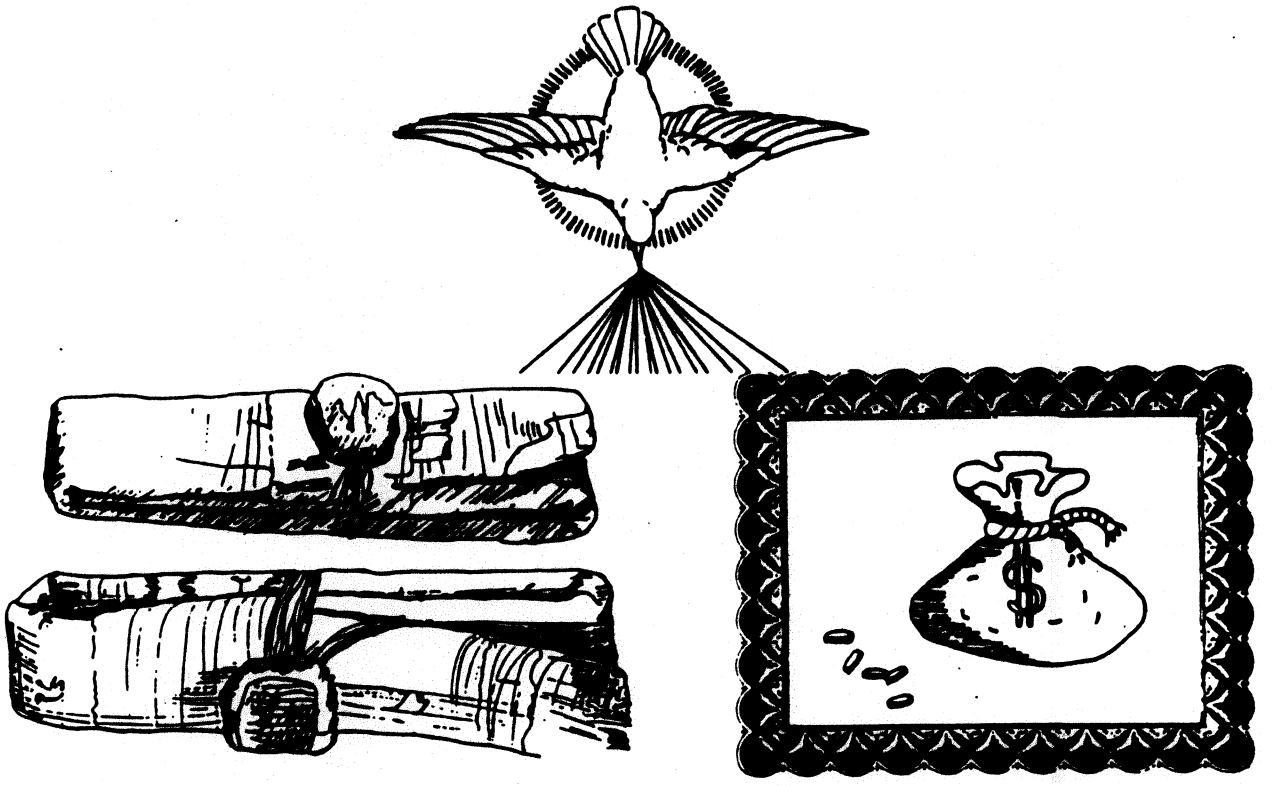


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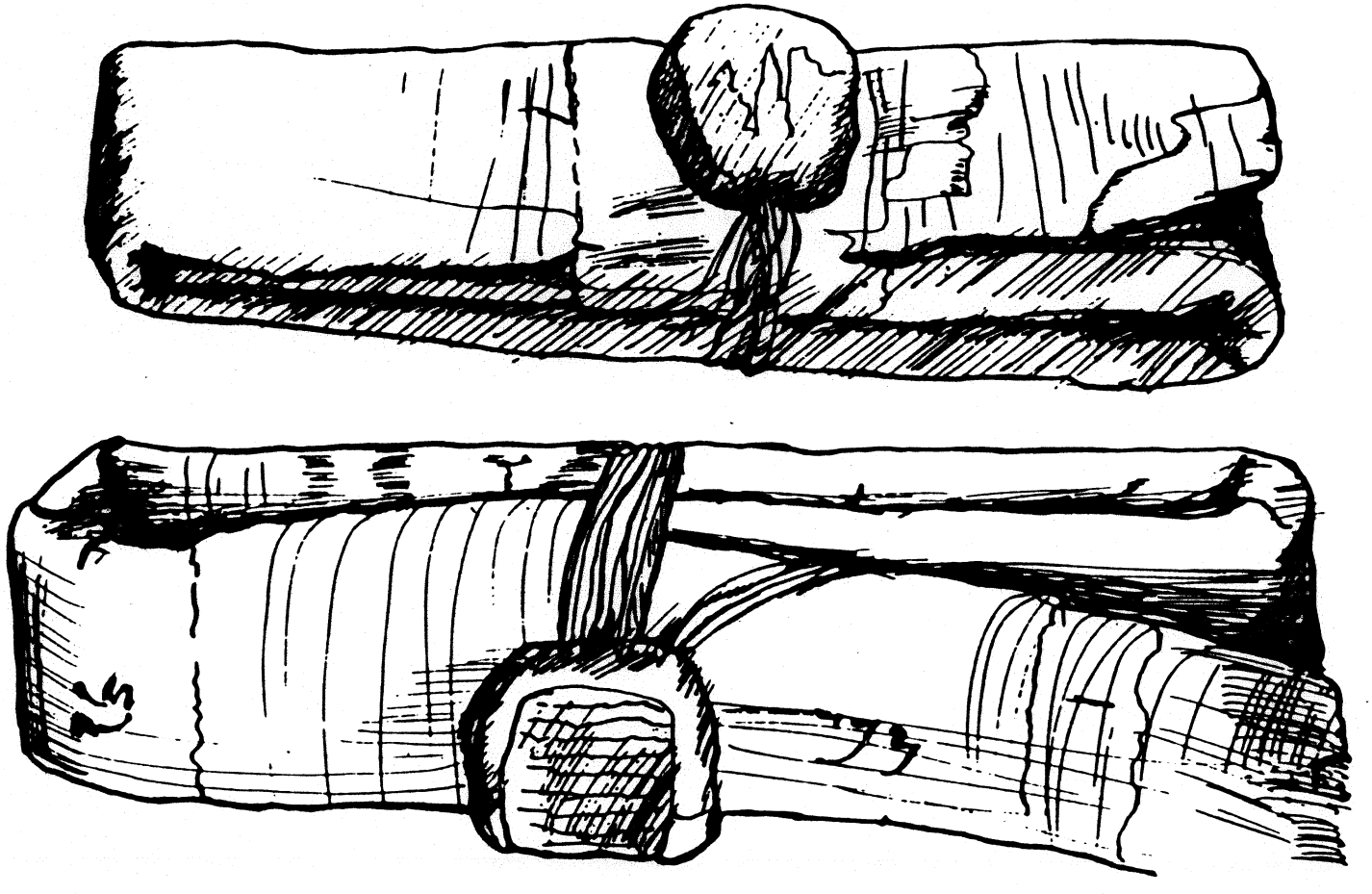
EPHESIANS 1

13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also, after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.



THE SEAL **THE EARNEST**



Sealed papyri from the Jewish colony at Elephantine.

The Number of Gifts

1. COR.12:8-10	1. COR.12:28-30	ROM.12:3-8	EPH.4:7-11
1. WISDOM	1. APOSTLES	1. PROPHECY	1. APOSTLES
2. KNOWLEDGE	2. PROPHETS	2. MINISTRY	2. PROPHETS
3. FAITH	3. TEACHERS	3. TEACHERS	3. EVANGE-LISTS
4. HEALING	4. MIRACLES	4. EXHORTATION	4. PASTOR-TEACHERS
5. MIRACLES	5. HEALING	5. GIVING	
6. PROPHECY	6. HELPS	6. RULING	
7. DISCERNING OF SPIRITS	7. GOVERNMENTS	7. MERCY	
8. TONGUES	8. TONGUES		
9. INTERPRETATION	9. INTERPRETATION		

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE GIFTS

CORINTHIAN ACCOUNT A.D. 55		ROMAN ACCOUNT A.D. 57	EPHESIAN ACCOUNT A.D. 63	PETRINE ACCOUNT A.D. 66
I COR. 12:8-10	I COR. 12:28-30	ROM. 12:3-8	EPH. 4:7-11	I PET. 4:10-11
TEMPORARY: 8	6	1	2	0
PERMANENT: 1	3	6	2	2
1. Wisdom	1. Apostles	1. Prophecy	1. Apostles	1. Speaking
2. Knowledge	2. Prophets	2. Ministry	2. Prophets	2. Ministering
3. Faith	3. Teachers	3. Teaching	3. Evangelists	
4. Healing	4. Miracles	4. Exhortation	4. Pastor-Teachers	
5. Miracles	5. Healing	5. Giving		
6. Prophecy	6. Helps	6. Ruling		
7. Disc. of Spirits	7. Governments	7. Mercy		
8. Tongues	8. Tongues			
9. Interp. of T.	9. Interp. of T.			
	"A more excellent way. . . love"	"Let love be without dissimulation"	"Speaking the truth in love . . . edifying . . . in love"	"And above all things have fervent love"
	I Cor. 12:31-13:1	Rom. 12:9	Eph. 4:15-16	I Pet. 4:8

Seeing Gifts in Their Context

Another viewpoint about one of the most discussed topics of our time

The invitation to attend an ordination council announced that the candidate was [illegible] church as "p Lord's servan those gifts by In this particul was intended Nevertheless, a growing tren

It is only with that candidates been claiming pastor-teacher "called of God. while claiming to emphasized his from the time of emiah the prophe

Some claim it is to serve the Lord u or more of the gift New Testament. E say, is endowed with The text given to substantiate this claim is 1 Corinthians 12:13: "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body . . . and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

This text undeniably teaches that all believers are baptized in the Spirit and are one body; but it does not say all have a spiritual gift. In 1 Corinthians 12:7 the expression "every man" is used in our Authorized Version, but the word is emphatic and has the sense of "each man" (Alford, Thayer).

The passage read in this [illegible] expands on this:

[illegible] and end of the miracle [illegible] beyond itself; that, [illegible] of fingerpost of God [illegible] his; valuable not so [illegible] for what it indicates [illegible] er of the doer, or of [illegible] tion with a spiritual

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[illegible] l, tells us Jesus [illegible] h were not writ- [illegible] these are writ- [illegible] ieve that Jesus [illegible] f God; and that [illegible] life through his [illegible]. The miracles Christ pointed

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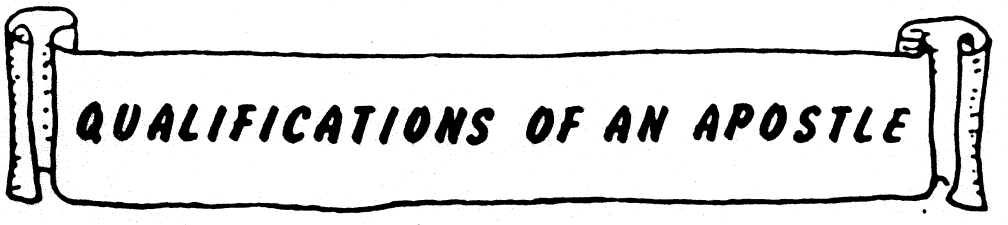
The Purpose of the Gifts. First, the word most frequently used in connection with the exercise of these supernatural gifts is "sign" (Gk. *semeion*), sometimes translated "miracle."

Thayer describes its usage as "a sign by which God authenticates men sent by Him."[2]

Mark's Gospel says that "signs" would follow believers; that "they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and *confirming the word with signs* following" (Mark 16:17, 20).

Paul instructed the Corinthians that tongues were a sign to unbelievers, not to believers (1 Cor. 14:22). The previous verse, quoted from Isaiah 28:11, indicates that this sign was for unbelieving Jews rather than Gentiles. Paul also refers to signs accompanying his ministry to the Gentiles (Rom. 15:18, 19).

The writer of Hebrews includes the entire scope of signs, wonders, diverse miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost as confirmations of the spoken Word (Heb. 2:3, 4).



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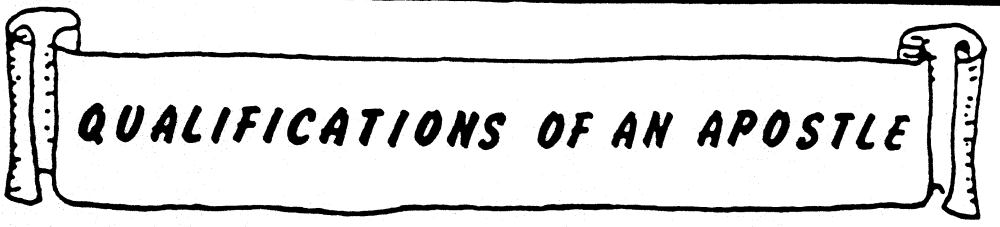
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TO QUALIFY AS AN APOSTLE THE PERSON MUST HAVE. . .

1. Been with Christ since His baptism.

2. Accompanied Him for three years.

3. Witnessed His resurrection.

4. Received a personal call.

'SIGNS OF AN APOSTLE'

2 Cor. 12:12

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Heb. 2:3-4

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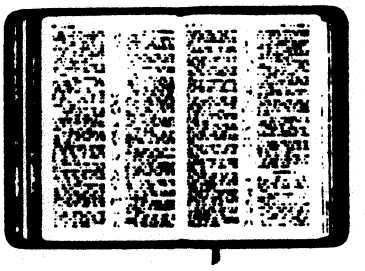
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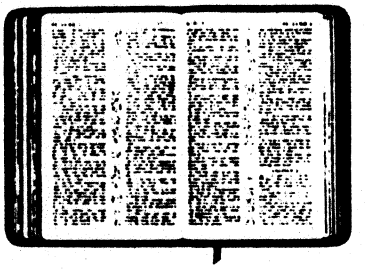
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1 Corinthians 13:8

Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away.

Gift	Greek Verb	Tense	Voice	Meaning
Prophecy	καταργέω KATARGEO	FUTURE	PASSIVE	To Render Inoperative
Tongues	παύω PAUO	FUTURE	MIDDLE	To Cease (on their own account)
Know-ledge	καταργέω KATARGEO	FUTURE	PASSIVE	To Render Inoperative

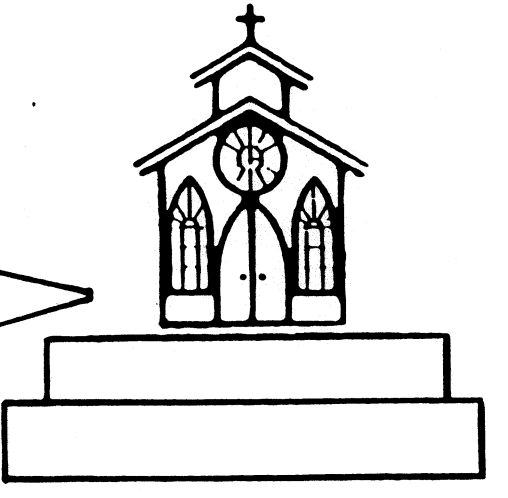
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1 Corinthians 13

Prophecy — καταργέω

Tongues — παύω

Knowledge — καταργέω



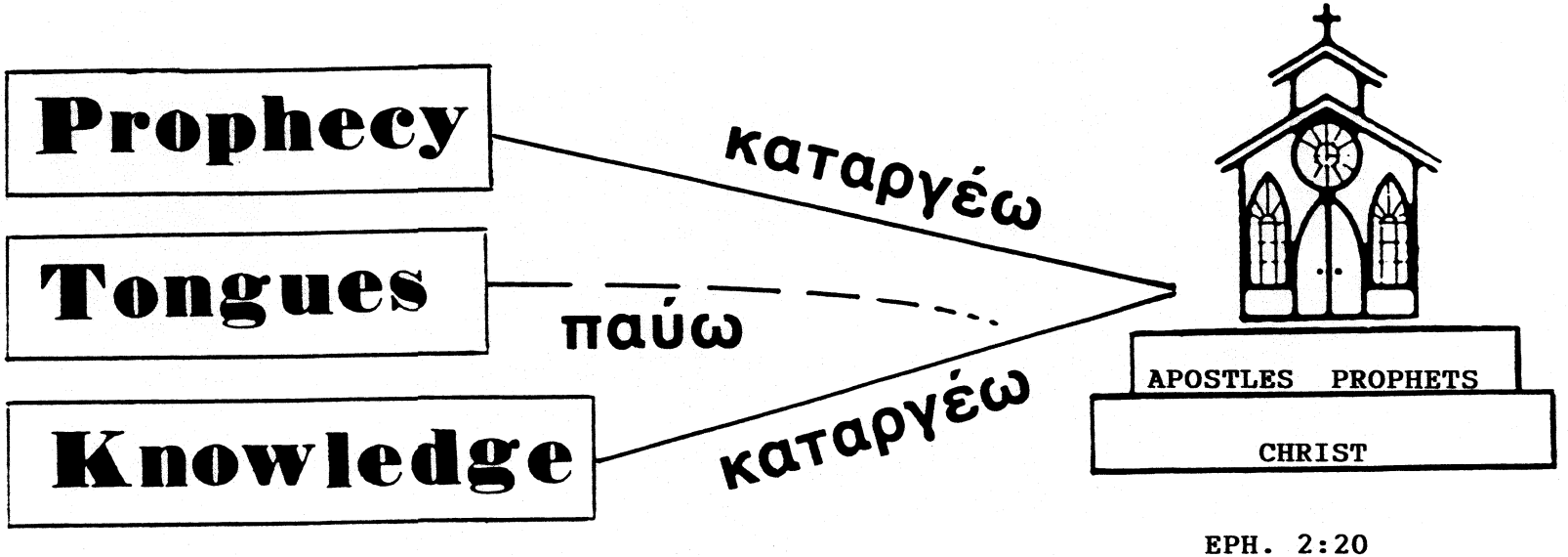
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1 Corinthians 13



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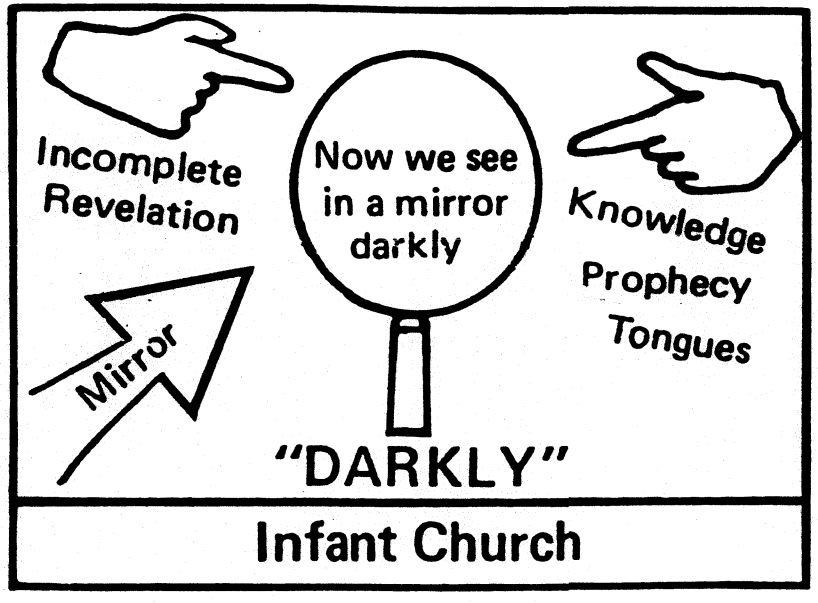
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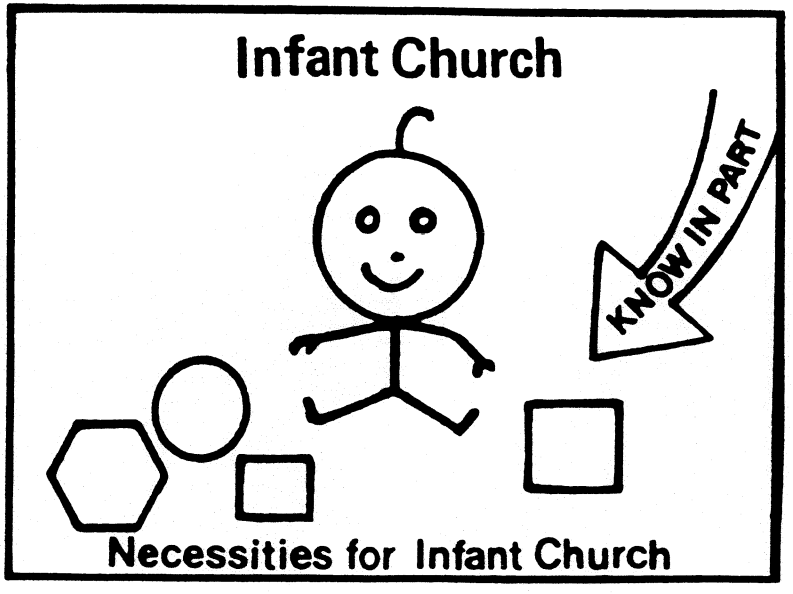
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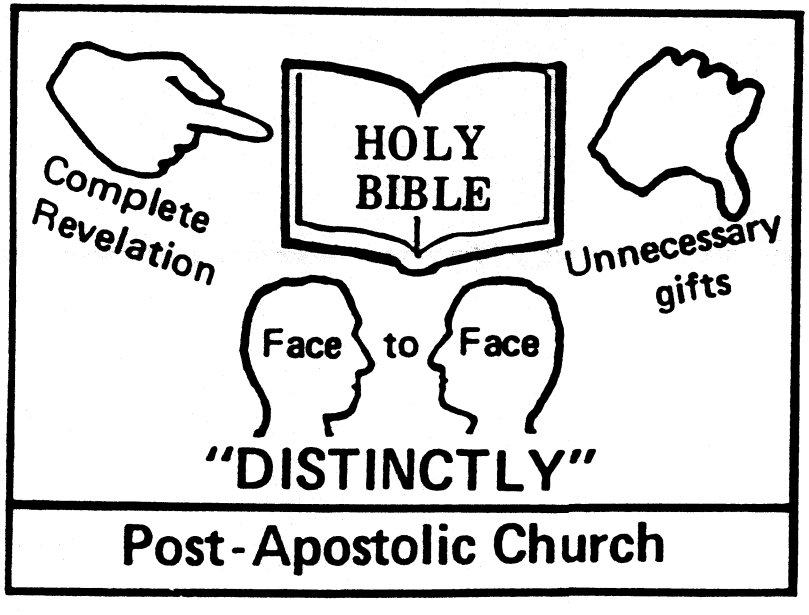
Confusion About the Exercise of Tongues

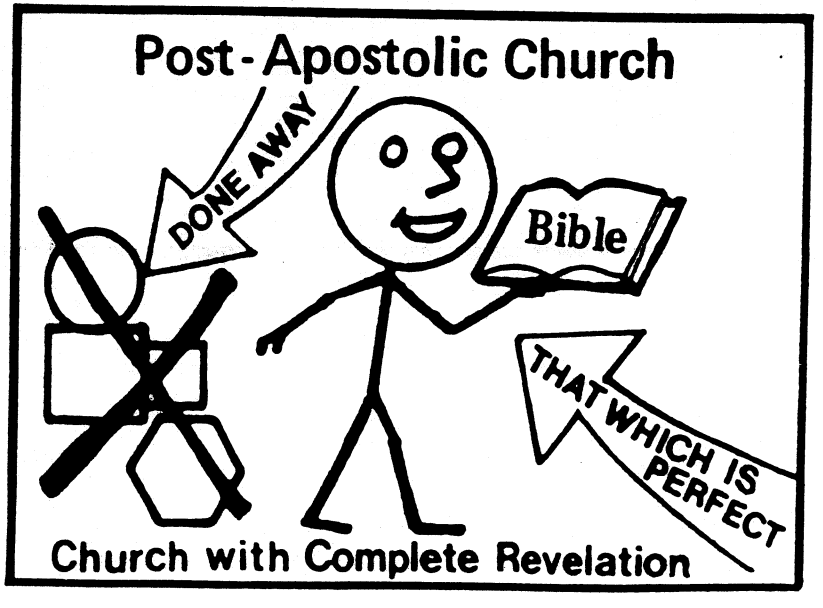
Even if the gift of tongues were valid for the twentieth century, the charismatics generally violate several clear guidelines for the proper exercise of that gift. First, when tongues were spoken in the early church, only two or three people could speak (I Cor. 14:27). In contrast, in charismatic meetings sometimes 5,000 persons speak at once. Second, the speaking had to be in sequence (I Cor. 14:27), whereas in tongues meetings it is often done at the same time. Third, an interpreter had to be present (I Cor. 14:27). Fourth, women were not to speak (I Cor. 14:34), whereas charismatic meetings are comprised frequently of a majority of women, many of whom give charismatic utterances. Fifth, unsaved Jewish people had to be present in the meetings. The sole purpose of tongues was that they be a sign to unbelieving Israel (I Cor. 14:21-22, cf. Is. 28:11-12). Their purpose precludes their usage in meetings when only non-Jews are present. Nor is there Scriptural justification for the devotional use of tongues.

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Incomplete Revelation
Now we see in a mirror darkly
Knowledge
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"DARKLY"
Infant Church


Infant Church
KNOW IN PART
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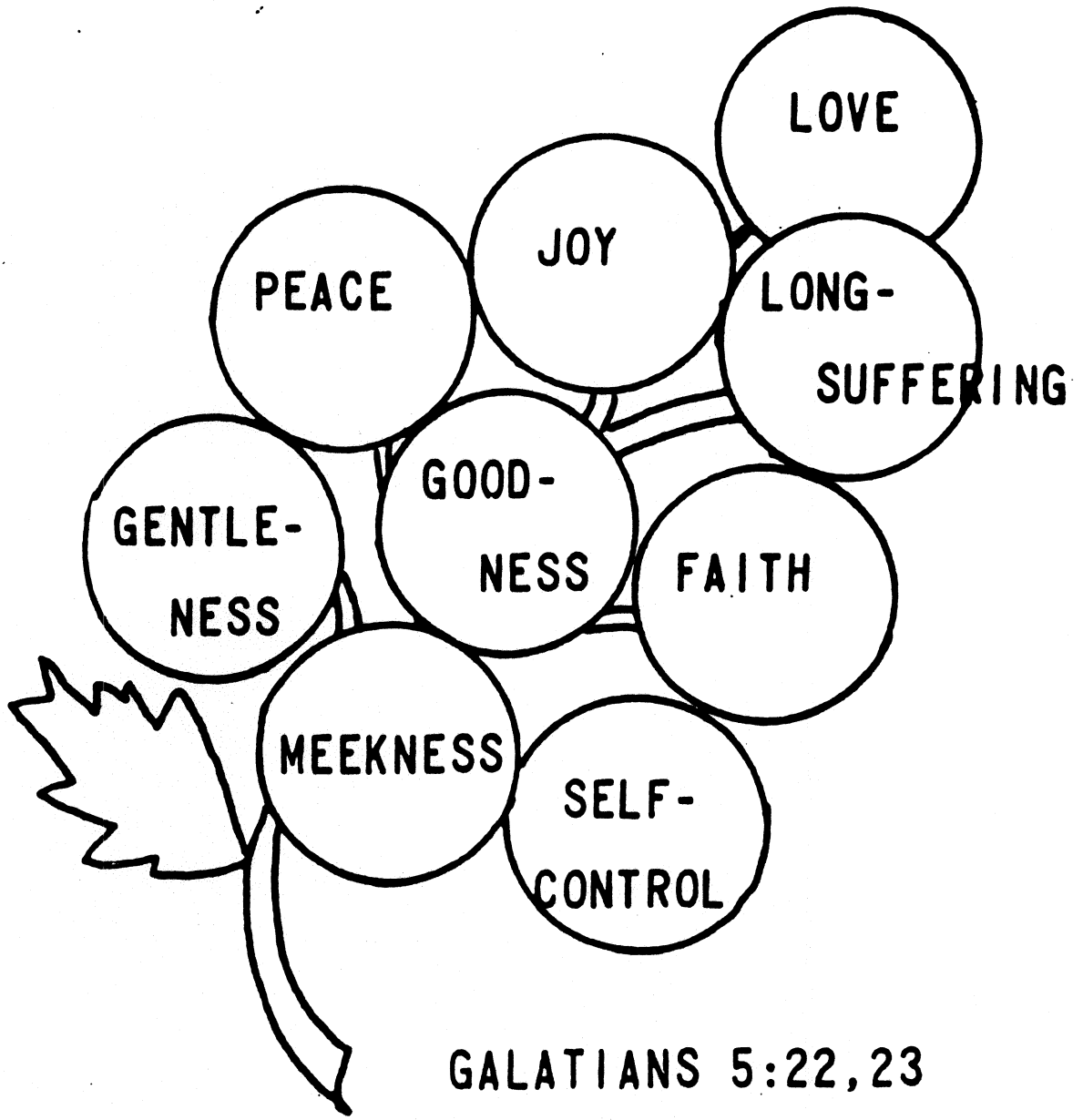

Complete Revelation
HOLY BIBLE
Unnecessary gifts
Face to Face
"DISTINCTLY"
Post-Apostolic Church


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DONE AWAY
Bible
THAT WHICH IS PERFECT
Church with Complete Revelation

22 But *the fruit of the Spirit
is love, joy, peace, longsuffering,
*gentleness, goodness, faith,
23 Meekness, temperance: *against such there is no law.

BUT THE FRUIT

OF THE SPIRIT IS:



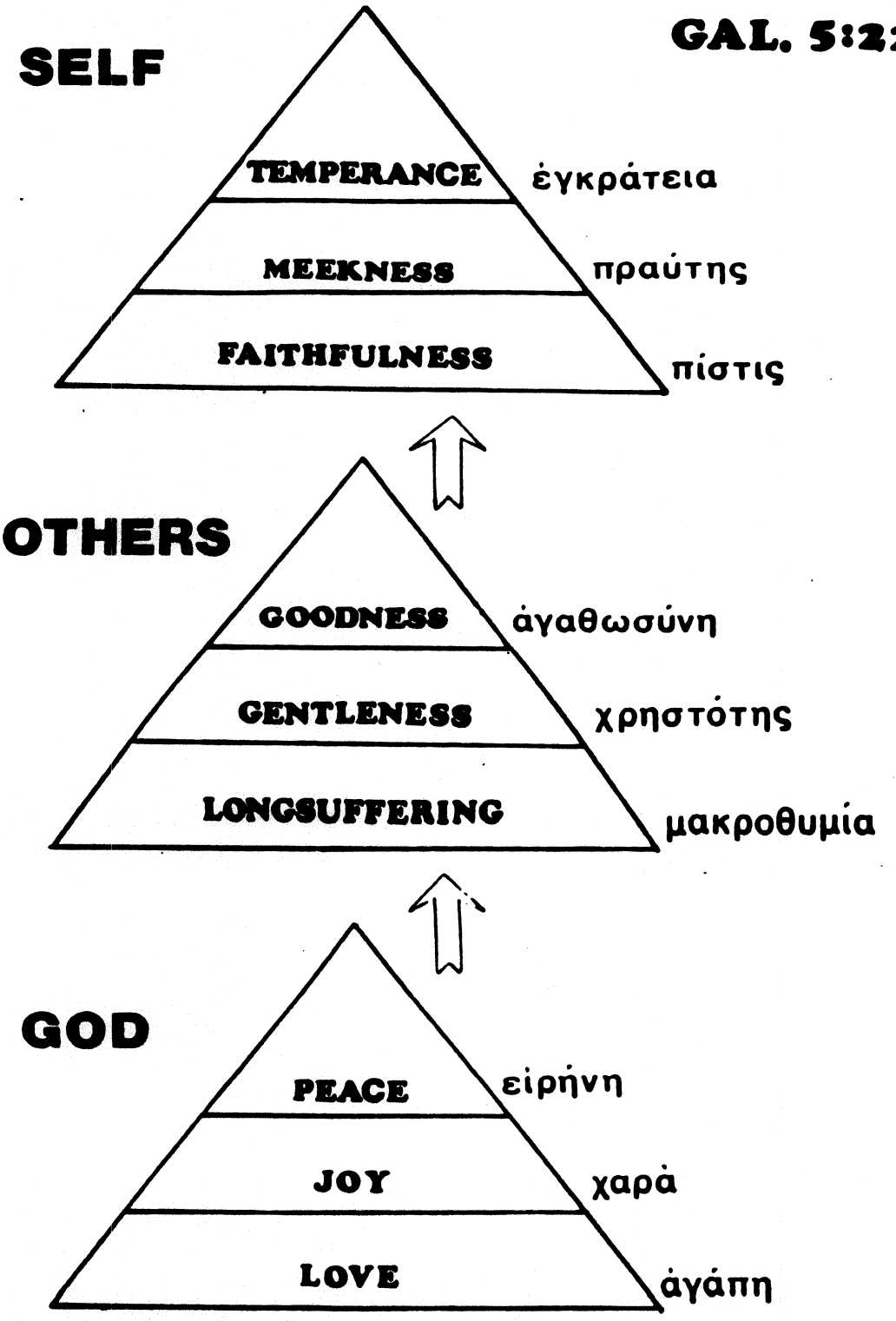
GALATIANS 5:22,23

THE CORRUPTION OF THE FLESH AND CHRIST-LIKENESS IN THE SPIRIT

The works of the flesh Gal. 5:19-21, 26	The fruit of the spirit Gal. 5: 22-23
1. adultery	1. love
2. fornication	
3. uncleanness	2. joy
4. lasciviousness	
5. idolatry	3. peace
6. witchcraft	
7. hatred	4. longsuffering
8. variance	
9. emulations	5. gentleness
10. wrath	
11. strife	6. kindness
12. seditions	
13. heresies	7. faith
14. envyings	
15. murders	8. meekness
16. drunkenness	
17. revellings	9. temperance
18. vainglory	

CHRIST-LIKENESS OR THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

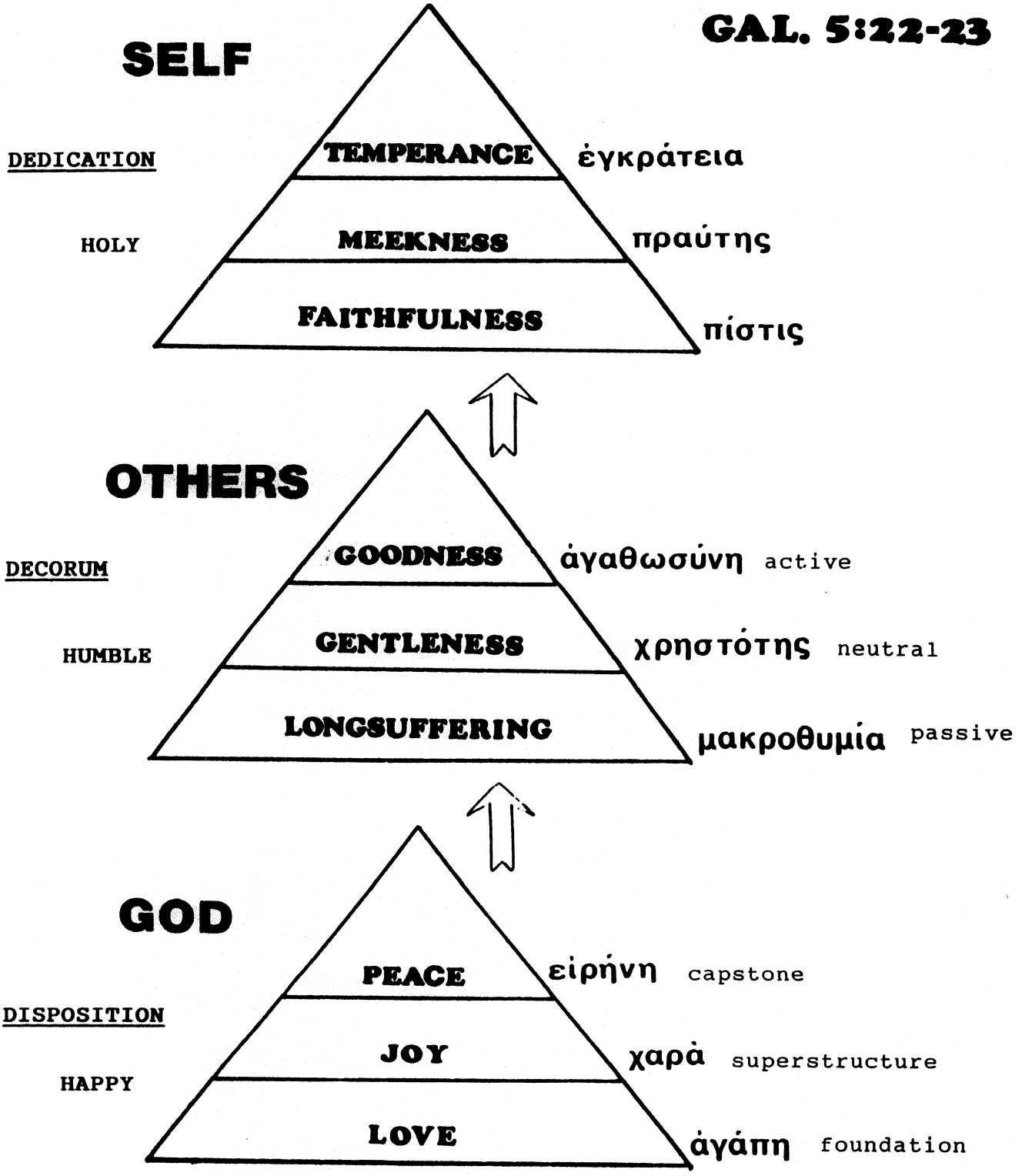
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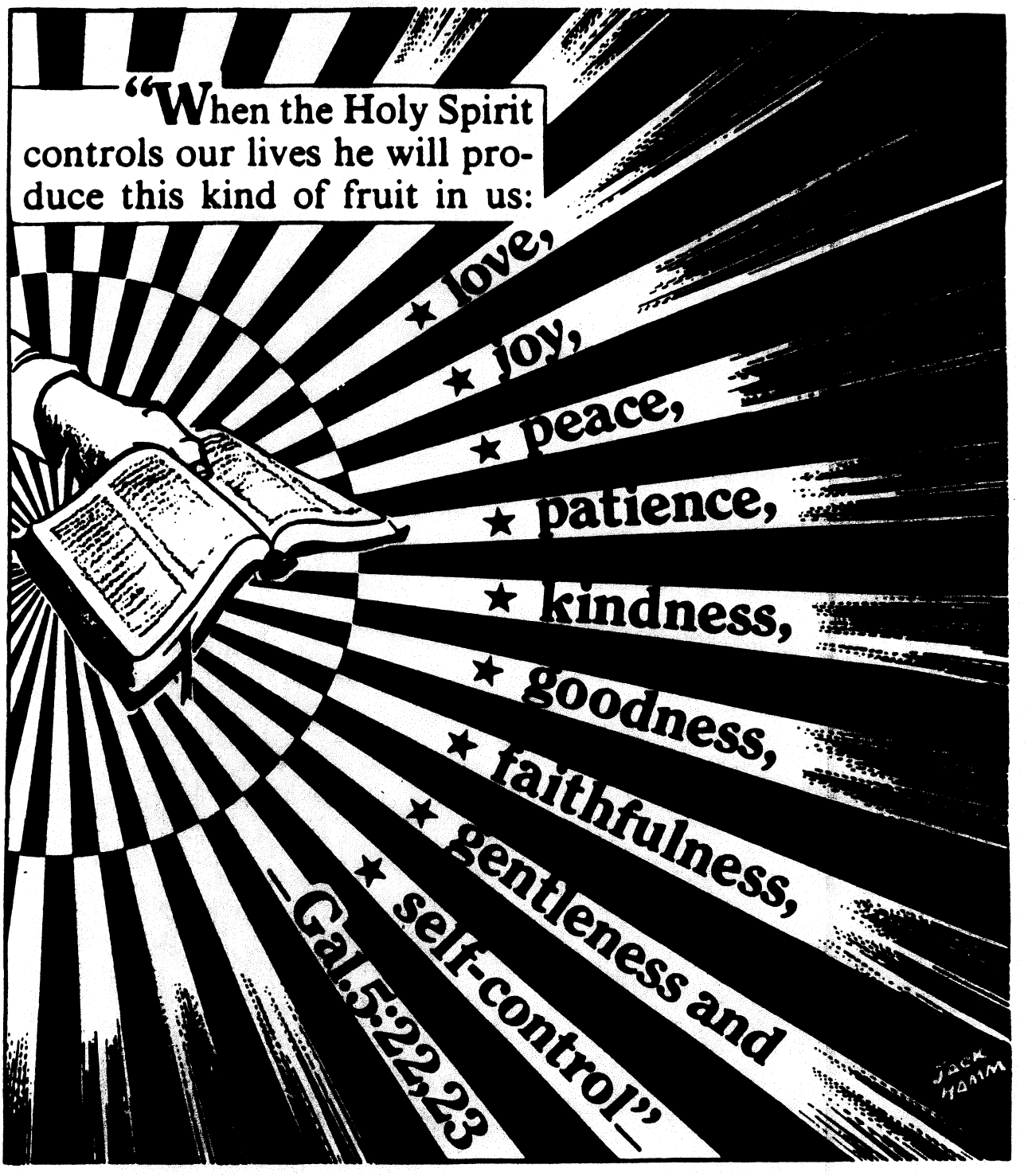
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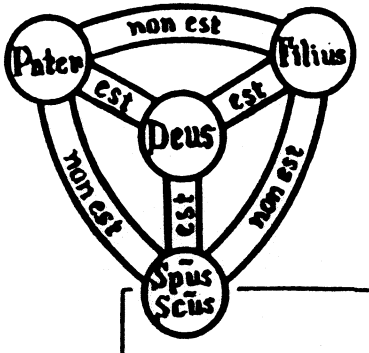


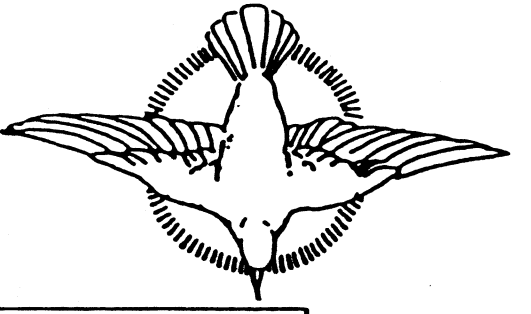


The Fruit of the Spirit.

1 Cor. 12:13	Eph. 5:18
All Believers	Some
Once	Repeatedly
Salvation	Throughout Life
Perpetual	Temporary
Position: We In Christ	Power: Christ In Us
Faith in Christ	Yieldedness
NO	Present Yes Imperative
Spirit	God Through the New Nature


He will Guide You Into All Truth

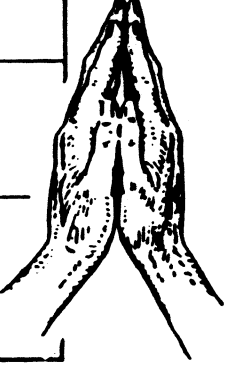




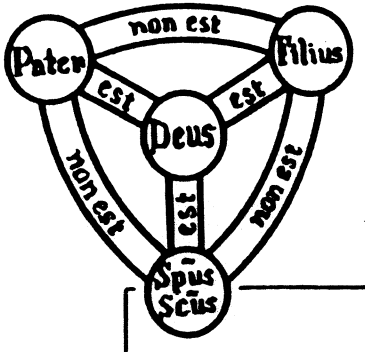
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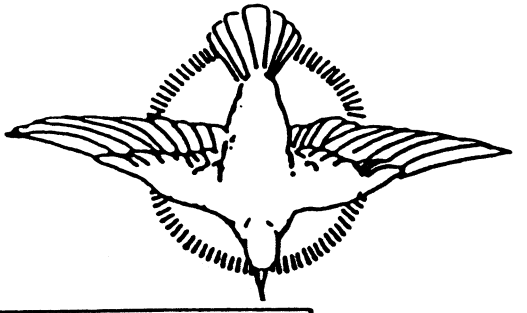
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16:26	*Father*	*Son*	*Father*

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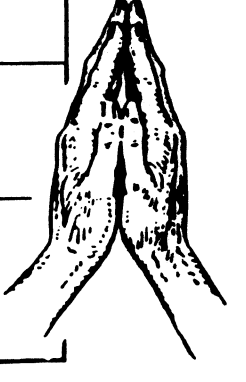




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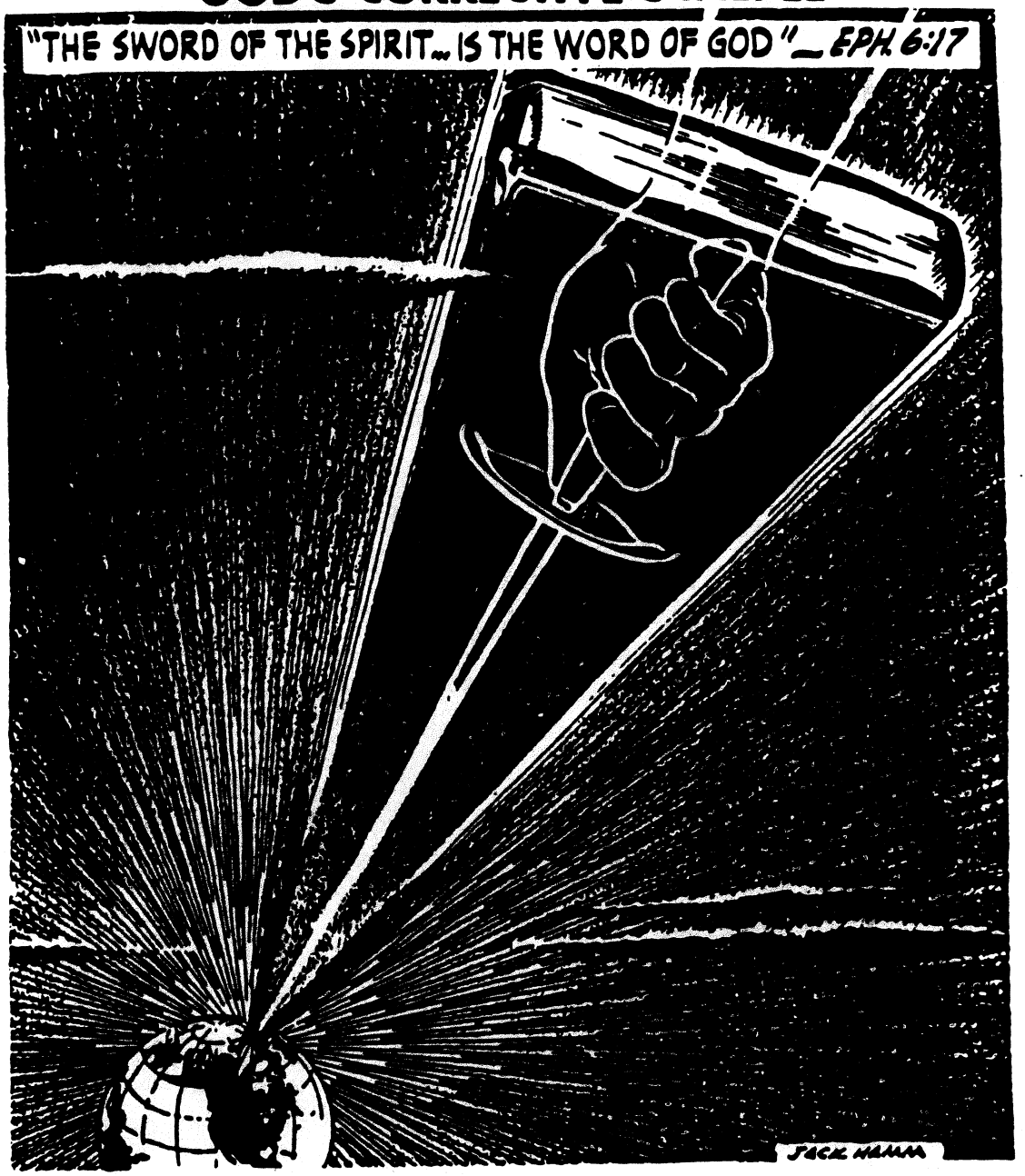
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GOD'S CORRECTIVE SCALPEL



Rating of Available Forces



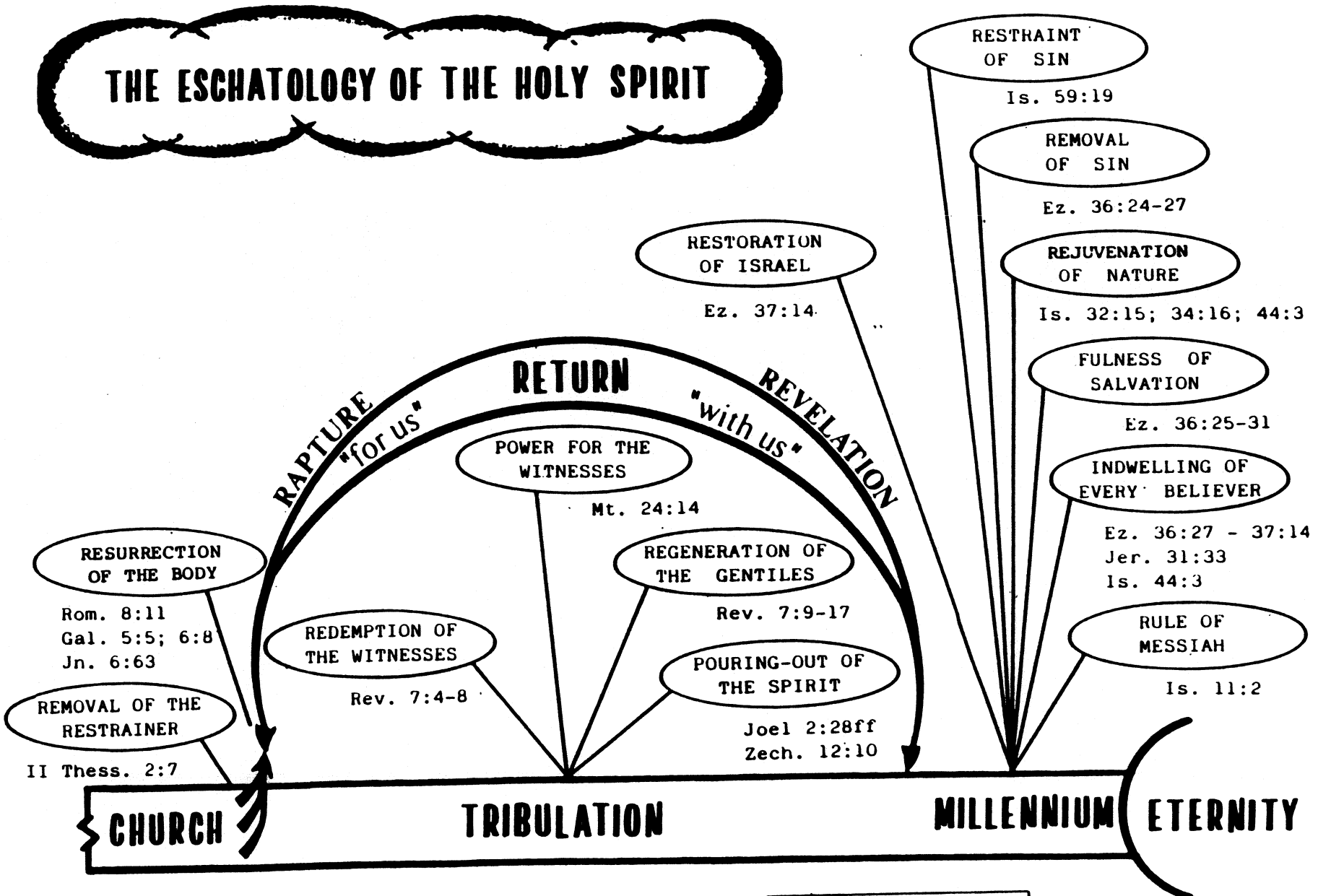
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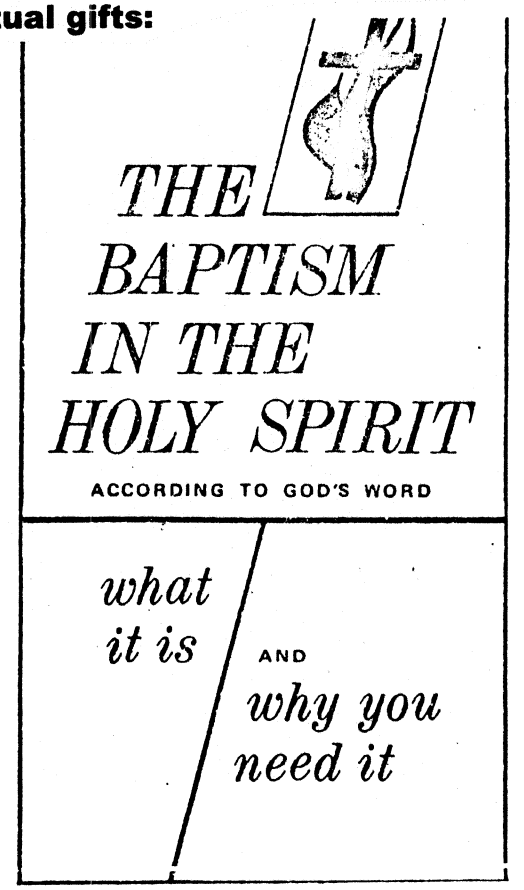
THE ESCHATOLOGY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



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An example of the Pentecostal view of the baptism of the Holy Spirit and spiritual gifts:



you will not yield completely, you cannot be used completely. It is important that you speak in tongues.

WHO IS IT FOR?

Only for the 'born again' Christians. The Holy Spirit is not available to the world (the unsaved). (John 14:16-17) If you are not sure you are born again, be sure, before you seek the baptism. When you have truly become one of God's children, then "Your heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask Him." (Luke 11:13)

It is not only for the apostles, or Jews, or people who lived in the days of the apostles, but for all saved people in every age. (Acts 2:38,39) It is for all Christians that want a righteous life. "Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled." (Matthew 5:6).

A WORD OF ADVICE

Do not seek the baptism of the Holy Spirit if you do not honestly in your heart wish to be obedient to God and want Him to guide your life.

Once we learn to tune in to the leading of the Holy Spirit, we become a target for Satan, and he may try to confuse us by supernatural leadings. Most people have had some contact with the occult, that is, fortune telling, horoscopes, magic practices and games, spiritism, or false religious teachings. This occult involvement breaks the first commandment, is an abomination unto God and gives Satan legal access to our lives. (Deuteronomy 18:10-12) Anytime one seeks supernatural answers without going through Jesus Christ, Satan has the right to answer. If one seeks the baptism in the Holy Spirit without first renouncing the entire occult involvement, he opens his life further to mental, physical and spiritual oppression. If you are seeking the baptism in the Holy Spirit it is vital

HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE HOLY GHOST SINCE YOU BELIEVED?

The apostle Paul asked this very important question of twelve saved disciples of Christ, at Ephesus. (Acts 19:2) They were startled by the question and answered, "We have not so much as heard whether there be any Holy Ghost." Later in Acts 19:6 when they prayed together, "The Holy Ghost came on them; and they spoke with tongues, and prophesied." This should have been expected since in all four gospels we are told that Jesus will baptize with the Holy Ghost.

WHAT IS IT FOR?

Power for service, "But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost has come upon you." (Acts 1:8) Power in witnessing, not only in words but in claiming healing, deliverance, in prayer, in understanding the Word and power to overcome sin and live a victorious life. (Romans 8:26; John 16:14; Luke 24:49; Acts 9:17-20) Even Jesus healed because He was filled with the Holy Spirit. (Acts 10:38) It is the power for your specific ministry.

MUST I SPEAK IN TONGUES?

Yes this is important! This is a gift from God, why would you refuse it? To refuse tongues is to refuse to yield yourself completely to God. If

that you confess your faith in Jesus, confess all involvement in occult sins, and promise to destroy all books and objects of the occult. (Acts 19:19) Renounce Satan and all his works in your life and command him to depart in Jesus' name.

We must pray for discernment, become educated in Satan's tactics, and realize that all things supernatural do not come from God. First John 4:1 tells us to "believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God". Many persons have fallen to this deception as they in ignorance thought themselves immune to attacks because of the baptism. First Peter 5:8 written to Spirit filled Christians tells us to "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour". We do not state this to discourage anyone. We have no need to fear, simply be alert to resist Satan and he will flee. (James 4:7)

We also have the assurance of God's word in Luke 11:11-13 that if God is your heavenly Father (you are born again), you will not receive anything evil when you ask of Him, but He will give you the Holy Spirit.

HOW TO RECEIVE

You may wish to have Spirit filled Christians lay hands on you as Paul did in Acts 19:6 to the twelve believers at Ephesus, or you may wish to wait upon the Lord as the 120 did on the day of Pentecost in Acts 2, or just listen as Cornelius did in Acts 10:44-46. Praise God for His variety!

Raise your hands to the Lord, close your eyes and let your mind dwell on Jesus, be happy in Jesus, as you ask your Father in heaven for what He has promised you. Start praising His name, raise your voice to Him. He will not force you to speak in tongues. As the Lord places a strange word in your mind, speak it out boldly, your lips may stammer, but as you boldly repeat the word, the Sprit will give you more words. Sometimes

only a few words come initially, but as you continue to speak forth in faith the Lord will give you a complete vocabulary with which to praise God.

THE NEW LANGUAGE

The new language which the Spirit has given us is not only a sign of the initial reception of the gift of the Spirit, but also of His continuing presence. You do not have to wait for a special 'anointing' or sense of presence of the Holy Spirit to pray in tongues. It can be used at will and should be used continually to build yourself up. God's gifts are given for a purpose. It is very important to pray in tongues. Practice this new language of the Spirit until it becomes as natural as breathing. As you do, you will experience a new peace and joy of knowing the presence of the Lord.

God's Word tells us that praying in the Spirit 'edifies' us, or builds us up in the Lord. (First Corinthians 14:4) God's Word tells us also that we build up our faith by praying in the Holy Ghost. (Jude 20) You will later find this is one of your weapons in repelling the attacks of Satan.

THE GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

St. Paul lists in First Corinthians 12, nine gifts or manifestations of the Spirit. These are the supernatural tools or equipment for Christian service. Any Spirit filled Christian can manifest any of these gifts as the Spirit directs.

1. **The Word of Wisdom** is a supernaturally given revelation of God's direction and guidance for a specific situation. It tells us what God wants us to do about the situation.

2. **The Word of Knowledge** is a revelation of a piece of information which cannot be known in a natural way. It is God's diagnosis of a problem, a sickness, or other situation.

3. **The Gift of Faith** is an instantaneous complete assurance of God's willingness and ability to act in a given situation. Faith cancels doubt and this is essential to the gifts of healing and working of miracles.

4. **Gifts of Healing** are special anointings of the Holy Spirit which enable us to bring God's healing power to those who are sick.

5. **The Working of Miracles** is a special momentary gift of authority which enables us to perform miracles in the name of Jesus Christ.

6. **Discerning of Spirits** is a supernatural gift which enables us to discern the difference between the Holy Spirit, the human spirit, and evil spirits. It is not the discerning of character nor of faults.

7. **The Gift of Prophecy** is an anointing of the Holy Spirit to speak the words of God. It is always for our direction, upbuilding and encouragement. Sometimes it may be for predicting future events, if God wants us to know them.

8. **The Gift of Tongues** is a supernatural means of God's communication with His people. It is a message given in a language unknown to the speaker and is always used in conjunction with the gift of interpretation. The gift of tongues is not to be confused with the use of tongues as the sign of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit, or with tongues used in private prayer and intercession, or with some foreign language used as a means of communication between people.

9. **The Gift of Interpretation of Tongues** gives back in ones own language the meaning of what was said in the gift of tongues. These two gifts operating together are equivalent to prophecy.

The exercise of any of these gifts requires cooperation between us and the Holy

Spirit. He gives the gifts as He wills. He lets people know in a variety of ways when they are to exercise one of them. For the spoken gifts He will sometimes put in our mind the first few words. In the case of healing often the hands begin to feel anointed. To heal, work miracles, or cast out demons we must be willing to lay on hands, speak a word of command, or do anything else as He directs us.

THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Immediately when we receive the gift of the Spirit He begins some house cleaning in our lives. Things which used to bother us no longer do so. Fears, irritations and resentments begin to fall away. We begin to see people differently, more as God sees them.

The Spirit will also show us some more obstinate wrongs in our lives, some sins we hardly realized were there. When He does this we have two alternatives. We can put up a fight, making life miserable for us, or we can turn these things over to Him to be removed and replaced with better things. If we choose the latter, He will continue this process with one thing at a time, just as fast as we will let Him, until we become mature persons, made over into His image.

We do not try to make ourselves over. We have already tried that unsuccessfully all our lives. The Holy Spirit is in the sanctifying business. He is the one who can clean up our lives. All we have to do is let Him.

OUR PROPER RESPONSE TO GOD'S LOVE

1. To accept for ourselves these manifestations of His love; forgiveness for our sins, healing for our bodies, minds, and spirits and deliverance from all forces of evil.

3. To love God in return, to praise Him in the Spirit as commanded by Christ, "God is a Spirit and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." (John 4:24) Use your tongues to praise Him daily in your spirit which now has a language to express it's love of Him.

The gifts are tools for manifesting the love of God. But on the other hand, love is necessary for the proper use of the gifts. St. Paul emphasizes this in First Corinthians 13 by saying that if we speak "with tongues of men and angels" and exhibit many of the other gifts, such as prophecy, word of knowledge, faith, miracles, etc., but do not use these in love (to edify or help our neighbor) our ministry is worthless. God's gifts can be used or abused. We fulfill all of God's commandment to us when we use spiritual gifts to the glory of God and for the benefit of His creatures.

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