

# 3 Levels of Life

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# Colossians 3:5-8

**Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.**

# Colossians 3:8-11

**Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.**

# Colossians 3:12-14

**Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.**

# Colossians 3:15-17

**Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

# Colossians 3:18-20

**Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.**

# Colossians 3:21

**“Fathers, do not embitter  
your children, or they  
will become discouraged.”**

# **I. Unbelievers**



**II. Believers**



# Jesus Says:

*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.*

*- Revelation 3:20*

# Becoming a Christian

## *Repent and Believe*

“ ... Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!”

*Mark 1:14 -15*

# I. Unbelievers

*Repent and Believe*



# II. Believers

# Assurance of Salvation

## *One Way Arrow:*

“Having believed, you we are marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God’s possession – to the praise of his glory.”

*Ephesians 1: 13-14*

# ***The Holy Spirit is the Mark Distinguishing Believers from Unbelievers***

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*Ephesians 1: 13-14*

# Romans 8:9

**“And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.”**

# Your Body: The Temple of The Holy Spirit

“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is **IN YOU**, whom you have received from God? You are not your own”

*1 Corinthians 6:19*

# I. Unbelievers – No Holy Spirit

*Repent and Believe*



## II. Believers – Indwelt by the Spirit



# Romans 7:14-17

## *Defeat*

“We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do. For what I *want* to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not *want* to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me.”

# Romans 7:18-20

## *Defeat*

“I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the *desire* to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I *want* to do; no, the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not *want* to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.”

# Romans 7:21-25

## *Defeat*

“So I find this law at work: When I *want* to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God – through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God’s law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.”

# Romans 8:1-2

## *Victory*

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.”

# Romans 8:3-4

## *Victory*

“For what the law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by the sinful nature, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful man to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in sinful man, in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the sinful nature but according to the Spirit.”

# Romans 8:5-8

## *Victory*

“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace; the sinful mind is hostile to God. It does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those controlled by the sinful nature cannot please God.”

# Romans 8:9-10

## *Victory*

“You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, your body is dead because of sin, yet your spirit is alive because of righteousness.”

# Romans 8:11

## *Victory*

“And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit, who lives in you.”



# Romans 8:12-14

## *Victory*

“Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation – but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.”

# **Romans 7 and 8**

## **Implies 2 types of Believers:**

**Those controlled by their sinful nature**

**and**

**Those led by the Holy Spirit**

# Ephesians 5:18

**“Be filled with the Spirit!”**

It implies not all believers are filled.

There are therefore 2 types of  
believers at any moment:

*Filled & Not Filled*

# 3 Levels of Life

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II. Believers Indwelt  
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*Repent/Believe*



*Repent/Believe/Surrender/Abide*



# Repentance

- ❖ **Turning from going our way and instead going God's way**
- ❖ **A life-transforming change of direction**
- ❖ **Turning from evil to God**
- ❖ **A Change of Mind about Jesus**

# Faith

- ❖ **Belief, Confidence, Trust, Reliance in God**
- ❖ **“Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.”**

*Hebrews 11:1*

# Faith

❖ **“I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”**

*Matthew 17:20*



# Surrender

- ❖ Agreeing to obey God in all things BEFORE you know what He's going to ask of you.
- ❖ Yielding your will entirely to God's will.
- ❖ Absolute submission of self to God.

# Gethsemane

## Point of Surrender

**“...yet not my will, but yours be done”**

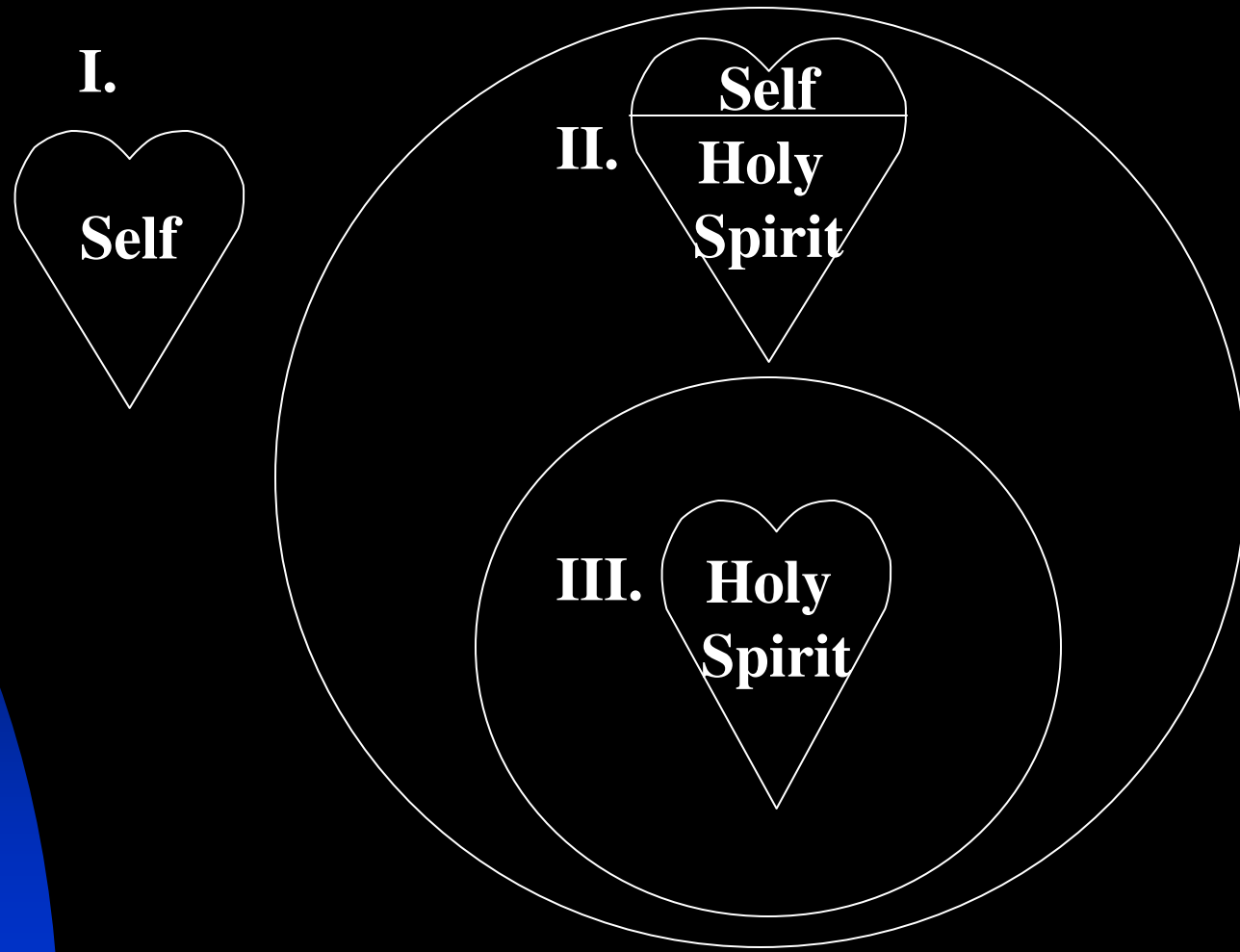
**Luke 22:42**

**“...your will be done.”**

**Mt 26:42**

**Surrender is to the  
Father's will**

# 3 Stages of Your Heart / 3 Levels of Life



# Spiritual Civil War



*Romans 7:22-24*

“For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging **war** against the law of my mind and making me a **prisoner** of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of **death?**” 36

# I. Unbelievers

II. Believers NOT  
Led by the Spirit  
*Romans 7: 14 – 25*

Repent/Believe



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III. Believers Led  
by the Spirit  
*Romans 8: 1 – 16*

Repent/Believe/Surrender/Abide



**The Abiding Room –  
An Exclusive Place  
But NOT an Elitest Place  
Easier to Exit than Enter**

**To Enter:**

- Repent **AND** Believe **AND** Surrender **AND** Abide  
All 4 Required

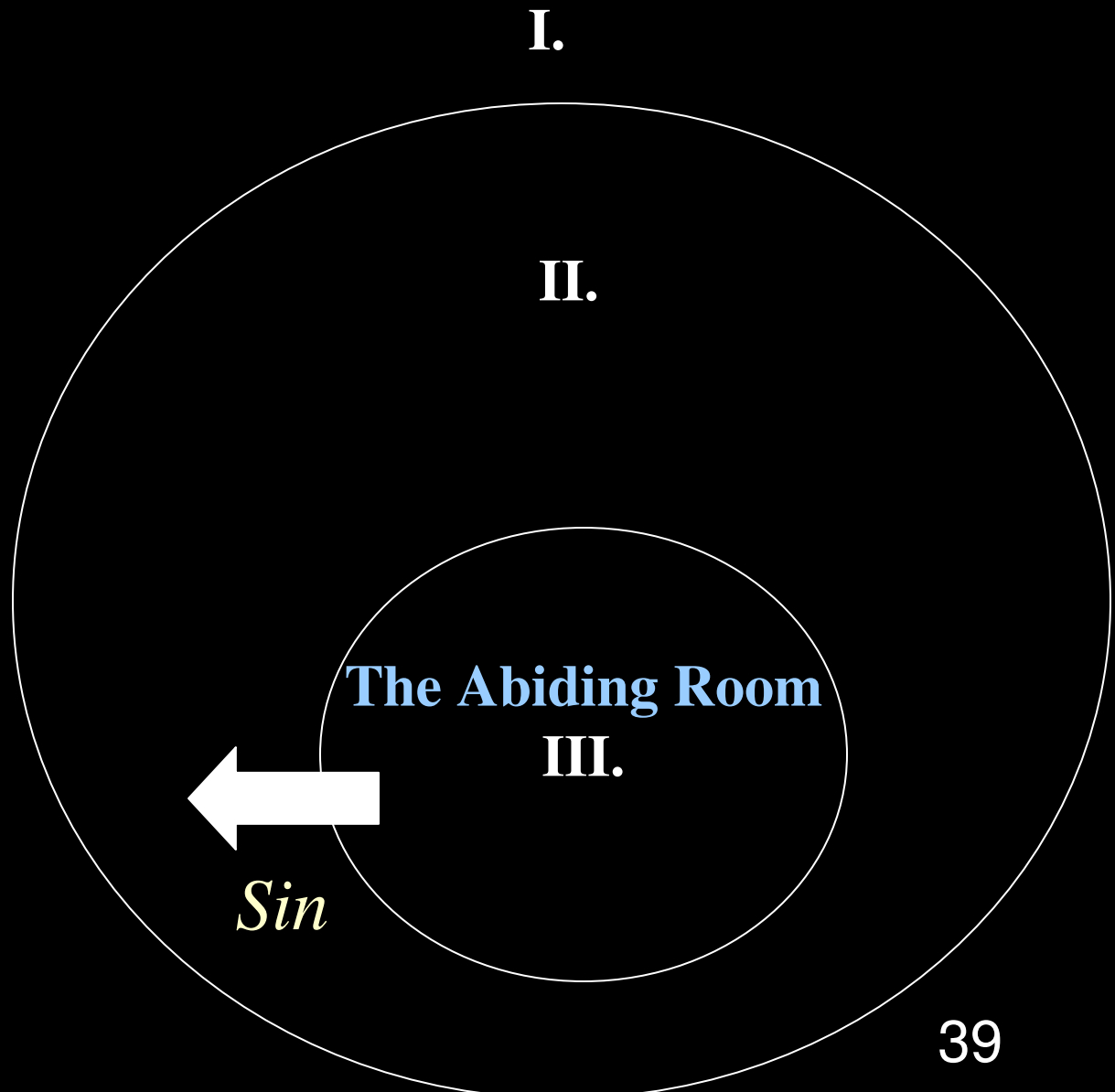
**To Exit:**

- Sin **OR** Not Believe **OR** Disobey  
Only 1 Required

# Grieving the Holy Spirit

*Ephesians 4:30*

**“And do not  
grieve the Holy  
Spirit of God,  
with whom you  
were sealed for  
the day of  
redemption.”**



# Quenching the Holy Spirit

I.

*1Thessalonians 5:19*

**“Do Not *quench* the Spirit” (NAS)**

**“Do Not *put out* the Spirit’s fire” (NIV)**

II.

**The Abiding Room**

III.



*Sin, Unbelief,  
Disobedience*



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Sin/Unbelief/Disobey



**“Be filled with the  
Spirit!”**

*Ephesians 5:18*

**This is a command!**  
**(To not obey is disobedience)**

**The Filling is Passive:**  
**“Be Filled with the Spirit”**  
*Ephesians 5:18*

It is not

\* **“Fill Yourself with the Spirit”**

\* **“Be filled BY the Spirit”**

*The filling is done by the Father.*

**“Blessed are those  
who hunger and  
thirst for  
righteousness, for  
they will be filled.”**

*Matthew 5:6*

# Relating to Our Triune God

Repenting and Believing

Active

Surrendering to the Father's Will

Active

Abiding in the Son

Active

Being Filled with the Spirit

Passive

**“And I will ask the Father, and He will  
GIVE you another Counselor to be  
with you forever – the Spirit of truth”  
John 14:16**

**“But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit,  
whom the Father will SEND in my  
name...” John 14:26**

**“..Unless I go away, the Counselor will  
not come to you; but if I go, I will  
SEND him to you.” John 16:7 <sup>46</sup>**

So, what do  
I do to be  
filled with  
the Spirit?

# Jesus Says:

***“Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me.”***

***- Revelation 3:20***



# Ask God to Show You Your Blind Spots

*Psalm 139: 23 – 24*

**“Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
See if there is any offensive way in me, and  
lead me in the way everlasting.” (NIV)**

# God Fills Believers with the Holy Spirit who are:

Emptying Themselves Of:

Sin (*Repent of Sin*)

Unbelief (*Believe*)

and  Self (*Surrender Self*);

And then Abiding in Christ

**We Empty; God Fills**

**When you became a  
Christian, you *Received* all  
the Holy Spirit you will  
ever need.**

**You don't need more of the  
Holy Spirit, but, the Holy  
Spirit may need more of  
*you.***

**How Do You  
Know if  
You are Being  
Led by  
the Spirit?**

**Look at  
The Fruit  
(Deeds of Flesh)**

**I.**

**II.**

*Galatians 5:19-21*

“The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like.”

**III.**

**How Do You  
Know if  
You are Being  
Led by  
the Spirit?**

**Look at  
The Fruit**

**Your  
Rewards  
(Byproduct)**

**I.**

**II.**

**III.**

*Galatians 5:22-23*

“But the fruit of the Spirit  
is love, joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness, gentleness and  
self-control.”

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Break

# Old Testament Spirit Upon

**Judges 6:34**

**Spirit Upon Gideon**

**Judges 14:6,19**

**Spirit Upon Samson**

**and 15:14**

**1Samuel 10:6**

**Spirit Upon Saul**

**1Samuel 16:13**

**Spirit Upon David**

**1Samuel 19:20**

**Spirit Upon Saul's Men**

**2Chronicles 24:20**

**Spirit Upon Zechariah**

**Ezekiel 11:5**

**Spirit Upon Ezekiel**

# Old Testament Spirit On

**Numbers 11:16**

**Spirit On Moses and 20 Elders**

**Isaiah 61:1**

**On Isaiah**



# Old Testament Spirit Filled

**Exodus 31:2,3**

**Bezalel; building the  
Tabernacle**

# Old Testament: Spirit Can Leave

*1 Samuel 16:14 “Spirit DEPARTED from  
Saul”*

*Psalm 51:17 “David said TAKE NOT your  
Spirit from me”*

# Ezekiel 36:25-27

*I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be **clean**; I will cleanse you from all your **impurities** and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit **in you**; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And **I will put my Spirit in you** and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.”*

# Holy Spirit

**Old Testament** - Upon a Select Few

**Gospels** - “With” the Disciples (John 14:17)

**Pentecost Until Today** - In YOU! (John 14:17)

**We Live in the Age of the Holy Spirit**

# New Testament

*Luke 4:1*

*“Jesus, FULL of the Holy Spirit”*

# John 14:15-20

## *Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit*

“If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever – the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives *with* you and will be *in* you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. On that day you will realize that I am *in* my Father, and you *in* me, and I am *in* you.”

# John 14:23-27

## *The Work of the Holy Spirit*

“Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and **we** will come to him and make our **home** with him. He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me. All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will **teach** you all things and will **remind** you of everything I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world give. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

# John 15:26

*The Work of the Holy Spirit*

**“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.”**



# John 16: 7 - 11

## *The Work of the Holy Spirit*

“But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment: in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me; in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer; and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.”

# John 16: 12 - 15

## *The Work of the Holy Spirit*

“I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will *guide* you into all truth. He will not *speak* on his own; he will *speak* only what he hears, and he will *tell* you what is yet to come. He will bring glory to me by taking form what is mine and making it known to you. All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will take form what is mine and make it known to you.”

# *Colossians 2:6*

“So then, just as you **received**  
Christ Jesus as Lord, **continue** to  
live in him.”

# *Galatians 3:3*

“Are you so **foolish**?

After beginning with the Spirit, are  
you now trying to attain your goal  
by **human effort**?”

Being filled and led by the  
Holy Spirit is an  
ONGOING,  
MOMENT-TO-MOMENT  
CHOICE  
to SURRENDER

# ***SURRENDER***

## ***2 Types***

# SURRENDER<sub>1</sub>

- Your Will to Father's Will
  - Worldliness – Romans 12:1-2; Luke 17:16
  - Rights
  - Self-Centeredness
  - Selfish Motives
- 
- Not sinful – Selfish
  - Be prepared for Pruning
  - Small Cost to flip on Big Power of Air Conditioner

## Romans 12:1-2

Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



# John 17:16

They are not of the world,  
even as I am not of it.

# SURRENDER<sub>2</sub>

## Self Effort

- Trying & Striving
  - Self-Powered
  - Unselfish Motives but Poor Methodology
  - Trying & Striving to:
    - Not Sin
    - Serve God
- In own strength
- Symptom = Exhaustion
  - Ephesians 2:8,9
    - Not Sinful – Selfish
    - Be Prepared for Pruning
    - Old Tech Abacus instead of New Tech

# Ephesians 2:8,9

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God - not by works, so that *no one can boast*.

# Surrender

Because it is self-oriented,  
sinful stumbles occur, like Paul  
in Romans 7 even though  
**TRYING & STRIVING TO  
NOT SIN.**

# Matthew 28:19-20

## The Great Commission

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

# Acts 1:8

## Means to Fulfill the Great Commission

**But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.**

# What Technology are you Using?

**\*O.T. – Old Tech in Old Testament**

**\*N.T. – New Tech in New Testament**

**Are you Willing to  
Pay the Little Cost  
to Flip the Switch  
on the Power?**

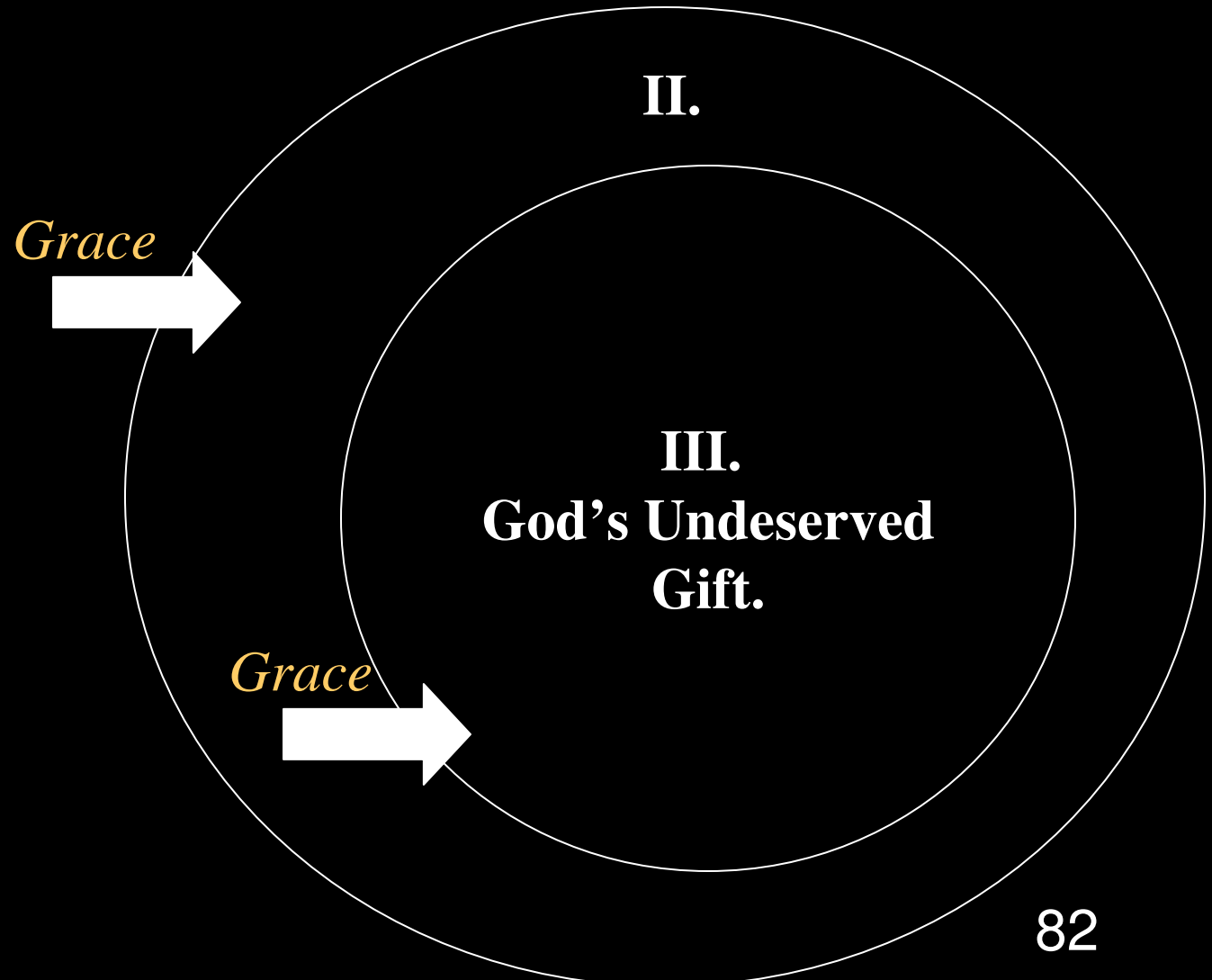


# The Door Illustration

The doors were built as a result  
of God's Grace.

The doors swing open as a  
result of our Humility.

# God's Grace



# Attitude of Humility

*Philippians 2: 5 – 11*

*Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross! Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

# Our Humility

I.

II.

III.

An overriding attitude  
of Humility leads to  
ongoing, moment-to-moment  
repentance, faith in God,  
and surrender.

*Humility*



*Humility*



# What Makes a Great Leader?

## Humility – An Uncommon Trait



**John 7:18**

**“He who speaks on his own does so to gain honor for himself, but he who works for the honor of the one who sent him is a man of truth; there is nothing false about him.”**

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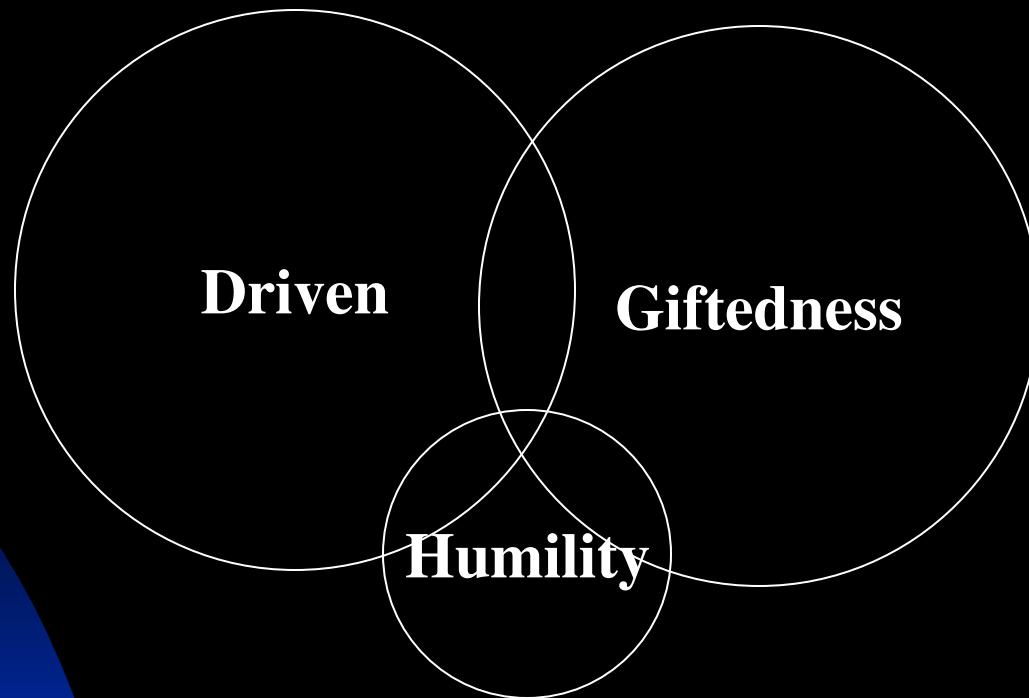


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