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The Holy Spirit ...

(by means of the word of God – the living words of the living God living in you) ...



... produces
*the spirit which
is of God!*

Holy Spirit

Spirit vs. spirit

“holy Spirit”

Ephesians 4:16

16 From whom the whole body fitly joined together and **compacted** by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Colossians 2:2, 19

2 That their hearts might be comforted, being **knit together** in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ;

19 And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and **knit together**, increaseth with the increase of God.

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EQUITY

(Romans 14:1-15:7)

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(among many things)

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EQUITY = what is fair, right, equal, and unprejudiced in interpersonal relationships & dealings; prompted by a heart of good will.

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

To receive the instruction of *equity* involves receiving the instruction for having the capacity for making sound, sonship and godly decisions, not only with respect to what is fair and impartial in our dealings with others, but especially for what is good and profitable and beneficial for them. This also involves having the capacity to make decisions regarding what is good, profitable, beneficial, and productive, in view of the things that God wants to accomplish in His program with us, and in view of the ultimate aim of our sonship edification, which is to be 'Like Father, like son.'

EQUITY'S SHADES OF MEANING

- *equity* is a law in our hearts;
- *equity* conforms to no rule but to circumstances, and decides by the consciousness of right and wrong;
- *equity* forbids us doing to others what we would not have them do to us;
- *equity* requires us to do to others what in similar circumstances we would expect from them;
- the obligations of *equity* are altogether moral;
- we are impelled to *equity* by the dictates of conscience;
- we cannot violate *equity* without exposing ourselves to the Divine displeasure;

EQUITY'S SHADES OF MEANING

- while *justice* is inflexible, *equity* varies with the circumstances of the case, and is guided by discretion;
- the harmony and goodwill of one man towards another are cherished by *equity*;
- while the tranquility of society, and the security of the individual are ensured by *justice*, the harmony and goodwill of one man towards another are cherished by *equity*;
- if *equity* leads to the direct violation of any law, it ceases to be either *equity* or *justice*;
- equity* must exist wherever two individuals come in connection with each other;

EQUITY'S SHADES OF MEANING

- when one receives injury by another, *justice* demands reparation; listens to no palliation, excuse, or exception – but *equity* will never seek reparation if it involves the ruin of another who is more unfortunate than guilty;
- equity* requires compassion, and binds one to do good to another, if it be in one's power;
- *equity* unites us, regarding us as members of the same body;
- *equity* is an expression of one's sentiment;
- where *justice* is the inflexible regard of the facts, *equity* will consider motives and intentions, and modify its decisions accordingly;
- *equity* always seeks to avoid at all cost the ruin of another.

EXHORTATION:

(Pro. 6:1-5)

What's going on?

Cast of Characters

- 1) The *surety* = the son (who has taken on the debt of another [his *friend*] and is now liable for another's debt).
- 2) The son's *friend* = the primary debtor/liable person.
- 3) The *stranger* – the creditor to which the son's friend owes a debt to (money or otherwise).

EXHORTATION:

(Pro. 6:1-5)

What's going on?

YOU ARE PUTTING YOURSELF
UNDER THE
POWER
OF ANOTHER!

GOD'S BUILDING PROJECT

BUILDING TERMS

established stablish edify edification



Philemon

2 Thessalonians

Romans

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WORKING DEFINITION:

Receiving the instruction of equity as a son in this dispensation of grace gives you the capacity for making godly decisions as to what is fair and impartial in your dealings with others who have estate differences that are different than your own. This is especially true of edificational estate differences of *weaker brothers*, for which our ultimate aim/goal is to be profitable and beneficial to them so as to ensure that their godly edification as "sons" takes place under the authority of God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and the word of God rather than you as their "tutor and governor." Godly sonship equity ensures that the local assembly will continue in its own godly edification with peace, concord, fellowship, and communion; and without conceit, division or schism.

EXHORTATION;

(Pro. 5:15-6:19)

What's going on?

- ESTATE AWARENESS

- 1) Used for the son's own godly contentment and godly satisfaction.
- 2) Used for the godly good (edification) of others (the weaker brother).

- GODLY REPUTATION

- SONSHIP RESPONSIBILITY

- SONSHIP ACCOUNTABILITY

To receive the instruction of EQUITY

ROMANS 14:1-15:7 ¹ Godly equitable decisions in ² our dealings with other sons so as to be helpful to their successful godly edification; and to provide for the continuing edification of the local assembly in peaceful communion and fellowship.

14:1-12 – GODLY THINKING

14:13-23 – GODLY LIVING

15:1-7 – GODLY LABOR

:1 – Stage-setting Statement

:2 – Illustration #1 – (“tutor”)

:3 – Godly Exhortation

:4 – Solution

:5a – Illustration #2 – (“governor”)

:5b – Godly Exhortation

:6 – Solution

:7,8,9 – Expanded Solution

:10,11,12 – Final Concluding Matter

1 Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, *but* not to doubtful disputations.

2 For one believeth that he may eat all things: another, who is weak, eateth herbs.

3 Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not; and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth: for God hath received him.

4 Who art thou that judgest another man's servant? to his own master he standeth or falleth. Yea, he shall be holden up: for God is able to make him stand.

5 One man esteemeth one day above another: another esteemeth every day *alike*. Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind.

6 He that regardeth the day, regardeth *it* unto the Lord; and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard *it*. He that eateth, eateth to the

Lord, for he giveth God thanks; and he that eateth not, to the Lord he eateth not, and giveth God thanks.

7 For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

8 For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

9 For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

10 But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ.

11 For it is written, *As I live*, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.

12 So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.

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godly thinking

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= lacking in the sound doctrinal
education he is supposed to be
receiving from the epistles of
the apostle Paul!

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godly thinking

To receive the instruction
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EQUITY

ROMANS 14:1-15:7 Godly equitable decisions in our dealings with other sons so
as that we may continue in the same mind, and be one mind, continuing

TO ADMIT INTO FELLOWSHIP

Setting Statement

I will receive that is weak in the faith
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disputations.

godly thinking

The Biblical Definition and Identity
of
The Weaker Brother
“weak in the faith”

- One who is saved/justified;
- desires godly edification in the local assembly;
- but is sincerely ignorant of the doctrine.

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Romans 14:2

**Illustration #1
(The Dilemma)**

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Romans 14:3

Fatherly Exhortation & Warning

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godly thinking

FELLOWSHIP

&

COMMUNION

CONFORMING OUR

ENVIRONMENT!

(Said to the stronger brother)

Let not him that eateth despise him that eateth not;

Stronger: said to **DESPISE** the weaker.

WHY?

Weaker: said to **JUDGE** the stronger.

(Said to the weaker brother)

and let not him which eateth not judge him that eateth:

CONSCIENCE (INWIT)

= “con” (together) + “science” (knowledge) – hence, putting knowledge together (in your mind/human spirit).

= knowledge within oneself; inward knowledge; inmost thought.

Your EVALUATOR

when it comes to making a decision!

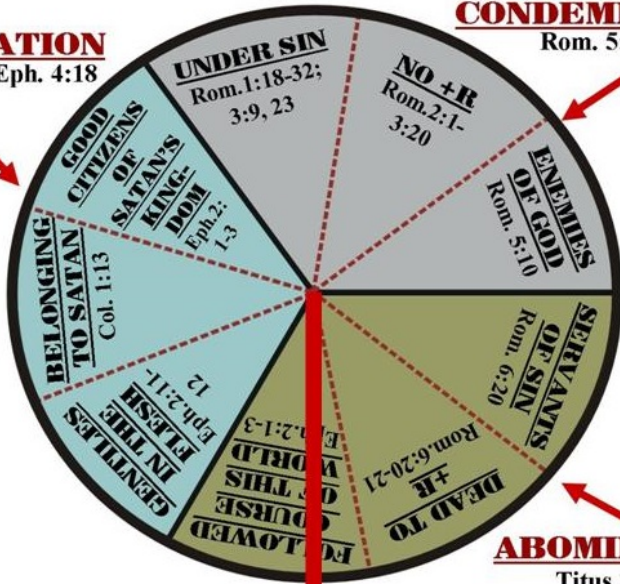
The conscience has to have some
KNOWLEDGE/INFORMATION in it!

POSITION

"IN ADAM"

I Cor. 15:22

ALIENATION
Col. 1:21; Eph. 4:18



CONDEMNATION
Rom. 5:16,18

ABOMINATION
Titus 1:15-16

PRACTICE

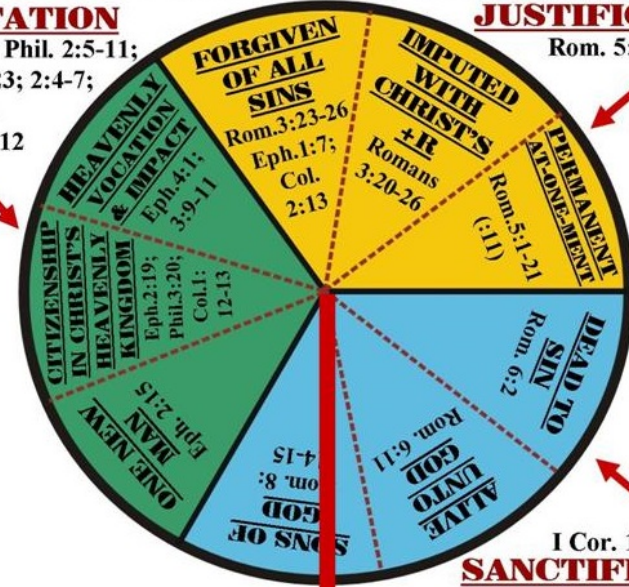
TIME
WORLD
DAILY LIFE
INTERACTION W/ OTHERS

POSITION

"IN CHRIST"

I Cor. 15:22; Phil. 1:1; Phlm. :6

EXALTATION
Eph. 1:1-6; Phil. 2:5-11;
Eph. 1:18-23; 2:4-7;
Rom. 8:30;
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JUSTIFICATION
Rom. 5:16, 18

SANCTIFICATION
I Cor. 1:2, 30

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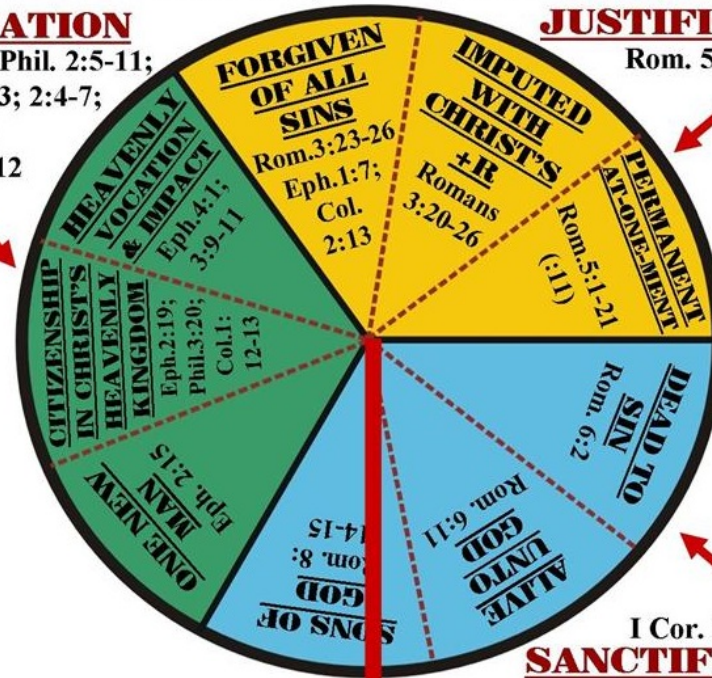
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THE WORD OF GOD

THE NEW TESTAMENT

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THE BODY OF CHRIST

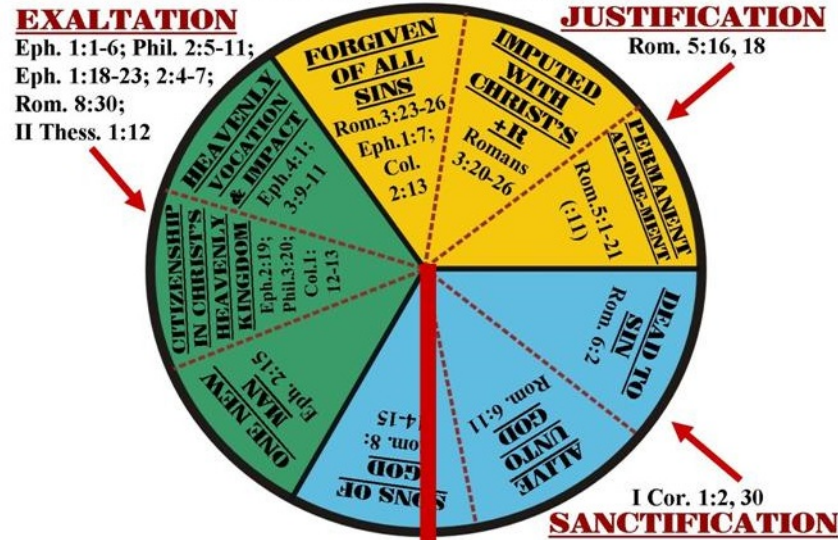
LOCAL ASSEMBLY

WALK / FELLOWSHIP / COMMUNION

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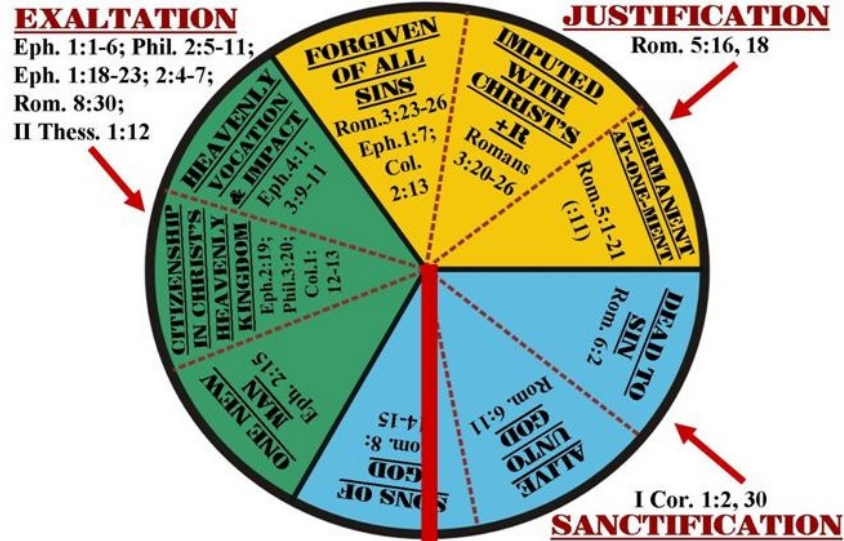
YOUR LIFE IN THE WORLD

Private; Public; Family; Parental; Home;
School; Business; Recreational; Dating;
Marriage; Sex; Body of Christ;
Local Assembly; etc.

POSITION

"IN CHRIST"

I Cor. 15:22; Phil. 1:1; Phlm. :6



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"the mystery of godliness"
"God was manifest in the flesh;
justified in the Spirit, seen of angels,
preached unto the Gentiles, believed
on in the world, received up into glory."