



STEPPING

FROM

UNCERTAINTY

TO

CONFIDENCE

Common Questions and Uncertainties

Who is Jesus?

Is He really who I think He is?

What does He want to do in my life?

What does He really want from me?

What has happened to me?

Did I do it right? Do I need to do it again?

Was I sincere enough?

Can I lose my relationship with Him?

I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

Everyone experiences uncertainties in their relationship with God at one time or another.

MY EXPERIENCE ...

YOUR EXPERIENCE ...

What questions or uncertainties have you had about Jesus Christ and your relationship with Him?

2. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

Consider the impact doubts and uncertainty have on relationships. Imagine a new marriage relationship that is filled with doubts...

Doubts about the relationship:
WILL THIS REALLY LAST?

Doubts about the partner:
IS THIS THE RIGHT PERSON?

Doubts about themselves:
AM I REALLY COMMITTED?

What impact would doubts like these have on a marriage? Why?

How could similar doubts have an impact on our relationship with Jesus? Why?

⁹We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. ¹⁰Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

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3. EXPLORING THE SOLUTION

John wrote a letter to help give confidence to believers who were becoming unsettled by false teachers (1 John). As you read the portion of Scripture, use the questions to help you discover how John dealt with the problem of uncertainty.

(5:9)

What is testimony?

What makes testimony trustworthy?

What has God made testimony about?

(5:10)

Since God has given us testimony, what two options exist?

What is true if we believe God?

What is true if we don't believe God?

(5:11)

God's testimony says two things are true?

What are they?

(5:12)

What two kinds of people are there?

Is it possible to have the Son and not have the life?

Is it possible to not have the Son and still have the life?

Is it possible to think you have the life but don't?

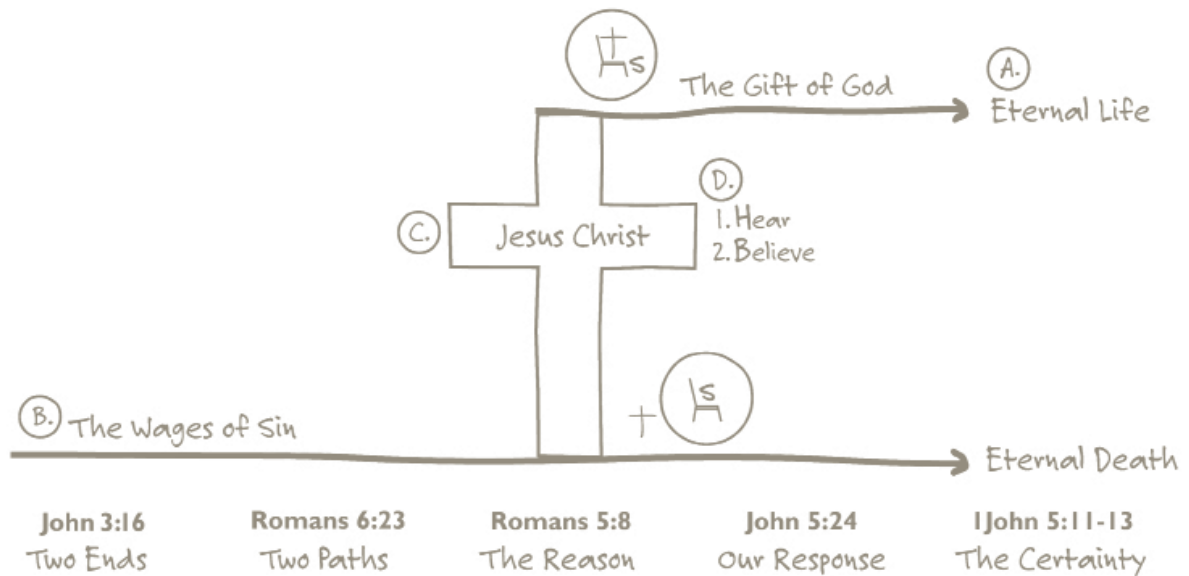
Is it possible to have the life but not be sure?

(5:13)

To whom is John writing these things?

Why does he write them? Does John believe we can know we have eternal life?

4. EXAMINING THE SKETCH



A. READ JOHN 3:16.

What two possible destinies are described in this verse?

Which destiny does God desire for us? Why?

B. READ ROMANS 6:23.

What have we earned? How?

What does God desire to give us? How?

C. READ ROMANS 5:8.

What compelled God to give His Son to die for us?

Why did Jesus have to die?

D. READ JOHN 5:24.

According to this verse, what is my part in salvation?

Christ died on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins. He rose from the dead and is now alive as the Lord of life. Each person who hears the message, turns from going their own independent way, and trusts Jesus Christ to be their Savior, passes from "death" to "life."

LOOK BACK AT 1 JOHN 5:11-13.

According to this sketch, where is the person who has Christ?

Where is the person who does not have Christ?

Where would you put yourself on the sketch and why?

On a scale of 0-100%, how sure are you that you now have eternal life?

SUMMARY

Based upon the promises given by God, everyone who has the Son can be assured that they have eternal life with God.

5. TAKING STEPS

John wrote many other things to help give us confidence:

TO THOSE WHO WERE UNCERTAIN ABOUT JESUS AND WHETHER THEY BELIEVED IN HIM, HE WROTE THE GOSPEL OF JOHN (SEE JOHN 20:30-31).

Read the Gospel of John.

Look for the evidence that Jesus is the Son of God.

Mark the explanations of how we are to respond to Him.

TO THOSE WHO BELIEVED IN JESUS BUT WERE UNCERTAIN ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE, HE WROTE THE LETTER KNOWN AS I JOHN (SEE I JOHN 5:13).

Read I John.

Mark the statements with the word know.

Look for what these statements tell us about:

WHAT WE ARE TO BELIEVE.

WHAT WE ARE TO DO.

HOW WE ARE TO LOVE.

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How would you change your lifestyle and behavior if Jesus were always physically present with you? Would you have to quit doing certain things so that you would not offend Him? What attitudes would you try to change? Your sins and struggles will affect how you experience your relationship with Christ, for He is with you always. (Hebrews 13:5).



LIFE CONCEPTS

I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

Though Christians are forgiven, we all still struggle with sin and failure.

MY EXPERIENCE ...

YOUR EXPERIENCE ...

Since receiving Christ, to what degree have you been aware of similar struggles?

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2. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

HOW would you feel if you knew you had failed another person who was very important to you?

HOW would these feelings affect your actions and responses in the relationship?

HOW would it impact you if you didn't know that the other person had forgiven you?

WHAT difference does forgiveness make in a relationship?

Sin has a similar impact in our relationship with Christ.
HOW?



1 JOHN 1:5–2:2

5This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. 6If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. 7But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. 8If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 10If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives. 2My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. 2He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

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3. EXPLORING THE SOLUTION

John is writing to a group of believers who have become unsettled by false teachers. In this section, he is dealing with the wrong attitudes about sin in the teaching of these individuals. All of his responses are based on the truth about who God is and what it is like to live in a relationship with Him.

THE FOUNDATION (1:5)

What does it mean that God is light?

What does light do in everyday life?

How would God's character do a similar thing?

1. FALSE CLAIM (1:6)

RIGHT RESPONSE (1:7)

As we live in a right relationship with God, what is happening to our sin?

2. FALSE CLAIM (1:8)

RIGHT RESPONSE (1:9)

What are we to do about our sin?
What does confess mean?
What does God do as we confess our sins?

3. FALSE CLAIM (1:10)

RIGHT RESPONSE (2:1-2)

What should we try to do about sin?
What is the ultimate solution to our sin?

SUMMARY

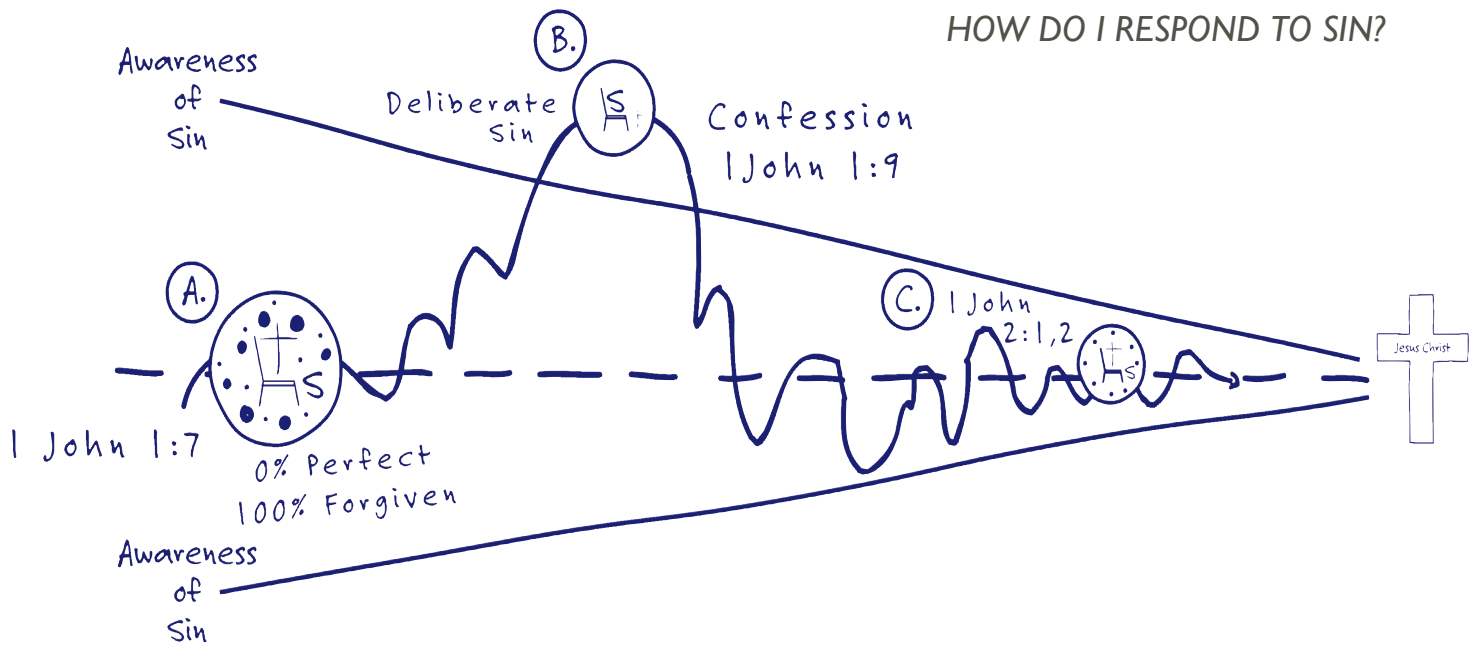
THE THREE WRONG APPROACHES:

My sin doesn't matter.
There is nothing wrong with me.
I've done nothing wrong.

THE THREE RIGHT RESPONSES:

Walk with God in light of who He is.
Openly agree with God about your sin. Seek to avoid sin.

THE ISSUE:
HOW DO I RESPOND TO SIN?



4. EXAMINING THE SKETCH

A. When I first trusted Christ as my Savior, how many areas of my life were perfect? How many of my sins were forgiven when I came to Christ?

According to I John 1:7, how does God deal with the sins and shortcomings of which I'm not aware?

B. According to I John 1:9, what should I do when I deliberately disobey God and my life passes outside of the lines?
Confession involves agreeing with God.

1. Agree that we have sinned.
2. Agree that he has forgiven it.
3. Turn away from the sin.

C. The longer I walk with God, what will happen to my awareness of sin? Why?

According to I John 2:1-2, what should my attitude be toward sin? Why?

SUMMARY

To walk in the light is...
to live in a love relationship with God in light of His character.
to openly agree with God about my sin.
to seek to avoid sin as I become more conscious of what is displeasing to God.

5. TAKING STEPS

Three steps will help you live these truths.

1. CLAIM CHRIST'S CLEANSING.

In prayer, thank God for continuing to cleanse you from all sin.

2. CONFESS SPECIFIC SINS.

On your own, make a list on paper of any sin of which you are currently aware. Confess it to God, writing 1 John 1:9 across the page. Tear up the list. This is a visual reminder that Jesus Christ has cleansed you from your sins by His death.

3. CHOOSE TO AVOID SIN.

Be aware that by ourselves, we lack the ability to change or avoid sin. We must rely on God's power.

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Suppose you did everything you could to imitate a world-class musician, a professional athlete, or another famous person. The level of frustration you would experience would be in direct proportion to the difference in ability between you and your hero. Jesus Christ is the only one who ever perfectly lived the Christian life. We are to imitate Him (Ephesians 5:1-2). How much difference is there between His ability to live the Christian life and yours?



LIFE CONCEPTS

I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

Because of our relationship with Christ, we have a genuine desire to live the Christian life. Yet we often find ourselves failing to do so. In fact, the Christian life often seems impossible to live.

MY EXPERIENCE ...

YOUR EXPERIENCE ...

Since receiving Christ, to what degree have you experienced frustration in your Christian life?

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2. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

WHAT thoughts and emotions occur when you are unable to do something you want to do? Why?

WHEN we are frustrated with our inability to live the Christian life, we should consider four possible reasons:

- We lack the necessary power or ability to live the Christian life.
- We have the power and ability, but we don't know that we have it.
- We know we have the power and ability, but we don't know how to use it.
- We know how to use the power and ability, but we choose not to use it.

In what follows, we will discover the first reason isn't a possibility for a true believer, and we will begin to learn about the power we have been given and how we are to use it.

1 CORINTHIANS 2:9-3:3

9However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" - 10but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. 11For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the man's spirit within him? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. 12We have not received the spirit of the world but the Spirit who is from God, that we may understand what God has freely given us. 13This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 14The man without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15The spiritual man makes judgments about all things, but he himself is not subject to any man's judgment: 16"For who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. 3Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly - mere infants in Christ. 2I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. 3You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?

Circle the word *Spirit* each time the word is used.

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3. EXPLORING THE SOLUTION

Paul is writing to a group of believers struggling to live consistent Christian lives. They have become divisive and even formed cliques, claiming to follow different leaders. In this section, Paul is discussing the power or ability needed to understand God's truth.

WHO IS THE SPIRIT?

The Spirit works in many ways in the believer's life. What is one of His purposes according to 2:12?

Three spiritual conditions are described in this passage. Note how each spiritual condition influences the Spirit's ability to fulfill this purpose.

1. WHAT IS THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE PERSON IN 2:14?

How much spiritual truth does this person comprehend? Why?

2. WHAT IS THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE PERSON IN 2:15-16?

How much spiritual truth is this person able to comprehend? Why?

3. WHAT IS THE SPIRITUAL CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE IN 3:1-3?

How much spiritual truth are they able to comprehend? Why?

How would you summarize what Paul is saying about the Spirit and our spiritual condition?

4. EXAMINING THE SKETCH

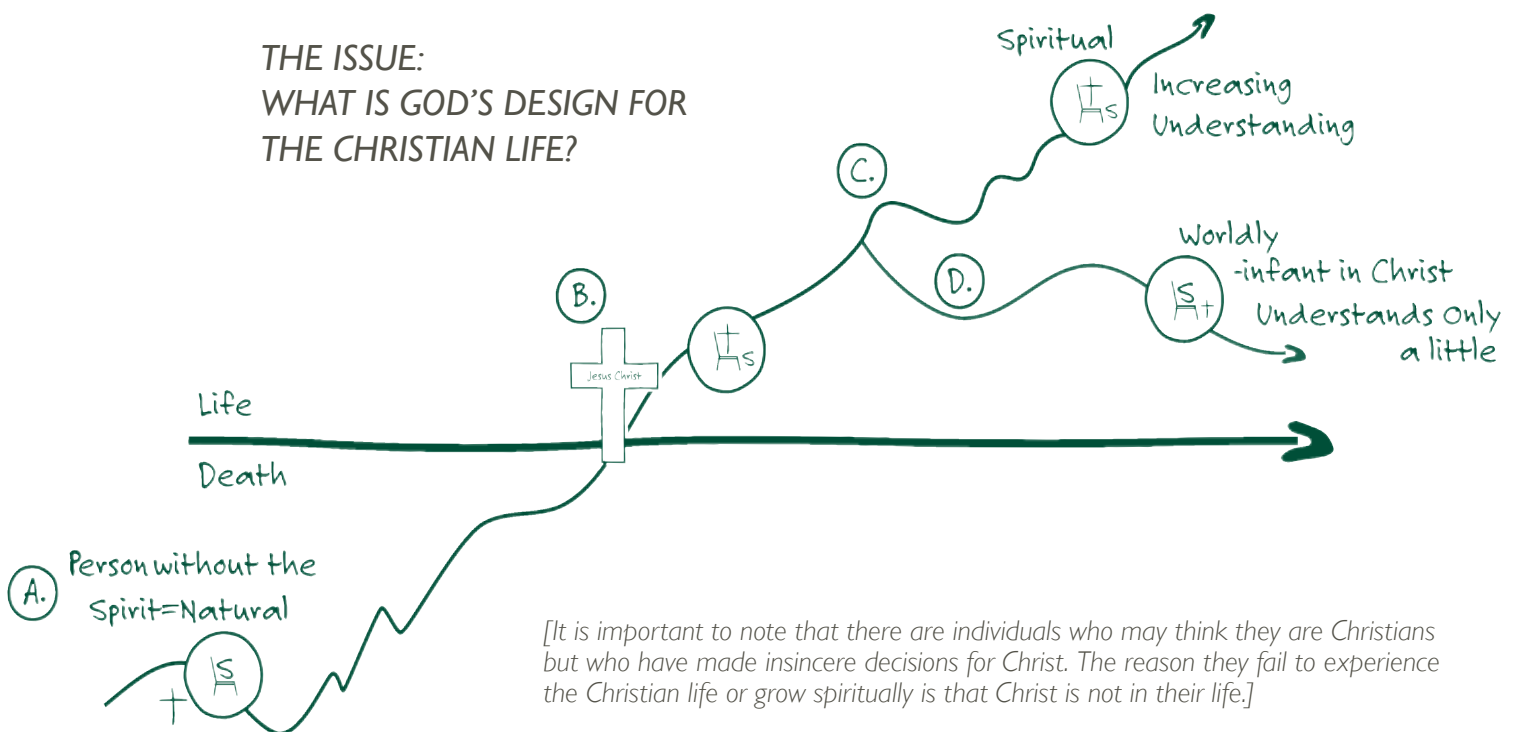
A. The lower circle represents my life before I received Christ. What was my spiritual condition? What was true of my ability to understand the things of God? Why?

B. When I received Christ and He entered my life, I became spiritually alive and was given the gift of the Holy Spirit promised to every true believer. (John 7:37-39)

C. God intends for me to continue growing in my relationship with Him, learning how to live the Christian life and relying on His Spirit to work within me to give me power and understanding. According to Galatians 5:22-23, what would be the result?

D. But there is another possibility, I could fail to grow in my Christian life and never learn how to experience the power God has given me by His Spirit. What would my life be like then?

THE ISSUE:
**WHAT IS GOD'S DESIGN FOR
THE CHRISTIAN LIFE?**



SUMMARY

When a person begins a relationship with Christ, it's important to grow in the experience of the Spirit in order to understand spiritual truth and have the power to live the Christian life. God's design is for us to be filled (that is, directed and empowered) by the Holy Spirit as an ongoing experience.

5. TAKING STEPS

Read Ephesians 5:18. What are we commanded to avoid? Why?
What are we commanded to do?
The Spirit-filled life is the Christ-directed life by which Christ lives
His life in and through us in the power of the Holy Spirit.

WE ARE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT BY FAITH.

Jesus pictured believers as coming to Him to drink from the living water, which is His Spirit (John 7:37-39). Are you thirsty?

D - DESIRE Do you desire to be filled (that is, directed and empowered) with the Spirit?

R - REPENT Are you turning from known sin and confessing it to God?

Y - YIELD Are you surrendering control of your life to Christ?

If so, pray in faith asking God to fill you with His Spirit as He commanded you to be.
Thank Him that He will direct and empower your life as you continue to trust Him.

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Anyone can experience an inner struggle over conflicting desires to do what is right and wrong. But the believer will often experience this struggle more intensely. For the believer, it is not simply a matter of obeying the conscience or some rule. It involves our genuine desire to please our new Master which conflicts with the old ways we pleased ourselves. It can also involve a conflict between our desire to experience the life God wants to give us and the desire to live life our own way. The good news is that experiencing these struggles is evidence of a genuine change in our lives as a result of our new relationship with Christ.



LIFE CONCEPT



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I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

The Christian life isn't struggle-free. Yet most Christians are unprepared for the inner struggles they will experience.

MY EXPERIENCE ...

YOUR EXPERIENCE ...

Since receiving Christ, to what degree have you experienced an inner struggle over conflicting desires—that is, wanting to please yourself versus wanting to please Christ?

2. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

Why do you think most believers are unprepared for these inner struggles?

HOW do people feel when they are faced with a significant challenge for which they are not prepared?

FOR EXAMPLE, HOW would you feel if you were enrolled in an upper level language course for a language in which you had never learned the basics?

In a similar way, we must master the basics of the Christian life to prepare for the challenges that lie ahead.



GALATIANS 5:16-26.

⁶ So I say, live by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. ¹⁷For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law. ¹⁹The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; ²⁰idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions ²¹and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. ²⁴Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires. ²⁵Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.

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3. EXPLORING THE SOLUTION

Paul wrote this letter to a group of believers who were also facing this struggle. They were being told by others that the solution was to try harder at doing what was right by following the Law—the written commandments explaining what is right and wrong. But Paul wanted them to realize they did not have the power in themselves to do what was right or follow the Law. Neither do we.

THE CONFLICT (5:16-18)

Who are the opponents?

The word flesh is used for sinful nature in some translations. When used in this way, it does not refer to the physical aspect of people. Rather, it is that aspect within people which leads them to live independent of God, in opposition to Him and His ways. Compare Romans 8:5-8.

THE CONSEQUENCES (5:19-23)

The source of our desires will determine the nature of what is produced.

What happens when the desires of the sinful nature go unchecked? (5:19-21)

What is produced when we walk by the Spirit? (5:22-23)

Notice that the Spirit always leads us to do what is right, never to do what is wrong. (5:23)

THE CONCLUSION (5:24-25)

According to verse 24, how has our relationship to the sinful nature changed?

Since we now live by the Spirit, what should characterize our relationship with the Spirit? (5:25)

SUMMARY

What the Bible explains, we should believe. What is true about yourself?

What the Bible commands, we should do. What are you commanded to do?

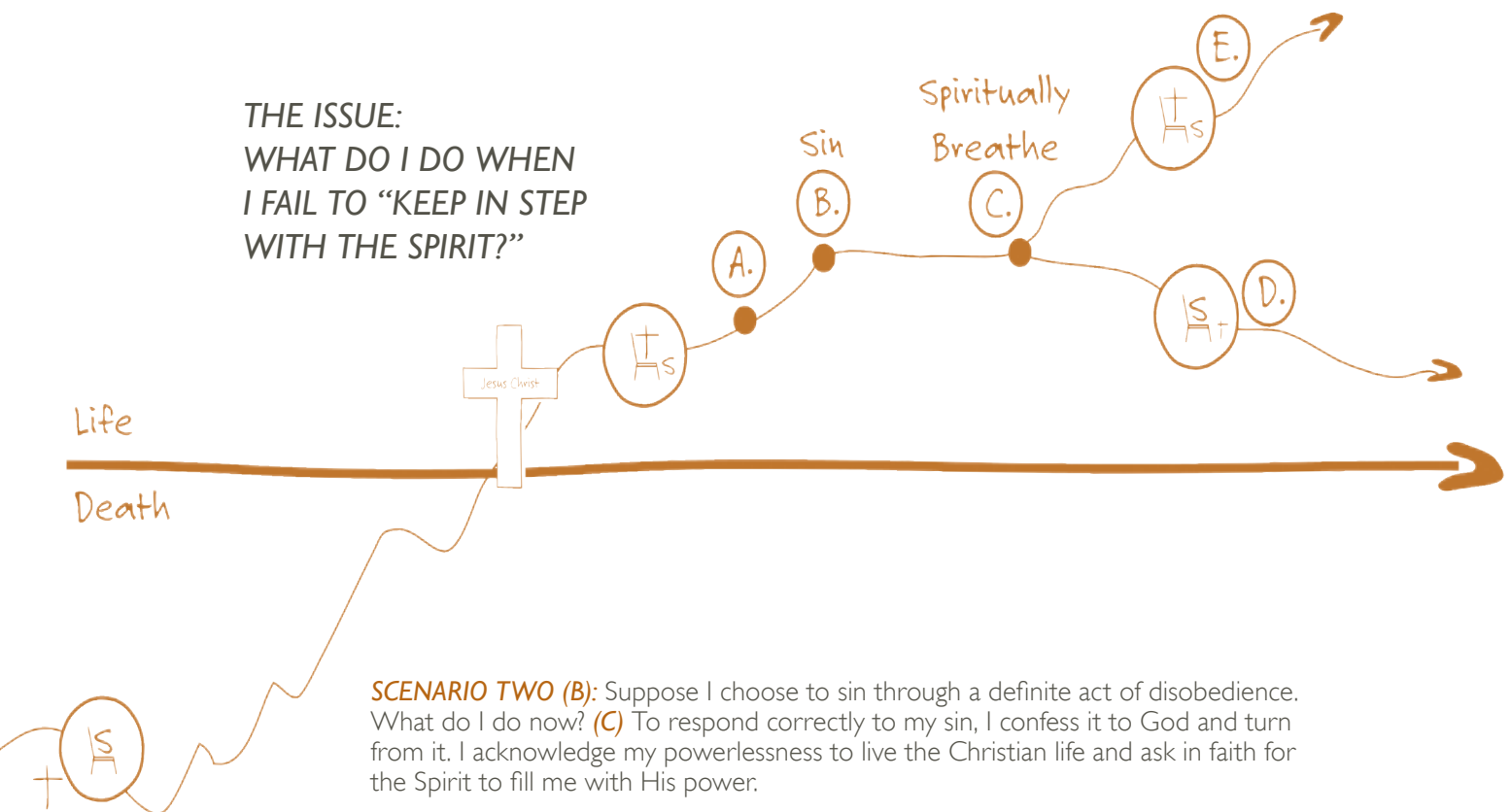
What the Bible promises, we should expect. What are the results in my life?

4. EXAMINING THE SKETCH

As I grow in my relationship with God, there are two common scenarios.

SCENARIO ONE (A): Though I sincerely desire to please God, sometimes I become aware of an area of my life that is displeasing to Him, either an attitude or an action. I am not intending to disobey. It's just that I am learning more about what God is like and becoming more aware of sin. What do I do? I simply thank God that He has already forgiven my sins, claim His love and forgiveness by faith and trust Him for the power to change in that area. This allows me to continue enjoying fellowship with Him.

THE ISSUE:
WHAT DO I DO WHEN
I FAIL TO "KEEP IN STEP
WITH THE SPIRIT?"



SCENARIO TWO (B): Suppose I choose to sin through a definite act of disobedience. What do I do now? **(C)** To respond correctly to my sin, I confess it to God and turn from it. I acknowledge my powerlessness to live the Christian life and ask in faith for the Spirit to fill me with His power.

A simple way to remember this is by using the word picture of "spiritual breathing." Physically, we exhale impure air and inhale the pure. Spiritually, I exhale by confessing my sin (1 John 1:9) and inhale by claiming the Spirit's power (Ephesians 5:18).

What would happen if I refused to deal with my sin? **(D)** Over time, I would find myself becoming more and more worldly, like the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 3:1-4). But as I deal with my sin and rely upon the Spirit **(E)**, I will become more spiritually mature and see the fruit of the Spirit produced within me (Galatians 5:22-23).

As you look at this sketch, where do you see yourself in this process?

5. TAKING STEPS

Four steps can help us put these truths into action:

RECOGNIZE the conflict.

REMEMBER the source of the conflict—the Spirit's desires versus the desires of the sinful nature.

REJECT the desires of the sinful nature.

RELY on the Spirit's power to produce His fruit in our lives.

Consider an example. Suppose your roommate does something wrong to you:

RECOGNIZE the conflict between your desire to be mad and get even and the Spirit's desire to forgive and restore the relationship.

REMEMBER the source of this inner struggle is between the sin nature and the Spirit.

REJECT the desires of the sinful nature to be mad or get even.

RELY on the Spirit's power to produce genuine love and forgiveness and provide wisdom in how to respond.

Is there an area where you are currently struggling? How would you apply these steps?

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There are two basic reasons why people aren't mature. One is time and the other is health. The world is full of immature people. Some are children who are healthy but have not had the time to grow. They, of course, are normal. Others have had adequate time but have failed to mature either physically, emotionally or socially. They are a source of concern. Their immaturity isn't normal and can indicate either a health problem or an unhealthy growth environment. Spiritual growth has many similarities to growth in the other dimensions of life.



LIFE CONCEPT

I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

The Christian life is a life of growth in our relationship with Christ. Spiritual maturity is attained over time, not in an instant.

MY EXPERIENCE ...

YOUR EXPERIENCE ...

How much of a spiritual foundation have you received for your Christian life—either from your family or your religious background?

What one or two things from your background do you think will be most helpful in your Christian life?

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2. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

WHY do you think many believers fail to grow spiritually at a normal, healthy rate?

WHAT might be some evidence of spiritual immaturity?

HOW would you feel if, after many years, you looked back and realized you had failed to grow in the most important area of life, your relationship with God?

We need a healthy environment for spiritual growth to ensure that we mature in our relationship with God.

ACTS 2:42-47

⁴²They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



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3. EXPLORING THE SOLUTION

The Book of Acts is an historical account of the first believers' experiences after the resurrection of Jesus. In the second chapter, Peter (one of the early leaders) addresses a large crowd and many become new believers. This passage is about that group of new believers and what characterized their spiritual growth.

There are four characteristics of growing Christians found in this passage:

1. DEVOTED TO THE WORD (2:42)

What does it mean to be devoted to something?

Who were the apostles?

What did they teach?
(See Matthew 28:18-20)

How could we devote ourselves to this same teaching today?

2. DEVOTED TO FELLOWSHIP (2:42)

What is fellowship?

What motivated the believers to gather together so often? (2:46)

How would close relationships like these help us in the Christian life?

How can we experience this kind of fellowship today?

3. DEVOTED TO PRAYER (2:42)

What is prayer?

What motivated the believers to devote themselves to prayer?

How can we devote ourselves to prayer today?

4. HAVING AN IMPACT (2:47)

Why did other people join them?

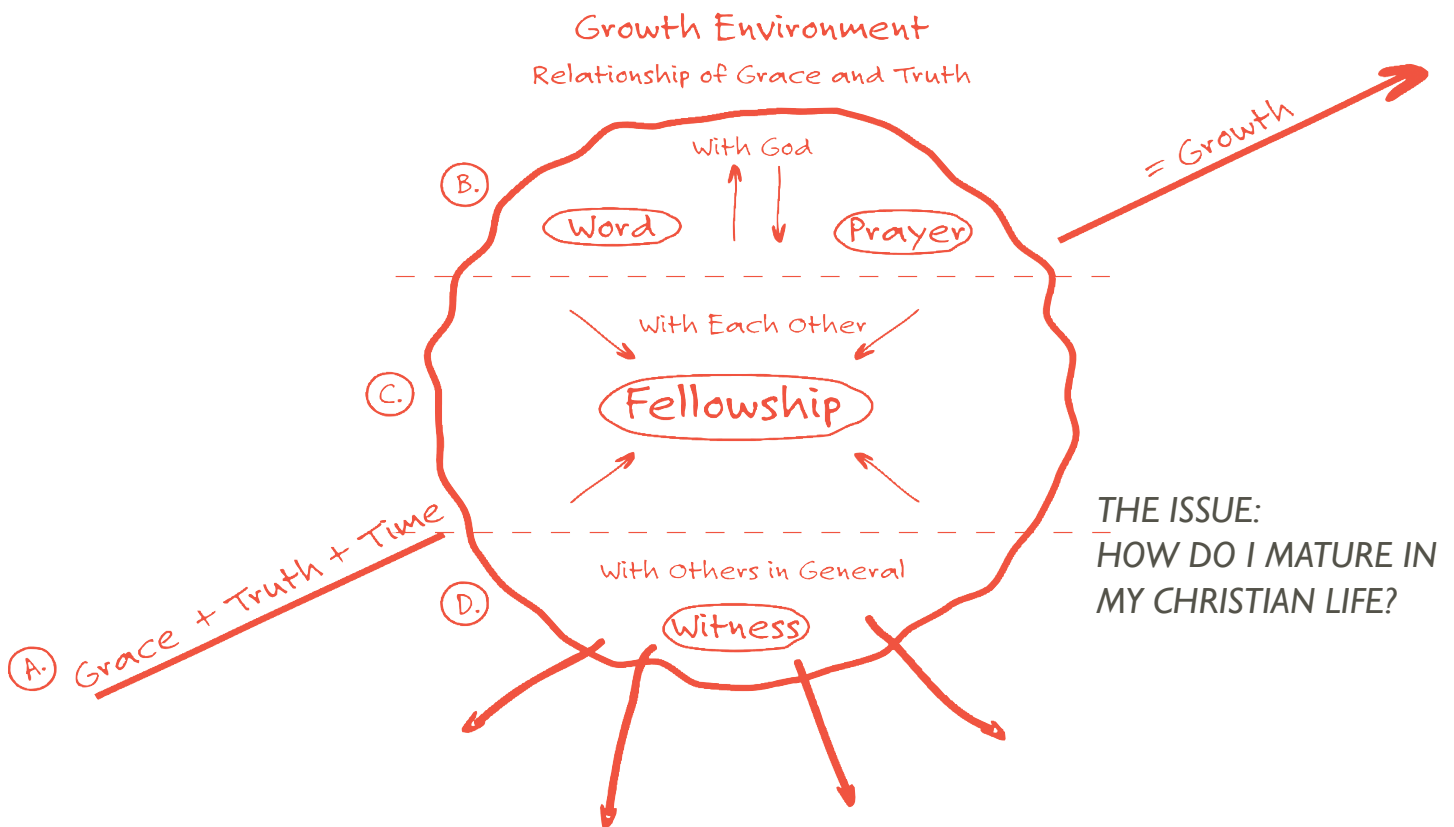
Imagine how exciting it would be if God used your life to influence others to become true believers in Christ.

4. EXAMINING THE SKETCH

Consider a seed that is planted in poor soil with little water or nutrients and little sun. How well would it grow?

What would happen if the same seed was placed in rich soil with plenty of nutrients, water and sun?

The difference in growth would be caused by the environment. The same is true for us spiritually.



A. The two primary ingredients that God uses to cause growth in our lives are grace and truth. Truth gives us the understanding we need to live the Christian life. Grace provides the acceptance and encouragement we need to keep on going. But growth doesn't happen all at once. It occurs as process over time. Thus, the formula for an ideal growth environment is:

$$\text{Grace} + \text{Truth} + \text{Time} = \text{Growth}$$

Like the new believers in Acts, we experience "Grace + Truth + Time" in the context of relationships.

- B.** The upward relationship is with God and is experienced through His Word and prayer.
- C.** The inward relationships are with each other (believers) and are experienced in fellowship.
- D.** The outward relationships are with those who do not believe in Christ. Our influence with them is through our witness for Christ.

5. TAKING STEPS

Develop an action plan for each of the relational characteristics of the growth environment.

UPWARD – Word and Prayer

Example: Take about 10 minutes each morning to continue reading the Gospel of John and talk to God about your day.

Your plan:

INWARD – Fellowship

Example: Go to church or to a Christian gathering.

Your plan:

OUTWARD – Witness

Example: Identify one or two people you care about and begin praying for them. Look for appropriate opportunities to tell them about the difference Christ is making in your life.

Your plan:

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