

1 Thessalonians Series

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Imitating Christ – Part 2 1 Thessalonians 1:4–8





MACEDONIA

THRACE

BITHYNIA AND PONTUS

MARMARA SEA

ASIA

AEGEAN SEA

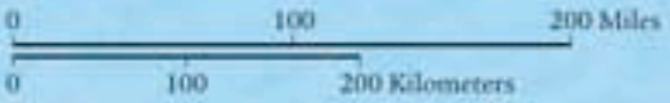
ACHAIA

CARIA

LYCIA

PAMPHYLIA

MEDITERRANEAN SEA



PAUL'S FIRST AND SECOND



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1 Thess. 1:3, “remembering without ceasing your work generated from your faith [doctrine in your soul], labor motivated by your love [for God and one another], and perseverance produced by your confident expectation in our Lord Jesus Christ in the sight of our God and Father,”

1 Cor. 13:13, “And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.”

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Rom. 5:3, “And not only that, but we also glory in tribulations [*thlipsis*], knowing that tribulation produces perseverance;

Rom. 5:4, “and perseverance, character; and character, hope.

Rom. 5:5, “Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.”

Romans 5:3–5

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Tribulations

Pressure, adversity

Θλιψις, *thlipsis*

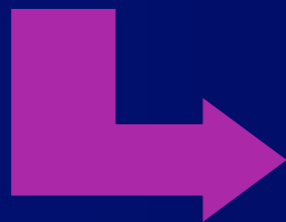
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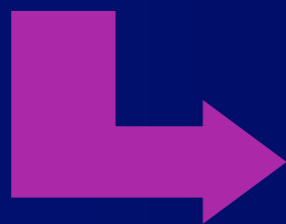
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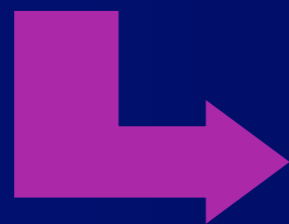
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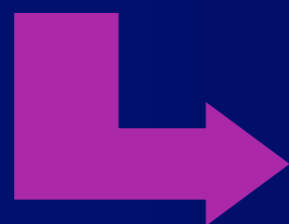
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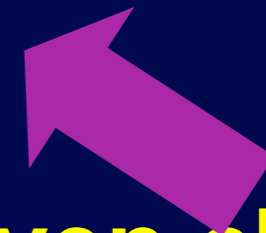
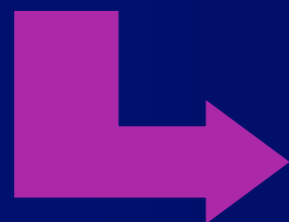
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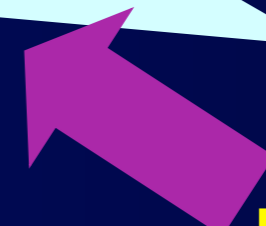
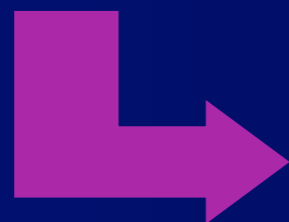
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Spiritual Adults (uijoi;, *huioi*, adult sons, Rom. 8:14)

LOVE: toward God, toward others

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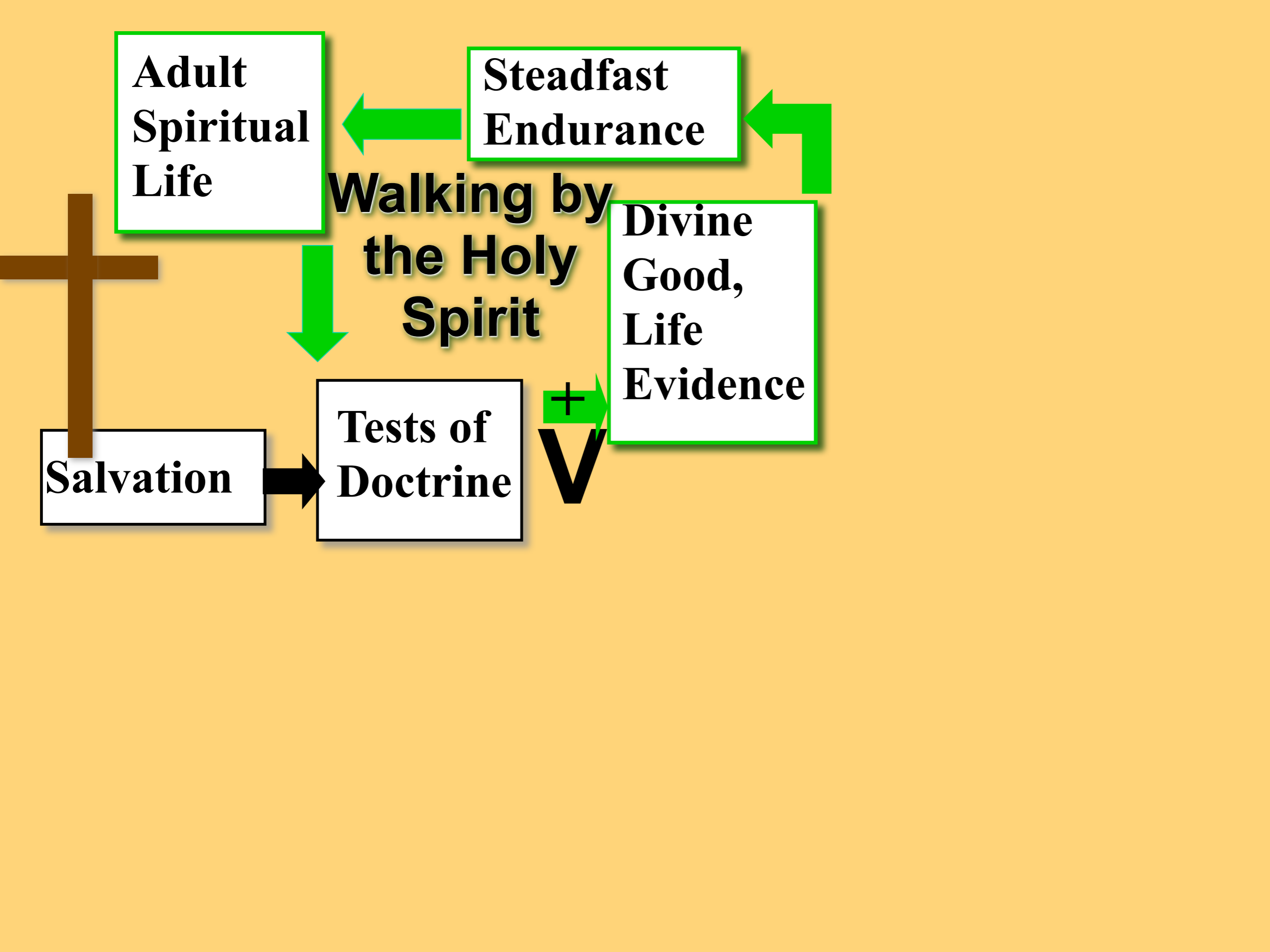
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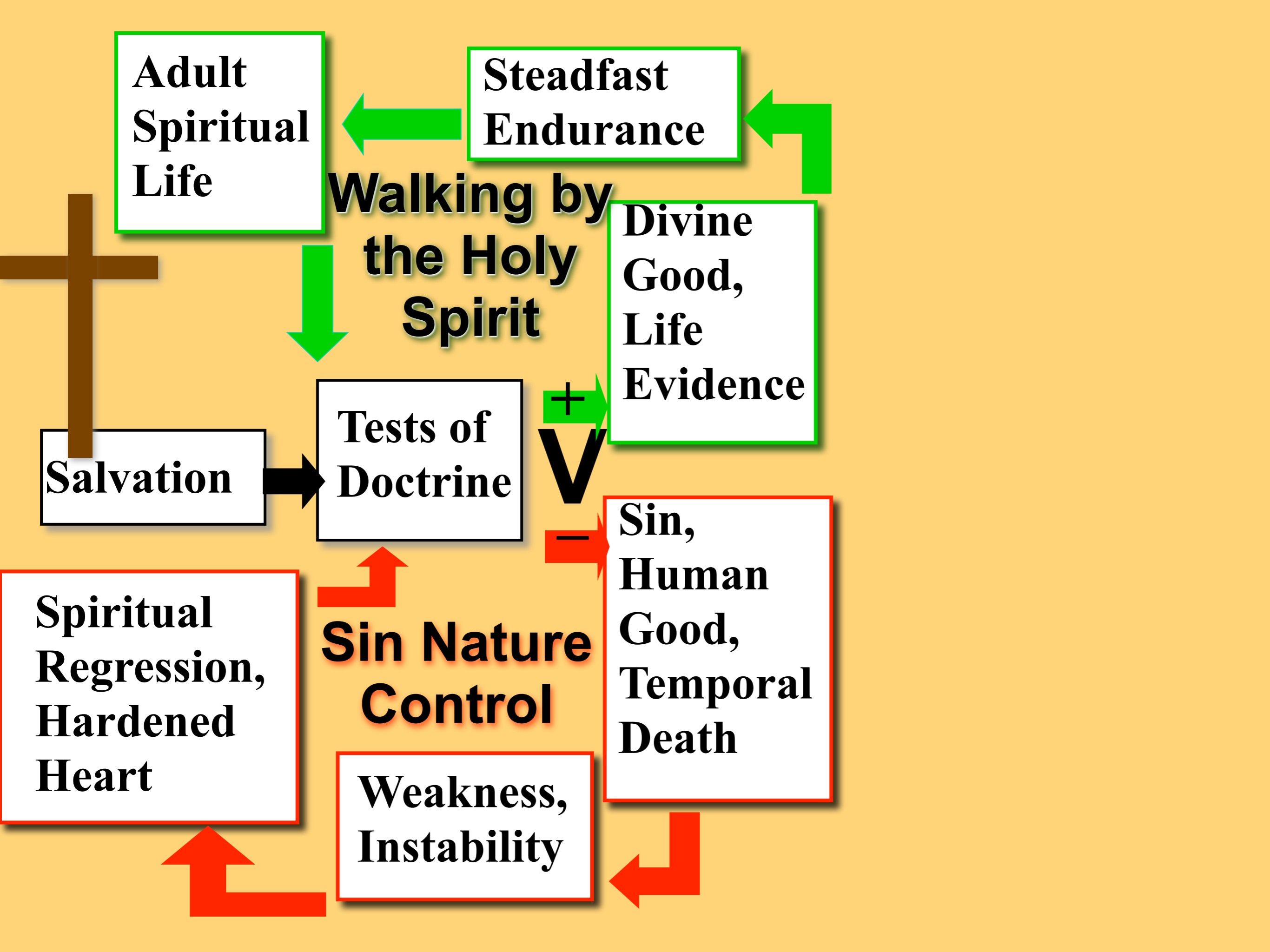
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1 Pet. 1:2, “elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.”

1 Thess. 1:5, “For our gospel did not come to you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Spirit and in much assurance, as you know what kind of men we were among you for your sake.”

1 Thess. 1:6, “You also became imitators of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much tribulation [*thlipsis*] with the joy of the Holy Spirit,

1 Thess. 1:7, “so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia.”