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EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

But God ... Grace, Mercy, Love—Part 2
Ephesians 2:4–5

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The Problem: What we were before we were saved, Ephesians 2:1–3

The Solution: God's love and mercy, grace in action, regenerate, raise, and seat us positionally in Christ, Ephesians 2:4–9

The Purpose: We are saved, created in Christ Jesus, for good works, Ephesians 2:10

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Rom 3:23, “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

Rom 3:10, “There is none righteous,”

Job 14:4, “Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? No one!”

Eph. 2:1, “And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,”

What is *spiritual* death?

Separation from the life of God

Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that **y’all should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,**

Eph. 4:18, “having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in **them, because of the blindness of **their** heart;**

Eph. 4:19, “who, being past feeling, have given **themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.”**

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This is evident in the pronouns *we* and *y'all*.

Eph. 1:12, “that we who first trusted in Christ should be to the praise of His glory.

Eph. 1:13, “In Him y’all also trusted, after y’all heard the word of truth, the gospel of y’all salvation; in whom also, having believed, y’all were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise,”

Eph. 2:11, “Therefore remember that y’all, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—

Eph. 2:12, “that at that time y’all were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.

Eph. 2:13, “But now in Christ Jesus y’all who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

Eph. 2:1, “And **y’all** ... who were dead in trespasses and sins,

Eph. 2:2, “in which [sins] **y’all** once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Eph. 2:3, “among whom also **we** all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of **our** flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and [**we**] were by nature children of wrath, **just as the others.**”

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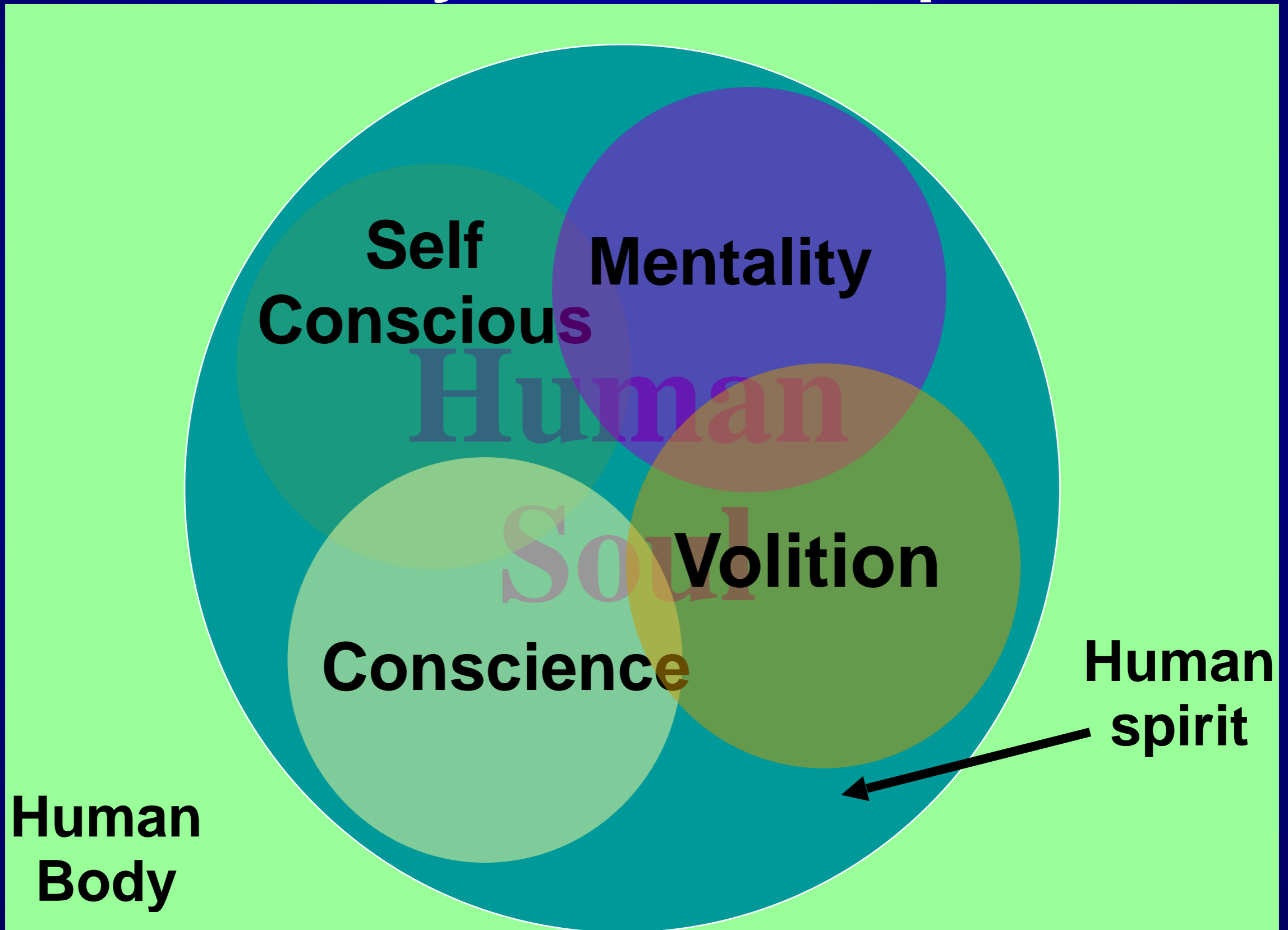
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1 Thess. 5:23, “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Heb. 4:12, “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

The Three Parts of a Human Being: Body, Soul, and Spirit



Jude 19, “These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit.”

1 Cor. 2:14, “But a natural man does not accept the things [revealed Scripture] of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.”

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Eph. 2:7, “that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.”

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1 Pet. 1:3, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,”

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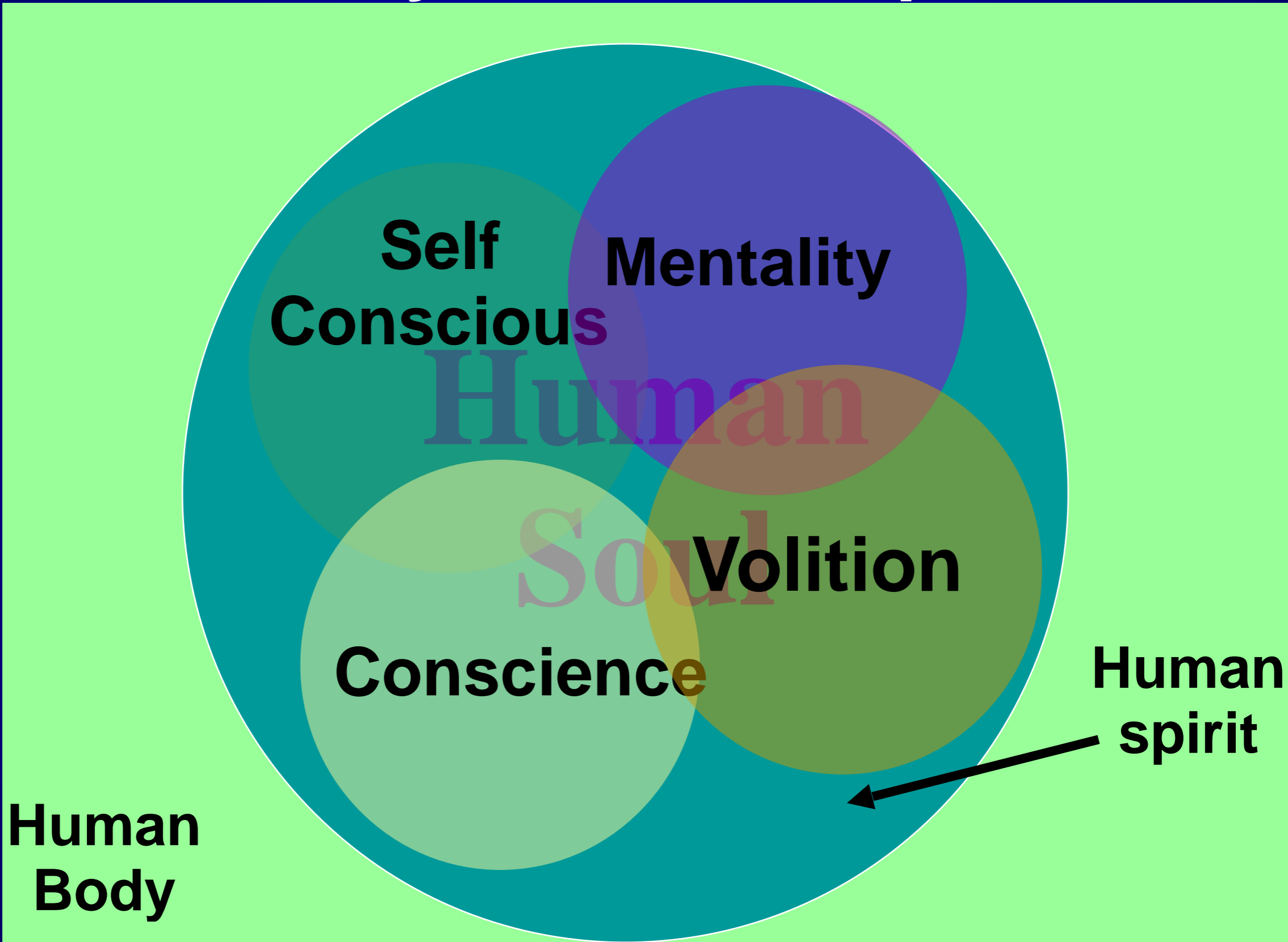
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Col. 2:13, “And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having [because He had] forgiven you all trespasses,

Col. 2:14, “having [when He] wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.”

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Titus 3:6, “whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior,”

John 3:1, “There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews.”

Pharisaism:

- 1. All Israel has a share in the world to come.**
- 2. No Jew would see eternal punishment.***
- 3. Anyone circumcised would not enter the gates of Sheol.***

John 3:3, “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.’ ”

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- 1. When a Gentile converted to Judaism, but Nicodemus was already a Jew. Did not apply**
- 2. When a person was crowned king. Nicodemus was not of the house of David. Did not apply**
- 3. At age 13 a Jewish boy has his *bar mitzvah* and is officially a man.**
- 4. At marriage a Jew was said to be born again. We assume Nicodemus was already married because he was on the Sanhedrin.**
- 5. When ordained as a rabbi, a Jew was born again.**
- 6. When a Rabbi became the head of a rabbinical school he was said to be born again. Remember Nicodemus was the teacher of Israel.**

John 3:4, “Nicodemus said to Him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born?’ ”

John 3:5, “Jesus answered, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.’ ”

Ezek. 36:24, “For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

Ezek. 36:25, “Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.”

Ezek. 36:26, “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.”

John 3:6, “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

John 3:7, “Do not marvel that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ ”

John 3:9, “Nicodemus answered and said to Him, ‘How can these things be?’”

John 3:10, “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Are you the teacher of Israel, and do not know these things?’ ”

John 3:13, “No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

John 3:14, “And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

John 3:15, “that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16, “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

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