

Ephesians Series

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**Spiritual Skills:
Joint Heirs With Christ: Suffering
Romans 8:17**



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

What we learned last time:

- **Salvation is not by works, but for good works, Eph. 2:8–10.**
- **All Christians will be evaluated at the Judgment Seat of Christ, 2 Cor. 5:9–10; 1 Cor. 3:12–15.**
- **All are saved eternally, but not all receive rewards, 1 Cor. 3:15.**
- **All run the race, but some are disqualified from receiving crowns, which are rewards, not eternal life, 2 Cor. 9:24–27.**

Three things to remember:

Good works are not inevitable. After being saved we must decide to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ or not.

Regeneration, being born again, does not minimize our sin nature. It only gives us a new identity and new relationship to God where we are no longer under the tyranny of the sin nature.

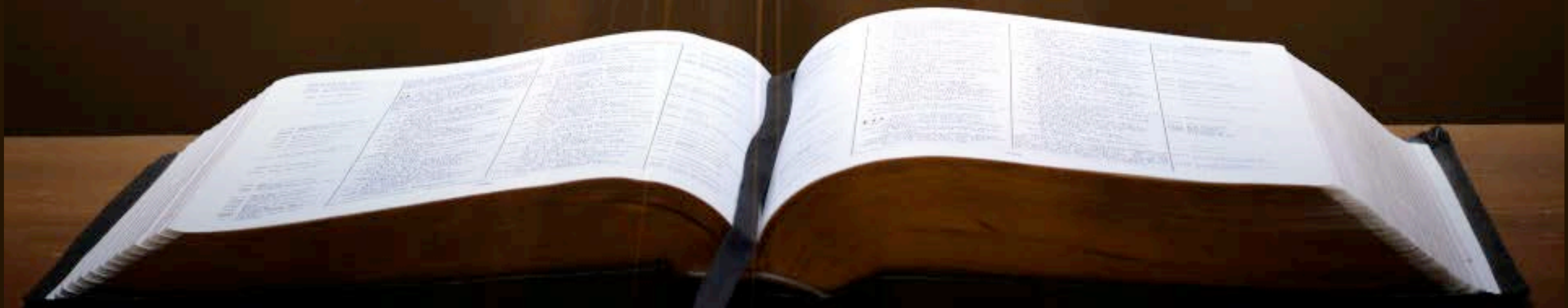
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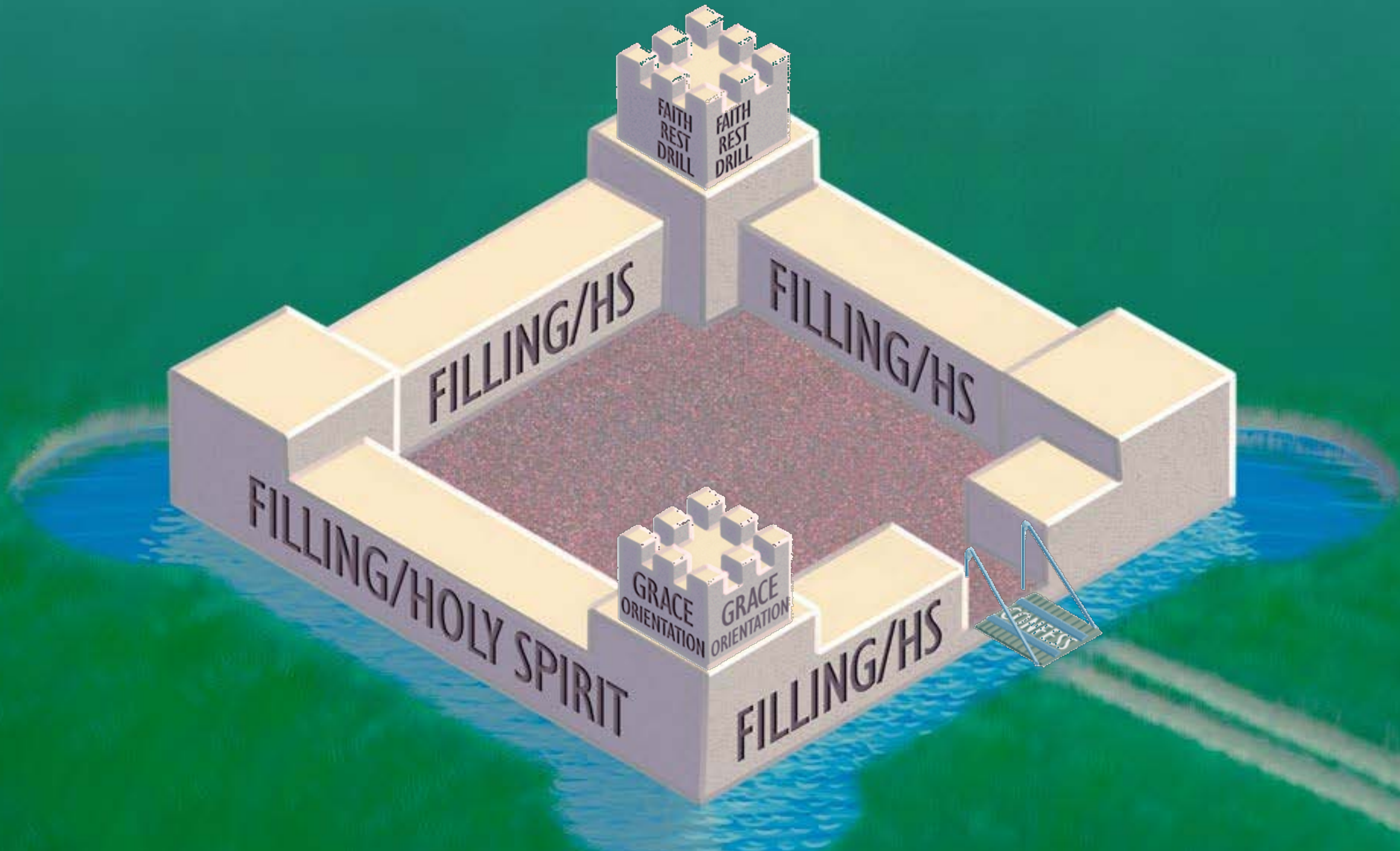
In this lesson:

- **There are two categories of heirs: heirs of God, and heirs of Christ if we suffer with Him. Rom. 8:17**
- **What and why do we suffer?**

What the Bible Teaches About

**Spiritual Skills for
LIFE**





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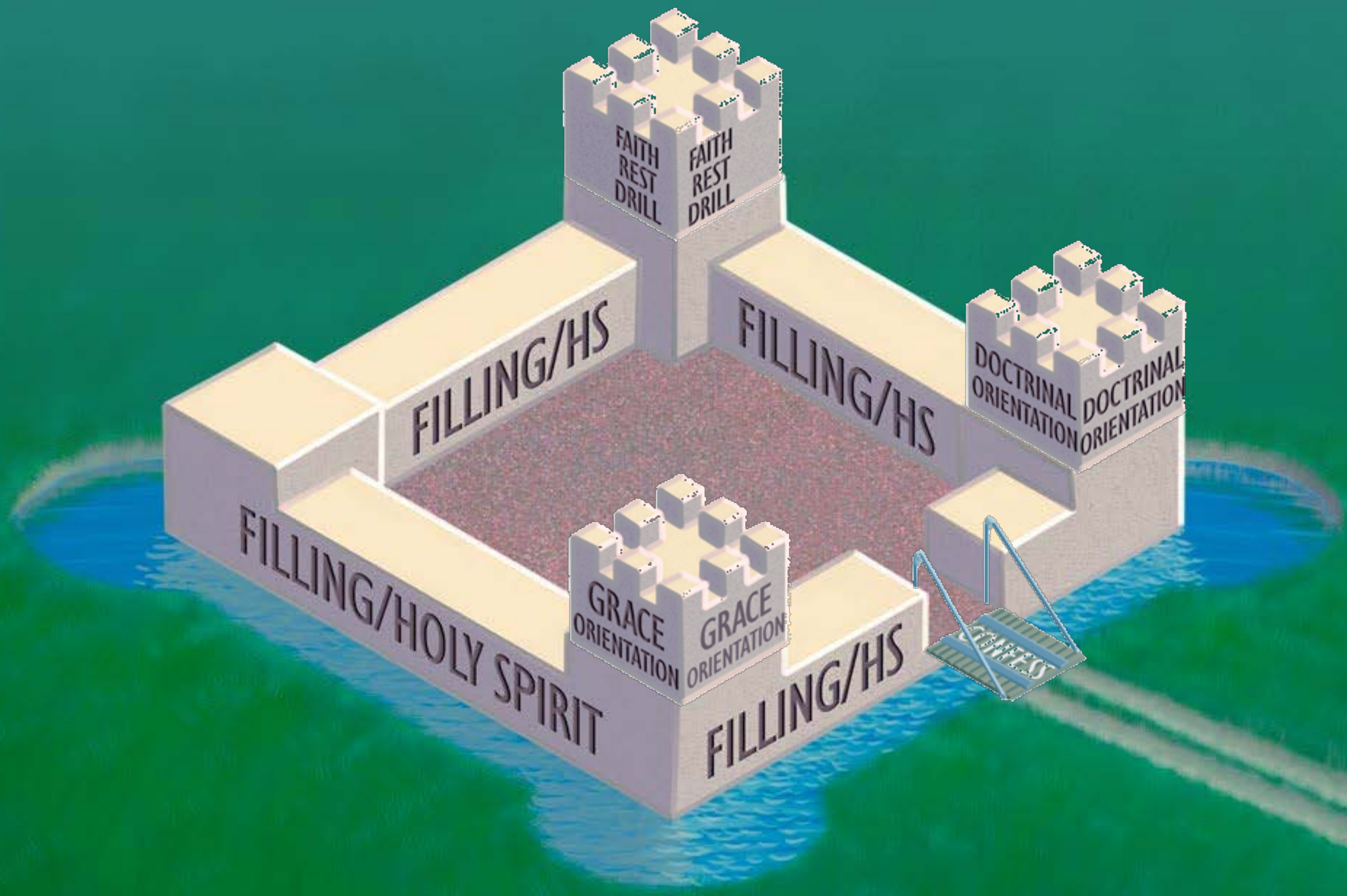
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Living in Light of Eternity

Personal Sense of our Eternal Destiny

Spiritual Adolescence (νεανίσκοι, *neaniskoi*, 1 John 2:13)

Personal Sense of Your Eternal Destiny

Rom. 8:16–17

Spiritual Childhood (τέκνον, *teknon*)

Confess
1 John 1:9

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Eph. 5:18

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2 Pet. 1:3, 4

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- The destiny of every believer is to rule and reign with our Lord Jesus Christ in His kingdom (Rev. 1:6; 5:10).**
- Every believer will be evaluated for rewards and responsibilities at the Judgment Seat of Christ (1 Cor. 3:11–15).**
- Therefore, we must learn to live in light of this future destiny.**

#6 Personal Sense of Eternal Destiny

1 Peter 1:17, “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;”

Revelation 22:12, “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

#6 Personal Sense of Eternal Destiny

Eph. 2:4, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Eph. 2:5, “even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Eph. 2:6, “and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”

1. All believers in Christ will be saved, will be raptured, and will be with Christ and serve with Christ in the future kingdom.

2. However, there are many believers in Christ who will have few, if any, responsibilities in the future, though they will be in Heaven.

Col. 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

2 Cor. 5:9, “Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

2 Cor. 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

1 Cor. 3:10, “According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But **let each one [each believer] take heed how he builds on it.**

1 Cor. 3:11, “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 3:12, “Now **if anyone builds** on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

1 Cor. 3:13, “**each one’s work will become clear**; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.

1 Cor. 3:14, “**If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.**

1 Cor. 3:15, “If anyone’s work is burned, **he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.**”

1 Cor. 9:24, “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

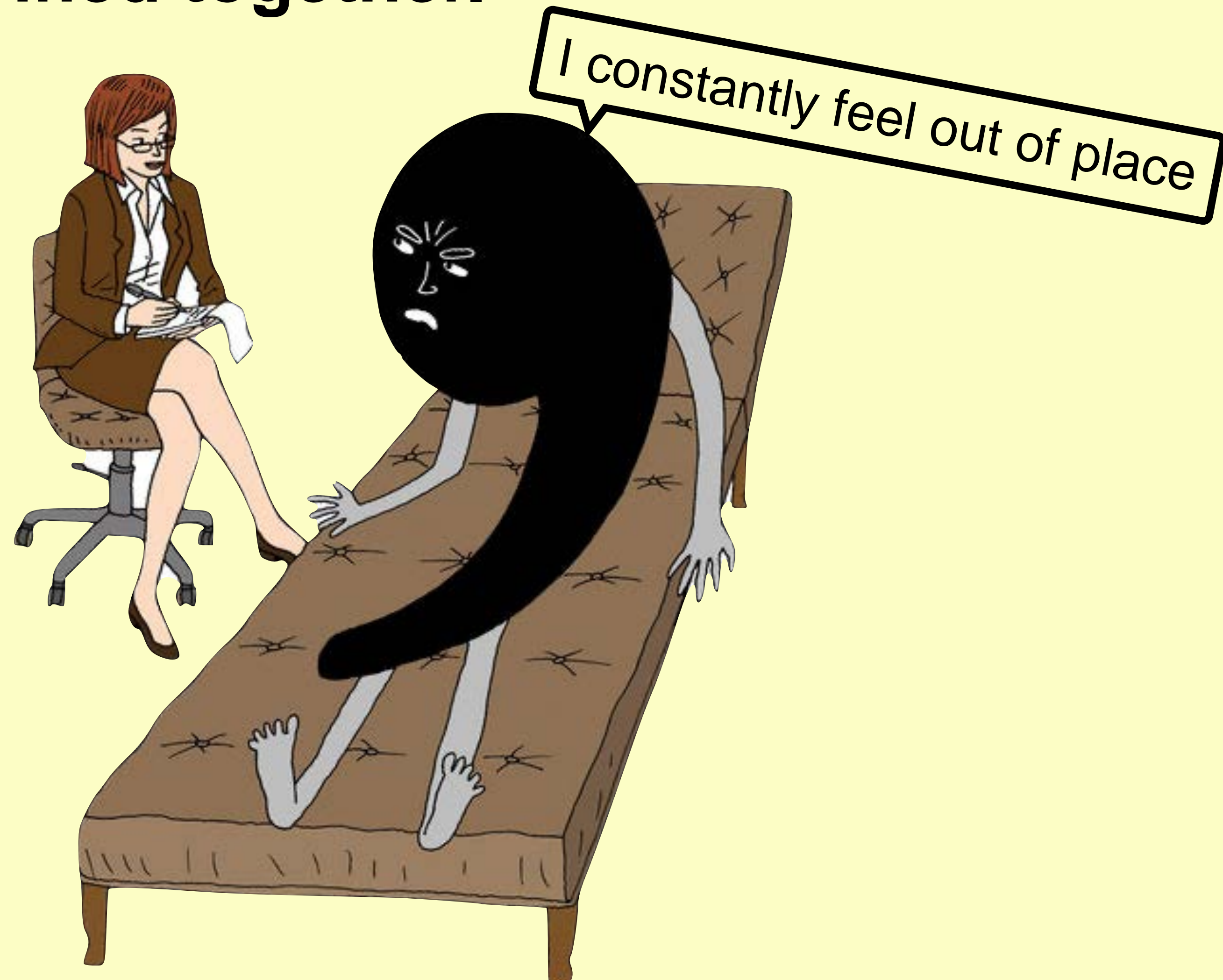
1 Cor. 9:25, “And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.

1 Cor. 9:26, “Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.

1 Cor. 9:27, “But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”

Romans 8:17, “and if children, then heirs -- heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.” [RD]

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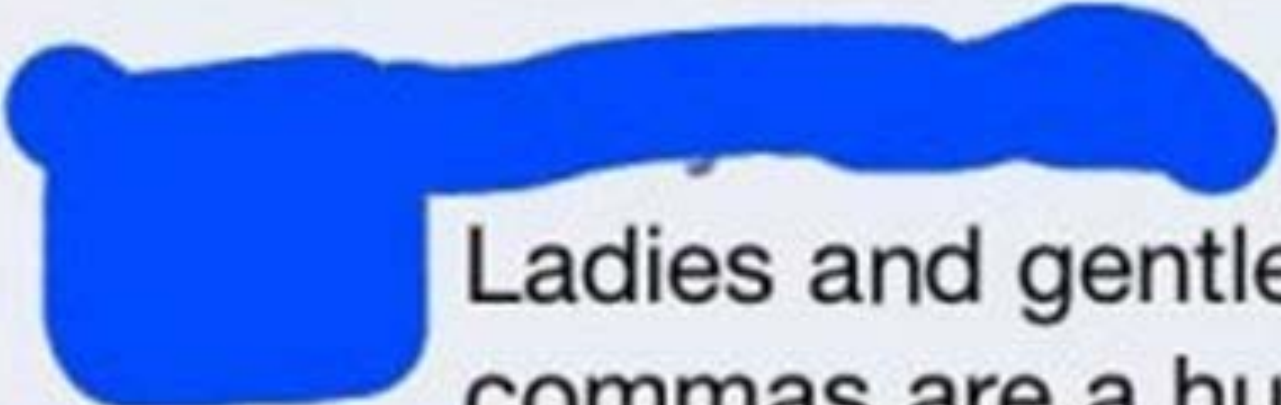
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9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the spirit, if so be that the spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sinne: but the spirit is life, because of righteousnesse.

11 But if the spirit of him that raised vp Jesus from the dead, dwell in you: he that raised vp Christ from the dead, shall also quicken your mortall bodies, by his spirit that dwelleth in you.

12 Therefore brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the spirit doe mortifie the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

14 For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sonnes of God.

15 For ye have not receiued the spirit of bondage againe to feare: but ye have receiued the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, father.

16 The spirit it selfe beareth witnes with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

17 And if children, then heires, heires of God, and ioynt heires with Christ: if so be that we suffer with him, that wee may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon, that the sufferings of this present time, are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in vs.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature, waiteth for the manifestation of the sonnes of God.

20 For the creature was made subject to vanitie, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subiected the same in hope:

21 Because the creature it selfe also shall bee deliuered from the bondage of corruption, into the glorious libertie of the children of God.

22 For wee know that the whole creation groaneth, and trauaileth in paine together vntill now.

23 And not only they, but our selues also which haue the first frutes of the spirit, euen we our selues groane within our selues, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

24 For wee are saued by hope: but hope that is seene, is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

25 But if wee hope for that wee see not, then doe wee with patience waite for it.

26 Likewise the spirit also helpeth our infirmitie: for we know not what wee should pray for as wee ought: but the spirit it selfe maketh intercession for vs with groanings, which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts, knoweth what is the minde of the spirit, because he maketh intercession for the Saints, according to the will of God.

28 And wee know that all things worke together for good, to them that loue God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his sonne, that hee might bee the first borne amongst many brethren.

30 Moreover, whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also iustificed: and whom he iustificed, them he also glorified.

31 What shall wee then say to these things? If God be for vs, who can bee against vs?

32 He that spared not his owne son, but deliuered him vp for vs all: how shall hee not with him also freely giue vs all things?

33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of Gods elect? It is God that iustificieth:

34 who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather that is risen againe, who is euen at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for vs.

35 who shall separate vs from the loue of Christ? shall tribulation, or distresse, or persecution, or famine, or nakednesse, or perill, or sword?

36 (As it is written, for thy sake we are killed all the day long, wee are accounted as sheepe for the slaughter.)

37 Nay in all these things wee are more then conquerours, through him that loued vs.

38 For I am perswaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate vs from the loue of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Rom. 8:17, “and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.” [ESV, NIV]

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Two types of heirs:

- **Heirs of God: all believers**
- **Joint heirs with Christ: for those who grow spiritually**

Conclusions

1. Every Christian builds on the foundation of their salvation: faith in Jesus Christ as the promised and prophesied Messiah, who like the Passover Lamb, died as a sacrifice to take away the sin of the world.
2. We build with **moral** works which God has nothing to do with (wood, hay, straw), or we build by walking by the Spirit (Gal. 5:16) and those divinely enabled **spiritual** works have eternal value (gold, silver, precious stones).
3. Thus there are two kinds of believers, those with rewards, those without, but all are saved.
4. In this life we cannot determine which is which.
5. Our life's work will be evaluated at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

What have we learned.

- 1. We are not saved by works, works do not save or indicate salvation.**
- 2. Works are rewardable: we are saved as a gift, rewards are earned.**
- 3. Works must be done by walking in the Spirit, if not, no eternal value—wood, hay, straw.**
- 4. We can only know the difference at the Judgment Seat of Christ.**

- 5. Passages that talk about disqualification, loss, a dog returning to its vomit, etc., are all talking about believers who live like unsaved Gentiles.**
- 6. We are to live in light of eventual evaluation with rewards and responsibilities.**

The Condition of Suffering:

Why do we suffer?

What the Bible Teaches About Christian Suffering



1. Defining suffering:

Suffering:

- a. Not necessarily an enormous event, situation, or problem.**
- b. Any difficulty in life that affects our comfortable circumstances (our sense of tranquility).**
- c. A barometer of suffering: mental attitude sins of irritation, anger, resentment, impatience, grief, sorrow, sadness, depression.**
- d. Any situation in life which we wish were better circumstances.**

2. Causes of suffering:

**a. Adamic responsibility; the result of the fall and sin—
We are all guilty of Adam's sin.**

Gen. 2:17, “In the day you eat thereof you will surely die.”

2. Causes of suffering:

b. Our own bad decisions, reaping what we sow brings self-induced misery.

Gal. 6:7, “Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

Gal. 6:8, “For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.”

2. Causes of suffering:

c. Divine Discipline

Heb. 12:4, “You have not yet resisted to the point of shedding blood in your striving against sin;

Heb. 12:5, “and you have forgotten the exhortation which is addressed to you as sons, ‘*My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor faint when you are reproved by Him;*

Heb. 12:6, “ ‘*For those whom the Lord loves He disciplines, and He scourges every son whom He receives.*’ ”

Heb. 12:7, “It is for discipline that you endure; God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom his father does not discipline?”

Heb. 12:8, “But if you are without discipline, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate children and not sons.”

3. May be connected to someone involved in items 2b or 2c. This may be a spouse, parent, family member, business, or nation. We may have less personal responsibility for the situation, but there is some level there because we choose to be a part of that group.

4. We live in the devil's world, ruled by the rules of the devil's world system, the *kosmic* system.

In addition, 5–9 give reasons suffering can come into our lives: Indirect or undeserved suffering.

5. A wake up call evangelistically.

Acts 16 with the jailor. All of a sudden he was going to die because the prisoners were escaping.

6. So we will learn what the Bible teaches in how to apply it.

Psa. 119:71, “It is good for me that I was afflicted, That I may learn Thy statutes.”

7. To be a witness to neighbors, friends, and those who are around us.

1 Tim. 1:16, “And yet for this reason I found mercy, in order that in me as the foremost, Jesus Christ might demonstrate His perfect patience, as an example for those who would believe in Him for eternal life.”

8. To be a witness in the angelic rebellion.

Eph. 3:10, “in order that the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known through the church to the rulers and the authorities in the heavenly places.”

9. That we can comfort others with the comfort with which we have been comforted.

2 Cor. 1:4, “who comforts us in all our affliction so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.”

What Have We Learned:

- 1. Each of us will be rewarded by a Judge who has suffered as we have.**
- 2. All believers in Christ are heirs of God.**
- 3. Believers who are faithful receive an additional inheritance. “Well done, good and faithful servant.”
Luke 19:17a.**