## the gospel of RIA

THE SON OF GOD
The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.



45 Immediately he made his disciples get 46 And after he had taken leave of them, he went up on the mountain to pray. 47 And when evening came, the boat was out on the sea, and he was alone on the land. 48 And he saw that they were making headway painfully, for the wind was against them. And about the fourth watch of the night[g] he came to them, walking on the sea.

And they ate and were satisfied. And they took up the broken pieces left over, seven baskets full. 9 And there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away.



And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ"

YOU ARE THE CHRIST

And when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was the Son of God!"



TRULY, THIS MAN WAS THE SON OF GOD

## Inside - Out. Mark 7:14-23.



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- The Pharisees claim that we are unclean. (7:5).
- Jesus is more concerned about the cause than the symptoms.



Mark 7:15. "There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him."



Mark 7:20-23. And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."



# Man's natural state is unclean v. Man is intrinsically good.



- "Man is intrinsically good."
- The Bible says no.
- Your conscience says no.



Romans 3:23. for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.



Jeremiah 17:9. The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?



- God convicts you (the Bible).
- You convict you (your conscience).



Romans 2:14-15. For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves...<sup>15</sup> They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them.



Shame is the most powerful, master emotion. It's the fear that we're not good enough.

- Dr. Brene Brown



#### II. Outside-In.

III. Inside-Out: The New Heart.



### We try to soothe our conscience with:

- Success
- Failure



Mark 7:18. Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him...



## The Pharisees advocated an outside-in approach to righteousness.



Religion: Soothe conscience by outward obedience to gain acceptance.



**Politics: Soothe** conscience by how I votesystems will fix society.



**Social Morality: Soothe** conscience through acceptance by my "in-group."



Celebrity: Soothe conscience by escaping into other people's lives or by seeking own fame.

# Consumerism: Soothe conscience by owning more or owning less.



# Ministry: Soothe conscience through ministry growth.



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### Mark 7:19. Thus he declared all foods clean.

A New Covenant.



The New Covenant Ezekiel 36:26. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

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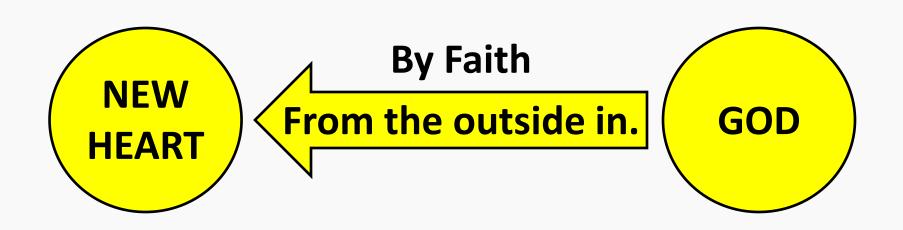


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"You must be born again."

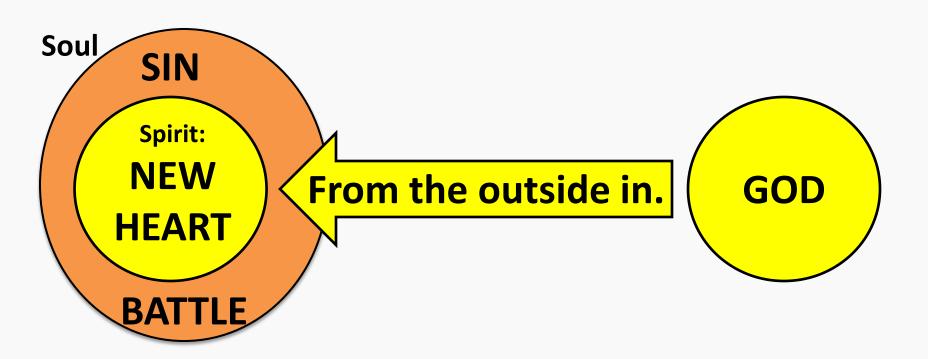


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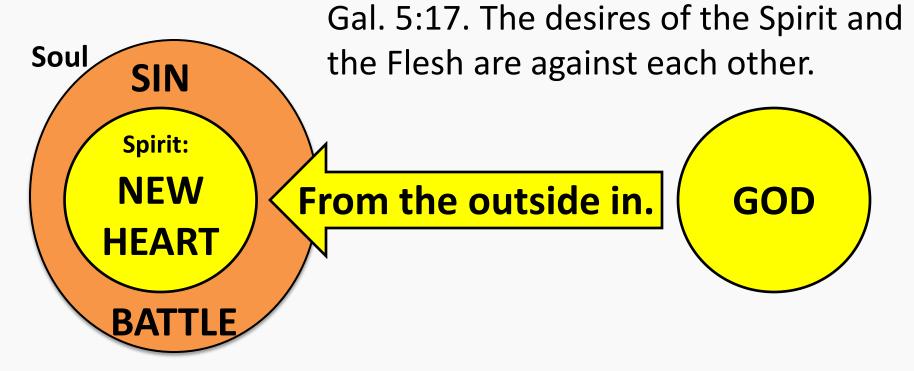


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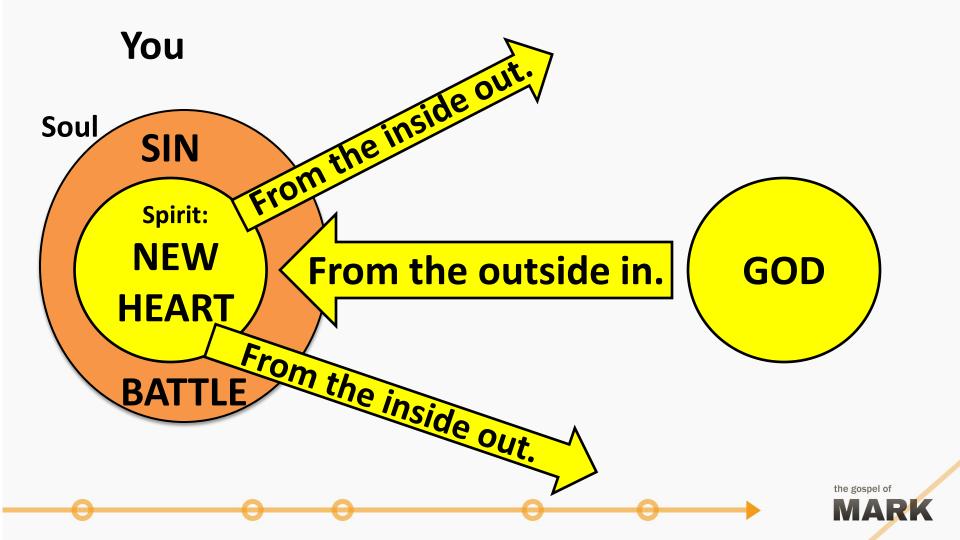




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- -Feels deeply: Peace, joy, and sorrow.



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- All desires point to your new desire for God.



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## **The New Heart:**

- Desire: Church My Way.



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- I receive God's comfort from His love and power in Christ- now I can love and empower others through church.

Hebrews 10:22. Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

