

# You Belong to God – Series #6

## The Wrap Up: Do you really belong to God?

### INTRODUCTION

#### I. WHAT IS IT WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT?

**A. A Christian life that is not lived out in our physical bodies is no Christian life at all.**

*<sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. (1 Corinthians 6)*

**B. God gave us marriage as part of our life on earth. God intends for marriage to be the place where we share the physical and spiritual intimacy with our life-long covenant spouse.**

*<sup>18</sup> Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ... <sup>22</sup> And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. <sup>23</sup> Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." <sup>24</sup> Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. <sup>25</sup> And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed. (Genesis 2)*

SEX is good! This is *our* story. We own it, not the Enemy. His only game is to break and destroy...

**C. We live at the bitter-end of the Sexual Revolution. It has brought broken families, broken sexuality, and much pain to ourselves and most of the people around us.**

*<sup>3</sup> For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. <sup>4</sup> But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, <sup>5</sup> he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, (Titus 3)*

**D. Our broken sexuality can be healed at the foot of the cross. It is not a quick fix nor easy road. Healing begins with repentance toward God and a new framework for how we live: CHASTITY**

CHASTITY = For the married - COMMITMENT to your spouse, to remain faithful physically and mentally to that person for life. For the single - CONTINENCE (from the Latin *continentia* which means 'a holding back')

*<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions... <sup>4</sup> Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. (Psalm 51)*

**E. God wants to use our "waiting" and our commitment to holiness to make us something new, special, and fit for a lifetime in this present world and for an eternity in his Presence.**

*<sup>3</sup> For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor.... <sup>8</sup> Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you. (1 Thessalonians 4)*

**II. TAKING AN HONEST AND SERIOUS LOOK AT OURSELVES: 1 CORINTH 10**

**A. Paul to the Corinthians: "Golly folks, it's time for some self-assessment."**

*<sup>1</sup> For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup> and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup> and all ate the same spiritual food, <sup>4</sup> and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup> Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.*

*<sup>6</sup> Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup> Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." <sup>8</sup> We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup> We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did and were destroyed by serpents, <sup>10</sup> nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. <sup>11</sup> Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. (1 Corinthians 10)*

What is Paul saying in this passage?

1. Being *among* the people of God
2. But not *being* the people of God
3. Spiritual wisdom: learn from others mistakes
4. "Corinthians, understand the times you live in."

### III. HOW WILL YOU RESPOND?

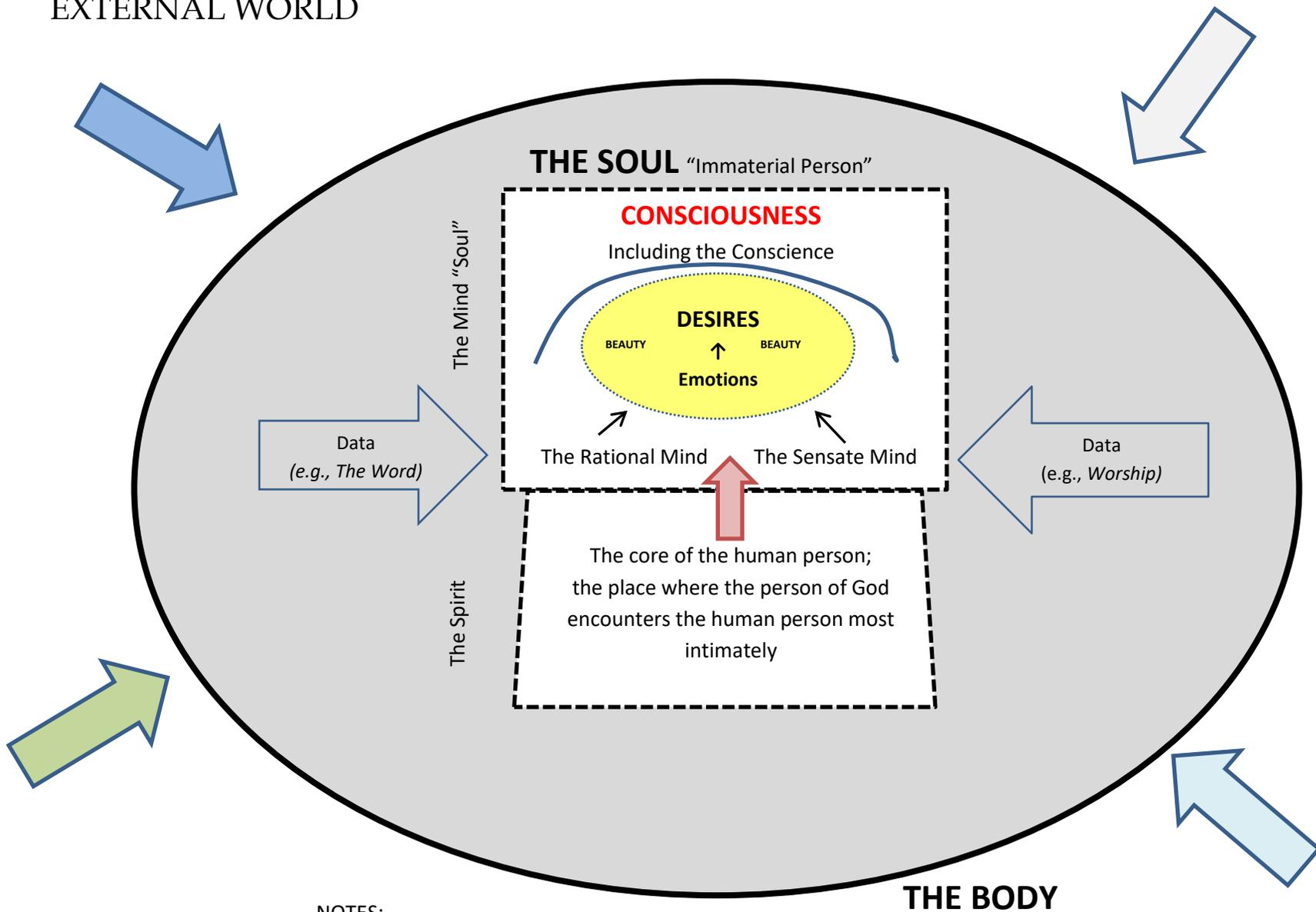
<sup>12</sup> Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. <sup>13</sup> No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1 Corinthians 10)

**A. How can I find "way of escape"?**

**B. The chocolate chip cookie ....**

**C. Develop the wonderful resources He has given you!**

EXTERNAL WORLD



NOTES:

1. "The Will" being a description of Consciousness making choices
2. "The Conscience" being a description of Consciousness assigning moral value to desires/emotions and potential/actual choices we make

THE BODY

"Material Person"