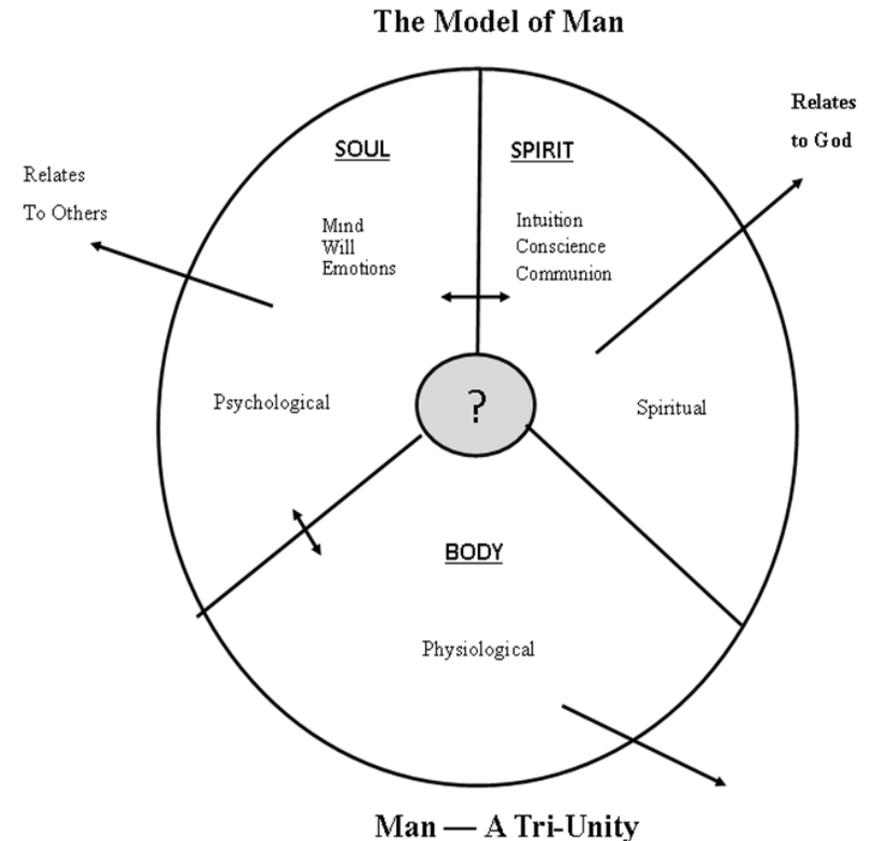


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Col. 1:24-29

## Mysterious Labor

- I. Quick Review
  - a. Jesus Christ has Supremacy (all power and authority) over all creation and the church.
  - b. His supremacy allows people to be reconciled back to God. Co. 1:2
- II. The Model of Man. Diagrams by Dr. Charles Solomon  
Grace Fellowship International
- III. Because of SIN, the spiritual line of communication became broken.
  - a. Biblical definition for death: separated from, no longer in union with God.
  - b. Romans 5:19a **“through the disobedience of the one man (Adam) the many were made sinners.**
  - c. All are born under a penalty of condemnation John 3:16-18
- IV. How do we attain life?
  - a. Romans 5:19b **For just as through the disobedience of the one man (Adam) the many were made sinners, (here is the good news) so also through the obedience of the one man (Christ) the many will be made righteous.”**
  - b. Jesus said, **“I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit.”** (John 3:5-6)
  - c. Accepting that which God did for us through the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ restores the “broken” disconnect/ separation that we were physically born with.
  - d. Col. 1:22 **But ... now he (God the Father) has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation...**” so that we are no longer condemned.



- V. Problem of Confusion
  - a. Jews thought one thing, the Gentiles had their own gods, and Paul was confused until he met Jesus on the road to Damascus.
- VI. Mystery Unveiled
  - a. Acts 9:15 God commissioned Paul to further explain all that Christ did and taught. Gospel message of salvation for Jews and Gentiles. Col. 1:25, 27
- VII. We proclaim the gospel so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. Col. 1:28 This is why believers labor within the church.