

DIRECTORY of TERMS

- Advent, First*, refers to Jesus Christ's time on earth in His humanity, from His birth in a manger to His death on the Cross, His resurrection, ascension, and session to the right hand of God the Father. Synonyms: Incarnation, hypostatic union.
- Anthropomorphism* means to ascribe to God, through the language of accommodation, portions of the human anatomy that He does not actually possess so that man may comprehend His divine policy, character and function. Physical human characteristics are used to describe an otherwise indescribable divine truth (e.g. "the everlasting arms"). God does not have human anatomy.
- Anthropopathism* is designed to explain to mankind in human language a divine policy based on a sovereign decision of God related to the integrity of God with emphasis on divine righteousness and justice. Malachi 1:2 -3. Anthropopathism ascribes human feelings or emotion such as "repent," "grieve," "anger" to God. The anthropopathism "God repents" (an Old English word) means that God changes His mind. Since God is immutable, He can not change His mind; therefore, this anthropopathism refers to a policy change by God because of circumstances. (e.g. the infiltration of humanity by the Nephilim at the time of the Flood). Of course, God knew from eternity past that He would bring on the Flood, but because our minds cannot comprehend time without beginning or omnipotence or omniscience, the anthropopathism of changing His mind is used. In Romans 9, we are told that God hated Esau but He loved Jacob. Hate is a sin; therefore, God has never hated anyone. However, through the use of an anthropopathism, the believer is shown the difference between God's feelings for an unbeliever—Esau, who sought God with emotion and without faith—and a believer—Jacob, whose name means chiseler, who was not a pleasant man at times but who sought God through faith and not through his own works.
- Assets, Irrevocable*, are the 39 blessings the believer receives at the moment of salvation. Synonym: Absolute blessings, lesser blessings, portfolio of invisible assets (Practicing Your Christianity PAC, pp. 65-68)
- Believer* is anyone who has been saved through faith alone in Christ alone. Synonym: Saint, Christian
- Believer, Loser*, is the believer who has never executed the spiritual life or who began learning Bible doctrine but stopped. Both have a false agenda, not God's agenda, but both will go to Heaven—but without the greater blessings of time and eternity. The loser believer will be at the resurrection, in the marriage supper of the Lamb, will come back with Christ at the Second Advent, will be in the Millennium, and will be glad to be in eternity, but he will have lost the blessings and rewards of eternity. The loser believer can become a winner believer as long as he is alive—through rebound. Without rebound, the perpetual carnality of the loser believer eventually leads to the sin unto death. The loser believer is described as a prisoner to the law of sin, a wretched believer, in the status quo of grieving and quenching the Holy Spirit and behaving like an enemy of the Cross, an enemy of God, a flawed person, a tormented soul, a carnal/fleshly believer, living and fulfilling the lusts of the flesh, a double-souled, neurotic, psychotic believer, a hater of God, drifting off-course from grace, coming short of the grace of God, lukewarm, shipwrecked, and the anti-Christ (against Christ). Synonym: Carnal believer
- Believer, Winner*, is the believer who is consistently filled with the Holy Spirit, learning Bible doctrine daily, and using the ten problem-solving devices. He has combined spiritual maturity with cognitive invincibility and has deployed all problem-solving devices, including occupation with Christ. He has passed all testing. He has reached maximum glorification of God and attained the ultimate in the spiritual life, PLEROMA status. He is an invisible hero who blesses those with whom he associates, whether they know him or not. He is a member of the pivot of believers who can deliver his nation in times of crisis. Synonym: Invisible hero
- Bible*, the thinking of Christ, is divided into two parts, the Old Testament, which looks forward to the coming of Christ, and the New Testament, which records Christ's life on earth as well as His provisions for time and eternity. The function of the Bible is for teaching, for reproof (disclosure of failure), correction, and for training in righteousness. Synonyms: Word of God, Truth, doctrine, completed canon of Scripture

In order to know the thinking of Christ, we must know the Bible.

- Blessing by Association*: A mature believer blesses those in his periphery—his family, his business, his church, his community, his nation. Blessing by association goes to believer and unbeliever alike from the source of mature believer.
- Carnality* is the absolute status of being out of fellowship with God because of unconfessed sin. Through carnality, the believer loses the filling of the Holy Spirit, and the sin nature controls his life. Rebound is the only solution to carnality.
- Christianity* is God seeking man through the redemptive work of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

Christianity is not a religion but a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Church Age is the dispensation which extends from the Day of Pentecost (June 1, 30 A.D.) until the Rapture. In the Church Age, for the first time, all believers, both men and women, are priests and can look into their souls and see their failures and then look to Bible doctrine—to God—to resolve them. Some of the unique characteristics of the Church Age are the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the portfolio of 39 irrevocable assets (PAC, pp. 65 -68) that each believer receives at salvation, the indwelling of the Trinity, the availability of divine power, the absence of prophecy, and the potential for the believer to reach PLEROMA and become an invisible hero.

The ordinary believer of the Church Age has the potential for extraordinary power and privilege.

Client-Nation, is a national entity in which a certain number of spiritually mature Christians (the salt of the earth) have formed a pivot sufficient to sustain the nation and through which God specifically protects this nation so that believers can fulfill the divine mandates of evangelism, communication and custodianship of Bible doctrine, providing a haven for Jews, and sending missionaries abroad. The United States is a client-nation to God. A client-nation must have freedom: Freedom to seek God, freedom to use one's own volition and self-determination to succeed or fail, freedom from anarchy and tyranny, freedom for evangelism, freedom for believers to hear Bible teaching without government interference and, therefore, to grow spiritually, and freedom to send missionaries to other nations.

Conflict, Angelic, the invisible warfare between God and Satan, was ignited by the prehistoric revolt of Satan and one-third of the angels. At that time, Lucifer, the most beautiful and intelligent of all angels, declared in arrogance, "I will make myself like unto the most high God." (Isaiah 14:14) The three members of the Godhead in their righteousness and justice condemned Satan and the fallen angels to the Lake of Fire forever. Matthew 25:41. Satan appealed this judgment, and God granted that appeal. A new trial was needed with new witnesses. Therefore, Jesus Christ created Adam and Eve and immediately united them in marriage. Beginning with Adam and Eve, each member of the human race—through his volition—is a witness either for Satan or for God. Satan immediately began his attack on the human race, trying to make Adam and Eve witnesses for him. Through their failure, Adam and Eve became witnesses for Satan; therefore, God instituted procreation in order to have many witnesses. The spiritually mature husband and wife of the Church Age have the greatest Christian testimony for God in the appeal trial of Satan. Their marriage is a corporate testimony, compounding exponentially their witness as individuals. The angelic conflict was resolved by the Star Witness, Jesus Christ, who died on the Cross as our perfect Substitute. Now, two other types of witnesses against Satan are needed: Individual witnesses and corporate witnesses in marriage. Only those believers who study Bible doctrine on a daily basis from a pastor-teacher who knows the original languages will fulfill either category and be witnesses for God. All other believers have sided, at least temporarily, with Satan.

Man is either a witness for God in the prosecution of Satan or a witness for Satan in his defense.

Dispensation is a period of human history expressed in terms of divine revelation. God programmed human history as a series of five unique dispensations or ages: The Age of the Gentiles (from the creation of Adam to the Exodus of Israel from Egypt), the Age of Israel (from the Exodus to the First Advent of Christ plus the seven years of the Tribulation), the Age of the Hypostatic Union (Christ's life on earth, from His birth to His ascension), the Church Age (our present age which will end at the Rapture—also known as the Exit Resurrection), and the Millennium (the one thousand year reign of Christ). Consecutive dispensations reflect the unfolding of God's plan for mankind and constitute the divine viewpoint and theological interpretation of history.

Doctrine, Bible, is the promises, principles, and procedures that give the believer the knowledge and power to execute the spiritual life. Bible doctrine is eternal truth and is found only in the Word of God—the Bible in the original, divinely inspired languages. All doctrine is tested by suffering for blessing, giving the believer the opportunity to use that doctrine under pressure. Synonyms: Truth, Word of God, epignosis knowledge

The daily study of Bible doctrine develops a united system of rational thinking in faith.

Emotion is the reactive state of consciousness in which hate, sorrow, fear, etc., are experienced. Emotion takes over when thinking ceases. God doesn't possess emotion. Emotion is a free and gratuitous addition to the shadow image of God and is not part of the spiritual life. Emotion and the sin nature are in every cell of the body and are not part of the soul but attack the soul.

Emotion blows all wisdom out of the soul.

Faith is a system of perception given to every normal human being at birth. Faith for the believer is a nonmeritorious system of perception based on confidence and trust in the authority, veracity, and ability of God. Faith means we believe God's righteous testimony about His Son. After salvation, by faith, we hear Bible doctrine; we learn it; we believe it; and we apply that knowledge to our lives.

The mature believer has objective optimism born of faith.

Faith alone in Christ alone is the only way to be saved.

Faith-Rest (Problem-solving device #3) is the believer's basic problem-solving device for claiming the promises of God and mixing them with faith through the filling of the Holy Spirit thereby generating tranquility of soul in the midst of the adversities of life. Believers should cling to God's promises until those promises become more real than their emotions, their experiences, their circumstances, or their problems. Faith-Rest encompasses every situation except sin, and rebound takes care of sin. The system of thinking in Faith-Rest is Bible doctrine. Faith-Rest includes the application of the doctrinal rationales which are found in the mature believer's stream of consciousness as a result of his consistent perception and metabolization of Bible doctrine. In Faith-Rest, we concentrate logically knowing that God knew everything about us in eternity past, that He has had a plan for us since eternity past, that He chose us for the privileged part of His plan, that we have His righteousness through faith alone in Christ alone, and that He will bless us in heaven. We reach the conclusion that if God is for us, who can be against us? Faith-Rest means putting any unjust treatment into the hands of the Supreme Court of Heaven. Faith-Rest is the only problem-solving device of the Church Age that was also available to believers in the Old Testament, and it was their only problem-solving device. Our spiritual life provides nine other problem solving devices, each one more effective as our knowledge of doctrine grows.

Filling of the Holy Spirit (Problem-solving device #2) is the absolute status of being in fellowship with God and, therefore, having the power of God the Holy Spirit to execute the spiritual life. God gives every believer the filling of the Holy Spirit at the moment we're saved; however, the Holy Spirit fills our souls only temporarily, only until we sin. To regain the filling of the Holy Spirit after we sin, we must rebound, which means that we acknowledge our sins to God. I John 1:9. Immediately upon rebounding, we are again filled with the Holy Spirit. We retain the filling of the Spirit until we sin again. The Biblical mandate to be filled with the Spirit is not an order to undergo emotional ecstasies or to raise our consciousness to mystically commune with God. Instead, it empowers us to reject the sin nature's control of our lives, to metabolize the Word of God, and to grow in the spiritual life. The first person to be filled with the Holy Spirit was Jesus Christ in His humanity.

Without the filling of the Holy Spirit, we can't please God.
Without the filling of the Holy Spirit, we can't glorify God.

Forbearance is the absence of irritation, anger, and rage against others, endurance without complaint, and composure under stress.

Foreknowledge: God knew everything about us in eternity past.

God is a Person and exists in three unique Persons, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. God exists and has always existed. He reveals Himself to both believers and unbelievers. His revelations make sense because He is not arbitrary or indifferent. God loves the unbeliever as much as He loves the believer even though the unbeliever has rejected His love. God's love cannot change. Since God is always righteous, He is always fair. God has a plan and purpose for every believer's life, and only perfect God could create a perfect plan for every believer. Synonyms: The Trinity, the Godhead

God's love for us never increases or diminishes, regardless of our sins or our accomplishments.

God the Father, the Designer of the entire plan for all time and eternity and the One who judged and punished our sins on the Cross, gives every believer 39 permanent gifts —irrevocable assets (PAC, pp. 65 -68)—as well as the filling of God the Holy Spirit at

salvation. God the Father is the Grantor of escrow blessings, and the Mastermind of the protocol plan of God for the Church. We should direct all prayers to God the Father, praying to God the Father in the name of Jesus Christ in the filling of the Holy Spirit.

God the Holy Spirit, as a persuader, not an enforcer, advises the unbeliever to believe in Christ and advises the believer to execute the spiritual life. Just as the Holy Spirit provided Jesus Christ with the power to withstand the terrible punishment on the Cross so also He gives all believers that same power so that they can successfully execute the spiritual life. He provides unbelievers with the power to understand the Gospel. God the Holy Spirit functions in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, the sealing ministry of the Holy Spirit, the signature guarantee of the Holy Spirit, regeneration, permanent indwelling, the filling of the Holy Spirit, and the mentorship of the Holy Spirit.

God the Holy Spirit persuades the human will, and His grace becomes irresistible to the willing.

God the Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is perfect humanity and perfect God in one Person forever. On earth, Jesus Christ lived the same life we live, enduring the same types of temptations and testings, only much greater. At salvation, we are given His same life—the spiritual life—and the same power He had as Man so that if we use it, we can glorify God the Father as Christ glorified Him. In His humanity, Jesus Christ did the work on the Cross. Every sin ever committed by mankind was imputed to Him and judged. He died that we might live eternally. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only Savior of mankind, the Prince and Ruler of the Church, the Originator and Tester of the prototype spiritual life, our royal High Priest, King of Kings and Lord of Lords, and the escrow Officer and Depositary in escrow of greater blessings for the mature believer for time and eternity.

Grace is the policy of divine integrity by which God generously and freely gives to us that which is out of the realm of our deserving or earning. Grace depends entirely on Who and What God is. Every action of God is grace. Grace is the policy of the coordination of righteousness and justice, whether it is manifested as blessing or punishment. Grace is all that God is free to do for mankind on the basis of the Cross, including salvation and, for the believer, tremendous blessings both on earth and in Heaven. Antonyms: Legalism, religion

Grace can't be repaid, but the reciprocal love that sponsored it can be returned.

Grace, Antecedent, is the grace which God gave to us in eternity past. Even though God knew everything about us, every sin we would ever commit, He still created His plan of salvation by grace and of grace bestowal of greater blessings on the mature believer in time and eternity.

Guilt is spiritual suicide, an evil sin of arrogance and irrationality. Guilt originates from emotion and indicates that we are making an issue of self rather than making an issue of God and His work on the Cross. When we confess our sins to God (I John 1:9), we are to forget them and move on in the spiritual life through the daily study of Bible doctrine. Any guilt we feel after rebounding is a sin also. Jesus Christ died for it.

Humility is grace thinking, the understanding that we are nothing and can do nothing apart from the grace of God, that God is gracious to us because of Christ, not because of us. Humility is willingness to rely on God rather than on self or man. The humble believer is receptive to doctrine because he wants to know the thinking of Christ.

Humility leads to teachability.
Wisdom is impossible without humility.

Immutability means that God is unchanging. He can't ever be better or worse than the perfect Person He always has been. Immutability means that God uses His power in a manner consistent with His person and integrity. His policies and acts are totally compatible with His plan and His purpose. When man changes. God seems to change, but in reality God remains consistent with His own unchanging essence. While God is immutable, He handles different things in different ways consistent with His immutable integrity.

Infinite refers to the doctrine of the omnipresence of God. He is eternal; therefore, His life is from within Himself, having neither beginning nor end. He existed before creation; therefore, His omnipresence is both in space and time and totally outside space and time. God is total in His essence, without diffusion, expansion, multiplication or division. He penetrates and fills the entire universe and beyond with His person. God is free at the same time to become local. The total of each divine person indwells each believer.

Integrity is the quality of being complete, undivided, unimpaired, upright, righteous, of having perfect wisdom without emotion. When we have the integrity of God, we do a right thing in a right way.

Integrity of God: Integrity and divine love are the basis for everything God does. In His integrity, God is perfect in every way. His perfection will never change, neither increasing nor decreasing. God has been absolute integrity from eternity past. Synonym: Love of God

Judgment, Last, the alternative for those who reject salvation by faith alone in Christ alone, will occur at the end of human history and is for unbelievers only. At death, the unbeliever's name is blotted out of the Book of Life and found only in the Book of Works. At the Last Judgment, every unbeliever will be judged by Jesus Christ for his human good works. Then Jesus Christ will condemn every unbeliever to the Lake of Fire for eternity because human good works can never equal the righteousness of God. All the good works of the unbeliever add up to man's relative righteousness or -R, which cannot have fellowship with +R. Since all personal sins were judged at the Cross, sin is not the issue in condemnation at the Last Judgment. Synonym: Second death, the Great White Throne judgment

Two destinations to avoid at all cost: The Last Judgment and the Lake of Fire.

Justice: Perfect righteousness and justice always go together. In perfect righteousness divine love exists, but in justice divine love is expressed. The justice of God is the source of judgment or blessing, administering the penalty which perfect righteousness demands. God is always fair.

Lake of Fire is the final abode for unbelievers, Satan, and the fallen angels, all of whom are eternally condemned and separated from God. At the Last Judgment, Jesus Christ will sentence all unbelievers to the Lake of Fire, which was originally prepared for Satan and the fallen angels.

Lasciviousness is one of two trends of the Old Sin Nature, the polar opposite of legalism (self-righteous arrogance). Lasciviousness is the lusts of the flesh, the sins of the body. Synonyms: Antinomianism, immoral degeneracy

Laws of Divine Establishment are principles ordained by God for the blessing, perpetuation, protection, orderly function, and stability of the human race during the angelic conflict. God gave them to believer and unbeliever equally, namely v olition, marriage, family, and government.

Legalism is the self-righteous arrogance of human good, man's futile attempts to gain salvation, spirituality, or the approbation of God through human good or by strict conformity to a code of ethics and conduct, such as the Mosaic Law. Legalism is self-righteous arrogance, a combination of morality plus arrogance. Synonym: Religion, asceticism, moral degeneracy

Life, Eternal: 1. The attribute of God that describes His absolute existence outside the boundaries of time. God does not possess eternal life. He is life. 2. An everlasting relationship with God reserved in Heaven for every person the moment they express faith in Jesus Christ. Everyone will exist forever, but only believers will spend eternity in Heaven, a place of perfect peace and happiness. Believers do not inherit eternal life; they are given it at salvation when God's own life, eternal life, is imputed to them. Synonym: Soul life

Life, Spiritual, is the believer's relationship with God and is one of the 39 irrevocable assets (PAC, pp. 65 -68) that God gives the believer at salvation. The spiritual life is always a right thing done in a right way. The power of the spiritual life is the filling of the Holy Spirit; therefore, the believer lives the spiritual life only when he has no unconfessed sin in his life. The execution of the spiritual life is thinking Bible doctrine in reciprocal love. The ultimate in the spiritual life is a combination of worship, which loves God, and Bible study, which learns the thinking of Christ. The spiritual life originated in the human nature of Jesus Christ in hypostatic union when He used it to resist all temptation and then tested it to the maximum on the Cross. He withstood the punishment for our sins, not through emotion, but through executing the spiritual life, through thinking Bible doctrine. At the salvation, Jesus Christ gives each believer the same spiritual life that He had in order that he might use it to glorify God to the maximum.

We can execute the spiritual life only through the filling of the Holy Spirit.
We can be filled with the Holy Spirit only through rebound.

Love, Divine: The love of God is the same as God's integrity and contains all of the attributes of God. God always has been and always will be perfect love (I John 4:8). God's love can never be compromised, diminished or limited, regardless of how we fail. It can't be bought by good behavior or lessened by poor behavior. At the Cross, God the Father had personal love for Jesus Christ and

impersonal love for all mankind. On the Cross, Jesus Christ in His humanity had personal love for God the Father and impersonal love for all mankind. God must always act in accordance with His absolute love, whether in blessing us or punishing us. Only God can love us the way we ought to be loved.

We can know with absolute confidence that God will always love us with perfect love regardless of our good or bad behavior.

Love, Impersonal, (Problem-solving device #8) is the love mature believers feel for those who dislike or disappoint them. Impersonal love allows them to feel relaxed toward everyone because the love for God lives in their souls. When believers imitate the impersonal love of the Lord Jesus Christ in His humanity, they repay insults with patience and humility, antagonism with compassion and kindness and at the same time retain tranquility in their own souls. Because impersonal love is motivated by personal love for God, it is not discriminating. The object of impersonal love can be an enemy or a friend, a virtuous or evil person. Impersonal love is both consistent and virtuous, whether confronted by antagonism or friendliness, hatred or love. The believer loves all mankind with impersonal love just as Christ did on the Cross. Impersonal love, functional virtue based on occupation with Christ, emphasizes the subject of the love, is unconditional, is directed toward all mankind, is based on the virtue of the subject, is the expression of virtue. Treating every person—the obnoxious as well as the nice—with impersonal love is the state of maximum humility and should be the goal of every believer. Impersonal love is demonstrated by the justice of God coordinating with the grace of God. God had impersonal love toward everyone in that while we were spiritually dead Christ died for us. Synonyms: Virtue love, principled love, AGAPE love

Love, Personal, demands an object for its love and emphasizes that object. Personal love is felt for a few friends and for family. Overloading the soul with too many personal love relationships destroys capacity to enjoy personal love. Marriage is the ultimate expression of personal love for another human being and is unlike the personal love we feel for anyone else. God likens love in marriage to Christ's personal love for the Church. Personal love emphasizes the object of love, is conditional, not based on virtue, an intense, possessive attitude toward a few, the expression of man's ego, virtue-dependent for its success, and motivated by the attractiveness of and rapport with the object. Personal love as a virtue is directed toward God. Personal love without the virtue of impersonal love is weak and unstable, vulnerable to arrogance and emotion, and prone to problems.

Love, Personal, for God the Father (Problem-solving device #7) has God as its primary Object and expresses itself first in implicit obedience to His commandments, bringing with it harmonious rapport with God. When we understand God's perfect essence and orient our thinking to His grace and His Word, we become motivated by an attitude of admiration and reverence toward Him, and we want to study Bible doctrine daily so that we can know more about Him. We have absolute confidence in God's ability to care for us, regardless of the hopelessness of any situation. Our personal love for God allows us to have impersonal love for all mankind, even the most obnoxious and brutal people. Personal love for God the Father is the motivational of the spiritual life. Synonym: Reciprocal love

Love, Reciprocal, is soul capacity to love God and becomes the motivation for executing the spiritual life. *Romans 5:5 We love because He first loved us.* In eternity past, God set the pattern for reciprocal love: Antecedent grace. Because God loved us in eternity past even though He knew every sin we would ever commit, we are able to respond to Him with reciprocal love. Reciprocal love motivates the mature believer just as it motivated Jesus Christ and qualified Him to receive the imputation and judgment of all our sins. The mentorship of God the Holy Spirit teaches us doctrine and produces reciprocal love. The first stage of reciprocal love is personal love for God the Father and impersonal love for all mankind. The second stage is sharing the happiness of God. Reciprocal love expresses itself on the high ground through occupation with Christ. Without doctrine in the soul, reciprocal love becomes religious emotion and the Christian experience of wrongdoing. Synonym: Personal love for God

Bible doctrine teaches us about God so that we can love Him.
Reciprocal love for God makes us want to know more about Him.
Bible doctrine and reciprocal love are inseparable in executing the spiritual life.

Maturity, Spiritual, the third step in spiritual adulthood, occurs when the believer has faithfully studied Bible doctrine daily to the point that he sustains an intense love for God and is occupied with Christ, expressing unconditional love for all mankind and sharing the complete contentment that marked the unique spiritual life of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, while He was on earth. Spiritual

maturity is maximum understanding of the spiritual life combined with testing from God. When spiritual maturity stands up under testing, God is glorified to the maximum in the angelic conflict.

Millennium, the final dispensation before eternity, is the last thousand years of temporal human history in which the Lord Jesus Christ will reign on earth and will re-introduce perfect environment to this world. God's will will be done because Jesus Christ will be King. Synonym: The Kingdom Age.

Nature, Sin, an integral part of every human being which resides in the cell structure of the human body, is the source of human sin and human good. The sin nature, which is perpetuated, not created, was acquired originally by Adam at his Fall and is subsequently passed genetically to all mankind by the male in procreation. The result is both spiritual death and the total depravity of all humanity, except Jesus Christ. Because of the virgin birth, Jesus Christ was born without a sin nature. At birth, God imputes Adam's original sin to the sin nature which has been inactive in the body; therefore, we are simultaneously born physically alive and spiritually dead. The sin nature has an area of weakness which produces personal sins, an area of strength which produces human good, a lust pattern, and trends toward self-denial (asceticism) or self-pursuit (lasciviousness). Synonyms: Old man (Ephesians 4:22), Adamic nature or flesh (Romans 8:3-4)

Our sin natures get us out of fellowship with God.
Rebound is the only way to get back into fellowship.

Nephilim were half human/half angelic creatures, the progeny of fallen angels who cohabited with humanity before the Flood. They were destroyed by God in the Flood in order to preserve the pure humanity of the human race. God has imprisoned them in Tartarus until their eternal incarceration in the Lake of Fire at the end of the Millennium.

Occupation with Christ (Problem-solving device #10) is maximum personal love for the Lord attained from the daily study of Bible doctrine by means of the filling of the Holy Spirit and motivated by personal love for God the Father. Using this ultimate problem-solving device, the mature Christian makes Jesus Christ his role model and views life through His perfect perspective. Love for Christ directs all of his thoughts and actions. Occupation with Christ is the final profit for those who live the spiritual life to the ultimate and includes sharing the pleasure that God the Father has in Jesus Christ.

Omnipotence means that God is all powerful, infinitely able to do all things as long as they are compatible with His holy essence. God can do all He wills to do, but He may not will to do all He can. He will not make right wrong, nor will He act foolishly. The power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead is available to every Church Age believer for the execution of the spiritual life.

Omnipresence means that God, in His eternal and infinite essence, is personally present everywhere. God penetrates and fills the universe. God's life is from within Himself, having neither beginning nor end. God is above and beyond all space and fills everything beyond space. God is free to be on Mount Sinai with Moses and at the same time to be present at all times in all places. God is free to become flesh and dwell among us. God dwells in every believer as well as in the heavens, which include the earth and the atmosphere around the earth, the stellar universe including the planets, and the third heaven which is outside of the universe.

Omniscience literally means "all-knowing" and describes God's attribute of complete and simultaneous knowledge of all things, including what actually occurs in all past, present and future events plus what could have happened had we made different decisions.

Orientation, Doctrinal, (Problem-solving device #5) means to learn to think with the "mind of Christ" and apply that thinking to every circumstance. The believer who learns doctrinal norms and standards relies on the Lord, makes good decisions from a position of strength—God's strength, and employs the problem-solving devices of spiritual maturity. Romans 12:3. Doctrinal Orientation works in tandem with Grace Orientation.

Orientation, Grace, (Problem-solving device #4) occurs when the believer recognizes that everything he has is a grace gift from God which he receives nonmeritoriously because at the moment of salvation he was given the righteousness of God. He understands that he can do nothing to deserve God's grace gifts. When he grasps God's grace policy and his own lack of merit, his soul is humbled. I Corinthians 4:7. Grace Orientation is the essence of humility, the recognition that all he has he received through no merit of his own. God the Father is benevolent to the believer for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Personal Sense of Destiny (Problem-solving device #6) is the turning point in the Christian life when the believer leaves spiritual infancy and recognizes that God has a perfect plan for his life. He begins living his life by means of God's agenda, the spiritual life. God will not give the real tests of life until the believer reaches a Personal Sense of Destiny, the beginning of the spiritual life. Without the real tests, no real blessings are possible. A believer with a Personal Sense of Destiny has confidence in God in all things because the things of the Word have become more important than the things of the world. With confidence born from a ripening spiritual maturity, the believer learns to live in the light of an eternally secure future. Adversity fades in proximity to the spiritual self-esteem generated from a limitless relationship with the Lord. God is the believer's destiny. Because of reciprocal love motivation, he studies to parlay a Personal Sense of Destiny into occupation with Christ. A Personal Sense of Destiny is objective self-evaluation, self-motivation, consistent self-momentum, and concentration on the Word, not on past successes or failures.

PLEROMA, a Greek word meaning “all the fullness of God,” is the ultimate stage in the spiritual life which can only be reached through the daily study of Bible doctrine. A *PLEROMA* believer has the strongest impact for good of any person in human history. He glorifies God to the maximum and is both a winner believer and invisible hero. Believers who reach *PLEROMA* receive the highest and the best from God, will rule with Christ in Heaven and during the Millennium, receive the Order of the Morning Star (Revelation 20:28), and have human history rewritten permanently and accurately by Jesus Christ to show their influence on history. The Church is called the *PLEROMA* of Christ. Synonym: Jeshurun (Old Testament)

PLEROMA, the highest status any believer can attain,
is possible only through the daily study of Bible doctrine
accurately explained from the original languages.

Predestination refers to the destiny of Christ, not to the destiny of believers. We will spend eternity in Heaven with Him because of His work on the Cross. When Jesus Christ returns for the Millennium, we are predestined to return with Him in resurrection bodies.

*Problem-Solving Devices:*¹

1. Rebound
2. The Filling of the Holy Spirit
3. The Faith-Rest Drill
4. Grace Orientation
5. Doctrinal Orientation
6. A Personal Sense of Destiny
7. A Personal Love for God the Father
8. An Impersonal Love for All Mankind
9. Sharing the Happiness (+H) of God
10. Occupation with Christ

Christ perfected these problem-solving devices while He lived on earth; however, He didn't use rebound, the first problem -solving device, because He never sinned. He didn't need to be Occupied with Christ. For the believer, rebound and the subsequent filling of the Holy Spirit are essential in order to execute the spiritual life. The other, more advanced problem -solving devices are gained through the consistent daily study of Bible doctrine and give the believer the greatest possible happiness while living on earth in the devil's world. Problem-solving devices are necessary in both adversity and prosperity to prevent pressure from becoming stress. They are also necessary in the environment of the earth in allowing the believer to accept with happiness all circumstances of life no matter the suffering. Faith-Rest is the only problem-solving device of the Church Age that was also available to believers in the Old Testament and was their only problem-solving device.

No situation comes upon us without being accompanied by a problem-solving device from God.

Rebound (Problem-solving device #1), the recovery of the spiritual life, is the most important responsibility of the believer. It is not part of the spiritual life but the means of regaining the spiritual life. When we sin, we can regain the filling of the Holy Spirit in our souls only through rebound, which means confessing our sins to God. *If we acknowledge our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us those sins and to purify us from all wrongdoing.* (I John 1:9) Immediately upon rebounding, we are again filled with the Holy Spirit and back in fellowship with God, once again able to learn Bible doctrine and execute the spiritual life. We retain the filling of the Spirit until we sin again. Rebound is partial washing (as opposed to the complete washing of regeneration) and must be repeated as needed. Rebound results in recovery of the filling of the Holy Spirit, restoration to fellowship with God, resumption of the spiritual life, and the capacity to make right decisions regarding the will of God. Rebound is license to advance in the spiritual life, not license to sin.

Rebound is the believer's most important responsibility.

¹ Many terms, such as Problem-solving device, were originally used by Colonel R. B. Thieme, Jr., pastor of Berachah Church, 5139 West Alabama, Houston, Texas, 77056.

Redemption is the saving work of Jesus Christ on the Cross (His spiritual death) whereby every human being was purchased from the slave market of sin (in which he was born) and delivered to the freedom of grace. Jesus Christ paid the ransom with His blood, a term used to represent His spiritual death on the Cross. (I Peter 1:18 -19) Redemption is realized when a person is born again by faith alone in Christ alone. Redemption provides the spiritual freedom to execute or ignore salvation and then to execute or ignore the spiritual life. There are two redemptions: Of the soul at salvation and of the body of the believer in resurrection (Romans 8:23).

Regeneration, the technical word for salvation, is a supernatural work of God whereby eternal life is imparted by God the Father to the believer in Christ through the agency of God the Holy Spirit. A regenerated person has passed from spiritual death into spiritual life. Synonyms: Spiritual birth, being born again

Religion is the system whereby man, by his own efforts and merits, tries to gain salvation or the praise of God. Religion puts man in bondage to Satan; therefore, religion is an important tool for Satan in trying to win the angelic conflict. Antonym: Christianity

Righteousness means the character or quality of being right or just. Divine righteousness is the principle and standard that approves and disapproves our thoughts, words and deeds. God is perfect, both in His person and in His character. Righteousness is the attribute by which God does all things perfectly. Righteousness is a right thing done in a right way, the spiritual life fulfilled by the power of God, not the power of the flesh. He possesses eternal, unchangeable, and absolute righteousness (+R). The believer receives the righteousness (+R) of God at the moment of salvation. Regardless of how good a person might be, his best is only relative righteousness (-R).

Salvation is the eternal and spiritual deliverance granted immediately by God to those who accept His condition of faith in the Lord Jesus, through whom alone salvation can be obtained. If we believe in Jesus Christ's substitutionary work for us on the Cross or if we believe that Jesus is the Son of God, we are immediately saved.

Salvation is by faith alone in Christ alone.

Sanctification means set apart unto God and, therefore, holy. It always means the baptism of the Holy Spirit. "Saint," "sanctification," and "holy" are from the same Greek root.

Sanctification, Experiential, is the sanctification the believer can have in time if he is filled with the Holy Spirit. In experiential sanctification, the believer is set apart to God through volition in the spiritual life. Every believer has the opportunity to execute the spiritual life; however, living the spiritual life is an option, not a certainty. When we decide to sin, we are no longer sanctified experientially because we are no longer filled with the Holy Spirit. Experiential sanctification is the only sanctification in which the believer can use his volition to sin. Experiential sanctification means to grow in the spiritual life and get further away from the control of the Sin Nature. I Thessalonians 4:3. This is the will of God, that you be sanctified (set apart from sin).

Sanctification, Positional, is Jesus Christ's righteousness given to the believer at salvation. We are sanctified positionally through faith. God the Father made the plan, and God the Holy Spirit enters us into union with Christ through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The believer's position is always as a member of the royal family of God. The implications of positional sanctification are eternal life, righteousness, sonship, heirship, priesthood, election, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit. We share everything Jesus Christ has: eternal life, righteousness, destiny, heirship of God the Father, etc. We are in Christ forever. We are a new species, equal to all other believers because we have God's perfect righteousness.

Sanctification, Ultimate, will take place at the moment of resurrection and will continue through eternity. All believers, whether winners or losers, will receive resurrection bodies.

Satan is the most beautiful and brilliant creature to come from the hand of Jesus Christ. He was the anointed cherub, the highest of all angelic creatures. In arrogance, Satan turned against God, convincing one third of the angels to defy God. Satan and these angels try to convince mankind to turn from God and follow him. Until Christ rules in the Millennium, Satan is ruler of this world, of all fallen angels, of believers in perpetual carnality, and of unbelievers. Satan is the enemy of the Church and attacks the Church through religion and false doctrine. Synonyms: Lucifer, the devil, son of the morning, the evil one

Satan can put thoughts in our minds but not read our thoughts.

Self-esteem, Spiritual, is grace orientation plus doctrinal orientation plus a personal sense of destiny. Consistent perception and metabolism of Bible doctrine inside the spiritual life result in the believer's giant step into personal love for God the Father, impersonal love for all mankind and spiritual self-esteem, the first step in spiritual adulthood. The believer reaches spiritual self-esteem when he reaches spiritual maturity and has an idea of God's will for his life.

Sharing the Happiness of God (Problem-solving device #9) is supreme happiness in the soul, possible only through maximum Bible doctrine in the soul. When the mature believer knows the thinking of Christ through studying the Bible, he can understand and share

His perfect happiness. He has an attitude of optimism, confidence, animation, and joy in the face of adversity and pressure. When his spiritual life takes precedence over circumstances, he carries God's happiness as a constant companion. When people don't bother him, he has reached sharing the happiness of God.

Sin means to miss the mark of God's plan for our lives (the literal translation of the Greek word for sin). Sin is any mental, verbal, or overt activity that violates the character and standards of God. Sin doesn't start with sin but with the lust to commit the sin. All sin is a matter of volition, even an unknown sin. We want to do it, and we do it. God holds us accountable for every sin that we commit, both the sins we know we commit and those we commit through ignorance. Only our lack of knowledge of Bible doctrine keeps us from knowing they are sins. Refusing to learn Bible doctrine is a sin. When we sin, we fall outside of God's will for our lives; therefore, God must warn us about the consequences of our sins. He must direct us to forgiveness through rebound. When we sin, God will punish us for abandoning the spiritual life, and it will hurt. Divine punishment of sin depends on the severity of the sin. All sins are not equal. Sin is relative and is punished relative to its seriousness. Sins of fornication, adultery, bitterness, and guilt are punished especially harshly. The punishment received by Jesus Christ was different for each sin. Sins are in three categories: the pre-salvation sins of the believer which God forgives at salvation, the post-salvation sins of the believer which God forgives at rebound when he names his sins to God the Father in the privacy of his priesthood, and all of the sins of the unbeliever which God never forgives. All of these sins were judged on the Cross and will not be judged again. The omniscience of God knew all sins in eternity past and turned them over to the righteousness of God. All sins were turned over to justice of God at the Cross. Sin is the curse of the law. Synonyms: Iniquity, transgression

Slave Market of Sin: As members of the human race, we exist in spiritual bondage in a slave market of sin, helpless to redeem ourselves because of our personal sin and our sin nature. Jesus Christ paid the price for our redemption from the slave market of sin: His incorruptible blood, a term used to represent His spiritual death on the Cross.

Condemnation is not for sins we commit but for the faith we omit.

Sovereignty is God's absolute authority over everyone and everything, including both possible occurrences and actual occurrences. His authority rests on His infinite perfection. God isn't responsible to anyone.

Specificity, Dispensational, means that God has programmed human history as a series of ages or epochs in which various divinely appointed agendas are to prevail. Each age has its own unique agenda.

Tribulation is a literal seven-year period which will begin after the removal of the Church from the earth at the Rapture and will last until the Second Advent of Jesus Christ. Technically, the Tribulation ends the Jewish age. It will be the final rebuttal phase of Satan's appeal trial and his last chance to prove that he is better than God. Since he will have no arguments left, he will resort to violence and try to destroy Israel so that God can't fulfill His covenants to them. While the Tribulation occurs on earth, the evaluation of the Church by Christ will occur in heaven. Synonyms: Daniel's Seventieth Week, the time of Satan's desperation

Trinity is a technical theological word that designates God as one in essence but three co-equal, co-infinite, and co-eternal persons: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Each has the same identical essence. An example would be light which is one but is composed of actinic (neither seen or felt like God the Father), calorific (not seen but felt like God the Holy Spirit), and luminiferous (both seen and felt like God the Son). Synonyms: God, Godhead

Union, Hypostatic: In the person of the incarnate Christ are two natures, inseparably united but without mixture or loss of separate identities, without loss or transfer of properties or attributes, the union being both personal and eternal. In the hypostatic union, the attributes of Jesus Christ's humanity are never attributed to His deity, and the attributes of His deity are never attributed to his humanity. However, all attributes are properly attributed to one Person, Jesus Christ. Synonym: Incarnation, First Advent

Veracity means that God is absolute truth; therefore, we can believe everything God tells us through the original languages of His Word. Bible doctrine, called truth in the Bible, is the expression of His veracity. Man says, "I speak the 'truth,'" but God says, "I am the Truth,"

Volition is the decision-maker of the soul and the guardian at the gate of the soul. When God created the human race, He gave us volition. God never forces us to do His will. We can choose for Him, which is called positive volition, or we can choose against Him, which is called negative volition. As unbelievers, we must choose of our own positive volition to believe in Christ as our Savior. As believers, we must use positive volition to choose to study Bible doctrine daily. For the unbeliever, negative volition means choosing not to believe in Christ as personal Savior. For the believer, negative volition means choosing to sin, choosing not to rebound, and/or choosing not to study Bible doctrine daily. God knew when He gave volition that negative volition was inevitable. Synonym: Free will

Volition is captain of the soul.