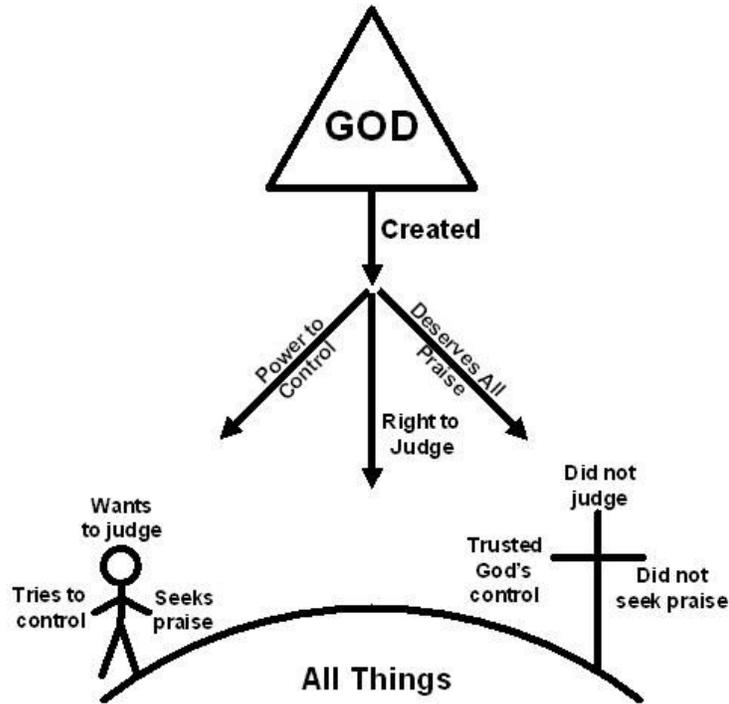


God is Over All Things



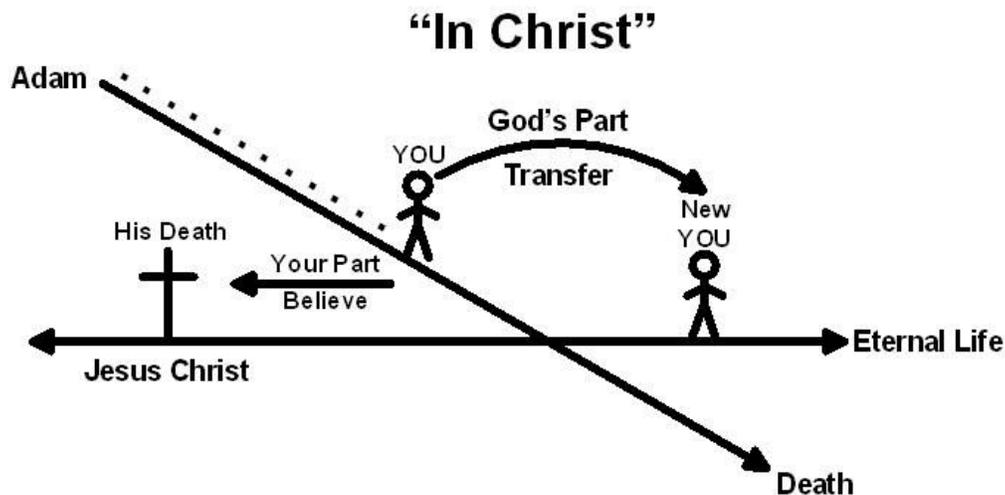
God created all things  
God has a right to judge  
God deserves all praise

Satan tries to be like god (Isaiah 14:12-14)  
Adam and Eve follow in Satan's rebellion  
(Genesis 3:4-5)

Man tries to control  
Man wants to judge  
Man seeks praise

Jesus trusted God's control  
Jesus did not judge  
Jesus did not seek praise.

Does it bother you when you are not in control?  
Does it bother you when you don't get your own way?  
Do you get impatient when people don't do things right?  
Do you try to change people?  
Do you look for approval from others?  
Do you try to keep people happy?  
Do you reject those who mistreat you?



Adam and Eve's rebellion cost them their relationship with God.

Adam's sin led to death

Adam's sin passed down to every generation after him.

The punishment for sin is death

You inherited sin from your father who inherited it from Adam

You have the identity of Sinner

Jesus Christ took your punishment. Through His death you are made right with God and can receive eternal life. (Romans 5:8).

Your part is to believe (a personal decision)

God's part is to transfer you into Christ's life.

You have been born again

You are a new creation

You have a new future

Your past is forgiven

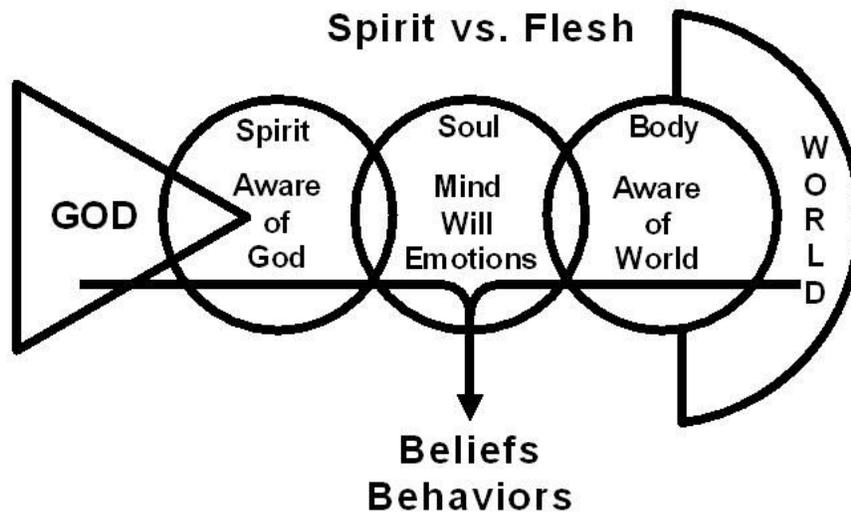
You are God's child

You are God's friend

You are now "in Christ" - you have a new identify.

Think about all the areas of your life where you have experienced guilt and failure. Think about how you yourself have been on a path leading to death.

As you put your faith in Jesus, you will cross over from death to life. You become a new person, the old is gone, all things become new. (2 Corinthians 5:17).



Question: Why doesn't your behaviour reflect your true identity in Christ?

*"I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. For I know that Good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out"* (Romans 7:15, 18).

The bible describes your design as having three parts; spirit, soul, body.

Your spirit is aware of God.

Your body is aware of the world.

Your soul is your mind, will and emotions. It determines your beliefs and behaviours  
You have an awareness of the world—which is influenced by Satan

The bible warns against influences from the world. The flesh is the part of you that can be enticed to sin and rebel against God.

When you choose to follow your flesh, your beliefs and behaviours will be influenced by the world.

The flesh will never be satisfied (friends, family, money, possessions, jobs, appearance, abilities, etc, will never make you happy).

God wants your beliefs and behaviours to come from Him.

God says He will meet your needs.

What input from the world has been impacting your beliefs and behaviours? Ask God to show you areas in your life where you have been "walking in the flesh". Confess that to God. Ask God to help you be aware of the influences of the world.

The conflict of spirit verses flesh creates a battle in your soul.

## **World's Way vs. God's Way**



A wrong view of God comes from experiences you've had with an authority.

Authorities use accountability.

Authorities usually withhold affirmation from those who do not perform well.

Authorities withhold acceptance until they get what they want.

This way is motivated by control; the result is rejection.

God's authority is different from the worlds.

God's way starts with acceptance.

God affirms you.

God holds you accountable.

God loves you. This makes it easier to follow God's authority.

God's acceptance of you is not based on your behaviour but upon your faith in Him.

What difference has my faith made in my life? As God has shown his love to me through acceptance and affirmation, how have I responded to Him?