

Welcome To
Sunday Night Bible Fellowship



*“We proclaim Him, warning every man and teaching every man with all wisdom, so that we may present every man mature in Christ.” **Col 1:28***

“How To Live in Light of the Second Coming”

“Do Not Grow Weary”

2 Thess. 3:13-18

May 17, 2015

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Rom 2:9-10

9 There will be tribulation and distress for every soul of man who does evil, of the Jew first and also of the Greek,
10 but glory and honor and peace to everyone who does good, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

Gal 6:10

10 So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Eph 2:10

10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Col 1:10

10 so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

2 Thess 2:16-17

16 Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us eternal comfort and good hope by grace,
17 comfort and strengthen your hearts in every good work and word.

1 Tim 6:17-18

17 Instruct those who are rich in this present world not to be conceited or to fix their hope on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly supplies us with all things to enjoy.
18 Instruct them to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

2 Tim 3:16-17

16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.

Titus 3:8

8 This is a trustworthy statement; and concerning these things I want you to speak confidently, so that those who have believed God will be careful to engage in good deeds.

Titus 3:14

14 Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful.

Heb 10:24

24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

Heb 13:16

16 And do not neglect doing good and sharing, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

3 John 11

11 Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good. The one who does good is of God;

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TRUTH

PURITY

UNITY

Eph 4:11-13

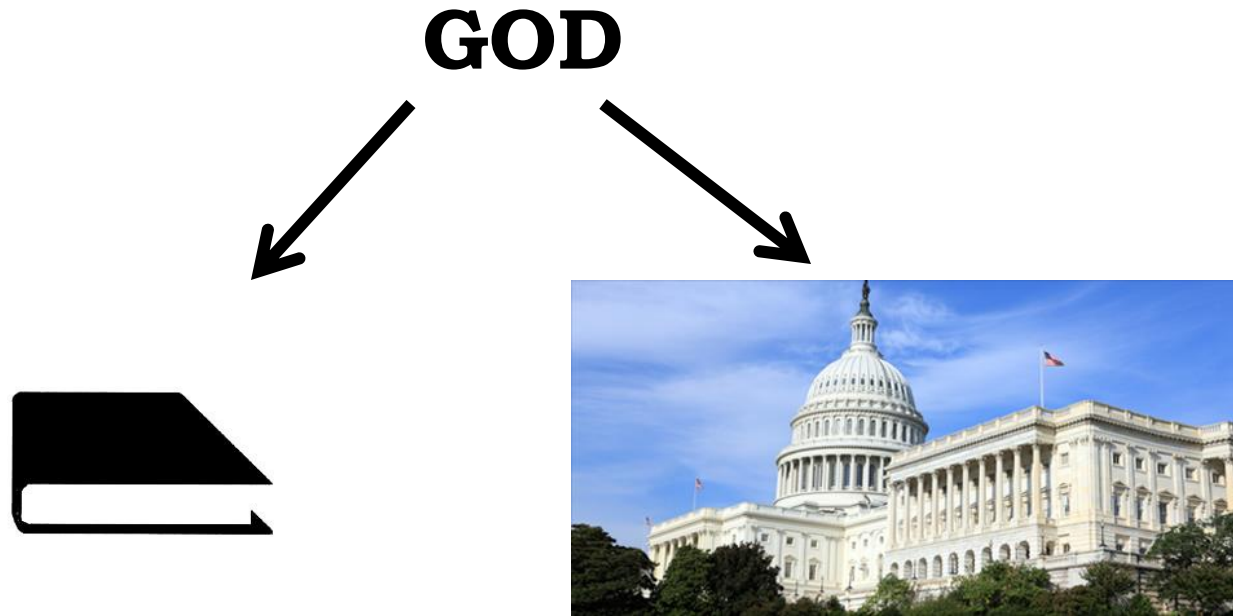
11 And He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers,

12 for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;

13 until we all attain to the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a mature man, to the measure of the stature which belongs to the fullness of Christ.

Rom 13:1

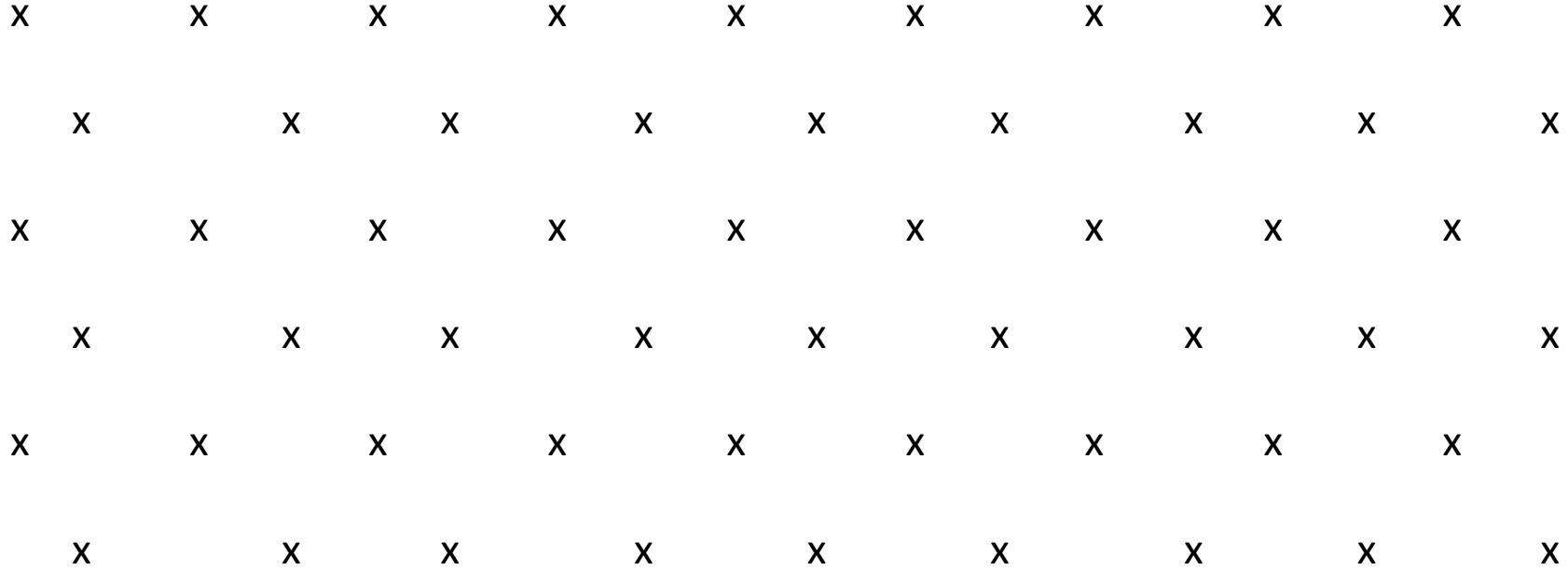
13 For there is no authority except from God,



GOD (only true authority)



(only expression of
**His authority over
the soul of man**)



5 false sources of authority:

1. Personal authority.
2. Church authority.
3. Pastoral/leadership authority.
4. Ecclesiastical authority.
5. Experiential authority.

John 19:10-11

10 So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?"

11 Jesus answered, "You would have no authority over Me, unless it had been given you from above;

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Titus 2:15

15 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one disregard you.



Rob Bell was asked by Oprah when the church was going to embrace same-sex "marriage," to which he responded, "We're close," with Kristen adding, "I think it's evolving."

Rob then explained, "Lots of people are already there. We think it's inevitable, and we're moments ... ," at which point Oprah chimed in, "Moments away from the church accepting it?"

Rob's answer said it all: "Absolutely ... I think culture is already there, and the church will continue to be even more irrelevant when it quotes letters from 2,000 years ago as their best defense.

What is the authority in your life?

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Rom 1:7

7 to all who are beloved of God in Rome, called as saints: **Grace to you and peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Cor 1:3

3 **Grace to you and peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor 1:2

2 **Grace to you and peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gal 1:3

3 **Grace to you and peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ,

Eph 1:2

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Phil 1:2

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Col 1:2

2 To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are at Colossae:
Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

1 Thess 1:1

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

2 Thess 1:1,2

1 Paul and Silvanus and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ:

2 Grace to you and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ.

1 Tim 1:2

2 To Timothy, my true child in the faith: Grace, mercy and peace from
God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Tim 1:2

2 To Timothy, my beloved son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the
Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

Titus 1:4

4 To Titus, my true child in a common faith: **Grace and peace** from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Savior.

Philemon 1-3

1 To Philemon our beloved brother and fellow worker,

2 and to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

3 **Grace to you and peace** from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:2

1 May **grace and peace** be yours in the fullest measure.

2 Peter 1:2

2 **Grace and peace** be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;

“Peace”

εἰρηνη – a state of tranquility, security, safety, quietness, rest.

“peace with God” must come before the “peace from God”.

“Peace with God”

Rom 5:1

1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

“the tranquil state of a soul assured of its salvation through Christ, and therefore fearing nothing from God and content with its earthly lot, of whatsoever sort that is.”

- *Thayer's Greek Lexicon*

Peace originates in the person of God –

1. God is always in a state of perfect peace.
2. God is never in turmoil, He is never under stress, worried, anxious, fearful, unsure, or threatened. He is always perfectly calm, tranquil, and content.
3. God is never surprised by something that would rattle His peace.
4. God never makes a bad decision to upset His peace.
5. God never has any doubts.

God's peace provides stability. It enables a believer to remain calm and not fluctuate in any & all adverse circumstances.

Isa 48:22

22 "There is no peace for the wicked," says the Lord.

Num 6:26

26 The Lord lift up His countenance on you,
And give you peace.'

Ps 29:11

11 The Lord will give strength to His people;
The Lord will bless His people with peace.

Ps 85:8

8 I will hear what God the Lord will say;
For He will speak peace to His people, to His godly
ones;

John 14:27

27 "Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you;
not as the world gives do I give to you.

The peace of the world:

1. Worldly peace is the temporary absence of conflict or temporary escape from conflict.
2. Therefore their peace is dependent on external circumstances.

7 Year Tribulation

ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION (Matt. 24:15)

Messiah Returns
2nd
Coming

Antichrist signs treaty with Israel. (Dan. 9:27)

10 member Roman Confederacy
Rev. 13:1; 17:12

Antichrist is World Ruler
(Defeats all Kings and nations)

Church Age

Antichrist Ascends to Power

VS

King of the South - Egypt+
King of the North - Russia+
King of the East - China
Dan. 11:40-44

3 ½ years

Israel is to flee to mountains.
(Matt. 24:16-20)

GREAT WAR OF ARMAGEDDON
Rev. 16-19

3 ½ years

Nations gather in Israel to do war with God.
Rev. 17:14; 19:19

Millennium

Earthquakes
(Matt. 24:7)

Famines
(Matt. 24:7)

Satan²⁰ Worship. Rev. 13:3,4

Worldwide evangelism
Matt. 24:14
Rev. 14:6,7

One World Religion Rev. 17

False Prophet (Matt. 24:21, 22)
Rev. 13:11-15.

Two Witnesses Begin Their Ministry Rev. 11:3-6

144,000 Jews are Saved & Sealed
Rev. 7:4-8

Trumpet

Bowl Judgments - Rev. 16

Wars & Rumors of Wars (Matt. 24:6,7)

Judgments Increase in Severity - Rev. 8,9,11

Seal Judgments - Rev. 6

- *Famine
- *1/4 of pop. will die
- ***Earthquakes**
- ***Sun darkened, moon becomes like blood, stars fall.**
- ***Mountains & islands are moved.**
- *Panic & Terror

- *Hail & fire mixed with blood.
- *1/3 of earth burned up.
- *1/3 of sea turns to blood & 1/3 of life in sea die.
- *Great star falls from heaven & poisons waters & kills many.
- *1/3 of sun, moon, & stars are darkened - affects light & temperatures.
- *Another 1/3 of world's pop. die
- ***Earthquakes.**
- *Great hailstorm.

- *Malignant sores on the unsaved..
- *Seas become blood & everything in them dies.
- *Rivers & springs become blood.
- *Sun scorches men with fire.
- ***Greatest earthquake ever - cities of the world destroyed.**
- ***Every mountain & island disappear.**
- *100 pound hailstones fall on men..

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Phil 4:7

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Col 3:15

15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

2 Thess 3:16

16 Now may the Lord of peace Himself continually grant you peace in every circumstance.

*“Faith rests on the naked Word of God. When we take Him at His Word, the heart is at **peace**.”*

- George Mueller

What destroys peace?

Sin – your lack of trust in God for every situation and circumstance.

What do I need to trust?

1. The sovereignty of God.
2. The providence of God.
3. The individual, specific promises of God's Word.

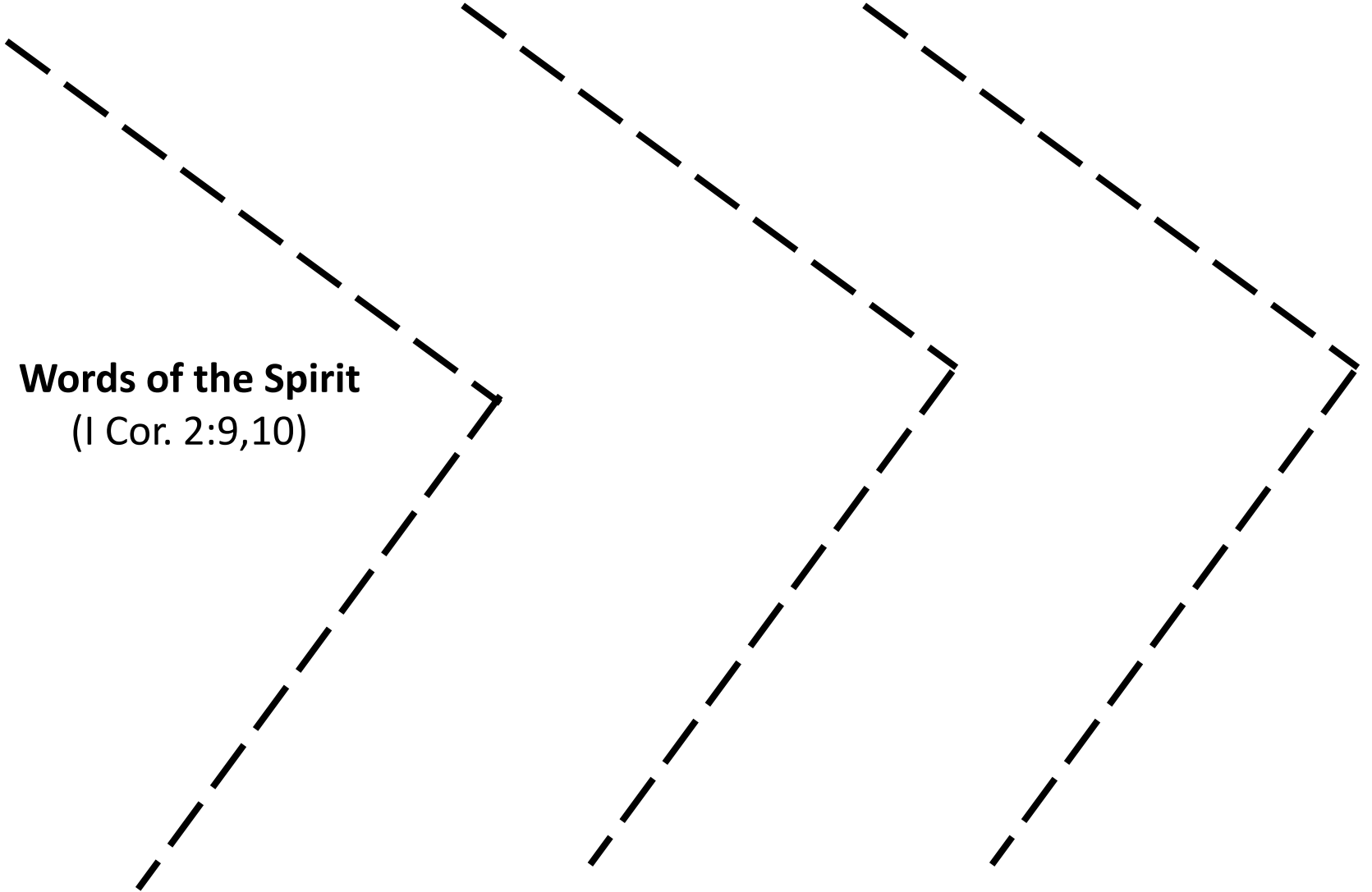
If I am trusting God in those 3 areas, then I am walking in the Spirit, I am controlled with the Spirit and as a result I will experience the peace of God.

Gal 5:22-23

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Words of the Spirit
(1 Cor. 2:9,10)



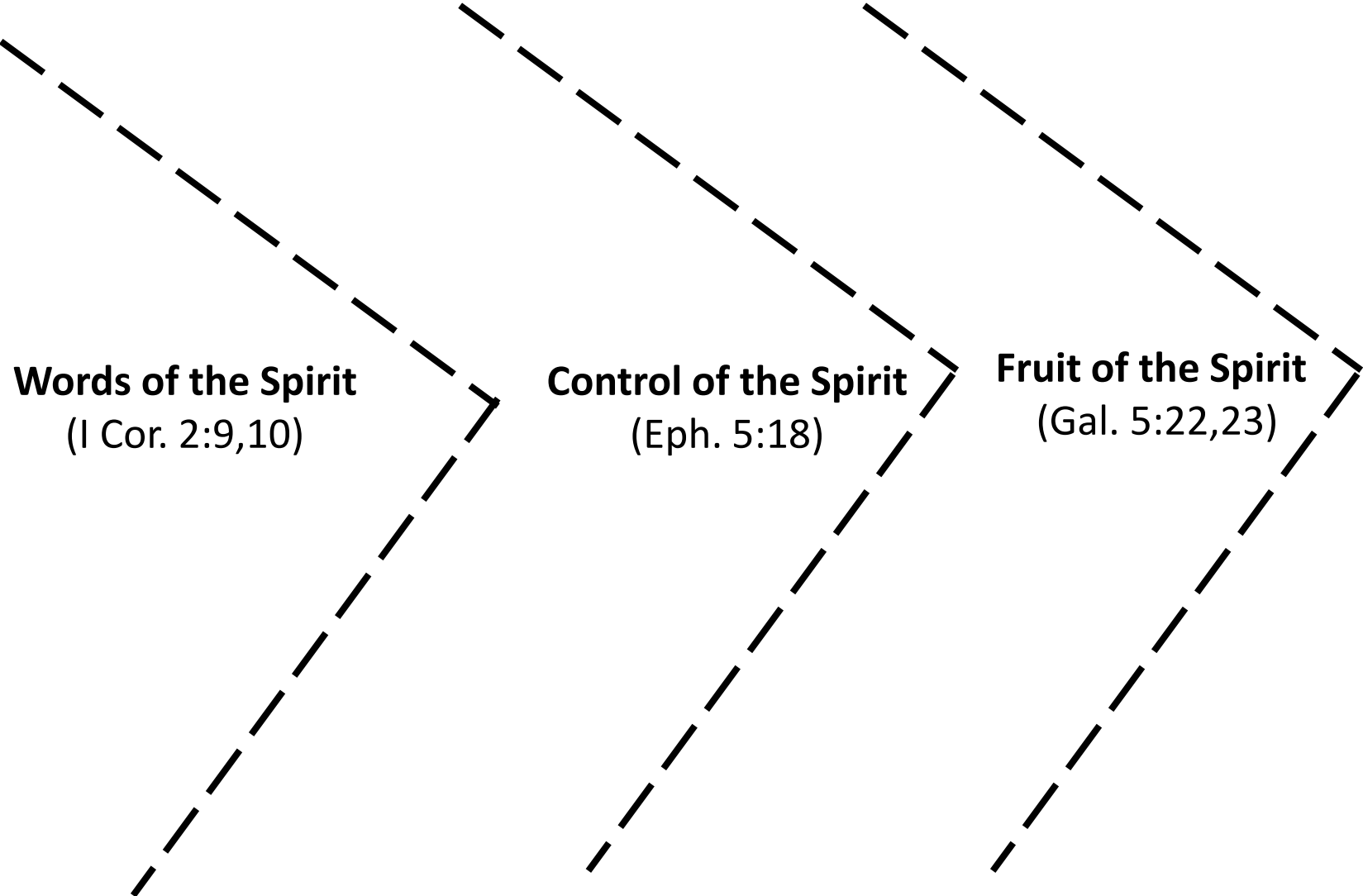
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9 but just as it is written,

"THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS
NOT HEARD,

AND which HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN,
ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE
HIM."

10 For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for
the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of
God.



Words of the Spirit
(I Cor. 2:9,10)

Control of the Spirit
(Eph. 5:18)

Fruit of the Spirit
(Gal. 5:22,23)

So what if you were before God's throne . . .

1 Chron 29:11-13

11 "Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

12 "Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.

13 "Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.

Rom 8:28

28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

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“Grace”

χαρις – undeserved favor or benefit.

1. **Grace** is God acting freely, according to His own nature of love, with no promises or obligations to fulfill.
2. **Grace** therefore is uncaused in those who receive it; its cause lies wholly in the giver - God.

The “grace given for justification” must come before the “grace given for sanctification”.

Grace given for justification.

Rom 3:24

24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;

Eph 2:8-9

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

9 not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

*“Follow boldly in your Master's steps, for He has made this rough journey before you. Better a brief warfare and eternal rest than false **peace** and everlasting torment.”*

- Alistair Begg

Grace given for sanctification.

2 Cor 9:8

8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you,
Grace provides strength – enables a believer to endure and persevere under adverse circumstances.

2 Cor 12:9-10

9 "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

10 Therefore I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ's sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong.

*“What then are we to do about our problems? We must learn to live with them until such time as God delivers us from them. We must pray for **grace** to endure them without murmuring. Problems patiently endured will work for our spiritual perfecting. They harm us only when we resist them or endure them unwillingly.”*

- A.W. Tozer

**I AM TRUSTING HIS GRACE WHEN I AM
BELIEVING HE WILL
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EVERY SITUATION.**

*“A man can no more take in a supply of **grace** for the future than he can eat enough today to last him for the next 6 months, nor can he inhale sufficient air into his lungs with one breath to sustain life for a week to come. We are permitted to draw upon God's store of **grace** from day to day as we need it.”*

- D.L. Moody

4 Applications of 2 Thessalonians:

1. What you believe about prophecy does have a profound impact on your life.
2. False teaching, as the believers at Thessalonica received, can wreak havoc in a church.
3. The only way God will deal with a church which is acting unbiblical is by that church putting itself under the authority of the Word to do God's will. Any other way will put the authority in man's flesh to do the Devil's will.
4. Suffering and persecution can destabilize a believer unless he/she is grounded in the peace and grace of God.