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AT CALVARY

1. Years I spent in vanity and pride,
Caring not my Lord was crucified,
Knowing not it was for me He died on Calvary.

Refrain

***Mercy there was great, and grace was free;
Pardon there was multiplied to me;
There my burdened soul found liberty at Calvary.***

2. By God's Word at last my sin I learned;
Then I trembled at the law I'd spurned,
Till my guilty soul imploring turned to Calvary.

Refrain

3. Now I've given to Jesus everything,
Now I gladly own Him as my king,
Now my raptured soul can only sing of Calvary!

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4. Oh, the love that drew salvation's plan!
Oh, the grace that brought it down to man!
Oh, the mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary!

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“Finally Alive”

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Salvation

JUSTIFICATION

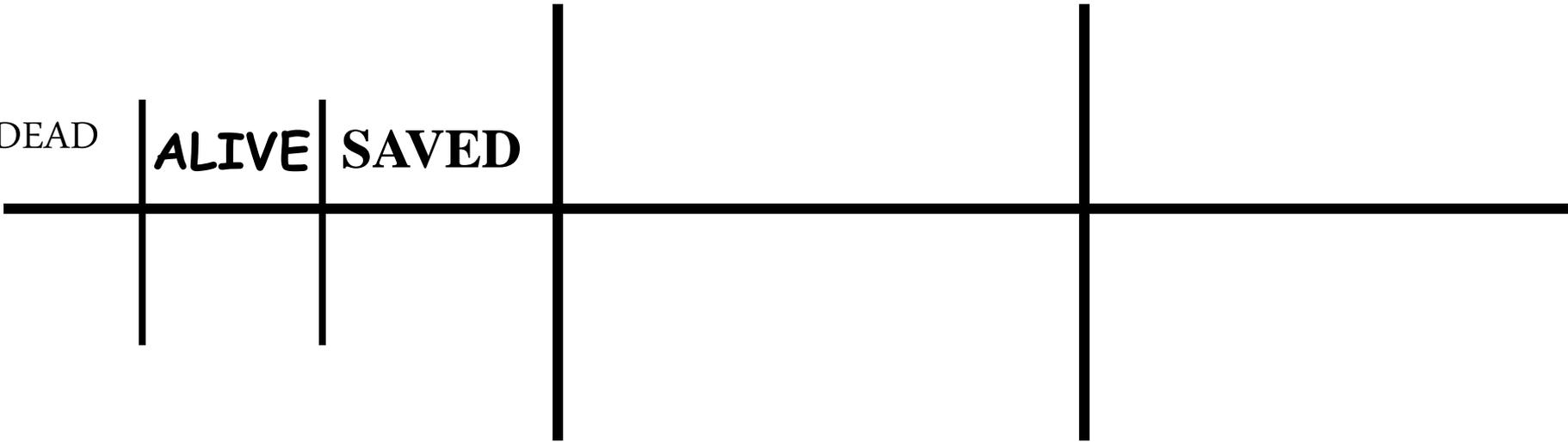
SANCTIFICATION

GLORIFICATION

DEAD

ALIVE

SAVED



DEAD



ALIVE → SAVED

- Alienated – Col 1:21
- Children of wrath – Eph. 2:3
- Devil is their father - Jn.8:44
- Helpless – Rom. 5:6
- Enemies of God – Rom 5:10
- Hostile toward God – Col. 1:21
- No life – Eph. 2:1
- Everything is done in the flesh – Rom. 8:8
- None righteous – Rom. 3:10
- None capable of understanding spiritual truth – Rom. 3:10, 1 Cor. 2:14
- None seek God – Rom. 3:10
- No spiritual inclinations – Rom. 8:5
- Dead to obedience, alive to disobedience – Titus 3:3
- Dead to submission, alive to rebellion – Rom. 8:7
- Dead to faith, alive to unbelief – Rom. 14:23
- Dead to righteousness, alive to unrighteousness – Rom. 6:12,13.
- Dead to holiness, alive to sin – Eph. 2:2,3
- Dead to freedom, alive to bondage – Gal. 4:3

ALIVE →

Eph 2:4-5

4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,
5 even when we were dead in our transgressions, **made us alive** together with Christ

Titus 3:4

4 But when the kindness of God our Savior and His love for mankind **appeared**,

John 16:8

8 "And He, when He comes, will **convict** the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment;

John 3:3

"Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is **born again** he cannot see the kingdom of God."

John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

13 who were **born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Rom 8:29-30

29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

30 and these whom He predestined, **He also called**; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

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Isa 64:6

6 For all of us have become like one who is unclean,
And all our **righteous deeds** are like a filthy garment;

Rom 4:4,5

4 Now to the one who **works**, his wage is not credited as a favor,
but as what is due.

5 But to the one who does not work, but believes in Him who
justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited as righteousness,

Gal 2:16

16 nevertheless knowing that a man is **not justified by the works** of the Law but through faith in Christ Jesus, even we have believed in Christ Jesus, so that we may be justified by faith in Christ and not by the works of the Law; since **by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified.**

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.

Self-Righteous Works

3 manifestations:

1. **Ritualism** – ceremonies, festivals, rites, music, prayers deserve saving merit from God.
2. **Externalism** – gestures, fasts, garments, postures, candles, architecture, icons, statues will deserve saving merit from God.
3. **Traditionalism** – holding all of the above from one generation to the next will deserve saving merit from God.

4 PROBLEMS WITH THIS APPROACH –

1. These are a man made human apparatus for gaining God's favor and entrance into heaven.
2. They are all designed to exalt self, honor self, and give prominence to self. They are an abomination in the sight of God regardless how religious, sacred, and devout man may think they are because they all come from the flesh.
3. All of the above gets rid of Christ, voids the cross, and makes worthless the blood shed for man's sin.
4. Man, in his pride and ego, will always trend in the path of self-righteous.

“The gospel of Satan teaches salvation by works. It inculcates justification before God, on the ground of human merits. It is a bloodless gospel, and presents a crossless Christ, who is received merely, as the ideal man.”

- A W Pink

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Mercy -

1. Is the self-moved, loving kindness of God which causes Him to deal in compassion and tender affection with those who are in misery and distress.
2. Is not giving us something that we deserve.

“If you are born again, you owe it to the mercy of God. God is merciful. We didn’t deserve to be born again. We were hard and resistant and spiritually dead. God would have been just, to pass us by. “But God, being rich in mercy . . . even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ” (Ephesians 2:4-5). We owe our new life—our new birth—to mercy.”

- John Piper

“Where Would I Be?”

Glen Kaiser

“Where would I be without your great, great mercy . . .”

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Matt 1:21

21 "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins."

Matt 19:24-25

24 "Again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."

25 When the disciples heard this, they were very astonished and said, "Then who can be saved?"

Luke 7:50

50 And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

Luke 8:12

12 "Those beside the road are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their heart, so that they will not believe and be saved.

Luke 19:10

10 "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."

John 3:17

"For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

Acts 2:21

21 'AND IT SHALL BE THAT EVERYONE WHO CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD WILL BE SAVED.'

Acts 4:12

12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Acts 16:31

31 They said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."

2 Tim 1:8-9

8 but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,

9 who has saved us and called us with a holy calling,

Eph 2:8

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith;

Saved – σωζω - rescuing one from great peril. To deliver.

Saved from what?

Sin ➡ Hell ➡ Judgment ➡ Wrath ➡ God

Should we use the word “saved” in our vocabulary?

“Saved” embodies:

1. Sin, Hell, Judgment, Wrath, Eternity.
2. A serious situation.
3. A solution – salvation from God in Jesus Christ.

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John 3:1-8

1. Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;
- 2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."
3. Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."
- 4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"
- 5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.
- 6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- 7 "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'
- 8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Ezek 36:25-27

25 "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols.

26 "Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 "I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will be careful to observe My ordinances.

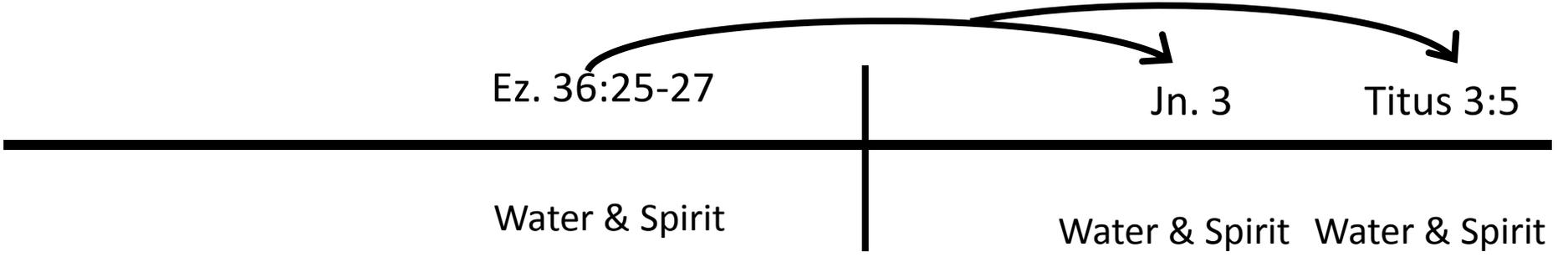
Ez. 36:25-27

Jn. 3

Titus 3:5

Water & Spirit

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1 Peter 1:3

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be **born again** to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

John 1:12-13

12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,

13 who were **born**, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

James 1:18

18 In the exercise of His will He **brought us forth** by the word of truth, so that we would be a kind of first fruits among His creatures.

1 Peter 1:23

23 for you have been **born again** not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and enduring word of God.

Eph 5:26-27

26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the **washing of water with the word,**

Being born again produces 2 changes:

1. You are clean.
2. You are new.

DARKNESS
DEATH

LIGHT
LIFE

John 11:43-44

43 When He had said these things, He cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth."

44 The man who had died came forth, bound hand and foot with wrappings, and his face was wrapped around with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

Logical Order of Salvation

Born Again (regeneration)
Made alive
Justified
Called
Convicted



Repentance
Faith/Believe



Saved

Chronological Order of Salvation

Born Again (regeneration) (Jn. 3:3)

Made alive (Eph. 2:5)

Called (Rom. 8:30)

Convicted (Jn. 16:8)

Repentance (2 Tim. 2:25)

Faith/Believe (Rom. 10:9,10, Eph. 2:8,9)

Saved (Eph. 2:8, Titus 3:5)

Justified (Gal 5:1)

“Coming to Christ is the very first effect of regeneration. No sooner is the soul quickened than it at once discovers its lost estate, looks out for a refuge, and, believing Christ to be the only one, flies to Him and reposes in Him.”

- Charles Spurgeon

“When a man is converted to God, it is done in a moment. Regeneration is an instantaneous work. Conversion to God, the fruit of regeneration, occupies all our life, but regeneration itself is effected in an instant.

A man hates God-- the Holy Spirit makes him love God. A man is opposed to Christ, he hates his gospel, does not understand it and will not receive it-- the Holy Spirit comes, puts light into his darkened understanding, takes the chain from his bondaged will, gives liberty to his conscience, gives life to his dead soul, so that the voice of conscience is heard, and the man becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus.

And all this is done, mark you, by the instantaneous supernatural influence of God the Holy Spirit working as he wills among the sons of men.”

- Charles Spurgeon

“We believe the Scriptures teach that **regeneration**, or the new birth, is that act of God by which the Holy Spirit imparts a new nature and a new spiritual life, not before possessed, and the person becomes a new creation in Christ Jesus. The mind is given a holy disposition and a new desire to serve God, the dominion of sin broken, and the heart transformed from a love of sin and self to a love of holiness and God.”

- Ray Pritchard

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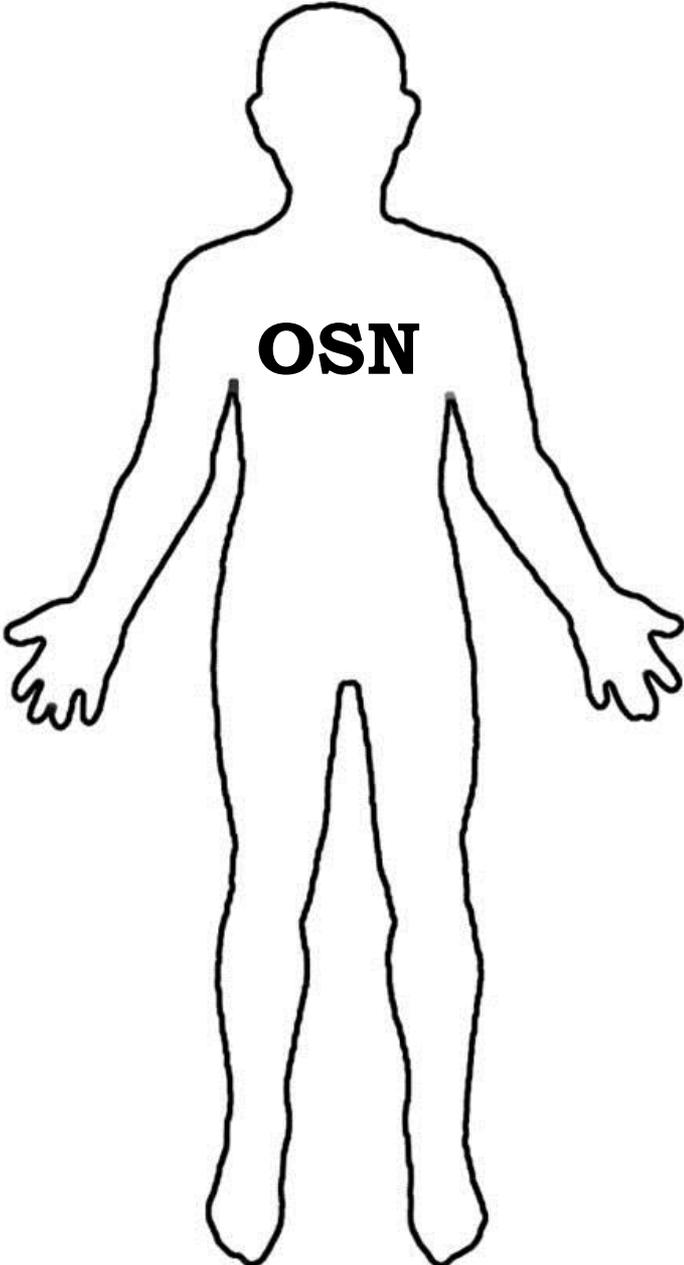
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2 Cor 5:17

17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.

1 John 2:29

29 If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone also who practices righteousness is born of Him.

1 John 3:9

9 No one who is born of God practices sin,

1 John 4:7

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

1 John 5:1

1 Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God,

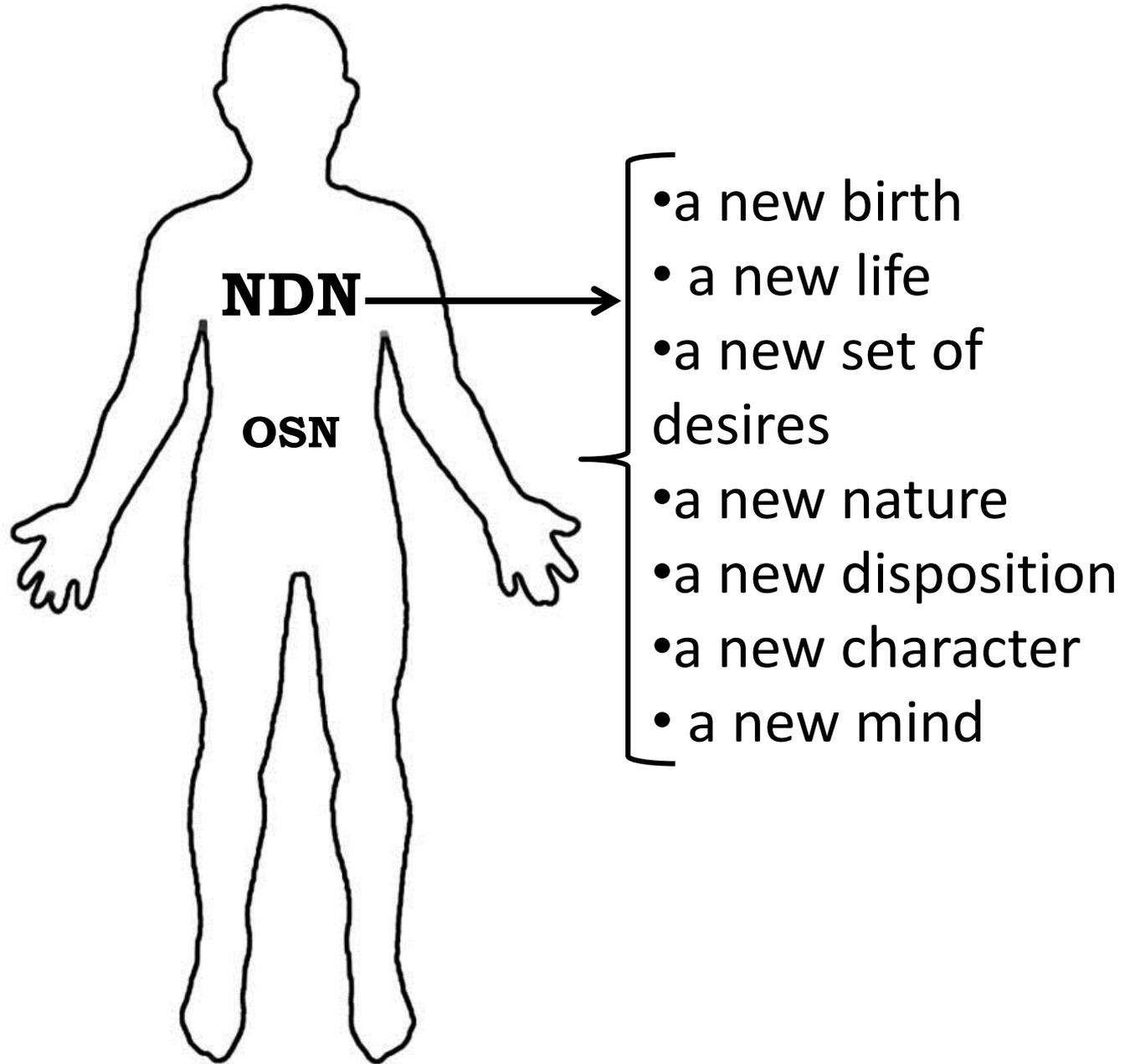
1 John 5:4

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world — our faith.

1 John 5:18

18 We know that no one who is born of God sins;

Believer



The Believer's Position in Christ

The believer is:

1. Elect/Chosen (Eph. 1:4)
2. Foreknown (I Pet. 1:2)
3. Predestined (Rom. 8:29,30)
4. Called (I Thes. 5:24)
5. Redeemed (Rom. 3:24)
6. Reconciled (Rom. 5:10)
7. Related to God through propitiation (Rom. 3:24-26)
8. Forgiven all sin (Eph. 1:7)
9. Joined to Christ (Rom. 6:1-10)
10. Free from the Law (Rom. 7:2-6)
11. Made a child of God (Gal. 3:26)
12. Adopted (Rom. 8:15, 23)
13. Made acceptable to God through Christ (Eph. 1:6; Col. 1:12)
14. Made righteous (Rom. 3:22)
15. Sanctified (1 Cor. 1:30; 6:11)
16. Perfected forever (Heb 10:14)
17. Justified (Rom. 5:1)
18. Made close to God (Eph. 2:13)
19. Delivered from the power of darkness (Col.1:13)
20. Translated into the Kingdom (Col. 1:13)
21. Planted on the Rock, Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:9-15)
22. A gift from God to Jesus Christ (Jn. 17:6,11,12,20)
23. Circumcised in Christ (Col. 2:11)
24. A Priest in the Holy and Royal Priesthood of believers (1 Pet. 2:5,9)
25. Part of a chosen generation, a holy nation, and a peculiar people (1 Pet. 5:9)
26. A heavenly citizen (Phil. 3:20)
27. In the family & household of God (Eph. 2:19)
28. In the fellowship of the saints (Jn. 17:11,21-23)
29. In a heavenly association (Col. 1:27; 3:1)
30. Given access to God (Eph. 2:18)
31. Within the care of God (Rom. 5:8-10)
32. An object of God's love (Jn. 3:16)
33. An object of God's Grace (Eph. 2:7-9)
34. An object of God's power (Eph. 1:19)
35. An object of God's faithfulness (Phil. 1:6)
36. An object of God's peace (Rom. 5:1)
37. An object of God's consolation (2 Thes. 2:16,17)
38. An object of God's intercession (Rom. 8:26)
39. God's inheritance (Eph. 1:18)
40. Given the inheritance of God Himself (1 Pet. 1:4)
41. Given light in the Lord (2 Cor. 4:6)
42. United to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit (1 Thes. 1.1)
43. Blessed with the earnest or first-fruits of the Spirit (Eph. 1:14)
44. Born of the Spirit (Jn. 3:6)
45. Baptized in the Spirit (1 Cor. 12:13)
46. Indwelt by the Spirit (Rom. 8:9)
47. Sealed by the Spirit(2 Cor. 1:22)
48. Complete in God (Col. 2:9,10)
49. Blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)
50. Glorified (Rom. 8:18)

RESCUE THE PERISHING

1. Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus, the mighty to save.

Refrain

***Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.***

2. Though they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,
Waiting the penitent child to receive;
Plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently;
He will forgive if they only believe.

Refrain

3. Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

Refrain

4. Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;
Back to the narrow way patiently win them;
Tell the poor wand'rer a Savior has died.

Refrain

Application

1. We are saved by works –
 - not our works
 - but the work of Christ on the cross.
2. It's impossible to be saved and not be regenerated.
It's impossible to be regenerated and not be saved.
3. God did an enormous work in us at salvation by bringing us from death to life and placing us in a position of being “Finally Alive”.