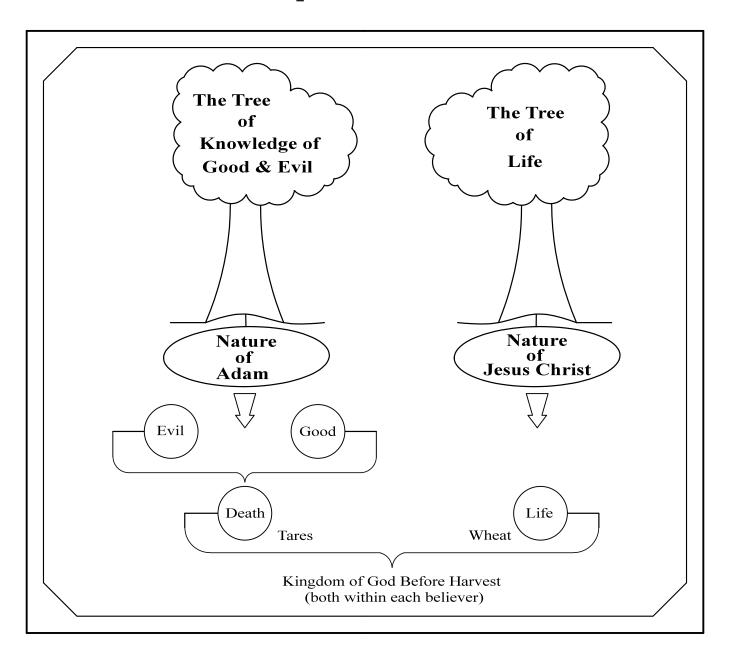


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Introduction:

This study is a transition between the first seven studies and those that follow. It will be most helpful if you have first read & grasped the foundational concepts of the first seven studies.

I like blackberries. I like them so much that I will go into thickets to get all that I can. Most people won't join me because of the thorns. Those thorns won't keep me from gathering the sweet, juicy berries. It is the same when seeking truth. God likes to hide himself so that only those who seek will come to see more of Him. Be eager to dig for hidden nuggets of truth.

He hides His plan well while in plain sight...like baby Moses being reared in Pharoah's home...like Jesus being slain as our Passover Lamb.

"7. No, we speak of God's secret wisdom, a wisdom that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began. 8. None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory."

1Corinthians 2 NIV

Not everyone will search out a matter, (see **Proverbs 25:2 YLT**). In this lesson I mention some of my favorite authors. I have such respect for them...and many more not mentioned. They are truly those who search a matter out. They are not hemmed in or deterred by religious traditions. They have dug into the meaning of the original Aramaic, Hebrew, & Greek manuscripts. They have walked in Word & Spirit & His Life. Many hidden mysteries have been revealed to them by the Father. His Spirit has given me eyes to see and a heart to understand much of their writings. And the Father has unveiled many mysteries in the Word directly to me as well...many of which I share with you.

We are not part of a church system organized by men. We are part of the "Wire Church". We are networked by His Spirit through internet, email, phone, & mail. Sometimes we even get to see each other. What we have in common is His leading to assemble onward and upward into Christ. He gives us each a piece to share with others. We see this as a time of preparation for His new order. We have left the old church order to move on.

We do not witness to everything said by each other. But His love overrides doctrinal debates. And we are at different stages of growth. Like thorns in the bushes, some ideas are discarded. Other things are like questionable berries to be sorted through in time. We do however gather many facets of delightful truth. So realize that just because I recommend reading a certain author does not mean that I fully endorse all that they ever wrote.

But fools are quick to discard a new truth before hearing it out, (**Proverbs 18:13**). Do you hear the calling that we hear? How hungry are you?

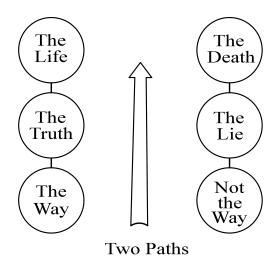
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Part 1: Two Trees in the Same Place

"Jesus answered, "I AM the way and THE TRUTH and the [source & tree of] life..." **John 14:6 NIV**

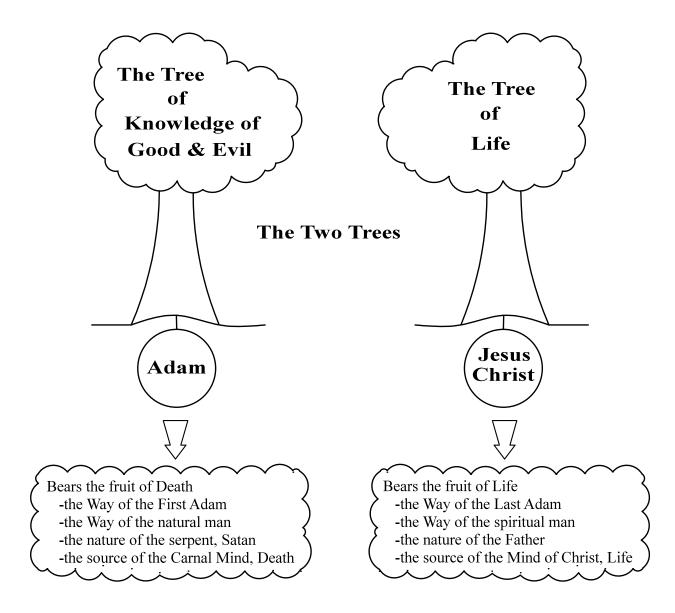
To come to the highest level of truth one must know Jesus in the highest way. This will require a relationship that is by Spirit as well as by Word. Then one can enter into a walk of His Life flowing in and through them. This is the deepest love. It is the union of His life within. This is true worship. Once you reach this highest level of truth it will be His life, His nature, and His character that comes forth. How to get there? Come into the Light. See the big picture. If Jesus Christ is the Way, Truth, & Life, then there is an opposite as shown below.



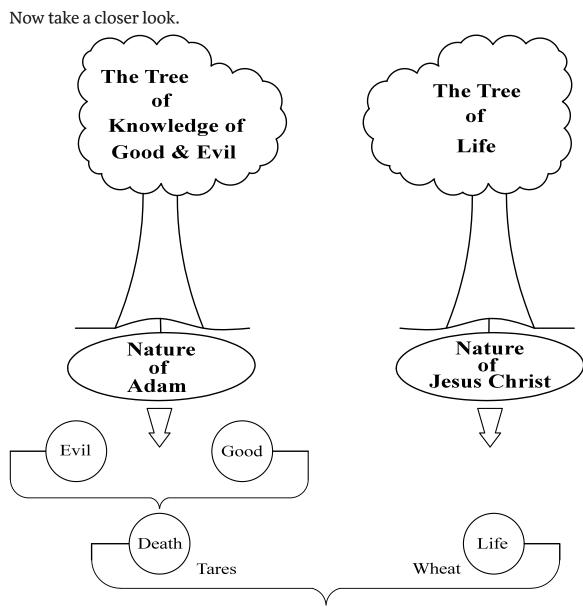
The Word is a Person and a Message. The Truth is also a Person and Message. And so is the Light. There are many facets of truth. One facet does not negate another. Instead, knowing one aspect helps you to see & know others. As we walk in the Light as He is in the Light we come into maturity with Christ the Head. In so doing we come into fullness of stature with Christ the Body, (1John 1:7). God draws us as we love the truth. If we don't hunger for truth then He sends us delusion to send us into darkness, (2 Thessolonians 2:9-12). He wants relationship, not religion.

We see an important distinction in the next diagram. This is basic from the beginning. Yet this must be elaborated upon before seeing the distinction (in Part 2) between two seeds. This distinction is often blurred by traditional religious teaching. There are two main levels of truth. They are the two contrasting views of Truth. The first is the natural and the second is the spiritual. Where you are determines your relationship with Truth.

The two positions are the two trees that affect the destiny of man. From **Genesis** 2:9 & 3:3 we see that both trees are in the middle of the garden. That means that they are in the same place. We are God's garden, (1Corinthians 3:9 TLB). Both trees are in the center, (the heart), of each believer. Each tree bears fruit that brings forth more of its own kind.



Before we knew Jesus Christ we were dead in trespasses & sin. We only knew the way of the carnal mind. When the Father started to draw us we began to see the way of Life. We then received Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. He is the Word. The Word is the promised incorruptible seed. Then when He sent His Spirit into our spirit His incorruptible seed was planted into our spirit. This incorruptible "seed-beginning" however must grow up until it becomes a mature incorruptible life. Growth comes by the trials & fires of this earthen vessel. The Tree of the Knowledge of Good & Evil within decreases as the Tree of Life increases.



Kingdom of God Before Harvest (both within each believer)

"20. ...Jesus replied, "The kingdom of God does not come with your careful observation, 21. nor will people say, 'Here it is,' or 'There it is,' because THE KINGDOM [reign/life] OF GOD IS WITHIN YOU." [There is a growth process of His life coming forth from within you.]

Luke 17 NIV

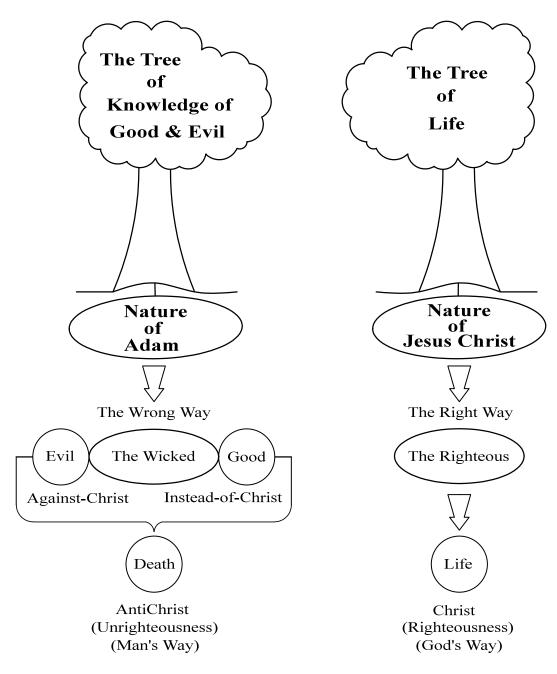
"41. The Son of Man will send His messengers, and will collect out of His Kingdom [within us] every offensive thing, and whatever causes sin; and will throw them into the furnace of fire, where will be weeping and gnashing of teeth [of the flesh nature]. 42. Then the righteous shall shine out like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father..." [This process involves a separation within...a submitting to the Tares being pulled out...a yielding to the pruning...to the weeding of the garden that is you.]

Matthew 13 Ferrar Fenton Translation (FFT)

This verse shows a separation. It is a separation within. It ends in the total and final annihilation of the first Adam nature. The Word comes alive in a greater harmony as His Spirit leads into greater truth. Beware that the Father is not only drawing us into greater light, but that He is also pushing others into further darkness within. There will be no lukewarmness ultimately. The light will get lighter. The dark will get darker. No gray areas.

"10...because the love of the truth they did not receive for their being saved [did not acknowledge the value of Jesus Christ enough to be thankful for Him], 11. and because of this shall God send to them a working of delusion [more of the tree that they like], for their believing the lie [preferring the wrong tree once given a choice], 12. that they may be judged—all who did not believe the truth, but were well pleased in the unrighteousness [of going their own way]."

2Thessalonians 2 YLT



Yes, God sends delusion to those who prefer darkness. His will is that we be thankful in *ALL* things, not to judge them by our standards of "good" or "evil", (1**Thessalonians** 5:18). We are also to acknowledge Him in *ALL* things, (**Proverbs 3:6**). He then leads us into the path toward life. We follow when we trust in Him...when we believe in Him. Then we go His Way. It is a walk in faith by His grace. This way often makes no sense to the natural mind.

Note from the last diagram that there are only two natures. They are the wicked and the righteous. As Abraham pointed out, there is a distinction. They are also within us.

"And Abraham ... said, Wilt thou also destroy the RIGHTEOUS with the WICKED?"

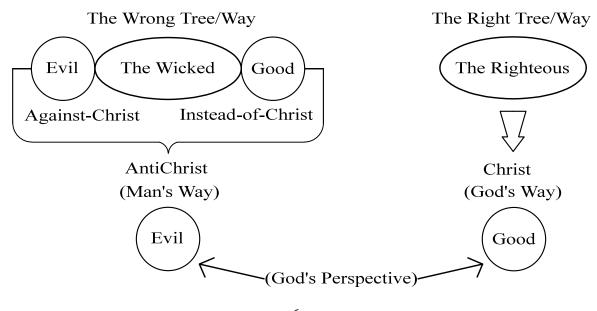
Genesis 18:23 KJV

The wicked and the righteous are contrasted throughout the Bible, starting with Cain & Abel, (**1John 3:12**). And there is no peace between them, for the wicked hates the righteous and seeks to slay him as Cain did to his brother, (**Psalm 37:32**). Why is Cain so upset? They each have a different mind-set. Cain was of the carnal mind. Abel was of the mind of Christ. The carnal mind is at enmity against God, (**Romans 8:7**). The carnal mind is the base of Satan's operations to rob, kill, & destroy. How is that so? Because Satan is given dust as his food and Adam is that dust, (see **Genesis 2:7, 3:14 & Philippians 3:19**).

Notice that Cain was religious in that he sought to please God by a sacrifice of his works. That was the "good" side of the "evil" that also resided within him. So it is the same with the systems of religion that are built by such men who know about God. They are also supported by those who look to them for their source. They approach God the wrong way... not the way of Jesus Christ. From God's perspective the Tree of the Knowledge of Evil & Good is seen as "Evil", and only the way of Christ is seen as "Good".

"22. Many will say to me ...Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? 23. And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity ["lawlessness" in some translations]."

Matthew 7 KJV



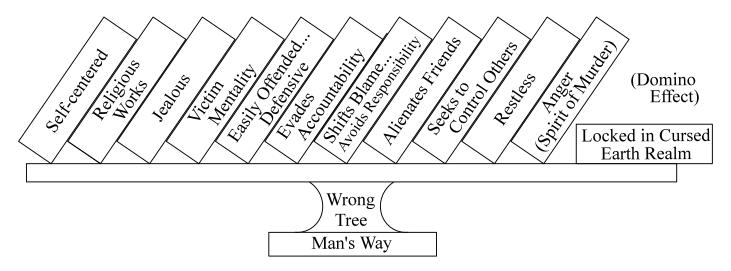
Note also that "AntiChrist" in Greek means either "Against Christ" or "In place of Christ". "Instead of Christ" is form without life. Many religious people and their church organizations are in the form of Christ but without the life of Christ. That is also what defines a dead body...form without life. They claim to know Christ...but the life, the nature, the Spirit, the fruit of Christ are not there. From such keep away. They are married to the wrong one. Don't be yoked with them. God may have led you into them for a season to learn certain things. But do not forsake the assembling with those few who are moving out from them...for the purpose of moving on to know Jesus Christ in a deeper way.

The natural man can appear to be spiritual, but not really know Jesus Christ. They have a form of godliness but deny the power [overcoming life within of Jesus Christ]. They have done many good deeds...many impressive religious works. But if these deeds are not orchestrated from the Father then they are from the wrong tree. They are imitators. They can appear very authoritative about God, but are of man. The real authority is the power of God that changes the heart. This heart change is seen in you as the fruit of His Spirit.

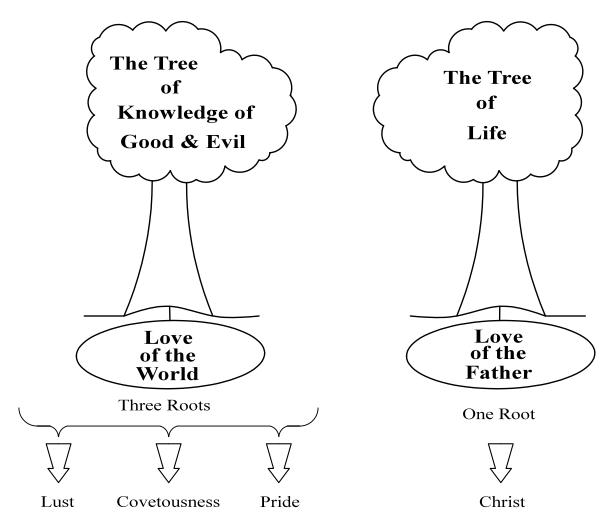
"22. But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23. gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!" [Such a life fulfills the law. Only the life of Jesus Christ (and those who are found in Him) fulfills the law.]

Galatians 5 NLT

Below is some evidence of living in the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil. An early example is Cain, (**Genesis 4**). God explained to Cain that he must do the right thing to have favor with God. If he does the wrong thing then sin will increase in power over him. He is exhorted by God to subdue sin and rule over it...rule over the beast nature within. Cain chooses instead to continue going his own way. He settled the conflict another way... his way...by killing his brother. He is then given a chance to repent but does not. He will not humble himself to take accountability. This pattern repeats clearly throughout the Bible. It is classic in King Saul, (**1Samuel 14 & 22**) and then today in the religious man of **Matthew 7:22,23**. Here are some highlights of the pattern of one who prefers the Tree of Knowledge of Good & Evil. It is easy to spot a tree by its fruit.



The fruit is easy to spot, but the roots are not. They are hidden in your heart. Here are the roots. In each case the motive is love. "World" here is the Greek word for "orderly arrangement", meaning organizations & systems that develop from many people of this tree working together. They come from many individuals giving power to the beast [systems]. This includes systems of economics, religion, politics, education, military, medicine, etc. Like Cain's produce, some parts may seem appetizing, but our love is not to be focused there.



"15. Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. He who loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16. For all that is in the world is the LUST OF THE BODY, the COVETOUSNESS OF THE EYES, and the PRIDE OF MATERIAL THINGS; these things do not come from the Father but from the world. And the world passes away, and the lust thereof; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

1John 2 GLT (George Lamsa Translation)

"16. I pray that...he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. 17. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. YOUR ROOTS WILL GROW DOWN INTO GOD'S LOVE & keep you strong. 18. And may you have the power to understand...how wide, how long, how high, & how deep his love is. 19. May you experience THE LOVE OF CHRIST... Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life & power that comes from God."

Ephesians 3 NLT

The different roots make it apparent why the carnal mind is at enmity with the mind of Christ. The way of the wicked is upside down. They see wrong as ok and right as bad. They think bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter. They think that their friends are their enemies and that their enemies are their friends, (Romans 1:22-32 & Proverbs 1:22-33). They are proud of what they should be ashamed of. Their focus and priorities are backwards (Philippians 3:19). They live to eat instead of eating to live (Proverbs 13:25TLB).

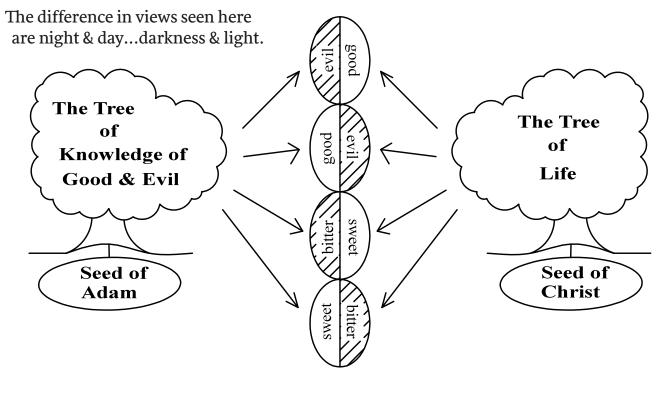
That is the seed from Adam. That is why we are born dead [to God]. The branches can only be holy if the roots are holy, (**Romans 11:16**). The only tree with holy roots is the Tree of Life, Jesus Christ. We must be rooted in Him, drawing our life from Him.

"20. What sorrow for those who say that evil is good and good is evil, that dark is light and light is dark, that bitter is sweet and sweet is bitter.
21. What sorrow for those who are wise in their own eyes and think themselves so clever." Isaiah 5 NLT

"18. Stop fooling yourselves. If you count yourself above average in intelligence, as judged by this world's standards...put this all aside and be a fool rather than let it hold you back from the true wisdom from above. 19. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As it says in the book of Job, God uses man's own brilliance to trap him; he stumbles over his own "wisdom" and falls. 20. And...in...Psalms, we are told that the Lord knows full well how the human mind reasons... how foolish & futile it is. 21. So don't be proud of following the wise men of this world."

1 Corinthians 3 TLB

Two Opposite Perspectives



Part 2: Two Seeds Within Us

In this section we see that there are two seeds within us. Each is from a different tree, (source). One seed is from Adam. Because of this seed we are both mortal (in the process of dying...destined for death), and corruptible. This seed causes us to be earthly-minded (focused on ourselves and the things of the natural realm). This seed develops into a "flesh nature", which is the nature of a beast...the nature of "what's best for me?". This seed has a frame of reference of judging everything as either "good" or "evil". This seed is always listening to the lies of the serpent, who is given free reign within this carnal-mind.

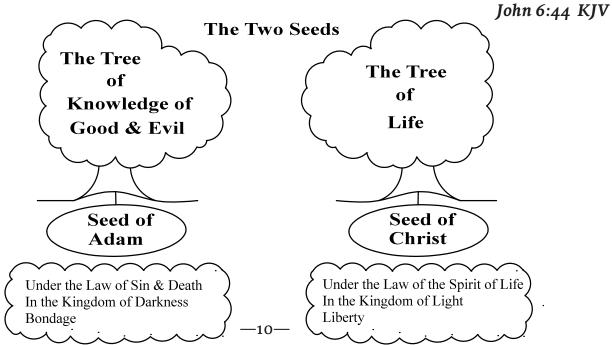
The aim of this serpent is to rob, kill, & destroy. It is a very easy job as long as the serpent can keep the seed of life out of his garden. The serpent steers thoughts to cause people to use their own standard of what is "good" and what is "evil". It is then easy to create division, unforgiveness, violence, revenge, etc. He keeps their thoughts focused on vanity...on goals apart from Jesus Christ.

What are some of these thoughts? "If I just had enough money." "If I just had enough control." "If I just had a better home...better job...better health...better parents...a better spouse." "If everyone would just think like my "church" doctrine...my political party...like me." This seed is under the law of sin and death.

The only hope is to be translated from this seed into another seed. Adam & Eve were promised this other seed that would crush the head of the serpent. The Promised Seed is called "The Anointed One"..."The Messiah"..."The Christ". It is only by the Father that we can be translated from the Adamic seed, (which is under the law of sin and death), into the Christ seed, (where we are under the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, **Romans 8:2**). We cannot decide to do this. We cannot even see this until His Spirit quickens us. Only He can open the eyes of the blind.

"12...THANKING THE FATHER. HE HAS ENABLED YOU to share in the inheritance that belongs to his people, who live in the light. 13. For HE HAS RESCUED US from the kingdom of darkness AND TRANSFERRED US into the Kingdom of his dear Son,..." Colossians 1 NLT

"No man can come to me [Jesus, the Promised Seed], EXCEPT THE FATHER...DRAW HIM..."



One seed is the earthen vessel. The other seed is the treasure. It is part of God's plan to have these two seeds within us. His plan is to bring forth a man in His image to multiply and fill the earth. It is through this "multiplied new creation manchild" that He will cover the earth with His glory, take dominion and set creation free. The Christ within needs conflict in order to grow...to learn discernment...to come into full maturity. This conflict within teaches us to discern "good" from "evil" from God's perspective. This conflict within is necessary for us to grow by grace through faith.

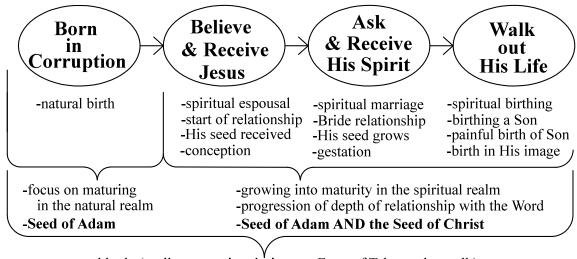
"13. For someone who lives on milk [of the Word for beginners] is still an infant [spiritually... see 1Peter 2:2] and doesn't know how to do what is right. 14. Solid food is for those WHO ARE MATURE, WHO THROUGH TRAINING [conflict, trials, testings] have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong [from God's point of view]."

Hebrews 5 NLT "...having left the word of the beginning of the Christ, unto the perfection we may advance, not again a foundation laying of reformation from dead works,...of faith on God, of the teaching of baptisms, of laying on...of hands, of rising...of the dead, and OF JUDGMENT AGE-DURING,"

Hebrews 6:1,2 YLT

I have used the New Living Translation for the first part of this scripture reference because it is so readable. I have used the Young's Literal Translation for the second part because it is more accurate than most other translations in a very noteworthy point. Notice that judgment is not for eternity but for an age...a finite period of time. That would be a rabbit trail now. But if you truly are willing to embrace the truth of the Word in the original languages, then humble yourself and cry out for a heart to understand. Warning! Your religious traditions will crumble if you come to grasp the real truth. (There are many good Bible studies that lead you through a maze of mistranslations and contradictions on this subject. Seek an explanation of the original anointed Word. J. Preston Eby's "The Savior of the World" series is one that you can download free at www.kingdombiblestudies.org or purchase at cost at www.lulu.com. Another is Elwin Roach's "Everlasting Punishment" free to download at www.godfire.net.)

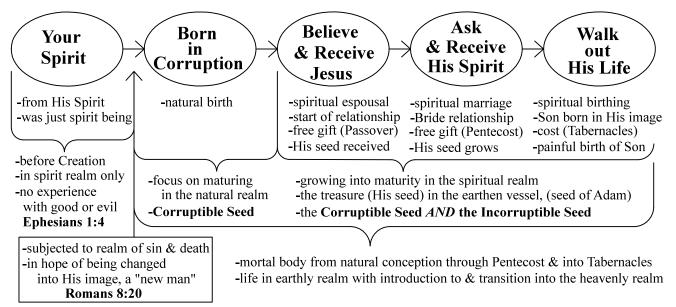
So how and when do we receive this seed of Christ? There is much controversy on this. Things of the Spirit are not easily (ever?) grasped by the carnal mind. Here is a simple diagram of how I see it.



-mortal body (until resurrection during our Feast of Tabernacles walk)

-life in earthly realm with introduction to & transition into the heavenly realm

Before we discuss the diagram, let's step back & look at a bigger picture. It is not for this study to expand on the new concept here, but I have started you with a couple of references.



We are born a natural seed but we receive a spiritual seed. The natural seed gradually dies. But meanwhile it is the earthen vessel in which the spiritual seed can grow. It is the spiritual seed that comes to maturity and is resurrected. God does NOT change the seed of Adam to become a better seed! He is after a "new creation man" wherein an immortal, incorruptible Spirit man in the image of the Father can be in a spirit body of flesh and bone. (Robert Torango does an excellent job of explaining this in his "A Time of Trumpets" series. You can download it free at www.thehouseoftheLord.com.)

The nation of Israel is a prophetic type of our walk in Christ. Israel received the Seed (Lamb) at Passover. Next they left Egypt, their old way of life in the world. Then it was at the first Pentecost at Mt. Sinai that God made a marriage covenant with them. After a long wilderness process Israel finally entered the Promised Land. The Feast of Tabernacles was to be celebrated in the Promised Land. However they did not fulfill this type due to keeping a Passover mentality, (**Hebrews 6:1**). Thus they entered the Promised Land on Passover.

We receive the free gift of this incorruptible seed when we receive Christ as our Savior. This is the eating of all of the Passover Lamb of God. Then this seed of Christ within really grows when we receive the gift of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit...our Pentecost. It is not by might or power but by His Spirit that we then grow into Christ. Things are different in the Spirit...not understood by the natural mind. For this seed to come to full maturity it must enter into Tabernacles, (the final ingathering into Him), where it is no longer a free gift. Here we must pick up our cross & follow Him...daily. This comes at great cost to our flesh nature, (see 1Peter 4:1 in TLB or NIV).

This new creation man is the plan of God (**Ephesians 2 & 4:24 & Colossians 3:10**). This new man is Jesus Christ the Head & Jesus Christ the Body. Christ the Body is referred to in the Bible many different ways...His Virgin Bride, Manchild, Sons, Younger Brothers, Overcomers, City, New Jerusalem, Temple, etc. They are being trained to rule and reign with Him...to be His government upon the earth. But this Kingdom must first be established within them. This is His work not ours...not a work of the flesh, but a work of faith by His grace. -12

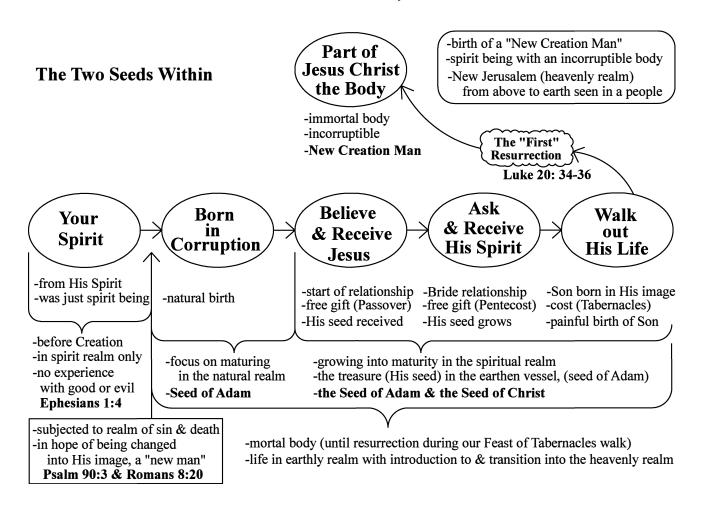
Once we grasp God's plan of the Sons, then the Bible will unfold like never before. Whole books like Job & the Song of Solomon become clear. We start to see the plan of "Sonship" from Genesis to Revelation...and then wonder how we ever missed it! We humbly thank God for giving us eyes to see, ears to hear, and a heart to understand. When we do see these things then we are hearing the Trumpet of the high calling.

The last step in the full transition into the incorruptible seed is at the resurrection of our bodies. At that point we are fully in Christ. At that point there is no more of Adam left in us. We will fully have the mind of Christ. We will always know what He wants us to do and we will always want to do it. This is the New Covenant fulfilled in a people in His image.

"But this is the new agreement I will make with the people of Israel, says the Lord: I will write my laws in their minds so that they will know what I want them to do without my even telling them, and these laws will be in their hearts so that they will want to obey them, and I will be their God and they shall be my people."

Hebrews 8:10 TLB

Our last diagram is of the Two Seeds within us. The resurrection of our bodies takes place during Tabernacles. It is the full harvest...the final ingathering of the Feasts. It is fruit unto the Father that has come to full maturity.



Having an understanding of the two seeds within brings understanding to many verses, such as:

"every one [who has the new man in Christ within] who hath been begotten of God [received His incorruptible seed], sin he doth not, because his [incorruptible] seed in him doth remain, and he [that seed of Him coming forth within] is not able to sin, because of God he hath been begotten."

1John 3:9 YLT

It was prophesied of Jesus Christ that because He would lay down His life to atone for others that He would see His children...His seed...a new generation, (depending on the translation you read). This comes from the following verse. The one after that is another that shows us that Jesus would have children.

"10. But it was the Lord's good plan to bruise him and fill him with grief. However, WHEN HIS SOUL HAS BEEN MADE AN OFFERING FOR SIN, THEN HE SHALL HAVE A MULTITUDE OF CHILDREN, many heirs. He shall live again...11. And when he sees all that is accomplished by the anguish of his soul, he shall be satisfied; and because of what he has experienced, my righteous Servant shall make many [His children...His seed] to be counted righteous before God,".

Isaiah 53 TLB

"HIS SEED SHALL SERVE HIM; It shall be recounted [said] about Yahweh to the generation that is coming."

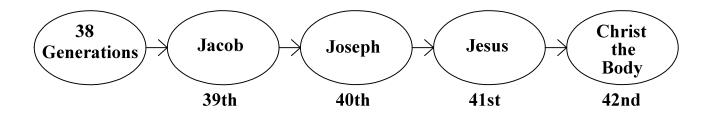
Psalm 22:30 Concordant Version of the Old Testament

Jesus never married, so how did He sire these children? It was done by His Spirit coming into our spirits to conceive a new creation man within us that would grow up into His image...into the full stature of Christ. The Holy Spirit is His Spirit...the Spirit of Jesus Christ. He went to the cross, was resurrected and then ascended so that His Spirit could be sent to quicken His Life within us, (John 14).

"Now THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

2Corinthians 3:17 NIV

The seed of Jesus Christ the Head is the 42nd generation mentioned in **Matthew** 1:17. This seed is Jesus Christ the Body...His Sons, (Bill Britton wrote an excellent study on this titled, "The 42nd Generation". Search it out at www.billbrittonministries.com or at www.lighthouselibrary.com).



So now we understand that the Adam nature within can certainly bring forth sin, but that the incorruptible Christ nature within cannot sin. This explains why there are two types of works. There are works of the flesh, (good & evil). But there are also works of righteousness. These are the works of Christ. These are the works that we are called to.

"8. For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9. Not of works [of the flesh], lest any man should boast. 10. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto [His] good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

Ephesians 2 KJV

Knowing about the two seeds within clarifies many other verses such as:

"Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature."

Romans 13:14 NIV

Remember in your walk in Jesus that the plan is not to make the sinful nature better. So abandon the works of the flesh, both "evil & good". Focus instead on moving on in the Light. Seek Him. Let His Life come forth. We find that when the light within gets brighter, the darkness within fades away. Death is swallowed up of Life. Let His Light shine.

I close this lesson with the comment below. There is a clear distinction between these two natures within. As a result there is conflict within.

This conflict and the final victory is expressed so well in a recent study, "Esau Subdued". It is written by Jackie Caporaso, a wonderful friend and favorite author of ours. This 8-page study can be viewed or printed in pdf by clicking on the title above with an electronic copy of this lesson. Also you may obtain this (and her monthly studies) by contacting her at:

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This lesson has built the foundational concepts for the next lesson. I look forward to sharing it with you. Meanwhile, keep pressing on...(Philippians 3:13).

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