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Definition of Evil

God's plan is that the Lord Jesus Christ be glorified during the Church Age. One important reason for this is that every human being will have an opportunity to make a decision to accept Christ as Savior. Therefore, when we say that Christ is glorified during the Church Age, we are saying that Christ is the celebrated Person of the Church Age, the focus of attention.

For this reason, one of the Holy Spirit's main functions during the Church Age is to glorify Christ and to make Him known to all people.

John 16:13,14, "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. He shall glorify Me; for He shall take of Mine, and shall disclose it to you.

It is also the responsibility of Christians to glorify Christ by their own lives; and the Holy Spirit provides the power for us to be able to do that. The believer's body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, and this glorification occurs on the inside of the believer.

1 Cor. 6:19,20 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

And the Church (the Body of Christ) participates in bringing glory to God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Eph. 3:20,21 Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

But, Satan is Christ's enemy and is completely opposed to any activity that glorifies Christ. Satan's strategy has always been to oppose Christ at every turn and to turn human beings away from Christ whenever possible. Satan has specific strategies in his campaign against both unbelievers and Christians.

The unbeliever is made blind to gospel information by being distracted by Satan

and by exercising negative volition toward the Word of God. While Satan does not force anyone to be lost, he uses every means to steer the unbeliever away from the truth. His ultimate weapons in this are religion and humanism. He tries to promote the glorification and deification of mankind while downgrading the Lord Jesus Christ.

Satan doesn't give up when a person accepts Christ as Savior. He has a strategy regarding believers which is very subtle and far-reaching. Satan accuses believers before God. The sins of the Christian are observed by the fallen angels and reported. Satan tries to keep the believer from the Word of God. He encourages Christians to ignore the Word and accept false teaching so that they will revert to their former manner of life.

In short, Satan does everything possible to keep people from being saved; or, if a person does get saved, Satan tries to keep that person from being effective in the Christian life.

Satan's total plan, or strategy, is known as Evil. In the Bible, "Evil" is the technical term used for Satan's world strategy. As such, "Evil" is an objective term and has specific meaning and implication. The word "Evil" is capitalized in this paper to show that it is the title of Satan's plan.

1 Thess. 5:22, "Abstain from every form of Evil."

To obey this command it is necessary to learn what Evil is and what forms it takes...

The word "Evil" has a distinct technical and categorical meaning in the Word of God. It is not simply a generic word referring to anything that is bad or sinful.

The word "Evil" refers specifically to the policy of Satan as the ruler of this world. Evil is the modus operandi of Satan from the time of his fall throughout the angelic revolution and down to the point when he became the ruler of the world.

Satan is directly opposed to anything involving the Lord Jesus Christ. Satan's is devoted to distorting or obscuring any truth related to Christ.

2 Cor. 4:3,4 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Evil is Satan's system by which he administers the rulership of this world. He uses his world rulership to try to bring about the downfall of Jesus Christ. Failing that, Satan tries to turn as many people away from Christ as possible.

Through Evil, Satan brings about two major consequences on earth: sin and human good (the motivation of Evil), both of which are based on errors in thinking. The sin of self-righteousness combined with human good or sincerity produces a saturation of Evil in a nation.

One of the main reasons for learning about Evil from the Bible is to learn that **man cannot solve his problems by human solutions**. Any effective solution to a human problem is a divine solution. And there is an answer in the Bible for every human need or problem.

Anything that is outside of the plan of God is part of Satan's strategy of Evil. Therefore, any person who is consistently involved in the cosmic (Satanic) system is directly involved with Evil.

Evil results in the destruction of society, the malfunction of society. Evil causes the removal of legitimate authority and its function under the laws of divine establishment. Just as grace and doctrine represent the genius of God in relationship to the human race, so Evil represents the genius of Satan in relationship to the human race.

Therefore, what you and how you think is very important.

There are two ways of thinking:

*Divine viewpoint is thinking doctrine, which glorifies Christ.

*Human viewpoint is thinking Evil, which dishonors Christ.

Therefore, the issue is thought vs thought.

Evil attempts to produce a human good panacea which is expected to solve the problems of life **apart from doctrine and divine establishment**. So, Evil is often a distortion of doctrine or a distortion of the laws of divine establishment. Satan's original sin was a distortion of doctrine.

Evil comes in many forms:

*Altruistic humanitarianism

*Philanthropy

*Religion

*Legalism

*Reversionism

- *Socialism
- *Political internationalism
- *Government interference
- *Distortion of the law
- *Bribery in government
- *Reducing the military
- *Sociology
- *Public welfare

Evil produces the erroneous concept of "brotherly love." The whole idea of government trying to abolish sickness, mental illness, economic problems, frustrations, and human problems by legislation and human solutions is Evil.

The world's problems can never be solved apart from Bible doctrine and the laws of divine establishment.

Evil also includes:

- *Social action
- *Restriction of human freedom for the greater good
- *Distortion of law to solve social and economic problems
- *Interference of government in business and free enterprise
- *Government quotas

Satan: The Originator of Evil

Evil originated and existed before human history. The means by which it was transmitted from previous creature existence to human history is Satan himself.

The origin of Evil is Satan's genius to devise a system to oppose God.

Evil originated in angelic creation in the greatest creature to ever come from the hand of God.

Satan controls most of Christianity through his cosmic system. The thing that makes people function in the cosmic system is arrogance.

ARROGANCE

Satan's plan is related to beating Christ to the Millennium with his own attempt to produce a perfect world. The more the world follows his plan, the greater the degeneracy which occurs.

Satan's plans always look good to the stupid, but it always results in degeneracy.

Refer to L. S. Chafer, *Systematic Theology*, Vol. 2, pp. 100-101, 108-111.

1 John 3:8, "When anyone commits a sin, he has become the agent of the devil."

*The sin nature is usually the source of temptation; volition is the source of sin.

*Your decision to sin puts you immediately into the cosmic system, making you the agent of Satan.

*The works of the devil can only be destroyed by functioning inside the plan of God. We are the products of our own decisions; therefore, we bring disaster on ourselves.

Biblical Conclusions About Evil

*The mature believer should be able to distinguish between sin and Evil.

Heb 5:13-14 For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and Evil.

*Motivating Evil exists in the thought pattern of the soul. Evil and degeneracy start with a thought. It takes lots of doctrine to reject Evil. The Christian walk is the only real protection against Evil.

Matt. 6:23, "But if your eye is Evil, the entire body is full of darkness [cosmic involvement]."

Matt. 15:19, "For out of the mind come Evil thoughts."

*"Love" refers to the spiritual love which is the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Personal love *can* think Evil, but impersonal love, a function of the royal family, cannot think Evil.

1 Cor. 13:5 Love does not behave dishonorably, is not preoccupied with self, is not hypersensitive, does not think Evil."

*God protects the believer who is occupied with Christ and who has positive volition to doctrine.

Prov 12:21, "No Evil happens to the righteous."

Ps 37:17 "But the Lord sustains the righteous."

Ps 91:10, "No Evil will befall you; you who love the Lord hate Evil. The Lord preserves the souls of His mature ones; He delivers them from the hands of the Evil one."

Ps 121:7, "The Lord will protect you from all Evil; He will guard your soul."

Prov 2:11-13, "The wise sees the Evil and hides himself, but the stupid goes on and is punished for it."

*A believer who walks in the cosmic system can expect to be frustrated by Evil.

Rom 7:19, "For what I desire I do not do, but what I do not desire [Evil], this I keep practicing."

*The believer is warned to beware of those who practice Evil, Phil 3:2. Not tavern owners and drug dealers, but the respectable ...

Even legitimate things are mutilated or distorted. To beware does not necessarily mean to avoid but to understand.

*Sincere do-gooders are the major practitioners of Evil. The more involved you are in sincere human good crusades, the more you intensify your Evil.

3 Jn 11. "Beloved, do not be imitators of the Evil but of the good."

*Those who are under the influence of Evil always have a price.

It is a dangerous temptation to any poor believer to chase after money so as to neglect Bible doctrine. Actually, this verse applies to the love of any detail of life.

1 Tim 6:10, "The love of money is the root of all Evils."

*Influence by Evil explains why prayers are not answered.

Job 35:12, "There they cry out, but He does not answer because of the pride of Evil men."

This explains the pattern of saying "no" to truth, building callous on the soul, intensifying arrogance into self-pity, self-righteousness, and guilt, and therefore coming to believe the lie.

*Believers are often led into the cosmic system and Evil by their Christian friends.

1 Cor. 15:33, "Evil companions corrupt good morals."

2 Thess. 3:2-3, "That we may be delivered from perverse and Evil men, for all believers do not have doctrine; but the Lord is faithful and He will strengthen you and protect you from Evil."

*The attitude of the mature believer toward Evil is stated in:

Ps 84:10. "For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand days in the cosmic system. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of My Lord than to dwell in the tents of Evil."

*Submission to the authority of establishment prevents Evil and the influence of Evil, Eccl 8:2-5.

*The laws of divine establishment are designed to protect the citizens of the nation from Evil.

Rom 13:3-4 implies that the unbeliever can function successfully within divine establishment when he follows establishment truth. "Do you desire not to fear the authority? Therefore, keep on doing the good and you will have recognition from it. For it [government] is a minister of God to you for the purpose of good. But if you do Evil, be afraid. For he does not wear the sword for nothing."

*By protecting against Evil, the laws of divine establishment give freedom and protection for evangelization and for the teaching of Bible doctrine. The only limitation on crime is humility and respect for authority. Micah 1:12 teaches that our failure to cope with Evil leads to destruction of the nation.

Amos 5:14-15, "Hate Evil, love good, and establish justice in the court; consequently, the Lord God of the armies will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph."

*Evil is distinguished from war and disease, Jer 28:8. Sin and Evil occur in war, but war as a category is not Evil. War brings national freedom. War is not sin; it is inevitable and a necessity. Disease in itself is not sinful, though sin and Evil are associated with disease. Not all people who are sick are being disciplined by God.

The Relationship of Evil to Arrogance

*Mental attitude arrogance is anything related to preoccupation with self to the point of sin, human good, or Evil. It is satisfaction with self and dissatisfaction with others and with God.

*Negative volition arrogance is related to preoccupation with self and causes apathy toward doctrine. The authority of the pastor or the message of the Bible is rejected.

*Impulsive arrogance is any abuse of authority.

*Blind arrogance is the arrogance of legalism. In this a person is partially divorced from reality (sociopathic rather than psychotic). This includes self-righteous arrogance, in which a person fails to see in himself what he criticizes in others.

*Arrogance toward institutions is rejection of the authority, policy, and purpose of a bona fide organization.

*Conspiracy arrogance follows institutional arrogance and results in a conspiracy to overthrow the purpose, policy, or authority of an organization.

*Criminal arrogance seeks to solve problems through violence. It is totally divorced from reality. It includes terrorist and revolutionary activities.

*Crusader arrogance is the self-righteous arrogance of trying to straighten out the world. A person places his personal standards above the law or any form of establishment or authority. When criminal arrogance interlocks with crusader arrogance, there is terrorism or revolution.

*Psychotic arrogance is total divorcement from all reality. It is a result of bad decisions, not genetics. It is intense concentration on self. It is the emotional control of reason.

*Sexual arrogance is preoccupation with sex and self-gratification. It is preoccupation with the body to the exclusion of the soul.

*Genetic arrogance is assuming that greatness in life is inherited. Parents who seek recognition through the achievement of their children have this type of arrogance.

*Political arrogance is a result or companion of crusader arrogance. It tries to offer human solutions to life's problems. Liberals and conservatives both suffer from political arrogance.

*Client nation arrogance emphasizes the laws of divine establishment and the function of government leadership in terms of arrogance versus humility.

Client nation arrogance is the failure of our elected representatives and arrogant bureaucracy to control the government.

Client nation arrogance is the collective arrogance of a people living in Satan's world.

Monarchy is the rule of one man in the interest of the common good. Under arrogance this becomes tyranny, i.e., the rule of one man for his own advantage.

Aristocracy is the rule of a group in the interest of the common good. This degenerates to an oligarchy, which is the rule of a group for their own benefit, as the cosmic system influences the nation.

A republic is the rule of the better part of the people in the interest of common good. But when arrogance comes, it degenerates into a democracy, which is the rule of the worst part of the people for their own benefit.

*In authority arrogance, the individual fails to make the most difficult transition of temporal life, which is going from the authority in the home to freedom in life. The home is organized humility. The parents' authority is enforced humility, and child's response to enforced humility produces genuine humility. Rejection of overt authority in life results in rejection of inward authority of the soul, and that destroys a person's self-discipline.

*Arrogance of Ignorance. Genuine humility is necessary for the transition from authority in the home to freedom in life and from ignorance at salvation to wisdom at spiritual maturity. Genuine humility is teachability to make that transition. The arrogance of ignorance is the failure to make that transition from ignorance to cognizance in the Christian way of life.

*In the arrogance of unhappiness, self-centeredness eliminates any capacity or possibility for happiness. Involvement in the world guarantees unhappiness and leads to erroneous ideas about what constitutes happiness. This means you expect others to make you happy. Entertainment and marriage is for people who are already happy. But with the arrogance of unhappiness, you have a martyr complex which results in trying to control people by giving them a guilt complex. This is how the weak control the strong.

*The arrogance of morality is the self-righteous arrogance of superimposing false standards of morality on others. People major in one moral thing so they can rationalize and say they are better than everyone else in that area. This is superimposing a false standard of morality on others or taking a true standard out of its context, e.g., salvation. Morality is designed to protect human freedom.

*The arrogance of emotion is irrationality. Arrogant people stop thinking and so their emotion becomes their substitute for thought. This is total preoccupation with self related to emotion. Knowledge is the environment for thinking. Bible doctrine is the environment for decisions. Emotional arrogance fantasizes and therefore collapses under pressure.

*In the arrogance of pseudo-generosity, a person gives because of a desire for attention, approbation, or to buy friendship or happiness. 2 Cor. 9:7-11 teaches that the function of genuine generosity is found in the mind.

*Arrogance of Christian service. Loss of momentum comes from rejection of doctrine and substituting Christian service for spirituality. Christian service becomes a distraction to momentum. Production is a result of growth, never the means. Perpetuation of Christian service while in the cosmic system is the arrogance of Christian service. Arrogance mistakes Christian service for growth and momentum.

*The arrogance of discouragement is preoccupation with self under pressure and testing. Unexplained disaster tempts the believer to feel sorry for himself. Being maligned, treated unfairly, or facing the death of loved ones are the kinds of disaster or pressure that bring this on.

Matt. 26:58

1 Kings 19:10.

*Arrogance of Lust. When legitimate desire is linked with arrogance, it becomes lust. Inordinate desire is lust. Desire is not wrong, but lust is. Lust is arrogant preoccupation with one's desires.

*Pseudo-intellectual arrogance is the superimposition of human I. Q. over spiritual IQ. Arrogance rejects divine viewpoint. It glorifies human speculation to the exclusion of Bible doctrine, or seeks to reconcile Bible doctrine with false philosophical, psychological, and scientific speculation; e.g., gnosticism.

The Results of Negative Volition to the Word of God

Negative volition to doctrine. A person resists doctrine because he is antagonistic to truth, to God, and to the things of God. He is the enemy of God's plan. Evil, before it ever becomes a function or action, is a thought or motive. **People are degenerate because of the way they think, not because of what they do.** You have to be preoccupied with yourself before you can be negative to doctrine. This is characterized by antagonism toward everyone associated with the Christian life. There are three categories of negative volition:

***Negative volition at God-consciousness.** This is the point of accountability which occurs at different ages depending on the culture. God-consciousness can occur in a number of ways.

-Teleological thinking says a structure demands a designer.

-Cosmological thinking says the intuitive law of cause and effect demands the existence of God.

-Ontological thinking says that since the human mind possesses the idea of a perfect Being, such a Being must exist. There must be an absolute which gives character to the relative.

-Anthropological thinking says that man's soul possesses both volition and conscience with an urge to choose right rather than wrong, and that the structure of society is based on the recognition of virtue and truth.

-Theological thinking says that God must exist because men universally believe in His existence. Heathen are heathen because of negative volition at God-consciousness or Gospel hearing, Rom 1:18-25.

***Negative volition at Gospel hearing.** Rejection of Jesus Christ leaves a person outside of God's plan: 1 Cor 1:18; 2 Cor 4:3-4; 2 Pet 2:20-22.

***Negative volition to doctrine.** The believer immediately enters this area when he rejects the communicator or the message. Emotional arrogance is a big reason for this.

2 Cor 6:11, "You are hindered by your own emotions."

The negative Christian becomes selective in what he thinks, thus rejecting anything resembling truth. Then he leans on his emotions for pleasure, thereby misusing emotion, Rom 16:17-18.

Worldly (cosmic) degeneration occurs when a Christian becomes antagonistic to truth and enters into a state of degeneracy. Degeneracy is in the mind long before it is in actions. Rom 1:24-27 illustrates, "they who exchange the doctrine of God for a lie."

Anti-establishment activity occurs when the soul is antagonistic to the laws of divine establishment and authority. 2Tim3:2-3 teaches that this begins in the home with "disobedience to parents." This is ingrained antagonism toward authority.

Rom 1:28-32 is the best illustration of anti-establishment thinking and activity.

Panaceas are Man's attempts to improve the world and are always sponsored by Satan. Any solution sought apart from divine truth is a cosmic panacea. A cosmic panacea is an Evil (Satanic) solution which tries to keep the Lord Jesus Christ out of the picture.

The world's panaceas reject any salvation by grace or spirituality by grace.

Instead of freedom, there is the demand for equality.

"The end always justifies the means," is the motto of the believer participating in this. He believes in redistribution of wealth, over-taxation, legislation to solve all problems, sameness in life, big government and little people where citizens are slaves of the state, regulation of private enterprise, confiscation of private property, and utopianism.

Cosmic panaceas lead to violence, terrorism, and revolution under the principle of social engineering.

The state trains the children to be obedient to the dictates of the state rather than to parents. There is a total rejection of freedom and authority.

Religion is Satan's counterfeit of the plan of God. Christianity is not a religion, but is a relationship with God through the person of Jesus Christ. **Religion is man by man's efforts seeking to gain the approbation of God.** 2 Cor 11 describes religious leaders. 2 Tim 3:7-8, "these religious types oppose doctrine, are men of depraved mind [degenerate], disqualified from blessing with regard to doctrine" See also 2 Pet 2:1-3.

DEMONISM

Anthropocentric (man-centered) academic speculation is motivated by pseudo-intellectual arrogance. This is the attempt to reconcile philosophical and scientific speculation with doctrine. When this can't be done, the person rejects doctrine and seeks a substitute. The more arrogant you are, the more you are attracted to academic speculation.

Grace Versus Evil.

Every generation has to choose between the grace policy of God, represented by the cross, and the Evil policy of Satan. This issue has never left the human race. The genius of God has perpetuated the issue of volition throughout human history and throughout the human race.

Therefore, the issue before the royal family is: are you influenced by doctrine or by Evil? Our parents in the Garden faced this same issue.

Grace is the means by which doctrinal principles are elucidated; Evil as Satan's policy is the means by which false doctrine is inculcated, Prov 11:18-19, 14:22, 15:3, 16:6, 22:3, 24:1-4; Eph. 5:16; 2 Thess. 3:2-3.

These passages present some of the following principles.

*Divine omniscience provides discipline for Evil and blessing for doctrine.

*Thinking you are an island unto yourself is in itself Evil.

*The ultimate result of the pursuit of Evil for the believer is the sin unto death. This is the most suffering any believer can ever endure, but he deserves every bit of it.

*Now, just as in the beginning, when you partake of the "forbidden fruit" of Evil, you receive tremendous divine discipline. Just as what you eat from a tree becomes a part of you, so when you partake of Evil it becomes a part of you. And simply by being filled with human good and Evil, you bring on yourself a whole system of self-induced misery and divine discipline.

*Eph 5:16 summarizes all these principles of Evil found in Proverbs. You redeem time by the filling of the Spirit and maximum doctrine in your soul, which at the same time kills off Evil.

Knowledge of the Word of God neutralizes Evil in the soul, Ps 54:5; Rom 12:21.

Once under the influence of Evil, the only possible recovery comes from learning doctrine.

Grace does not come through when you are under the influence of Evil.

It is impossible for any of God's attributes to be Evil. He is minus all the Evil things Satan does all the time. That there is no Evil in God indicates the great dividing line in the angelic conflict

Protection from Evil.

The believer in fellowship is protected from Evil.

Satan wants you to drop your guard and go negative toward doctrine, Ps. 21:11, 23:4; Prov 12:12,20,21; Gen 48:16; Gen 50:20, "They meant it for Evil, but God meant it for good."

There is no coexistence with both Evil and inner happiness. However, sin and happiness can coexist. Do you know anyone happier than David, or anyone who lived better than David? You can be happy living in your sins.

There is divine protection from Evil for the positive believer:

Ps.37:16-19, "They [positive believers] will not be ashamed in the time of Evil; in

the day of depression they will still have abundance."

Ps. 91:10, 97:10, 119:101, 121:7; Prov. 2:10-14.

Prov 1:33, "He who listens to Me shall live in security, and shall be at ease without fear of Evil."

Prov 16:6, "By occupation with the Lord, one avoids Evil."

Prov 19:23 teaches that there is divine protection from Evil all around.

The more doctrine you have in your soul, the more you will love the Lord and the more you will hate Evil. All thoughts in life are actually fighting over your soul, Prov 3:7.

The negative believer immediately finds a great deal against which he can react, and he moves into the stages of reversion. Remember that Satan offers him a pseudo-maturity status and pseudo prosperity. Satan is capable of rewarding as the ruler of the world.

So the constant intake of doctrine is the only insulation from Evil, because doctrine goes where Evil would reside; i.e., in the mind, and there doctrine combats Evil.

The Doctrine of the Mentorship of the Holy Spirit

John 14:11-16, "Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me; otherwise believe on account of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater {works} than these shall he do; because I go to the Father. And whatever you ask in My name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do {it.} If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father [remember that all prayer requests go to the Father], and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever;

The word helper is the Greek noun *parakleton* meaning, a helper, someone to assist, or a mentor. John 14:17, *the Spirit of truth whom the world cannot receive [only the believer can receive God the Holy Spirit], because it does not behold Him or know Him, {but} you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.*

This is the Doctrine of the Mentorship of the Holy Spirit.

Definition: The Holy Spirit as our mentor is describing the ministry of God the Holy Spirit as the paraclete or helper, the teacher and counselor of every individual believer. The mentorship of the Holy Spirit is our real teacher and the one who gives us ultimate discernment. 1Jo 2:19-20, They went out from us, but they were not really of us; for if they had been of us, they would have remained with us; but they went out, in order that it might be shown that they all are not of us. But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you all know.

1Jo 2:26-27, *These things I have written to you concerning those who are trying to deceive you. And as for you, the anointing which you received from Him abides in you, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as His anointing teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you abide in Him.* The Greek word for anointing is chrisma, a special endowment of the Holy Spirit. The mentorship of the Holy Spirit is the means of enabling believers to possess knowledge of doctrine.

Our Lord's Prophecy of the Mentorship of the Holy Spirit

The Lord made a prophecy in Joh 14:16-17. The phrase "*because He lives with you*" describes the ministry of the Holy Spirit to the disciples during the dispensation of the hypostatic union. This was the most intimate ministry of God the Holy Spirit towards man prior to the Church Age. The disciples didn't have this, although they could have. Luk 11:13, "*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more shall {your} heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?*" They didn't ask for the Holy Spirit even after our Lord died and was raised from the dead. In Joh 20:21-22, *Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace {be} with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."*

Back in Joh 14:17, "*the Spirit of truth, whom the world is not able to receive, because they neither see Him nor do they know Him, but you know Him because He lives with you, and will be in you.*" This is a reference to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit. Every member of the Trinity indwells every believer during the Church-age, a radical change from anything in the past and a part of the uniqueness of the Church-age.

The Indwelling and Filling of the Spirit Related to Mentorship

The indwelling of the Holy Spirit must be distinguished from the function of the Holy Spirit as a part of your spiritual life. The Holy Spirit indwells the believer's body (Rom 8:10; 1Co 3:16, 6:19-20; 2Co 6:16) creating a temple for the indwelling of Christ as a guarantee of blessing and to provide a permanent base

for the Holy Spirit's availability as your mentor. Our Lord said to His disciples that they would receive the power of the Holy Spirit before He ascended into heaven and before the Church-age began (Act 1:8). This indwelling of the Spirit is permanent, which is why it is never commanded in the Bible. It is permanent whether the believer is carnal or spiritual, winner or loser. However, the filling of the Spirit is mandated in Eph 5:18. The filling of the Holy Spirit has to do with the Holy Spirit controlling the soul. Sin causes the filling of the Spirit to be replaced by the control of the sin nature. The command of Gal 5:16 to keep walking by means of the Spirit is the function of and the divine power for the spiritual life.

God the Holy Spirit as our mentor is our teacher of the word of God

1Co 2:9-10, *but as it stands written, "What the eye has not seen and ear has not heard, in fact it has not entered into the heart of mankind, what God has prepared for those who love Him. But to us for our benefit God has revealed them through the agency of the Spirit; for the Spirit investigates all things, even the deep things [our portfolio of invisible assets] from God."* The Spirit dives into the depths of God, and brings out what God planned all along. Apart from the mentorship of God the Holy Spirit the believer is helpless to understand and execute the PPOG for the Church Age.

1Co 2:11-12, *For who among mankind understands the thoughts of mankind except the soul [Pneuma] that is in him? Even so the message from God no one has known except the Holy Spirit from God. But we have not received the human I.Q. of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things which have been graciously given to us by God.* God the Father gave the Church God the Holy Spirit as our mentor and this is unique to the Church-age. Our Lord also says that both the Father and the Son sent the Holy Spirit to be available as our mentor, and only after this were the Lord's disciples able understand the word of God.

1Co 2:13-14, *which things we also do communicate in words taught by human wisdom, but in doctrines taught by the agency of the Spirit, interpreting spiritual doctrines to spiritual persons. But the soulish person does not receive the things from the Spirit of God; because to him it is senseless, furthermore he is not able to understand it [Bible doctrine and the spirit filled life], because it is investigated in a manner caused by [filling of the] Spirit. The unbeliever cannot understand doctrine because he does not have the mentorship of God the Holy Spirit. 1Co 2:15, But the spirit filled believer investigates all things [pertaining to doctrine], but he himself is investigated by no one [privacy of the priesthood].*

Spiritually alive, we have access to everything God's Spirit is doing, and can't be judged by unspiritual critics. The filling of the Holy Spirit plus human I.Q. equals spiritual I.Q. The added teaching ministry of the Spirit equals the execution of the PPOG. 1Co 2:16, *For who knows the thinking of the Lord, that he should instruct Him? But we keep on having the thinking of Christ."*

Back in Joh 14:26, *"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and He will cause you to remember all that I have said to you."* If you do not give Bible doctrine its rightful place as the #1 priority in your life, you have rejected the mentorship of God the Holy Spirit. God the Holy Spirit is also the divine author of the infallible word of God. Joh 16:12-14, *"I have many things to teach you, but you are not able to bear them now. But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all truth; He shall glorify Me; because He shall receive from Me [My message], and He will report it back to you."*

The first advent of the Holy Spirit occurs at the beginning of the Church-age after the first advent of Christ had occurred. The second advent of the Holy Spirit occurs at the beginning of the Millennium after the Second advent of Jesus Christ. There also is a special ministry of God the Holy Spirit in the Millennium that does not exist after the Church-age and that is the emotional appreciation of the presence of Jesus Christ ruling the world at that time.

The Greek verb for *guide* is *odegeo* meaning the Holy Spirit would guide the disciples with the interpretation and formation of the N. T. canon, as well as our ability to understand doctrine. What He hears and will speak to Church-age believers is the unfinished message of our Lord Jesus Christ found in the epistles. In Joh 19:30, the work for salvation was finished, but the mystery doctrine of the Church-age would not be finished until the apostle Paul arrived on the scene and fought the good fight, finished the course, and completed mystery doctrine. The disciples couldn't understand it! It took resurrection, ascension and session and then God the Holy Spirit was sent as a mentor to all believers but used only by those who are positive toward doctrine.

Joh 16:14 says, *"He shall glorify Me; because He shall receive from Me [My message] and He will report it back to you."* You cannot glorify God nor fulfill God's plan unless the Holy Spirit is your mentor. God is perfect and His plan is perfect, therefore when a perfect plan exists there must be a perfect power to execute it since we are imperfect persons.

The first part of the Holy Spirit's mentorship is the mechanics for the doctrine of inspiration.

2Ti 3:16-17, *"All Scripture is God-breathed and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness [virtue], that the man of God may be proficient [well-advanced, skilled, mature, an expert], equipped for every good production."*

The Greek word inspired is *theopneustos* meaning God-breathed. God the Holy Spirit, as the Mentor, supernaturally directed the human authors of Scripture with our Lord's complete message, which they inhaled. This information was exhaled into the canon of the N. T. It was recorded with perfect accuracy in the original languages of the N. T. (Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic). God the Holy Spirit did so

without waiving their intelligence, literary style or any other human factor of expression. The disciples, through the ministry of God the Holy Spirit, were now able to understand and put in complete and accurate writings. Man is the instrument of the Word of God but not the author (2Pe 1:20-21).

God the Holy Spirit as Our Mentor Prays for Us

The Holy Spirit has to pray for us because we don't know how to pray, and often we do not have the necessary information to pray under certain circumstances. In this important function, God the Holy Spirit, our parakleton, assists us, Rom 8:26, *And in the same way the Spirit also helps our weakness;* The word for helps is the Greek verb sunantilambanomai meaning to aid, to help in obtaining something, to render assistance in time of need. The Holy Spirit has a phenomenal prayer ministry for believers and comes to our rescue as our mentor. God the Holy Spirit does not help where He is not wanted, except in the time of special need. He is personally interested in helping you out in a prayer situation even if you do not know what prayer is all about. We usually pray on the basis of our desires rather than using the power options and spiritual skills, our parakleton lends us a helping hand.

The great nemesis of the spiritual life is ignorance of doctrine. The vast majority of believers fail to know about the spiritual life. Knowledge is essential especially concerning your eternal destiny. Most individuals pray of the basis of their desires under the ministry of the sin nature and its lust pattern. Jam 4:3 You ask and do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.

Rom 8:26 says, *for we do not know how to pray as we should but the Spirit Himself [our mentor] intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words;* No one truly knows how to pray as they should, this should be a source of comfort to those who have been plagued by a guilt complex concerning your prayer life.

It is comforting to know that when you're totally confused and all you can do is groan, God the Holy Spirit lends a helping hand. God the Holy Spirit intercedes as a substitute for us when we are motivated to pray but do not know how to pray. Our Lord Jesus Christ as our High Priest also makes intercession for us at the right hand of the Father, Heb 7:24-25, On the other hand, He abides forever; consequently, He holds His priesthood permanently. Therefore, also, He is able to deliver completely those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for us.

Our prayers often fail simply because we fail to concentrate on doctrine under the power of the Spirit, therefore we fail to metabolize and apply doctrine, and thus we fail in prayer. Remember to express the will of God in your prayers rather than your own will in any given matter. The Holy Spirit's ministry of prayer for you cannot be squelched or grieved. He will not violate your free will but He will pray

for you. He continues to make intercession for you when you are out of fellowship and He does this for you regardless of your volition. Rom 8:26-27, *"And in the same way the Spirit also lends us a helping hand with our weaknesses; for we do not know how to pray as we should, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groaning too deep for words; and He [God the Father] who searches the hearts [stream of consciousness] knows the mindset of the Spirit, because He [God the Holy Spirit] intercedes [as a substitute] for the saints on the basis of the will of God."*

Joh 14:16-18, *"And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is} the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, {but} you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you."*

The Greek verb for *leave* is *aphiemi* meaning to depart, leave behind, forsake. Then we have the Greek word for orphans which is *orphanous* meaning without help, fatherless, without a teacher, guide, guardian. This is anticipation of the ministry of the Holy Spirit that TLJC is leaving for the Church age. He'll be in heaven at the right hand of the Father, but, He does not leave us without help. Remember He said Heb3:5, *"I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you,"* He's going to come back so He tells us that now in the middle of verse 18, I will come to you, a reference to the Rapture of the Church. So Our Lord says, *"I am going to leave you behind now, but during the Church age I will not leave you without help, and then I will come back, face to face with you"* Rapture of the Church. He's going to meet us face to face, not on the earth, but in the air, 1Th 4:13-17; 1Co 15:51-57.

Joh 14:19, *"After a little while the world will behold Me no more; but you {will} behold Me; because I live, you shall live also."* The Greek word *micron* means a short time or a little time. The word for *behold* is the Greek verb *theoreo* meaning to discern, consider, view mentally, to study attentively. In other words, they were and we are to see Him mentally, we see Him through Bible doctrine. We haven't seen the resurrected Christ, we live in the Church age. Therefore, by taking in Bible doctrine, and developing divine viewpoint we see the unseeable, we see through the eyes of the soul.

Joh 14:20, *"In that day you shall know that I am in My Father, and you in Me, and I in you."* The phrase in that day means literally beginning on the day of Pentecost, the Church age, you shall know. When Jesus says He is in the Father, we go back to His oneness and equality with the essence of the Father. Then the phrase, and you in Me, this is a radical change, for the first time in history Jesus Christ is in God, and you are in Christ. This is a reference to your position in Christ and therefore, the doctrine of positional truth, a relationship you can never get out of. You are perfect right now through the baptism of the Spirit, you are in union with Christ and that union is perfect right now.

Christianity is not a religion, it is a relationship and the basis of that relationship is that Christ is God, and we are in Christ.

One of the most important mystery doctrines of the Church-age is the doctrine of the baptism of the Spirit and our positional truth. At the moment of salvation God the Holy Spirit places every believer in union with Christ. 1Co 12:13, For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. It is the baptism of the Spirit that is in view not water baptism. In fact, in 1Co 1:12-17, *Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas, and I of Christ. Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, that no man should say you were baptized in my name. Now I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized any other. For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel, not in cleverness of speech, that the cross of Christ should not be made void.*

In the early church, prior to the completion of the canon of Scripture, water baptism was a legitimate way of teaching the baptism of the Holy Spirit. That was the only purpose of water baptism, designed to teach the importance of a new dispensation. Water baptism was a ritual and all ritual is designed for teaching and application. The only ritual for us today is the communion service, designed for us to remember Christ. So, the baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs only in the Church-age and this is how you became a new creature or a new spiritual species. 2Co 5:17, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new [spiritual] species. The old things have lost their power; behold, new things have come."* The baptism of the Holy Spirit is also taught in Act 1:5; Joh 14:20. At the moment of entering the believer into union with Christ (positional sanctification), the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit creates a new spiritual species through the baptism of the Holy Spirit. The new spiritual species is designed for unprecedented availability and delegation of divine power. What you can do in the energy of your flesh cannot make you a new creature in Christ Jesus. Being made a new creature in Christ Jesus depends on the power of the Holy Spirit.

These old things which have lost their power refers to:

1. Pre-salvation influences, which may continue if there is no perception of doctrine and spiritual growth.
2. Our position in Adam and resultant spiritual death, Rom 5:12, 1Co 15:22, In Adam all die; in Christ shall all be made alive.
3. The old sin nature. Rom 6:7, for he who has died [with Christ through baptism] is freed from the sin nature. You can have victory over your lusts, anxieties, fears, insecurities, hatred, bitterness and anger, if you desire to.
4. Genetic, environmental, and volitional handicaps.

5. The function of human power in Satan's cosmic system. By negative volition, you get under Satan's power, but divine power has superseded cosmic power.
6. People emphasis taking priority over God emphasis. The provision of divine power to the royal family of God makes it possible for relationship with God to take precedence over relationship with people.

These new things that have come refers to:

1. The baptism of the Spirit.
2. The PPOG.
3. The unique equality factors in the PPOG.
4. Our very own portfolio of invisible assets prepared for us by the omnipotence of God the Father.
5. Our unique royal commissions of royal priesthood and royal ambassadorship. As a royal priest, we represent ourselves before God. As a royal ambassador, we represent God before the world.
6. The unique mystery doctrine.
7. The indwelling of all three persons of the trinity.
8. The unique availability of divine power.
9. Understanding that we live in a dispensation of no prophecy, only historical trends.
10. This is the dispensation of invisible heroes. Throughout the Church-age, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is the basis for forming the Royal Family of God and the universal body of Christ.