

Let God Be God In The Man

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Genesis 1:27 (ESV)

So God created man in his own image!

Hook – Man was intended to be the very image of the invisible God. The Bible is the unfolding revelation of Jesus Christ and the redemption of man. God is restoring man to his intended position.

Jesus, “The Perfect Man!”

John 5:19 (ESV)

So Jesus said to them, “Whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.”

Jesus, “The exact image of God!”

John 14:9 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, “Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.”

The perfect image is not based on behavior, but transformation; new life evidenced in behavior!

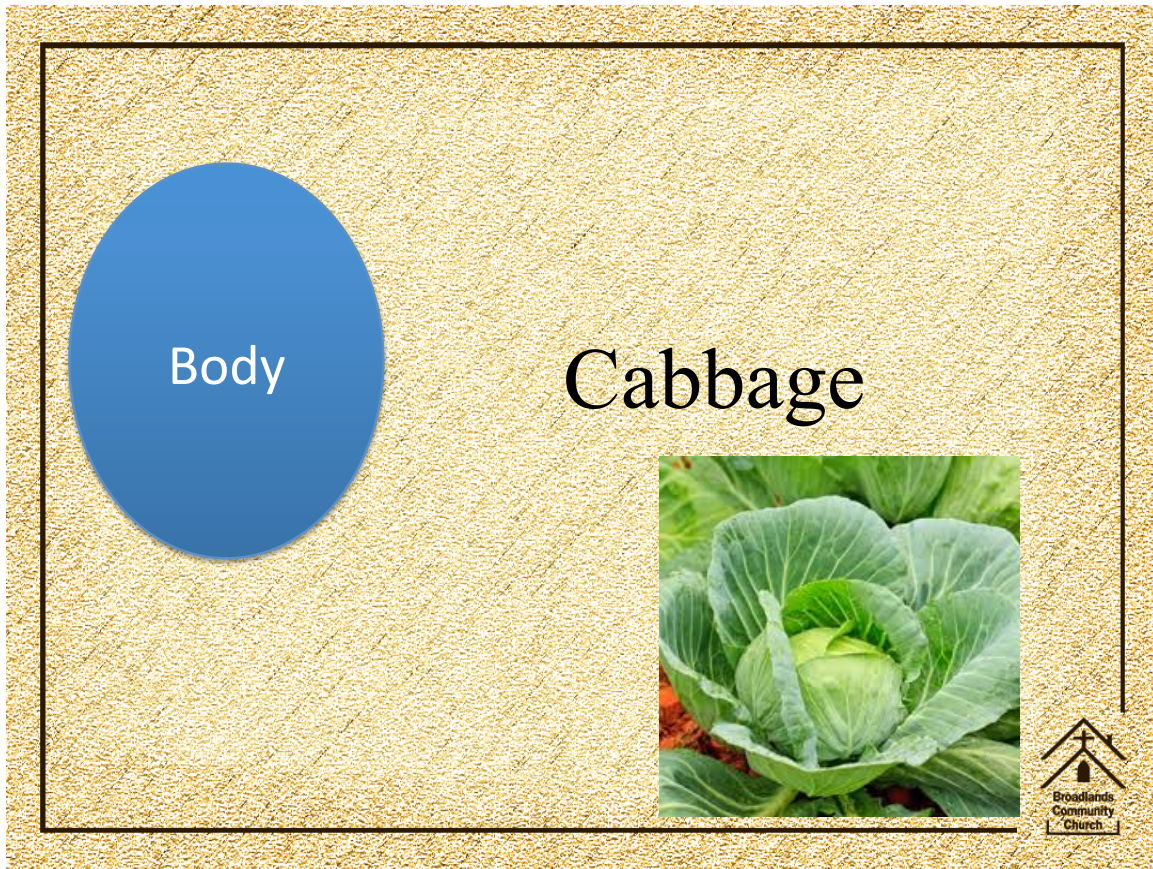
John 3:3 (ESV)

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

PLANT LIFE! Plants are alive and they have a body.

Look #1 OVERHEAD – ONE CIRCLE – BODY

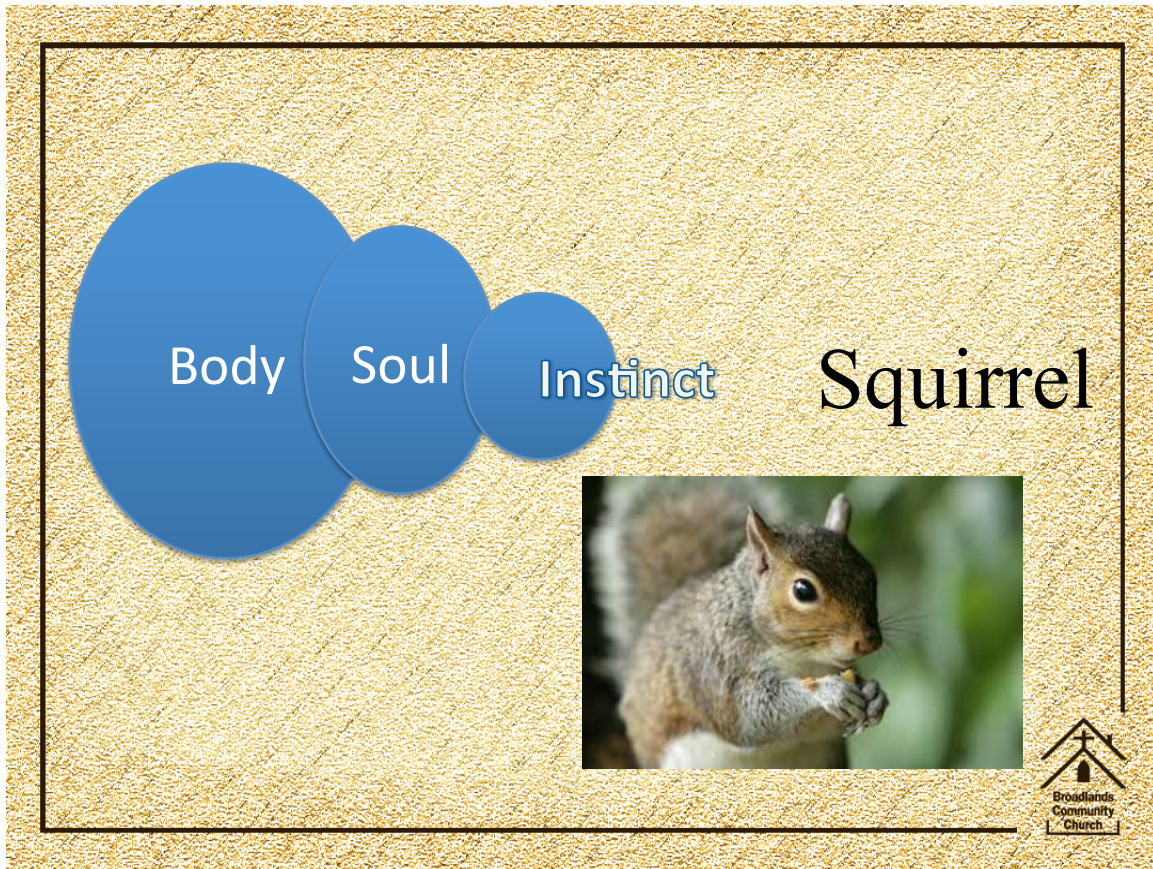
We are alive and have a body but we are much more than a cabbage.



ANIMAL LIFE! Animals are alive, but they are much more than plants.

Look #2 OVERHEAD – THREE CIRCLES – BODY, SOUL, AND INSTINCT!

Animals like plants have a body. They also have a soul, meaning mind, will, and emotions. Not trying to say animals have an eternal soul but they do have the capacity to think, learn, and show different emotions. But in addition to a soul, they have an inner program that directs their behavior called instinct. Squirrels act like squirrels. They come into the world acting like squirrels and no matter what you teach them they always act like squirrels.

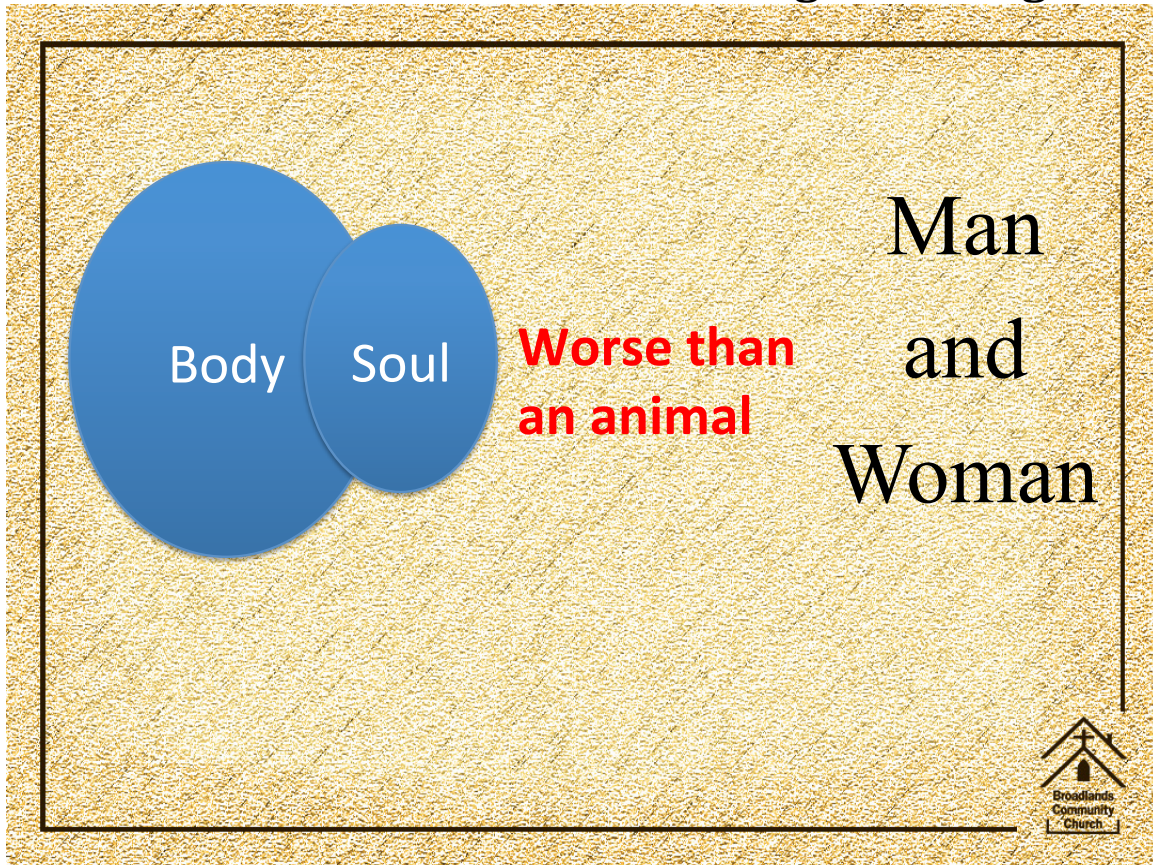


HUMAN LIFE! Humans are alive, but they are much more than plants or animals.

OVERHEAD – TWO CIRCLES – BODY AND SOUL

Human come into this world as two circles: Body and Soul. Humans are not born with an inner instinct that directs their behavior. They learn and are molded by the circumstances around them. Left to themselves, humans create all sorts of havoc and trouble. Even when taught and molded they cause all sorts of havoc and trouble. Read: Lord of the Flies by William Golding and Gulag Archipelago by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, or just observe the world.

Mothers: Your children are two circle people without inner direction thus needing to be taught.



Because Man is born into the world without an inner instinct to direct him, left alone he will act worse than an animal. To tell someone they are acting like an animal is an insult to the animal.

However this is not the way God created man.

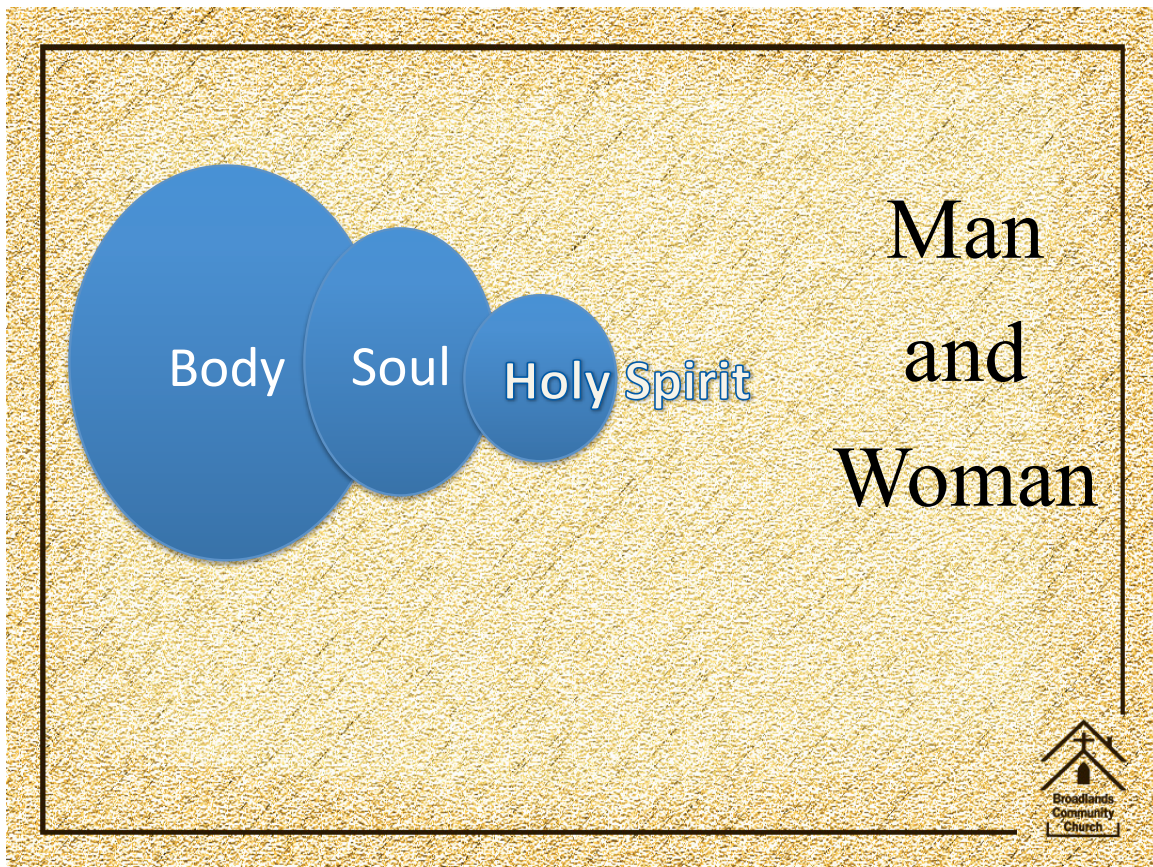
HUMAN LIFE AS GOD INTENDED! Life directed by the Holy Spirit!

Look #3 OVERHEAD – THREE CIRCLES – BODY, SOUL, AND SPIRIT!

Gen.2:7 says, “God breathed into man the breath of life.” God filled man with the Holy Spirit. When man sinned, he died spiritually and became a soul only man. To be the man God intended, he needs to be filled with the Holy Spirit. With the indwelling Holy Spirit, we become like Jesus who was the perfect man with **internal direction from God.**

John 5:19 (ESV)

So Jesus said to them, “For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise.”



We are not animals directed by instinct. We are divine creature directed by the Holy Spirit. This is the way God intended it from Creation.

OVERHEAD – MAN AND WOMAN VECTOR



Man and Woman were created to be filled with the Holy Spirit; to be led by the Spirit just as the Spirit led Jesus. Therefore we are **the image of God in this world.**

Matthew 5:14 (ESV)
You are the light of the world.

Ephesians 5:8 (ESV)
At one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.

Understand that real Christians are three circle people! You have God in you. When Jesus says, “let your light shine” HE is saying “Let God be God in the Man!**”**

After HIS resurrection, this is the reason Jesus told HIS disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit to come.

Acts 1:4–5 (ESV)

Jesus ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father “you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Jesus Christ lived as the perfect man. Now we live with the Holy Spirit in us. We are not motivated by self, but we “Let God Be God In The Man.**” When we trust HIM as our Savior we become three circle people. We reign with HIM for all eternity starting that very moment.**

Took – The Holy Spirit is a big deal!

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NASB95)

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Prophetic Team

Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future!