

1 & 2 Samuel Series

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THE BATTLE IS THE LORD'S
***CONFESSION, GODLY SORROW,
REPENTANCE, CHANGE***

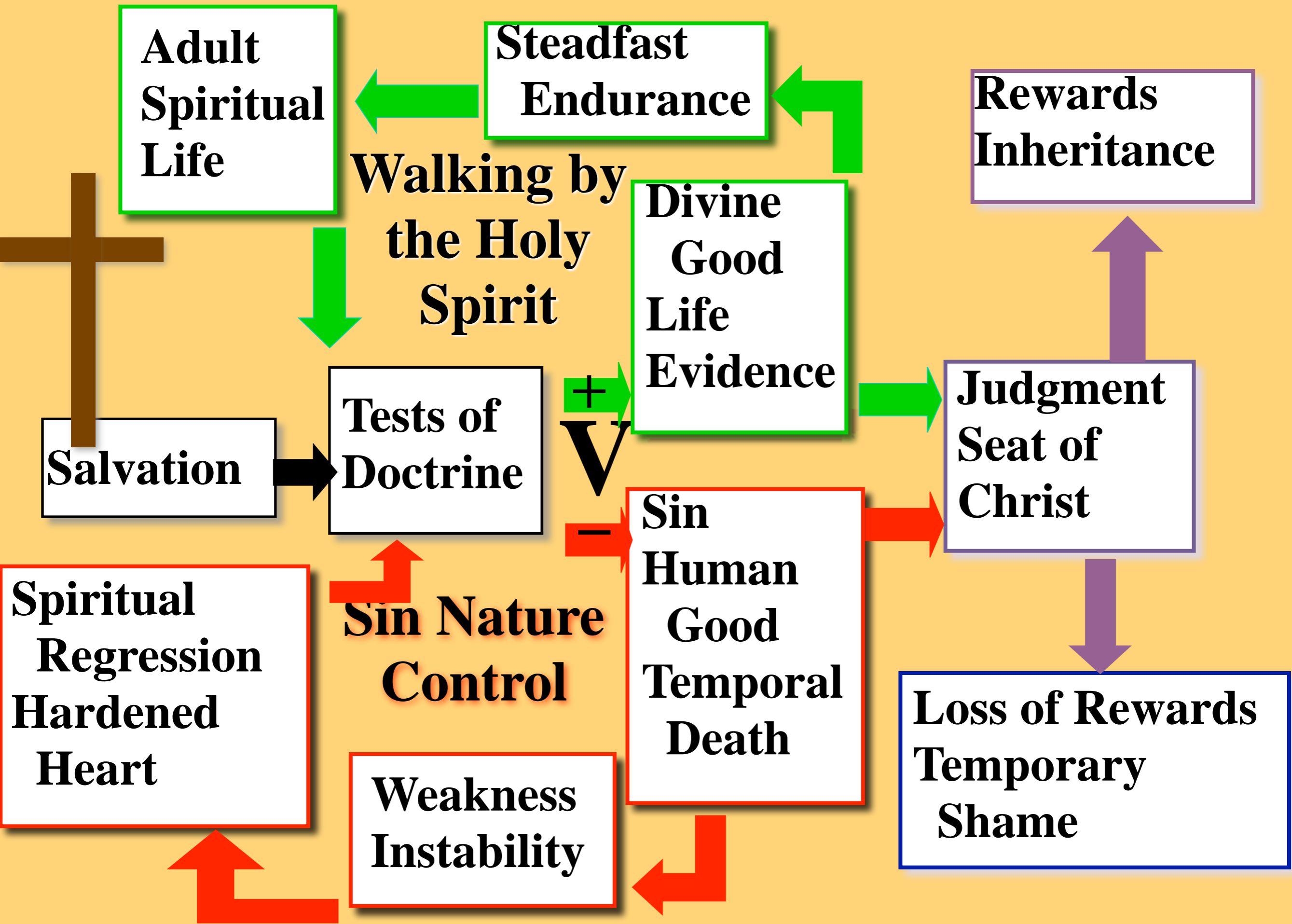
1 SAMUEL 7:2–4: 2 CORINTHIANS 7:8–11

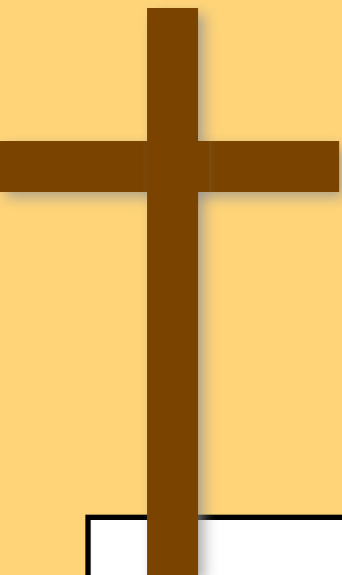
Outline

- 1A. ***Yhwh* prepares to deliver Israel by a great change, 1 Sam. 1–7**
- 2B. ***Yhwh* orchestrates the collapse of the old order [Eli], 1 Sam. 2:11–4:22**
- 4C. ***Yhwh* establishes the means for delivering Israel. 5:1–6:21**
- 4D. ***Yhwh* begins to grant a deliverance to the nation. 7:2–**

1 Cor. 10:6, “Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.”

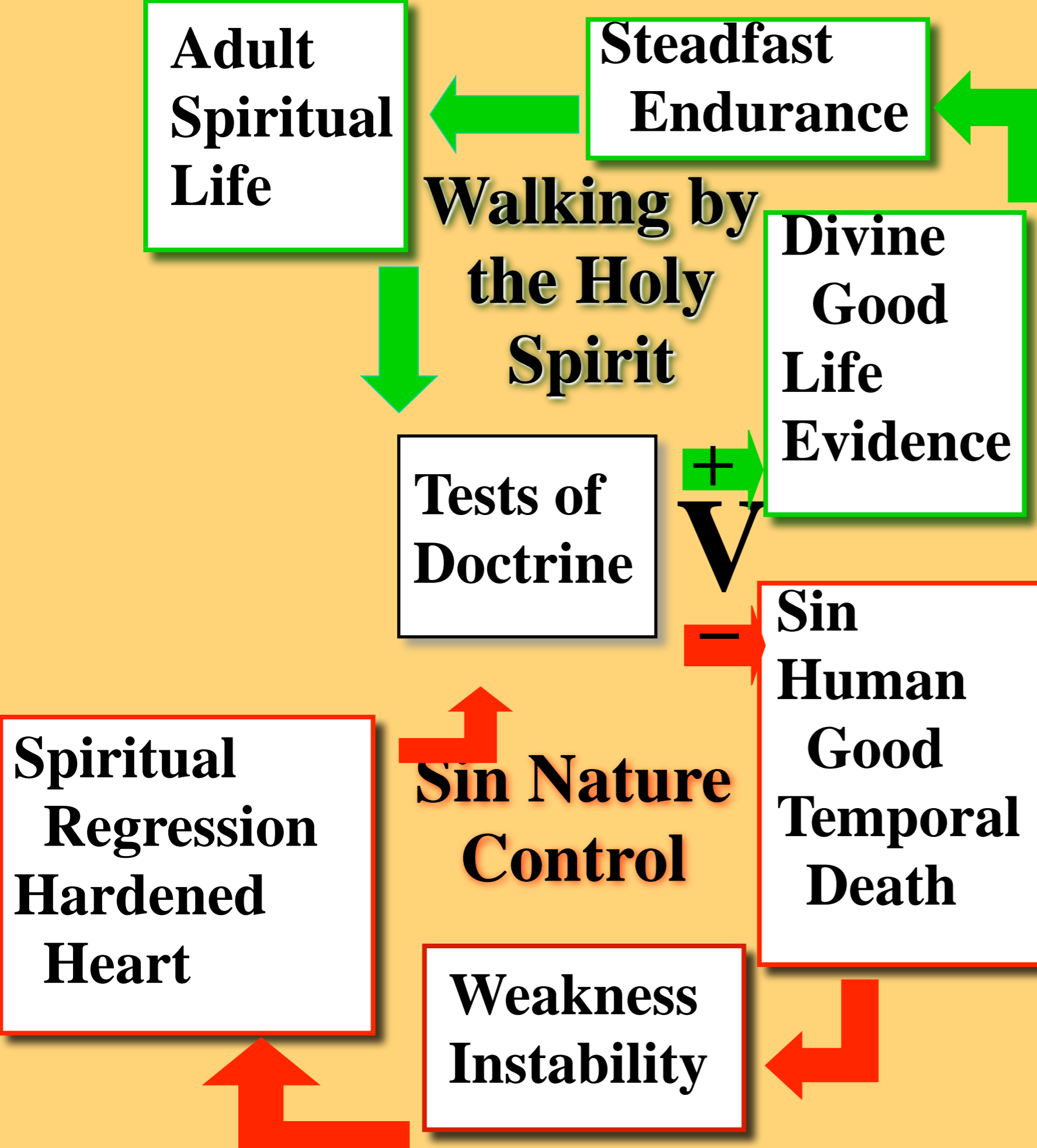
1 Cor. 10:11, “Now all these things happened to them as examples, and they were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”



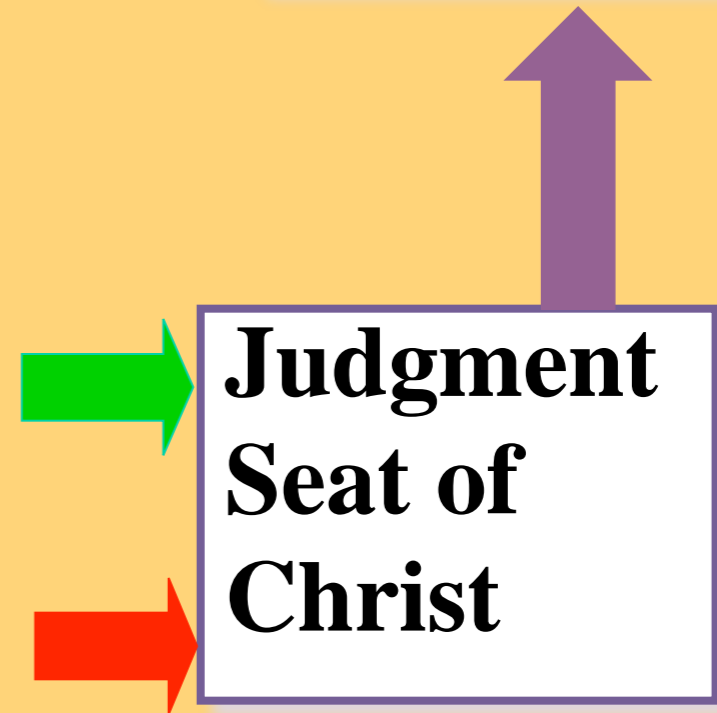


Salvation



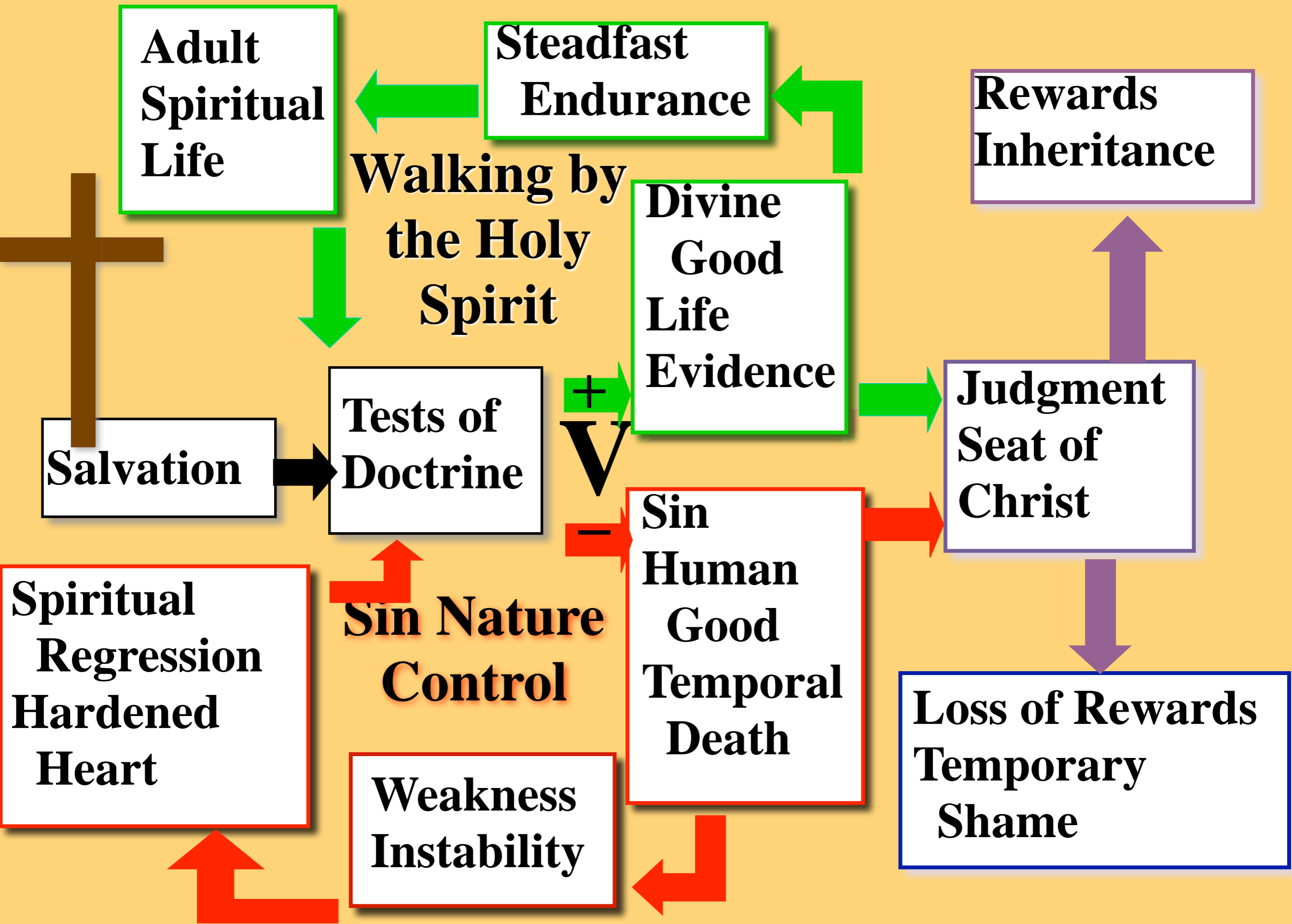


**Rewards
Inheritance**



**Judgment
Seat of
Christ**

**Loss of Rewards
Temporary
Shame**



1 Sam. 7:1, “Then the men of Kirjath Jearim came and took the ark of the LORD, and brought it into the house of Abinadab on the hill, and consecrated Eleazar his son to keep the ark of the LORD.

1 Sam. 7:2, ¶ “So it was that the ark remained in Kirjath Jearim a long time; it was there twenty years. And all the house of Israel lamented after the LORD.”

1 Sam. 7:3, “Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, ‘If you return to the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among you, and prepare your hearts for the LORD, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.’”

Deut. 4:30, “When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice”

Deut. 4:39, “Therefore know this day, and consider it in your heart, that the LORD Himself is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.”

Deut. 30:1, “Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God drives you,

Deut. 30:2, “and you return to the LORD your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul,

Deut. 30:3, “that the LORD your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the LORD your God has scattered you.”

Jer. 3:22, “ ‘Return, you backsliding children, and I will heal your backslidings.’ ‘Indeed we do come to You, for You are the LORD our God.’ ”

Jer. 4:1, “ ‘If you will return, O Israel,’ says the LORD, ‘Return to Me; and if you will put away your abominations out of My sight, then you shall not be moved.’ ”

Jer. 18:8, “if that nation against whom I have spoken turns from its evil, I will relent of the disaster that I thought to bring upon it.”

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**to lament, profound grief,
to be extremely sorrowful**

Jer. 45:3, “You said, ‘Woe is me now! For the LORD has added grief to my sorrow. I fainted in my sighing, and I find no rest.’ ”

What is the relationship between sorrow, grief, repentance, confession, and change?

Key Words

***lupeo*: grief, sorrow**

***kata theon*: literally, according to God. NOT
godly sorrow**

***metanoia*: change of mind, change of
thinking producing a change in living.
Emphasis on mental activity and choice**

***metamelomai*: emotional regret, does not
lead to real change**

2 Cor. 7:9, “Now I rejoice, not that you were made sorry [*lupeo*], but that your sorrow led to repentance [*metanoia*]. For you were made sorry in a godly manner [*kata theon*], that you might suffer loss from us in nothing.

2 Cor. 7:10, “For godly sorrow [*lupeo + kata theon*] produces repentance [*metanoia*] leading to salvation, not to be regretted [*ametamelatos*]; but the sorrow [*lupe*] of the world produces death.

2 Cor. 7:11, “For observe this very thing, that you sorrowed in a godly manner [*lupeo + kata theon*]: What diligence it produced in you, what clearing of yourselves, what indignation, what fear, what vehement desire, what zeal, what vindication! In all things you proved yourselves to be clear in this matter.”

1st Journey 1 epistle: Galatians

2nd Journey 2 epistles: 1, 2 Thess.

**3rd Journey 3 epistles: 1 Cor., Romans,
2 Corinthians**

**4th to Rome 4 prison epistles: Ephesians,
Colossians,
Philippians,
Philemon**

2 Cor. 2:5, “But if anyone has caused grief, he has not grieved me, but all of you to some extent—not to be too severe.”

2 Cor. 7:12, “Therefore, although I wrote to you, I did not do it for the sake of him who had done the wrong, nor for the sake of him who suffered wrong, but that our care for you in the sight of God might appear to you.”

2 Cor. 2:1, “But I determined this within myself, that I would not come again to you in sorrow [*lupe*, sorrow, pain, grief].”

2 Cor. 2:2, “For if I make you sorrowful, then who is he who makes me glad but the one who is made sorrowful by me?”

2 Cor. 2:3, “And I wrote this very thing to you, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow over those from whom I ought to have joy, having confidence in you all that my joy is the joy of you all.”

2 Cor. 6:1, “We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.

2 Cor. 6:2, “For He says: ‘In an acceptable time I have heard you, and in the day of salvation I have helped you.’ Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.”

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION: 3 STAGES

**PHASE
ONE**

Justification

**Saved from the
*Penalty of Sin***

**PHASE
Two**

**Spiritual
Life**

**Saved from the
*Power of Sin***

**PHASE
THREE**

Glorification

**Saved from the
*Presence of Sin***



2 Cor. 6:3, “We give no offense in anything, that our ministry may not be blamed.

2 Cor. 6:4, “But in all things we commend ourselves as ministers of God: in much patience, in tribulations, in needs, in distresses,”

2 Cor. 7:1, “Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Cor. 7:2, “Open your hearts to us. We have wronged no one, we have corrupted no one, we have cheated no one.”

**7:8 “Even if I made you feel bad [*lupe* sorrow, grief] with my letter.
I do not regret [*metamelomaĩ*] it
I see that this same epistle made you feel bad [*lupeo*]
If only for a short time.**

**7:9 “Now I rejoice, not because you felt badly [*lupeo*]
But that your feeling badly [*lupeo*] about it produced a change of mind” [*metanoia*]**

**7:10 “For you sorrowed according to God”
[*kata theon* i.e., according to divine
viewpoint]**

In order that you might suffer loss from us.

**For, the sorrow according to God produces a
change of thinking leading to deliverance
[Phase 2 spiritual life] apart from emotional
regret [*ametamelatos*]**

**Whereas sorrow [*lupe*] of the world produces
death [not spiritual, physical, or eternal death,
but living like a spiritually dead person].**

1. When we sin, sometimes it shocks us and we have an emotional reaction. Sometimes it doesn't. The emotional reaction isn't necessary for forgiveness or to change, but it is a reality. When it is there, it is spiritually vindicated only if it leads to change.

2. Sometimes we continue in sin knowingly and we become hardened and rebellious like the Israelites during the time of the Judges and God has to really discipline us.

3. When God does, we either have an emotional response because we are sorry we got caught, sorry we got punished, or we have genuine sorrow over violating God's character and this alone leads to confession and change.

4. Confession is only the starting point. The point of confession is to make us move toward change. This is what repentance is. Repentance is a thought word. Regret is the emotion word.

Metanoia vs. metamelomai.

1 Sam. 7:3, “Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, ‘If you return to the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among you, and prepare your hearts for the LORD, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines.’ ”

1 Sam. 7:4, “So the children of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only.”