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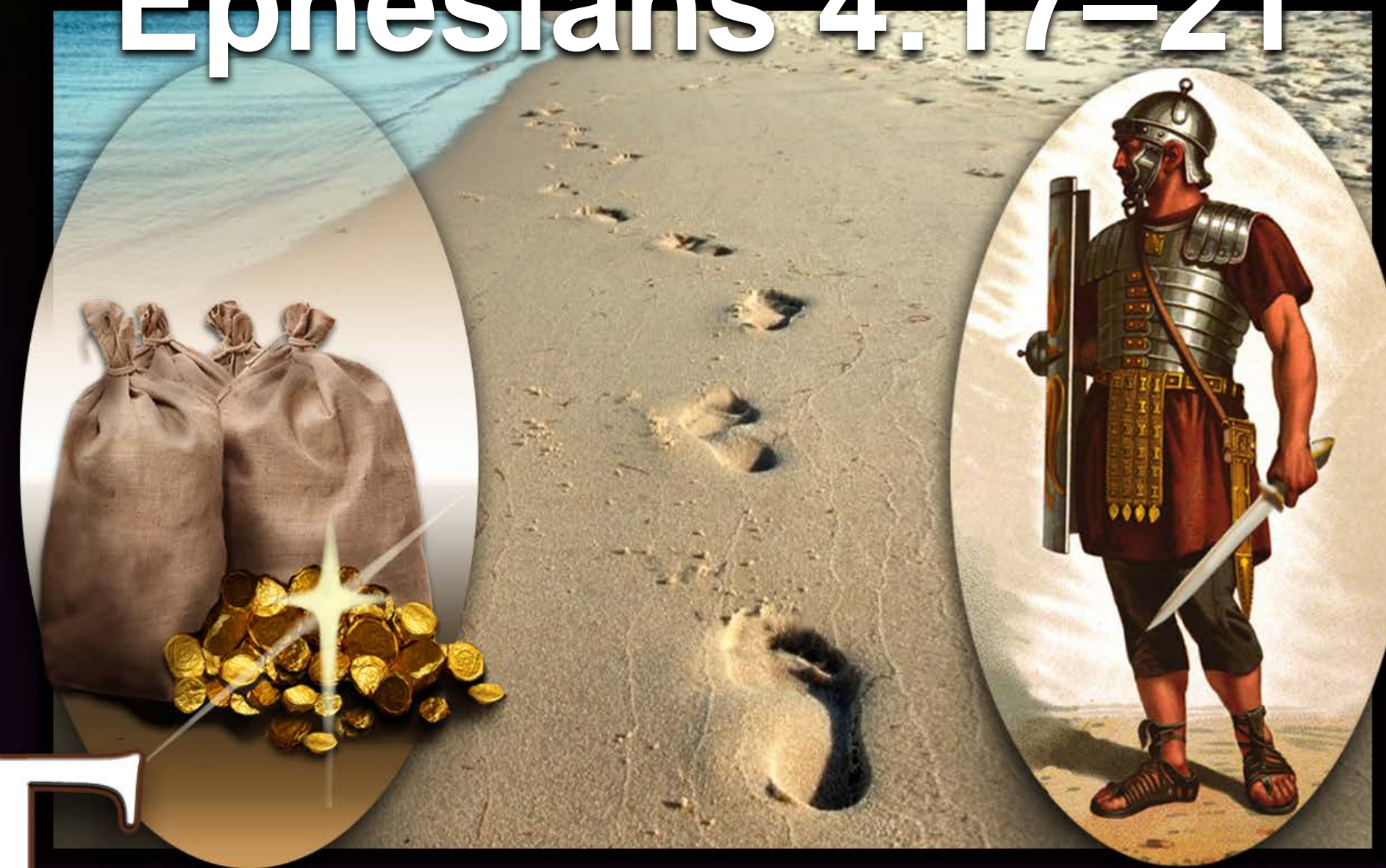
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Living the Christian Life: How Does a Christian Grow? (Summary)

Ephesians 4:17–21



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THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

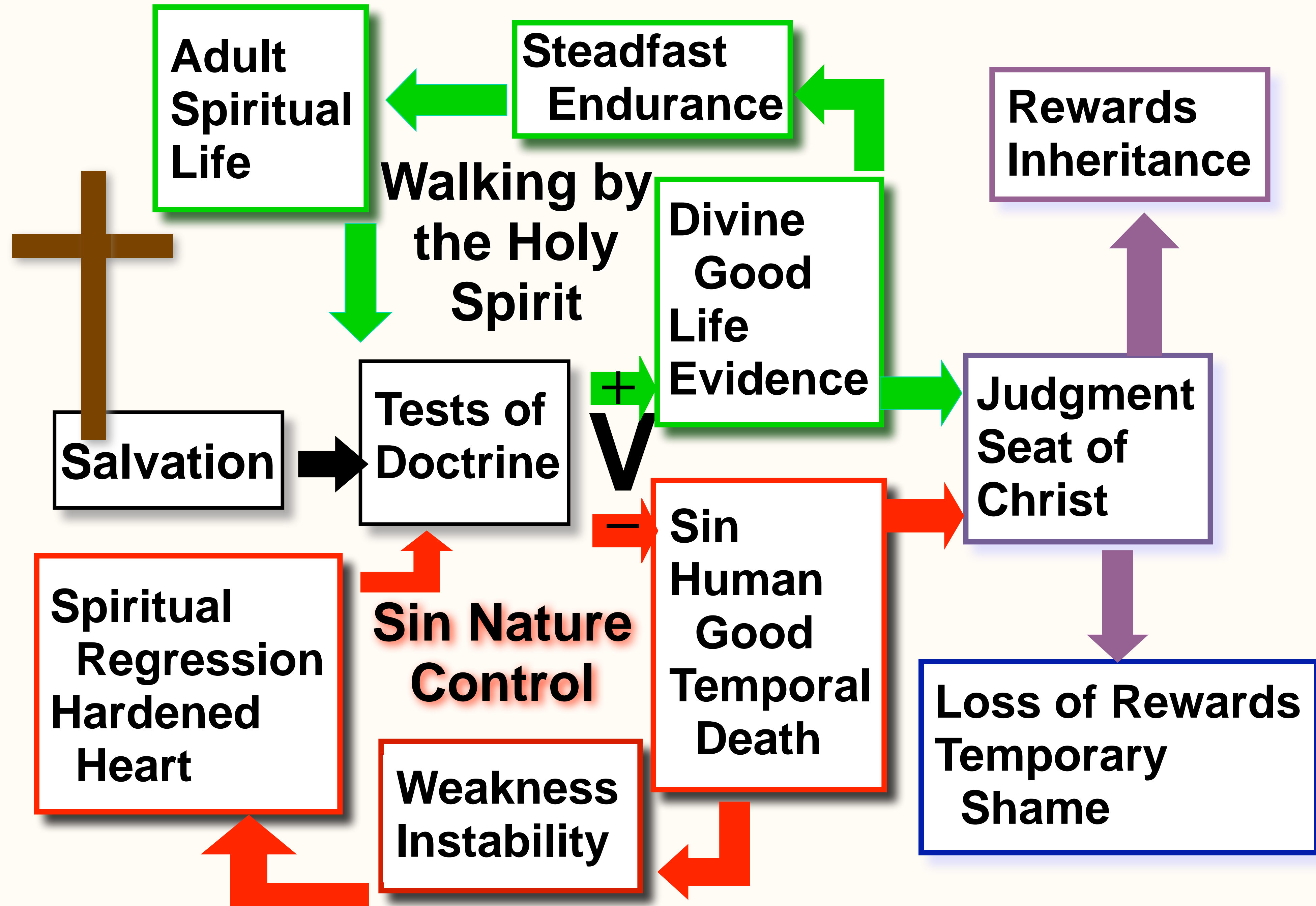
1 Pet. 2:2, “desire the unadulterated milk of the Word as newborn babies, that you may grow by it,”

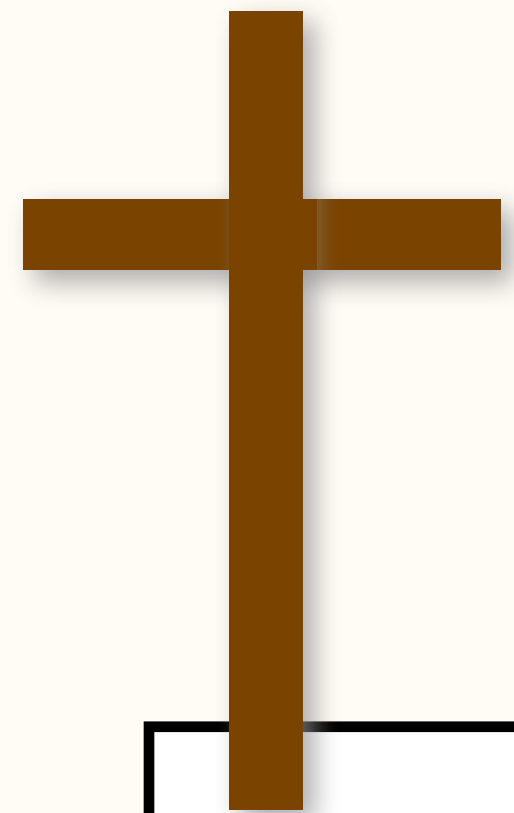
James 1:2, “My brethren, count it all joy when you encounter various trials,

James 1:3, “because you know that the testing/evaluation of your faith produces endurance.

James 1:4, “But let endurance have its maturing work that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing.”

2 Pet. 3:18, “but grow by the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”





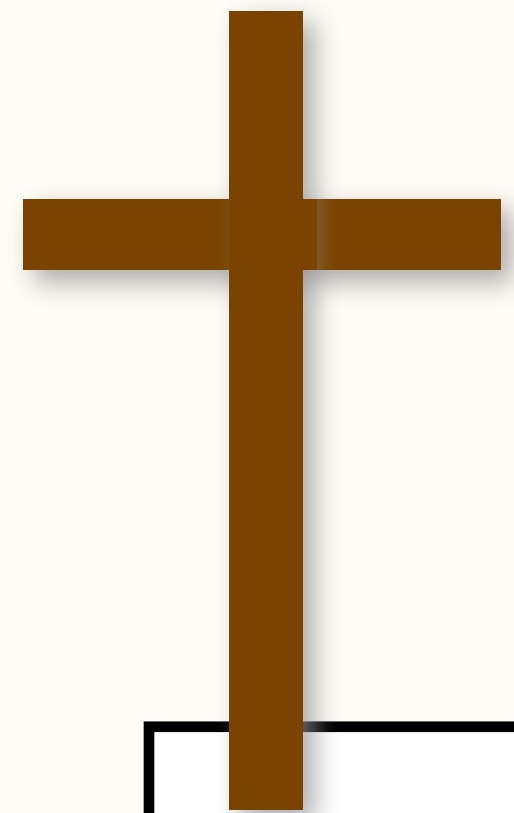
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Eph. 2:8, “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that [by grace through faith salvation] is not of yourselves; it [the by grace through faith salvation] is the gift of God, ~RD

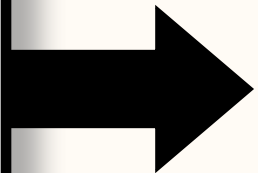
Eph. 2:9, “not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

Acts 4:12, “Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

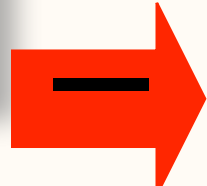
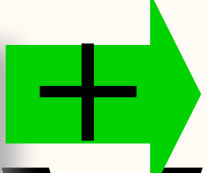
Titus 3:5, “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit,”



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**Tests of Faith
(Doctrine)**



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Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that y’all should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their thinking,” ~RD

Eph. 2:2, “in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,”

1 Cor. 3:3, “for you are still fleshly [living in the power of the sin nature]. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not fleshly and walking like mere men?” ~RD

Rom. 6:4, “Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

Col. 1:10, “that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;”

Eph. 5:2, “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

Eph. 5:8, “For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light.”

1 John 1:6, “If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth.

1 John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

Heb. 4:2, “For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it.”

2 Pet. 1:3, “as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue,

2 Pet. 1:4, “by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

2 Tim. 2:15, “Be diligent [“study” in KJV] to present yourself approved to God, a worker [laborer] who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

John 8:32, “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

John 17:17, “Sanctify them by means of Your truth. Your word is truth.”

John 15:7, “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

Psa. 119:11, “Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.”

John 6:68, “But Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.’ ”

Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Eph. 4:23, “and be renewed in the spirit of your mind,”

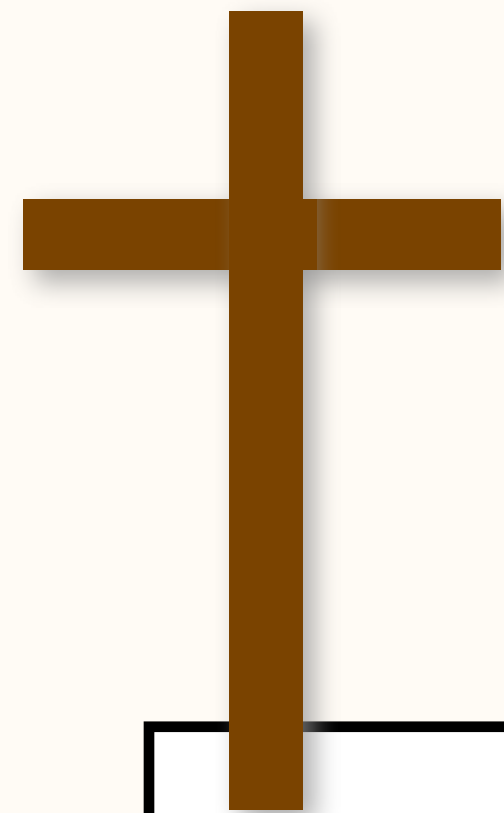
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Study the Word

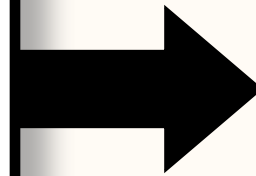
Memorize the Word

Internalize the Word

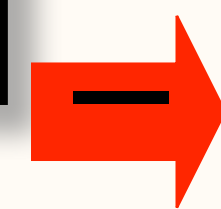
Apply the Word



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Question 1: On what basis do we make the right decision?

Eph. 2:15, “having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace,

Eph. 2:16, “and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity.”

Eph. 4:22, “y’all took off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which is growing corrupt according to the deceitful lusts,” ~RD

Eph. 4:23, “and be renewed in the spirit of your thinking,”

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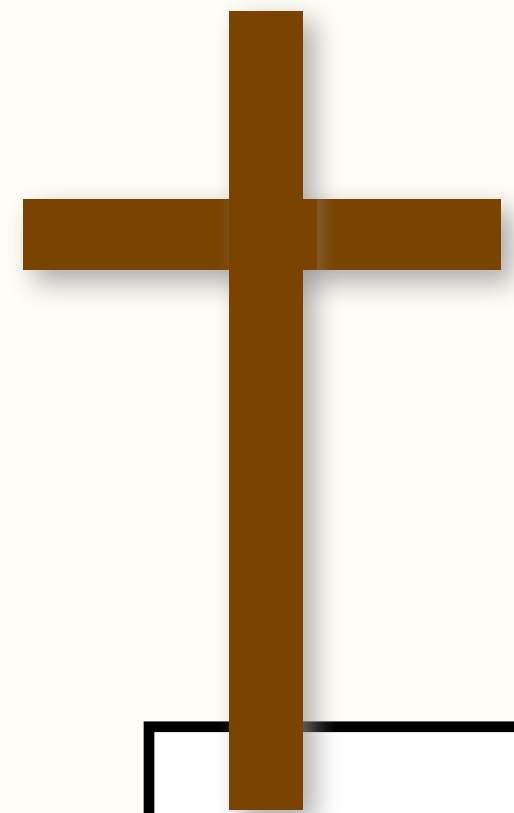
Eph. 4:24, “and y’all put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

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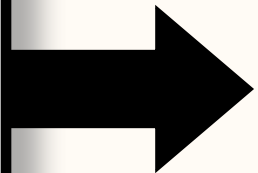
Col. 3:10, “and have [already] put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created **him,**

Col. 3:11, “where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.”

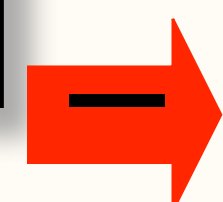
2 Cor. 5:17, “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”

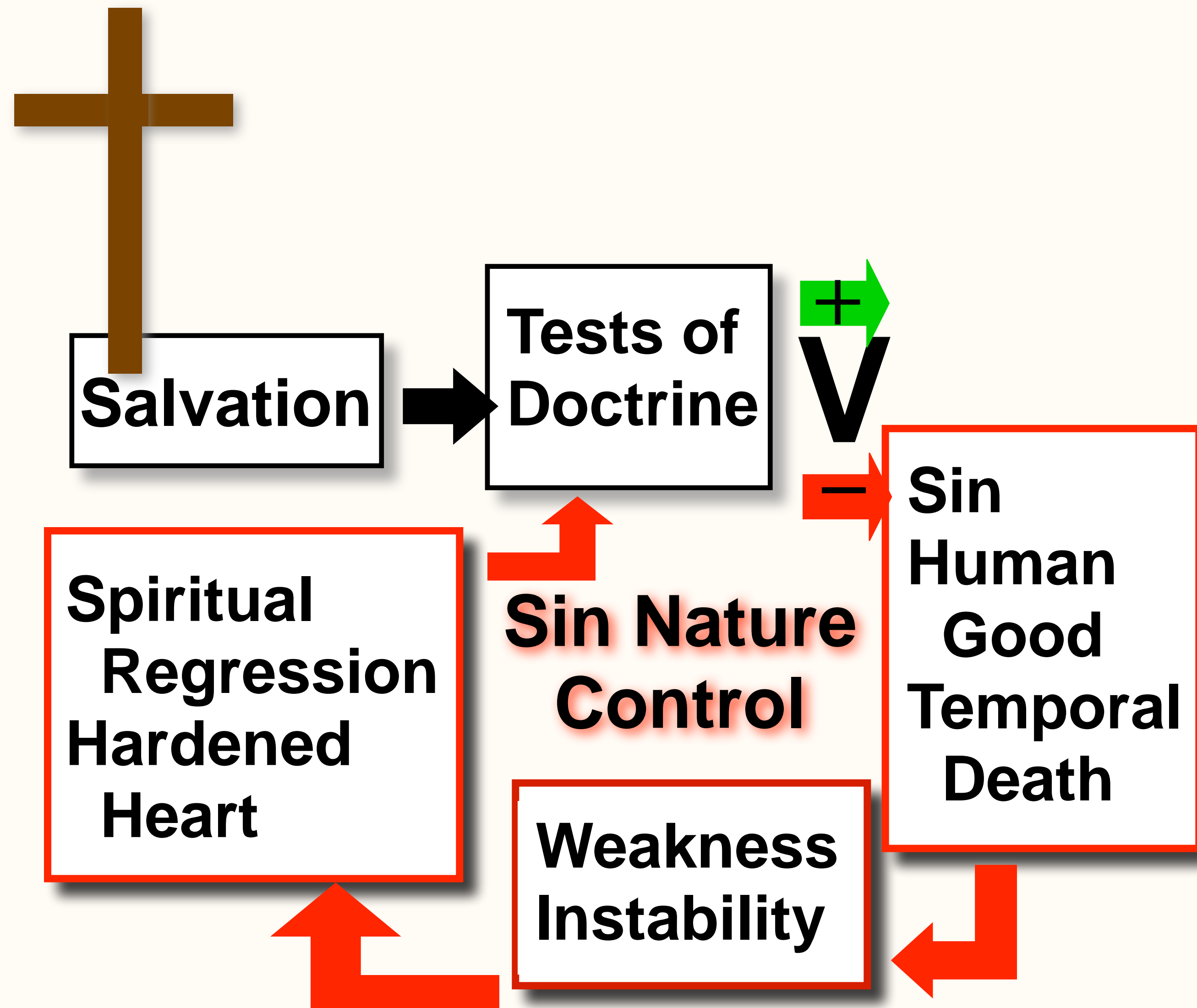


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Gal. 5:17, “For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Gal. 5:18, “But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Gal. 5:19, “Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness,

Gal. 5:20, “idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Gal. 5:21, “envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

James 1:14, “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.

James 1:15, “Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

Rom. 6:21, “What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death.”

Rom. 6:22, “But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life.”

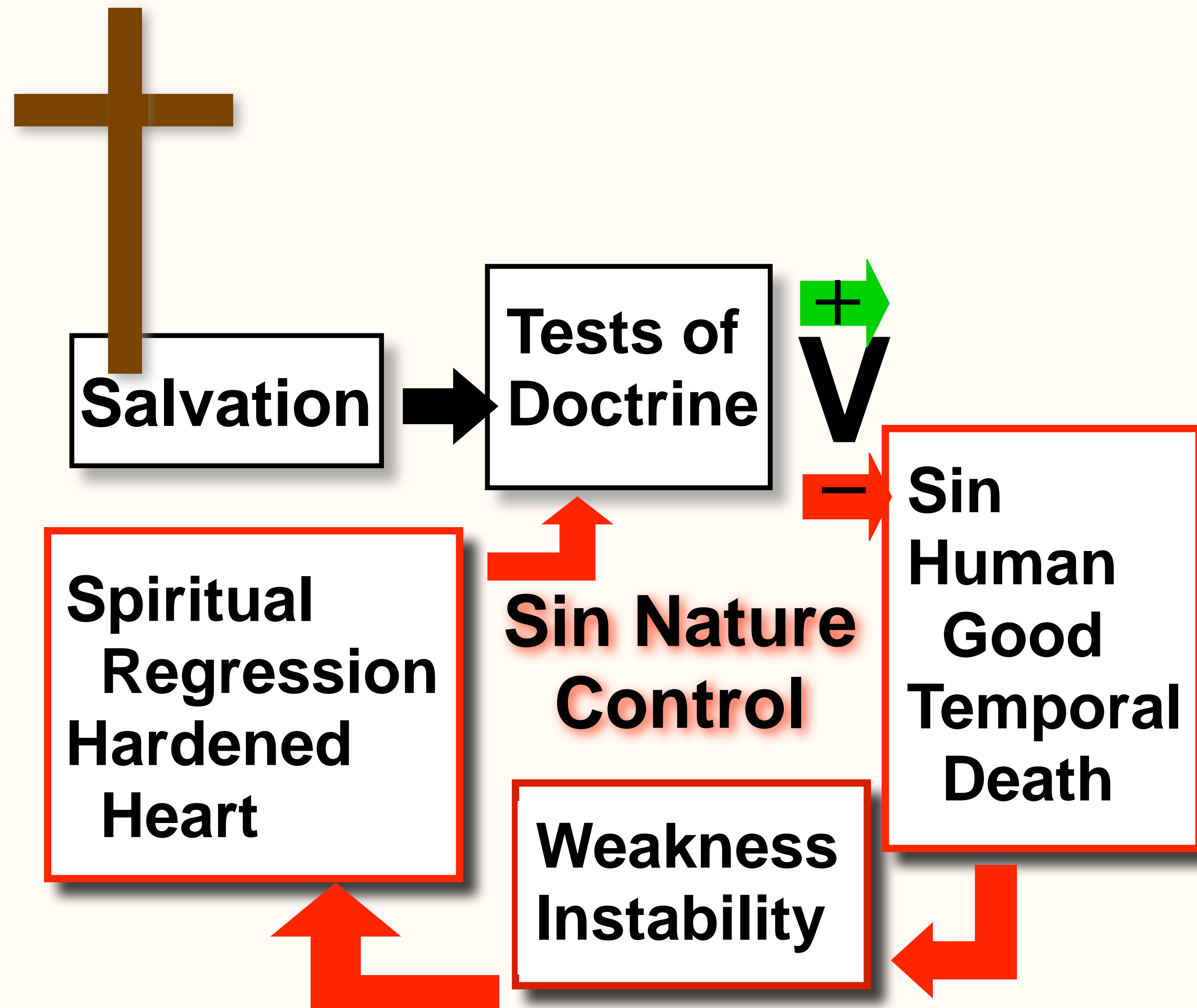
Rom. 6:23, “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

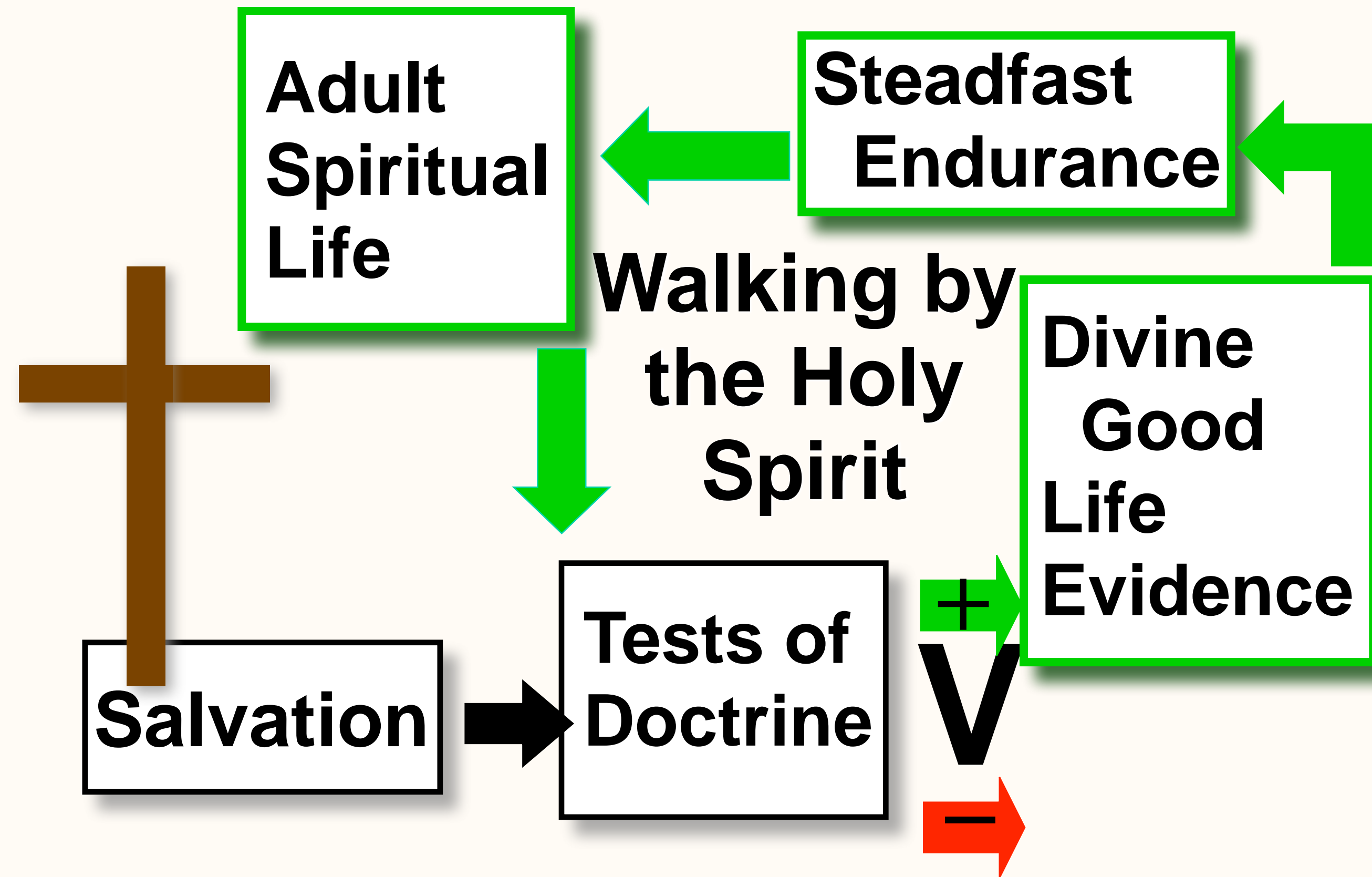
James 1:6, “But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

James 1:7, “For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;

James 1:8, “he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”

Prov. 14:14, “The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways:”





Gal. 3:3, “Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?”

Gal. 5:17, “For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.”

Gal. 3:3, “Are you so foolish? Having begun by means of the Spirit, are you now being made complete by the flesh?”

Gal. 5:16, “I say then: Walk by means of the Spirit, and you shall not bring to completion the lust of the flesh.”

Gal. 5:22, “But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

Gal. 5:23, “gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

Gal. 5:24, “And those who are Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”

Rom. 8:5, “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.”

Rom. 8:6, “For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.”

We have three enemies:

1. The flesh, our sin nature

2. The world: Romans 12:2

3. The devil

1 Pet. 5:8, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

1 Pet. 5:9, “Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”

Recovery from Sin

Psa. 66:18, “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.”

Recovery from Sin

John 13:6, “Then He came to Simon Peter. And Peter said to Him, ‘Lord, are You washing my feet?’

John 13:7, “Jesus answered and said to him, ‘What I am doing you do not understand now, but you will know after this.’

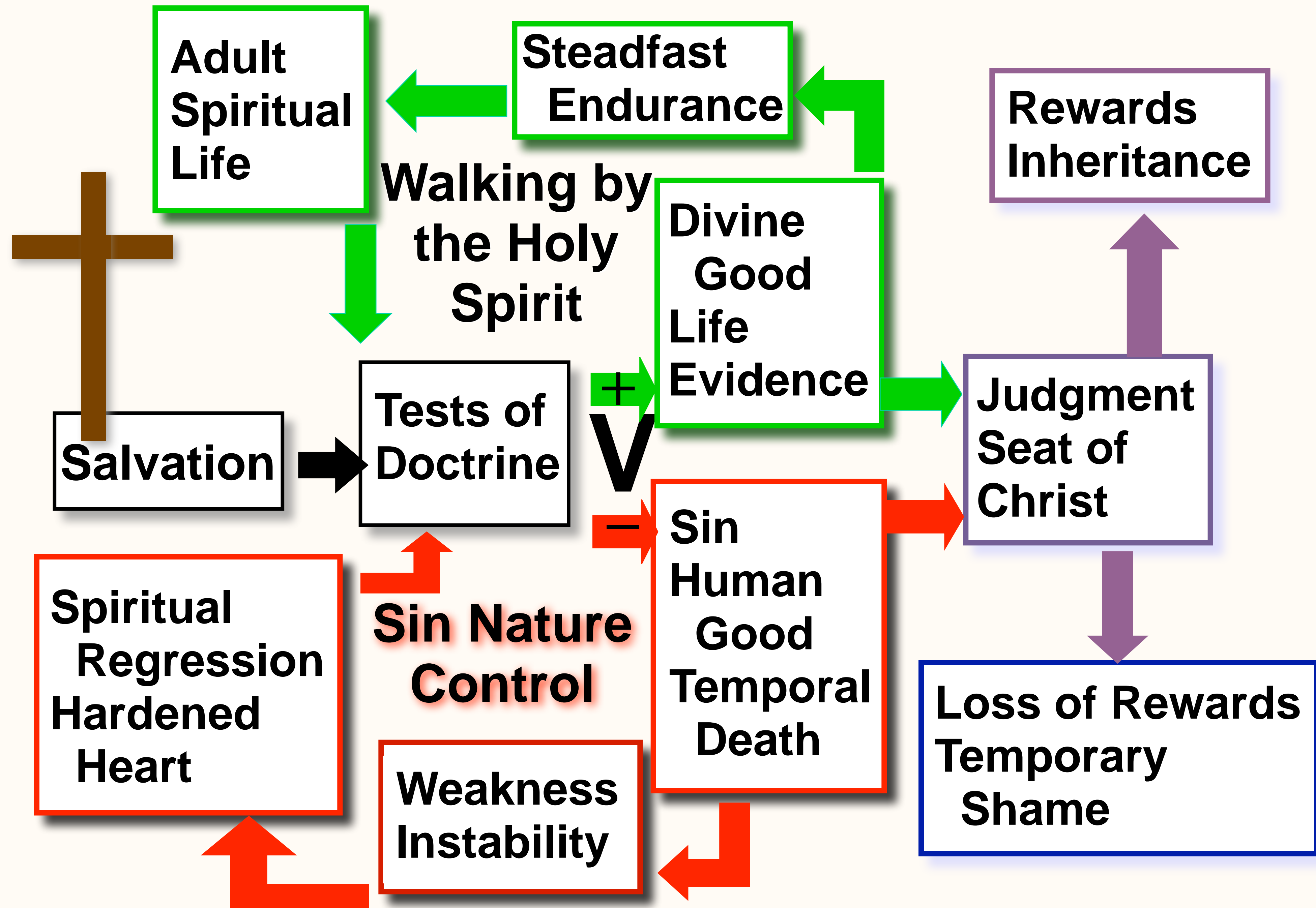
John 13:8, “Peter said to Him, ‘You shall never wash my feet!’ Jesus answered him, ‘If I do not wash you, you have no share of inheritance with Me.’

John 13:9, “Simon Peter said to Him, ‘Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head!’

John 13:10, “Jesus said to him, ‘He who is bathed [fully cleansed at salvation] needs only to wash his feet [partial, i.e., confession], but is completely clean; and you are clean [positional, saved], but not all of you.’ ”

1 Cor. 11:28, “But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup.”

1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”



2 Cor. 5:10, “For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

Rom. 12:21, “Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”

1 John 2:13, “I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, because you have known the Father.

1 John 2:14, “I have written to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I have written to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the wicked one.”

Rev. 2:7, “ ‘He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of God.’ ”

