

Ephesians Series

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Spiritual Skills:

Living Today in Light of Eternity

1 Corinthians 3:12–15; 2 Corinthians 5:9–10



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

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**ἀποτίθημι *apotithēmi*
aor mid part masc
plur nom
to put off, away;
the aorist participle
precedes the action
of the main verb**

**λαλέω *laleō*
2 plur pres act impera
to speak, “Speak”**

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Eph. 4:17, “This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,”

Eph. 4:17–24 explains the rationale for no longer thinking, talking, living [“walking”] like the rest of the Gentiles.

Do not live like the rest of the Gentiles, their position from birth is IN ADAM, but you are now IN CHRIST, so you should live according to this new man, this new identity, by having your thinking renewed by Scripture.

[RD paraphrase synthesis of Eph. 4:17–24]

Warning:

A common mistake is to confuse passages that talk about how a person should think, talk, act **AFTER salvation with what is required **FOR** salvation.**

What we will see:

- **Salvation is not by works, but for good works, Eph. 2:8–10.**
- **All Christians will be evaluated at the Judgment Seat of Christ, 2 Cor. 5:9–10; 1 Cor. 3:12–15.**
- **All are saved eternally, but not all receive rewards, 1 Cor. 3:15.**
- **All run the race, but some are disqualified from receiving crowns, which are rewards, not eternal life, 2 Cor. 9:24–27.**

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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,”

Rom. 4:5, “But to him who does not work but believes on Him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is accounted for righteousness,”

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Eph. 2:10, “For we are His craftsmanship, His masterpiece, created in Christ Jesus [our new identity in the NEW MAN] for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.” [NKJV]

***We are not saved BY works, but we are saved to potentially do good works.**

If you believe you can do something to lose salvation, then you believe that you do something, some work, to contribute to salvation. (Salvation by works.)

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Three things to remember:

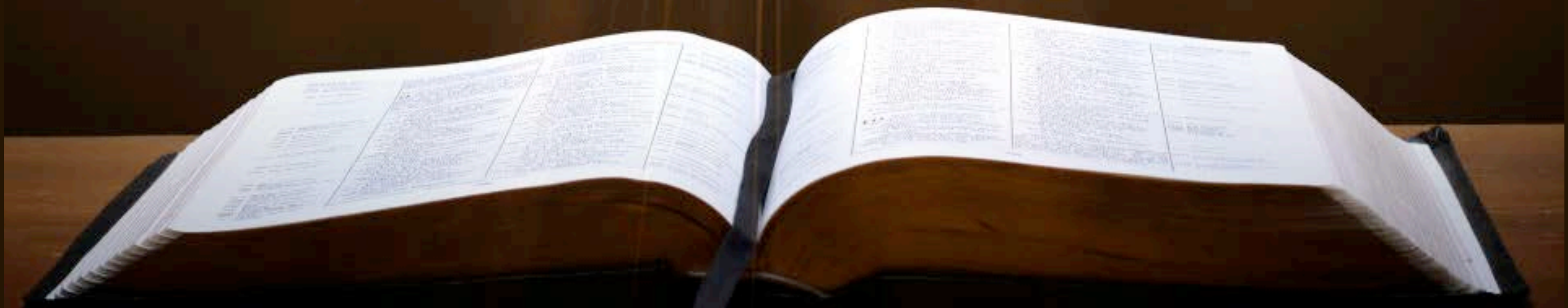
Good works are not inevitable. After being saved we must decide to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ or not.

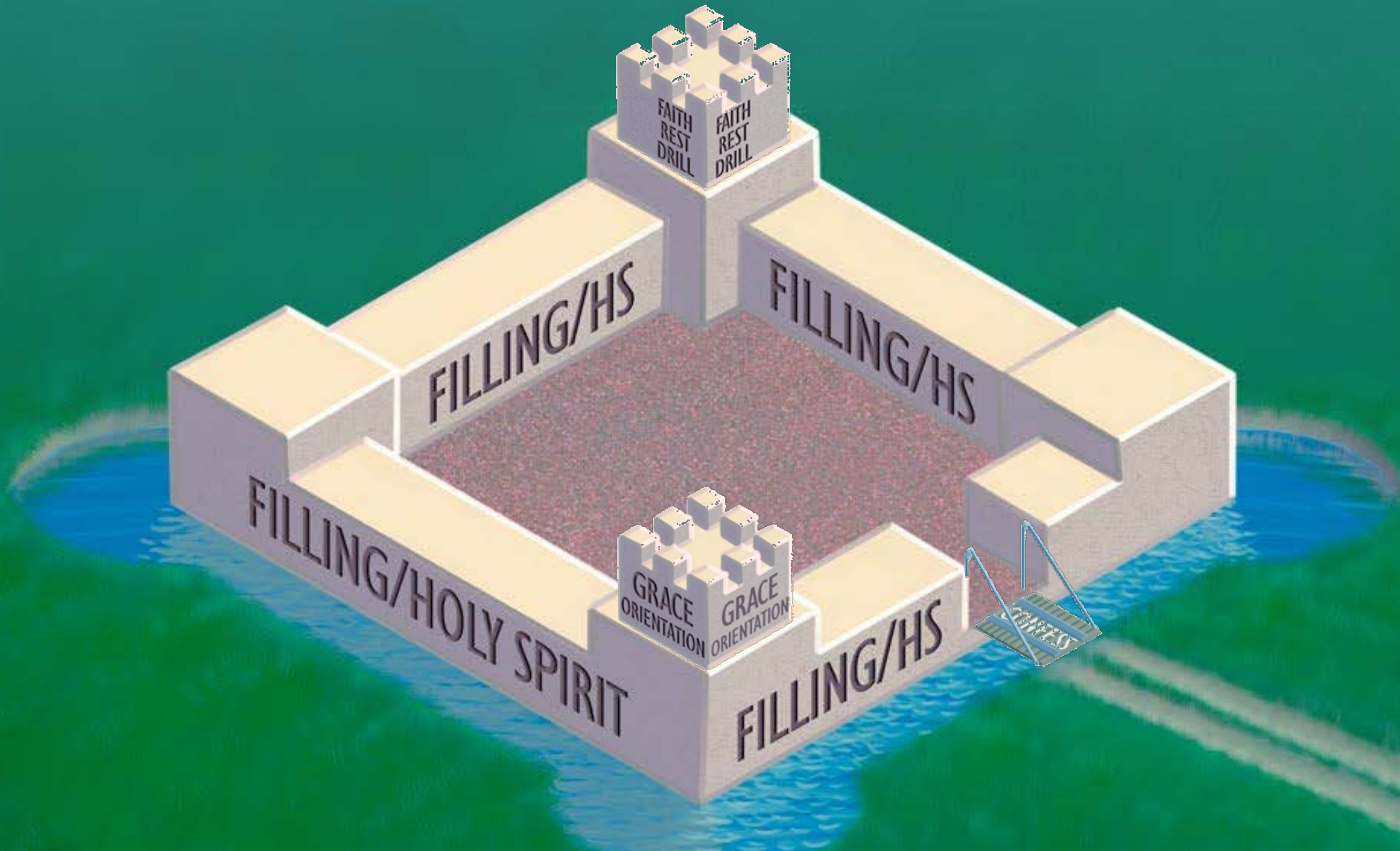
Regeneration, being born again, does not minimize our sin nature, it only gives us a new identity and new relationship to God where we are no longer under the tyranny of the sin nature.

The skills we need to control the sin nature are our study.

What the Bible Teaches About

**Spiritual Skills for
LIFE**





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DRILL

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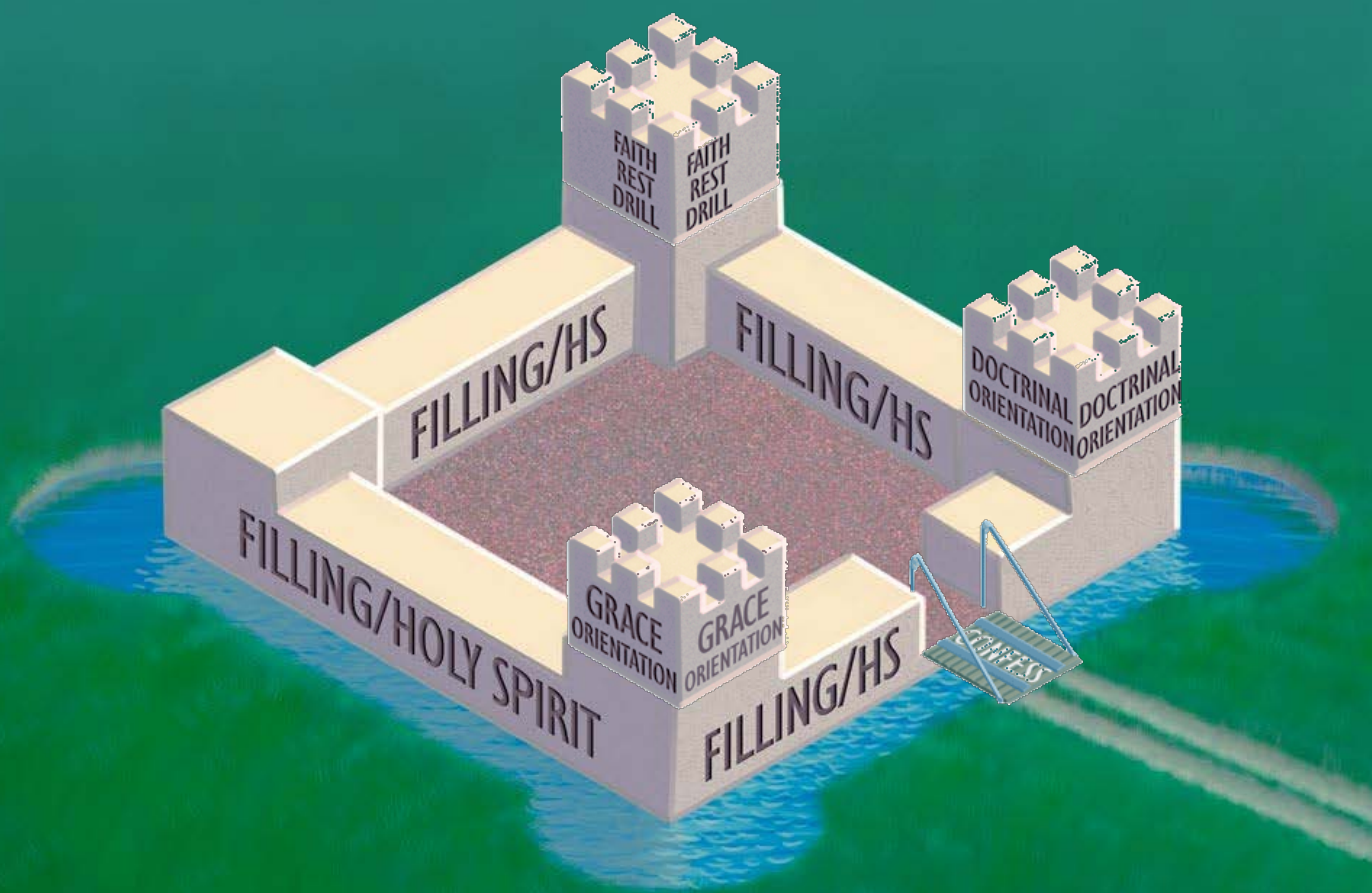
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GATEWAY

Living in Light of Eternity

Personal Sense of our Eternal Destiny

FRD,
2 Pet. 1:3, 4

G/O,
2 Pet. 3:18

FHS, WHS,
Eph. 5:18

D/O,
2 Pet. 3:18

Confess,
1 John 1:9

ABIDING IN CHRIST
WALKING IN THE
LIGHT

PSED,
Rom.
8:16–17

+H,
James 1:2

PLG,
Rom. 5:5

O/C,
Heb. 2:2

ILM,
Gal. 5:14

Spiritual Adolescence (νεανίσκοι, *neaniskoi*, 1 John 2:13)

Personal Sense of Your Eternal Destiny

Rom. 8:16–17

Spiritual Childhood (τέκνον, *teknon*)

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WHS, FHS
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- The destiny of every believer is to rule and reign with our Lord Jesus Christ in His kingdom (Rev. 1:6; 5:10).**
- Every believer will be evaluated for rewards and responsibilities at the Judgment Seat of Christ (1 Cor. 3:11–15).**
- Therefore, we must learn to live in light of this future destiny.**

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1 Peter 1:17, “And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear;”

Revelation 22:12, “And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”

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Eph. 2:4, “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us,

Eph. 2:5, “even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),

Eph. 2:6, “and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,”

1. All believers in Christ will be saved, will be raptured, and will be with Christ and serve with Christ in the future kingdom.

2. However, there are many believers in Christ who will have few, if any, responsibilities in the future, though they will be in Heaven.

Col. 3:24, “knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.”

2 Cor. 5:9, “Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him.

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.”

1 Cor. 3:10, “According to the grace of God which was given to me, as a wise master builder I have laid the foundation, and another builds on it. But **let each one [each believer] take heed how he builds on it.**

1 Cor. 3:11, “For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Cor. 3:12, “Now **if anyone builds** on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw,

1 Cor. 3:13, “**each one’s work will become clear**; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one’s work, of what sort it is.

1 Cor. 3:14, “**If anyone’s work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward.**

1 Cor. 3:15, “If anyone’s work is burned, **he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.**”

1 Cor. 9:24, “Do you not know that those who run in a race all run, but one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may obtain it.

1 Cor. 9:25, “And everyone who competes for the prize is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a perishable crown, but we for an imperishable crown.

1 Cor. 9:26, “Therefore I run thus: not with uncertainty. Thus I fight: not as one who beats the air.

1 Cor. 9:27, “But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.”

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