

LIVING THE NEW COVENANT

1 The promise of his rest

2 Born of the spirit



**WHY THE NEW
COVENANT?**

HEBREWS 12

¹⁸You have not come to a mountain that can be touched and that is burning with fire; to darkness, gloom and storm; ¹⁹to a trumpet blast or to such a voice speaking words that those who heard it begged that no further word be spoken to them, ²⁰because they could not bear what was commanded ...

HEBREWS 12

²²But you have come to Mount Zion, to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God ... to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly,
²³to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come
²⁴**to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant ...**”

JOHN 4

²³ ... a time is coming and has now come when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth ... ²⁴**God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in spirit and in truth.**

JOHN 4:24

THE TRADITIONAL INTERPRETATION



in spirit = in sincerity



**in truth = according to
sound doctrine**

JOHN 4:24

THE TRADITIONAL INTERPRETATION

in sincerity and with sound doctrine

A SOUND PROPOSITION

JOHN 4:24

THE TRADITIONAL INTERPRETATION

in sincerity and with sound doctrine

...

but NOT a

sound

INTERPRETATION !

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THE TRADITIONAL INTERPRETATION

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* **DOES NOT LOGICALLY
FOLLOW**

* **DOES NOT FIT CONTEXT**

JOHN 4:24

**“God is spirit
and those who worship God
must worship him in**

**THE REALITY THAT
IS SPIRIT”**

ACTS 7:48

***“God does not dwell in
temples made by men”***

1 COR 6:19

***“Don’t you know that
your body is a temple
of the Holy Spirit?”***

ACTS 17:25

***“(God) is not served
by human hands,
as though he
needed anything”***

PSALM 50:9-10

***“I have no need of a bull
... or of goats ...
for every animal is mine
and the cattle
on a thousand hills”***

MATT 9:13

***“I desire mercy not
sacrifice”***

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***“I desire mercy not
sacrifice” ...***

***... “The sacrifices of God
are a broken spirit and a
contrite heart ... ”***


PSA 50:17

ACTS 7:51

***“You stiff-necked people
with uncircumcised
hearts and ears! ... You
always resist the
Holy Spirit!”***

ROMANS 7

6... we serve in the new way of the spirit, NOT in the old way of the written code.



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Implications?

THE SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

contemplation

communion

reflection

consecration

praise

meditation

silence

stillness

prayer

solitude



spirituality



**BORN
AGAIN**

ROM 8:8

Those who are in the flesh (OR NIV
- “controlled by the sinful nature”)
cannot please God

ROM 8:9

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You, however, are controlled not by the sinful nature but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you. **And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Christ.**

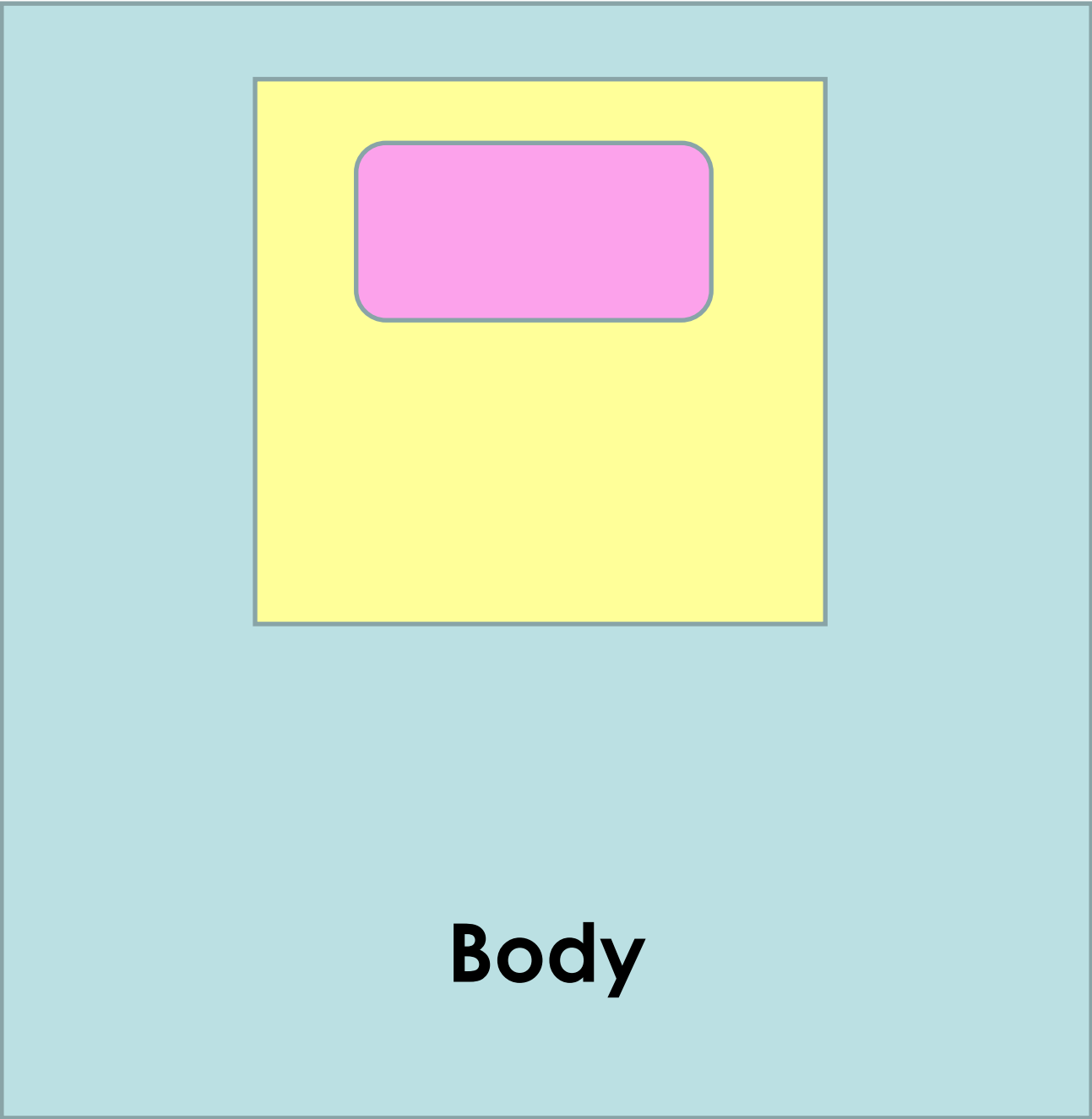
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Do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you have received from God?

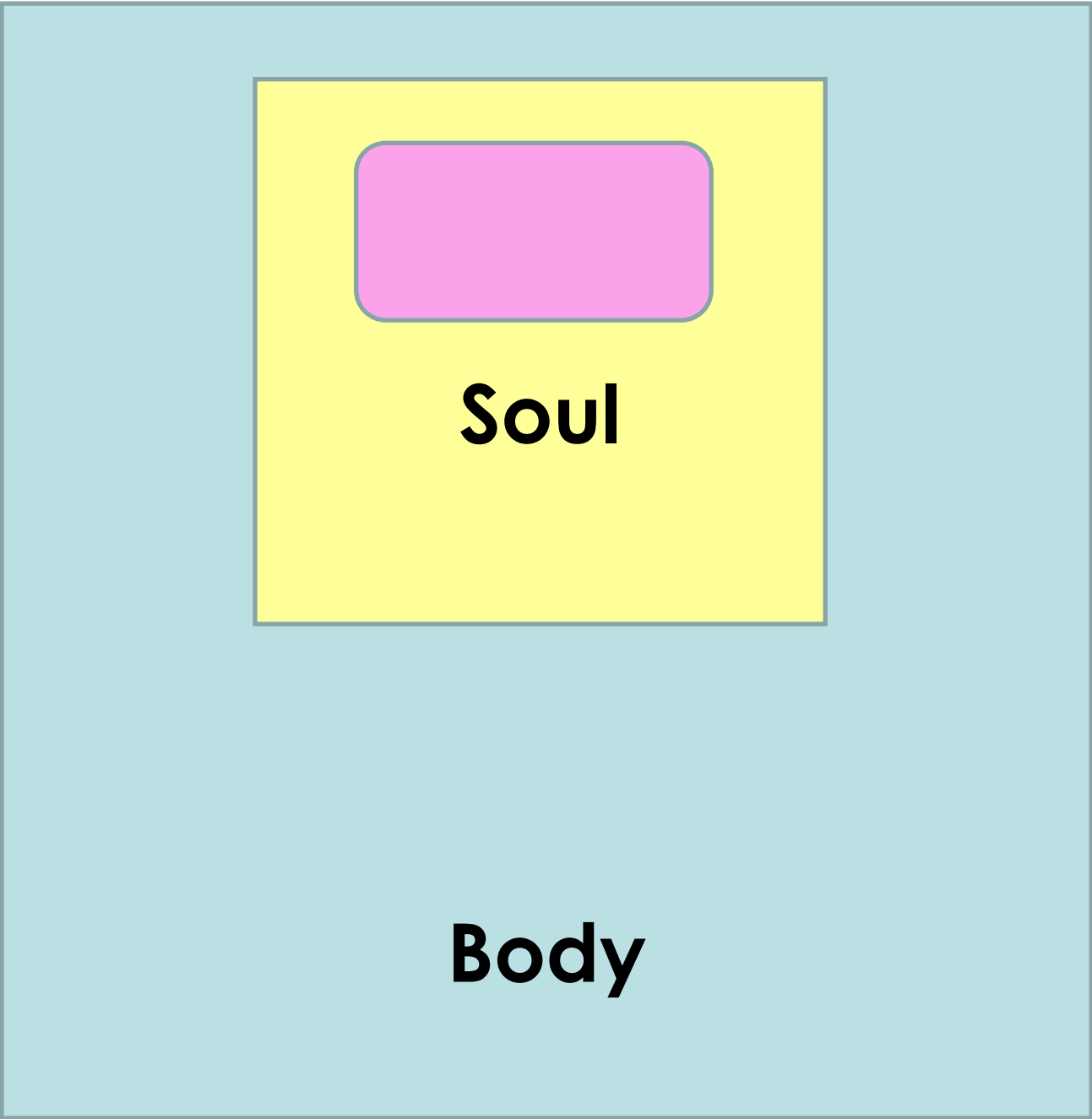
**Most Holy
Place**

Holy Place

Outer Court



Body



Soul

Body

Spirit

Soul

Body

SOUL

=

personality

mind

intellect

emotions

ETC

Body

SPIRIT
=
heart
conscience
spiritual perception

Body

1 THESS 5:23

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole **spirit, soul and body** be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To be born of the spirit is the process by which God, via his spirit, touches and enlivens our spirits deep within, to enable us to enter into an intimate, interactive relationship with him and the Lord Jesus Christ, a relationship that will, in time, develop us as spiritual men and women, capable of relating effectively to the things of the spirit, and that will produce in us the fruit of the spirit as a result.

EPH 4:17-19

You must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking. They are **darkened in their understanding** and **separated from the life of God** through the ignorance that is in them due to **the hardening of their hearts.** Having **lost all sensitivity,** they have given themselves over to sensuality, so as to indulge in every kind of impurity with a continual lust for more.

1 PETER 1:23

... you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

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- ★ **are acutely aware of sin but never intimidated by it**

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**Red Sea
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**Crossing
Jordan**

These things
happened to
them as EXAMPLES
and were written
down as
WARNINGS for us

...

1 COR 10:11

LUKE 11

24When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.

25When it arrives it finds the house swept clean and put in order. **26**Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first.

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- **More will be expected of me across Jordan – little is expected of me in the wilderness**

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EPH 4

²²You were taught ... to put off the old self ... ²⁴and to put on the new self (i.e. **new man**), **created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness**