

## Introduction: The Rescue of Charlie Brown

### Biblical Realities of the New Creation

KJV 2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man *be* in Christ, *he is* a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

NAS 2Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if anyone<sup>1</sup> is in Christ<sup>2</sup>, *he is*<sup>3</sup> a new creature<sup>4</sup>; the old things<sup>5</sup> passed away<sup>6</sup>; behold, new things<sup>7</sup> have come.

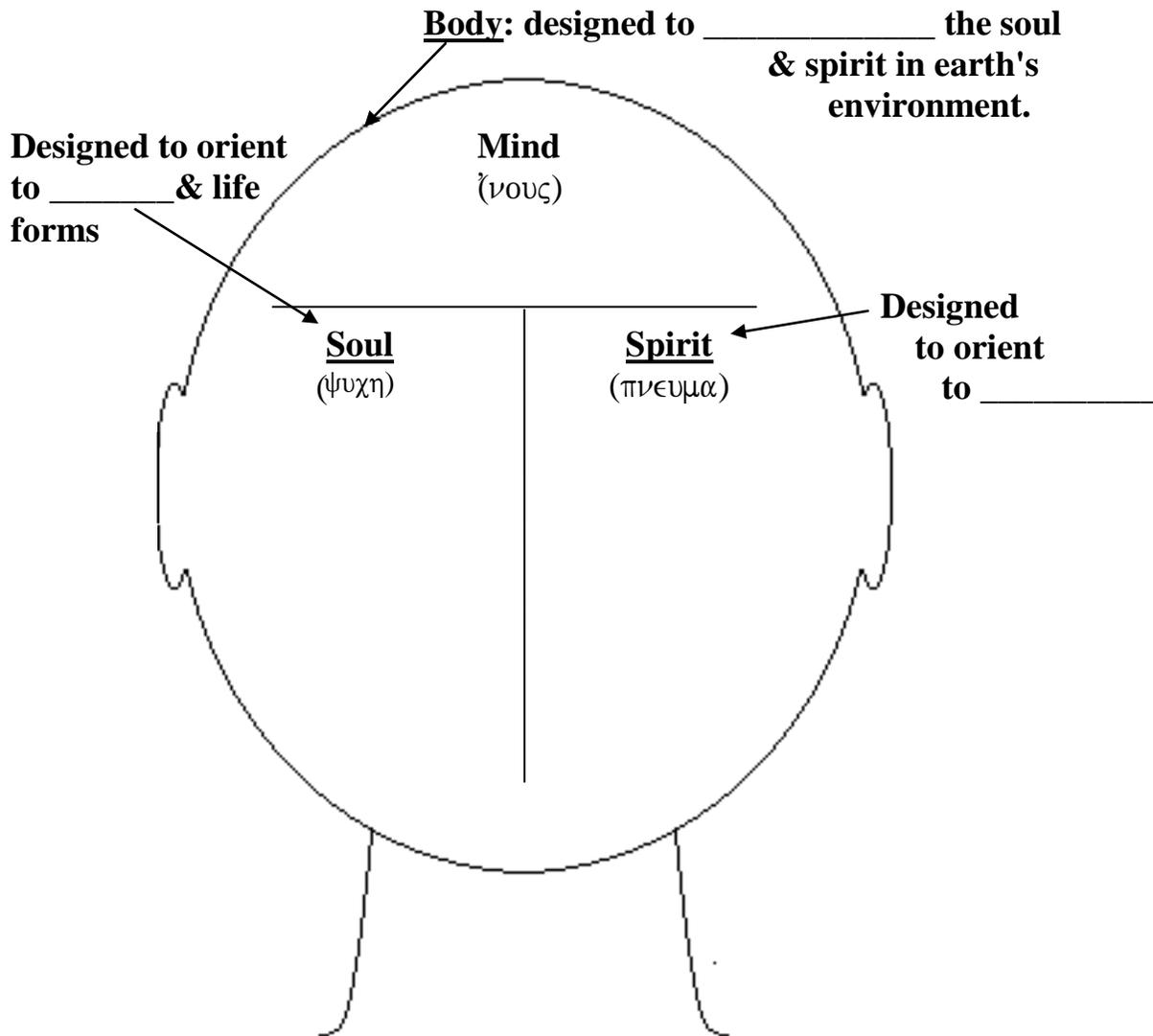
1. “IF”= \_\_\_\_ Class Conditional Sentence
2. “ANYONE”= \_\_\_\_\_
3. “IN CHRIST”= key Pauline statement indicating at least 4 things:
  - 1) Positional \_\_\_\_\_ in the Beloved: Isa. 42:1; Mt. 12:18-20; Eph. 1:4
  - 2) Positional \_\_\_\_\_ in the redemptive process: Heb. 10:10
  - 3) Positional \_\_\_\_\_ in the eternal plan: Rom. 8:16-17; Gal. 4:6-7
  - 4) Positional \_\_\_\_\_ in the creative order: Eph. 2:6 (cmp. 1:20-21)
4. “A NEW CREATION”= A KAINOS KTISIS= “NEW IN \_\_\_\_\_ WITH AN EMPHASIS ON NEW IN \_\_\_\_\_.”  
 A.K.A. “THE NEW \_\_\_\_\_,” Eph. 4:24; “THE HIDDEN MAN OF THE HEART,” 1Pet. 3:4; “THE INWARD MAN,” Rom. 7:22
5. “THE OLD THINGS ARE PAST AWAY (aorist tense)
6. “BEHOLD”... a command
7. “NEW THINGS HAVE BECOME” (perfect tense), in contrast to the old

### Charlie Brown Application

When we meet Charlie Brown, he has just believed the Gospel. He has become a new creation in Christ Jesus, but knows little of this, much less of the many things that God did for him at the point of salvation.

Charlie Brown is so much like each of us. Perhaps that is why we so enjoy him. He has so much to learn in the process he has now entered... **BEING CONFORMED TO THE IMAGE OF CHRIST!**

## GOD'S DESIGN IN MAN'S CREATION: Adam in the Garden



**Genesis 1:26-27** And God said, Let us make (*asah*) man in our image, after our likeness ... So God created (*bara*) man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

**Genesis 2:7** And the LORD God formed (*yatsar*) man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (lit., "lives", Hbr., *chayim*) ; and man became a living soul (*nephesh*).

## Summary of God's Original-Created-Man

1. God created man body, soul, and spirit
  - Soul: relates man to life and life forms
  - Spirit: designed by God to relate man to God
  - Body: designed by God to house soul-spirit in planet earth's environment.
2. That body, soul, and spirit are distinct entities in the believer is clear from 1Thess. 5:23.
3. It is in soul and spirit that man is in the image of God.
4. Soul and spirit are like two banks of the mind.
5. Soul-spirit is the real you: **THE INVISIBLE YOU!**
6. At physical death, the soul-spirit of a believer goes to be with the Lord, Phil. 1:21-24; James 2:26.