

# The Mystery of the Body

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## Glossary:

**Old** – That which was; that which was first; that which can't please God

**New** – That which can be; that which is second; that which pleases God

**Body** - The Factory for the Operation of Humanity

**Members** - Individual parts that make up the Factory, the specific machines that make Humanity operational

**Self** - You, the eternally responsible party for all that takes place within the Factory

**Flesh, The Old Man, Self-centricity** - The Factory Operator - Overarching System of control, the operation of Deceit, The management of Sin

**The Deeds** - Sins, the fleshly product of the wicked operation

**Crucifixion** – Death to the operator, the legal annulment of the operator's life, authority, and position as head of the Factory

**Baptism** – the reckoning of the operator's death and the reckoning of the birth of a new operation

**Circumcision** – the cutting off of the Factory operator and thusly his Fleshly product

**Mortify** – to kill, to give no life, no privilege, no voice, no place to the previous operator and his pattern of operation

**Put off** – To remove all allegiance and cut all ties with the old operator and his operation

And no man putteth **new wine** into **old bottles**; else the **new wine** will burst the bottles, and be spilled, and the bottles shall perish. But **new wine** must be put into **new bottles**; and both are preserved . . . Others mocking said, These men are full of **new wine**. - Luke 5:37-38; Acts 2:13

## Legally, For Life there is need for Death

Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth? For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband. So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man. Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. - Romans 7:1-6

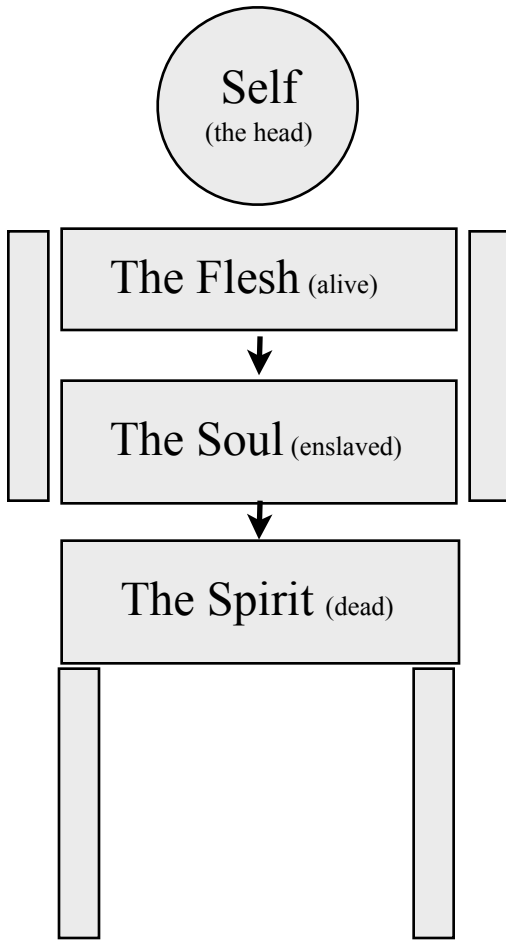
## Oldness of Life unto Newness of Life

Knowing this, that our **old man** is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. - Romans 6:6

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the **old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; - Ephesians 4:22

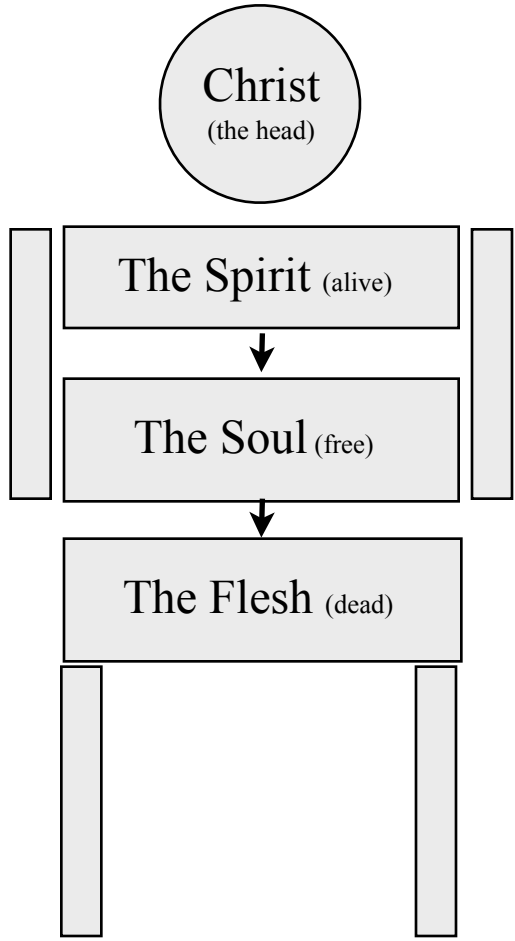
Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the **old man** with his deeds; - Colossians 3:9

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## The Body of Sin

The Factory of Failure where Self-centricity rules, The Old Man operates, Sin controls, The Body is alive to the Flesh and dead to the Spirit



## The Body of Christ

The Factory of Righteousness where Christ rules, The New Man born again in Christ is set free to live in accordance with Truth and Love, The Body is alive to the Spirit and dead to the Flesh

## Self (“I”) must enter into the Death

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. - Matthew 16:24

And whosoever doth not bear his cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple . . . whosoever he be of you that forsaketh not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. - Luke 14:27,33

I die daily. - 1 Corinthians 15:31b

I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. - Galatians 2:20

*More Scriptures* - Matthew 10:38; Mark 10:21; Galatians 6:14; Philippians 3:10; Luke 14:26

## Understanding the Position of the Flesh (Sarx)

**The Old Man, Self-centricity** - The Factory Operator - Overarching System of control, the operation of Deceit, The management of Sin

**NOTE:** The Flesh, in other parts of the New Testament, can be used to describe the physical substance of the human body (that which covers the bones, houses the blood, and is visible) or the physical substance of an animal body. However, the use of the Greek word *Sarx* in Romans chapters 6 through 12 is strictly aimed towards the idea of the “Factory Operator” - the “Old Man” - the “Self-centricity” of sinful humanity, the sensuous, animal nature.

**6:19** - I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your **flesh (*sarx*)**: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness. - Romans 6:19

**7:5** - For when we were in the **flesh (*sarx*)**, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. - Romans 7:5

**7:18** - For I know that in me (that is, in my **flesh (*sarx*)**), dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. - Romans 7:18

7:25 - I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the **flesh** (*sarx*) the law of sin. - Romans 7:25

8:1 - There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the **flesh** (*sarx*), but after the Spirit. - Romans 8:1

8:3-9 - For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the **flesh** (*sarx*), God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful **flesh** (*sarx*), and for sin, condemned sin in the **flesh** (*sarx*): That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the **flesh** (*sarx*), but after the Spirit. For they that are after the **flesh** (*sarx*) do mind the things of the **flesh** (*sarx*); but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be **carnally** (*sarx*) minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the **carnal** (*sarx*) mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the **flesh** (*sarx*) cannot please God. But ye are not in the **flesh** (*sarx*), but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. - Romans 8:3-9

8:12-13 - Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the **flesh** (*sarx*), to live after the **flesh** (*sarx*). For if ye live after the **flesh** (*sarx*), ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. - Romans 8:12-13

## Understanding the Significance of the Body (*Sōma*)

The Factory for the Operation of Humanity

1. The Factory (*sōma*), as operated by the flesh (*sarx*)
2. The Factory (*sōma*), as operated by the New Man (*the Spirit Born*)
3. The Perfect Factory (*sōma*), Christ Jesus

## 1) The Factory (*sōma*), as operated by the Flesh (*sarx*)

**6:6** - Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the **body (*sōma*)** of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. – Romans 6:6

**7:24** - O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the **body (*sōma*)** of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. – Romans 7:24-25a

**8:10-11** - And if Christ be in you, the **body (*sōma*)** is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal **bodies (*sōma*)** by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. – Romans 8:10-11

**8:13** - For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die : but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the **body (*sōma*)**, ye shall live . – Romans 8:13

## 2) The Factory (*sōma*), as operated by the New Man (*the Spirit Born*)

**6:12** - Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal **body (*sōma*)**, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. – Romans 6:12

**8:10-11** - And if Christ be in you, the **body (*sōma*)** is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal **bodies (*sōma*)** by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. – Romans 8:10-11

**8:23** - And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our **body (*sōma*)**. – Romans 8:23

12:1 - I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your **bodies** (*sōma*) a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service. – Romans 12:1

### 3) The Perfect Factory (*sōma*), Christ Jesus

7:4 - Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the **body** (*sōma*) of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God. – Romans 7:4

12:4-5 - For as we have many members in one **body** (*sōma*), and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one **body** (*sōma*) in Christ, and every one members one of another. – Romans 12:4-5

## What Did The Cross Accomplish for our individual Bodies?

### The Body - *Is Clothed in Christ in order to be indwelled by Christ*

The Body is clothed in Christ (Galatians 3:27; Romans 13:14; Philippians 3:9) is brought into subjection; under the new management of righteousness (1 Corinthians 9:27; 1 Peter 2:24); is washed with pure water (Hebrews 10:22); and is made the dwelling place of God, the temple (1 Corinthians 3:16-18; 1 Corinthians 6:18-20; 2 Corinthians 6:15-17; Ephesians 2:21-22)

#### 1. The Spirit - *Overtakes the Body as the new ruling authority in order to Reveal the Person of Jesus Christ in the Body*

the Spirit of God empowers and gives Life (Romans 8:9-10) enables us to put to death the Old operation of the Flesh (Romans 8:13)

#### 2. The Soul - *Is now a servant to Righteousness instead of Sin* (Romans 6:18)

Our Souls (which are “us” - our mind, will, and emotions) are now able, due to the new ruling power within our lives, to now serve God instead of

Self and Sin. And as we reckon ourselves dead unto sin and alive unto God through Jesus Christ (Romans 6:11) we are empowered, by this newfound authority of Christ, to let not sin reign any longer in our bodies (Romans 6:12) and thusly we are able to present our bodies, along with each individual operative member of our bodies unto God, to be used, from this day forth, as instruments of righteousness and no longer as instruments of sin (Romans 6:13)

### 3. The Flesh - *No Longer has ruling jurisdiction over the Body, but is crucified along with the affections and lusts* (Galatians 5:24)

**The Old Man** - *The Old Operator of the self-centered, sinful regime is ousted*, or as Paul states it, is crucified (Romans 6:6) and is put off as an old garment (Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:9)

**Sinful deeds** - *The Works of the Flesh Operation cease, they are no more, due to the change of management within the Body*. Paul says that they are cut off through circumcision of Christ (Colossians 2:11), and mortified, put to death (Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:5)

## Glorify God in your Body

Now the **body** (*sōma*) is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the **body** (*sōma*). And God hath both raised up the Lord, and will also raise up us by his own power. Know ye not that your **bodies** (*sōma*) are the **members** of Christ? shall I then take the **members** of Christ, and make them the **members** of an harlot? God forbid. What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one **body** (*sōma*)? for two, saith he, shall be one **flesh** (*sarx*). But he that is joined unto the Lord is one **spirit**. Flee fornication. Every sin that a man does is outside the **body** (*sōma*); but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own **body** (*sōma*). What? know ye not that your **body** (*sōma*) is the temple of the **Holy Ghost** which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your **body** (*sōma*), and in your **spirit**, which are God's. - 1 Corinthians 6:13-20



## Off with the Sin Soma and on with Christ

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead **bodily**. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the **body** (*sōma*) of the sins of the **flesh** (*sarx*) by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your **flesh** (*sarx*), hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; - Colossians 2:9-13

That ye **put off** concerning the former conversation **the old man**, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; - Eph 4:22 KJV

Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have **put off the old man** with his deeds; - Col 3:9 KJV

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ **have put on Christ**. - Galatians 3:27

But **put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof. - Romans 13:14

## The Body of Christ

For as the **body** (*sōma*) is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one **body** (*sōma*), being many, are one **body** (*sōma*): so also is Christ. For by one **Spirit** are we all baptized into one **body** (*sōma*), whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one **Spirit**. For the **body** (*sōma*) is not one **member**, but many . . . Now ye are the **body** (*sōma*) of Christ, and **members** in particular.  
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27

And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his **body (sōma)**, the fullness of him that fills all in all. - Ephesians 1:22-23 KJV

But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: From whom the whole **body (sōma)** fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the **body (sōma)** unto the edifying of itself in love. - Ephesians 4:15-16

## Communion

The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the **body (sōma)** of Christ? For we being many are one bread, and one **body (sōma)**: for we are all partakers of that one bread. - 1 Corinthians 10:16-17