
Holy Spirit

THE PROBLEM WITH SIN

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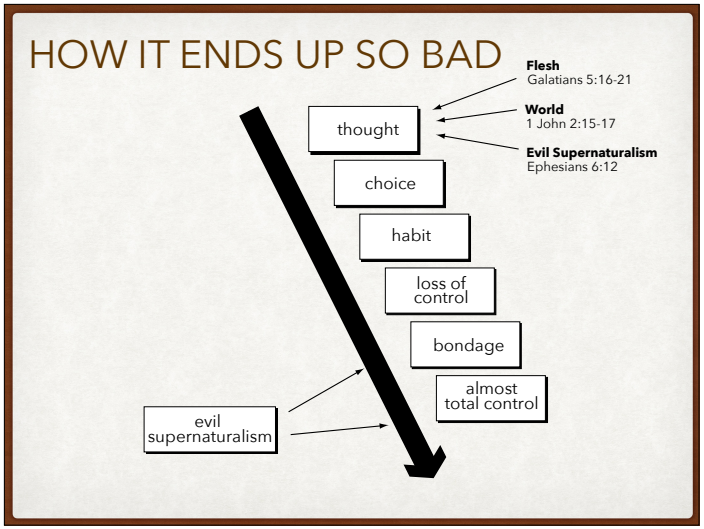
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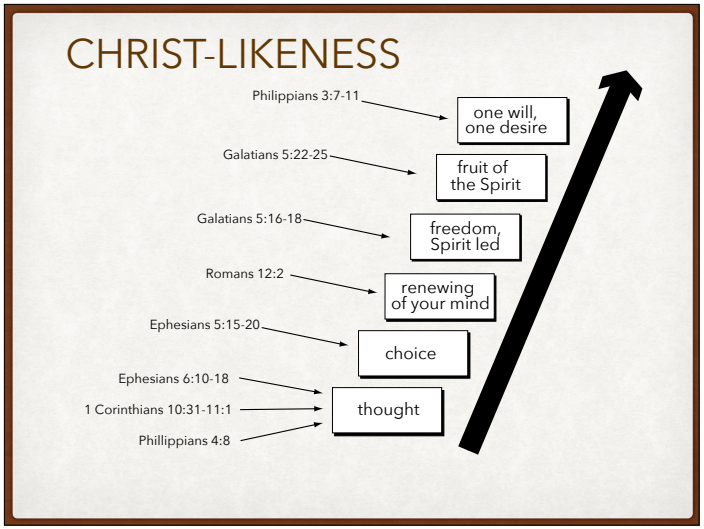
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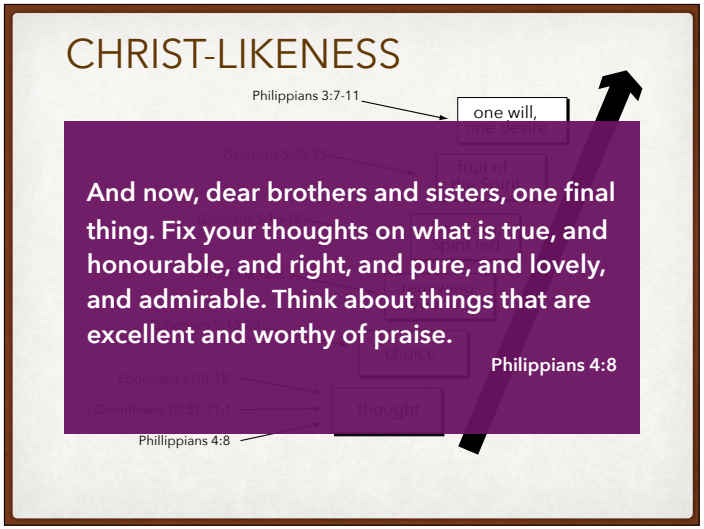
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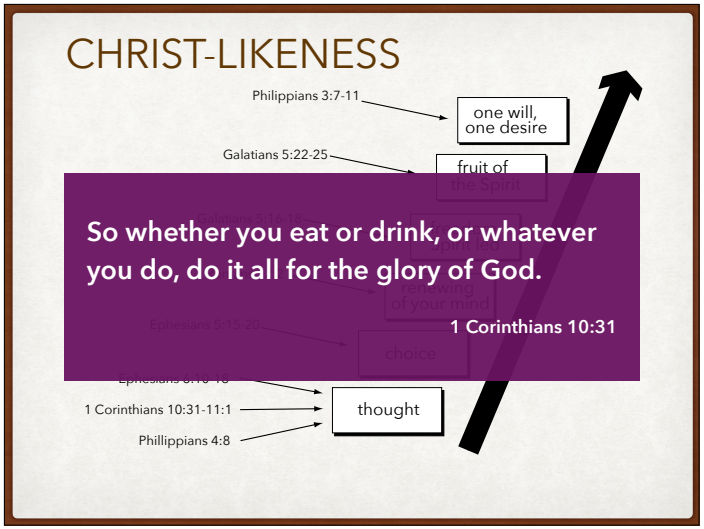
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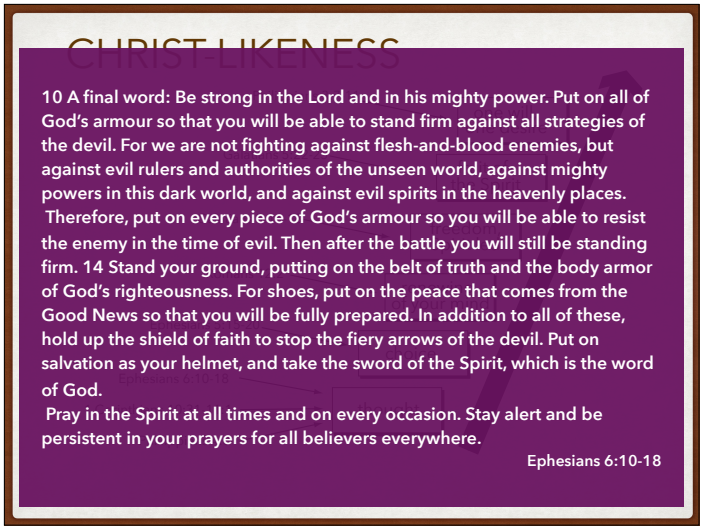
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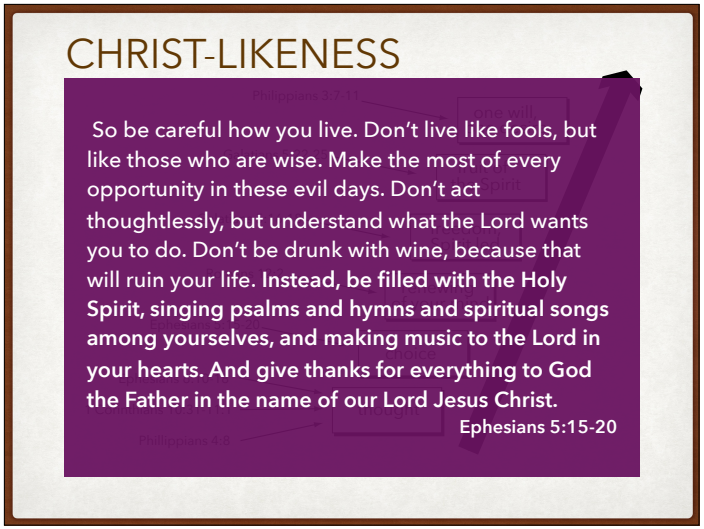
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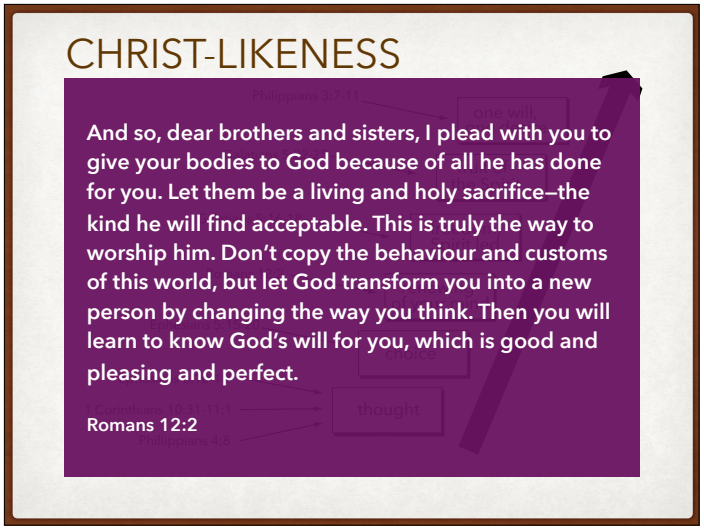
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10 A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil.
12 For we[a] are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.
13 Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.
14 Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. 15 For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared.[b] 16 In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.[c] 17 Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
18 Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere

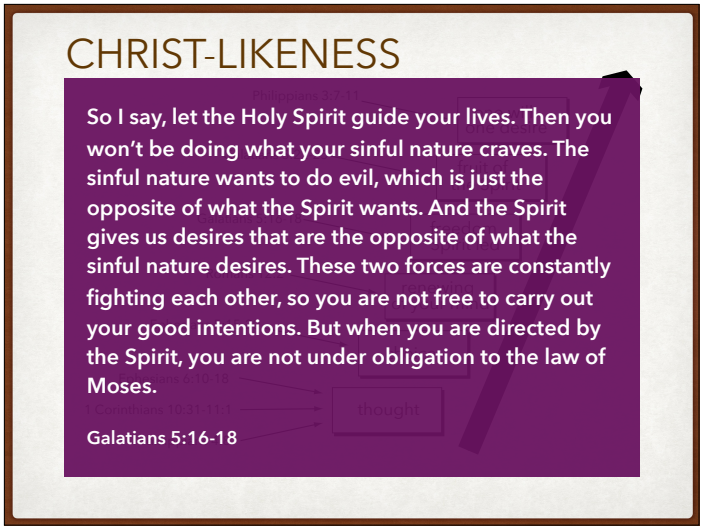


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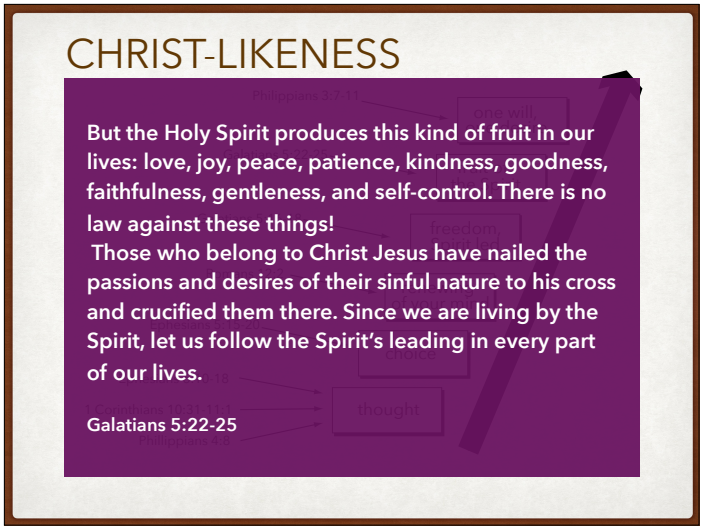
And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2



So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves. The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. But when you are directed by the Spirit, you are not under obligation to the law of Moses.

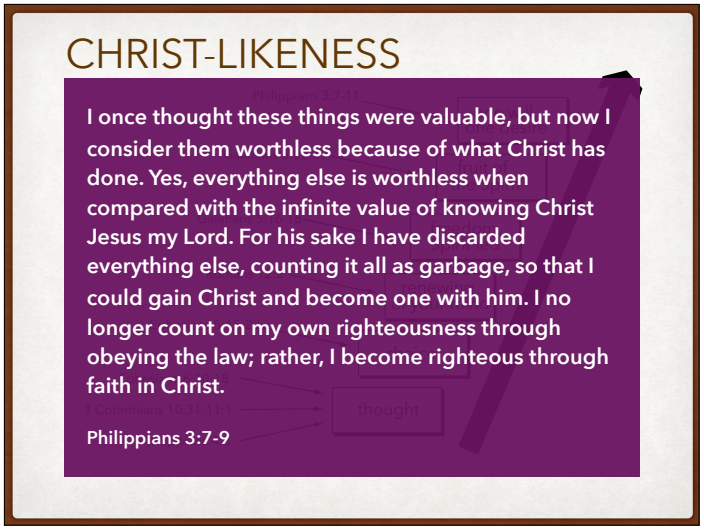
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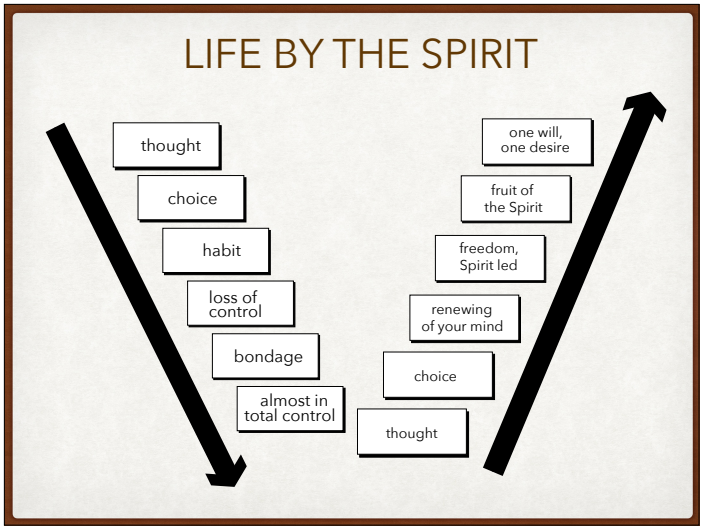
But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things!

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there. Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives.

Galatians 5:22-25

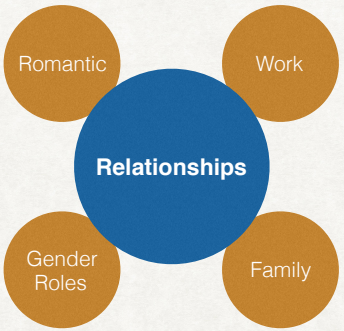


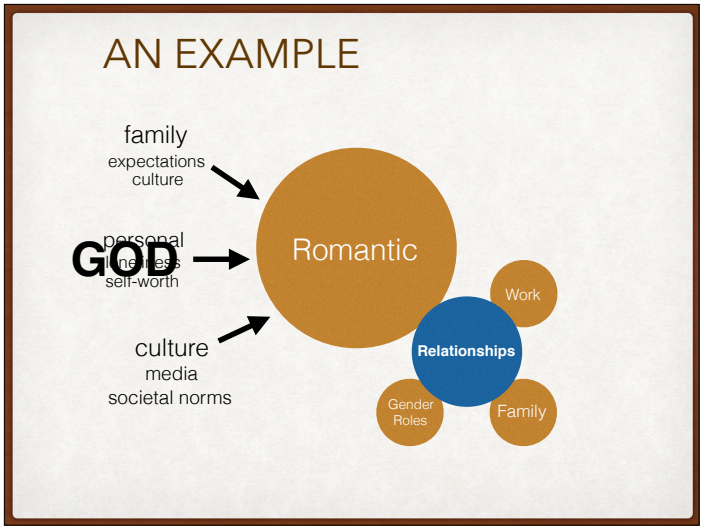
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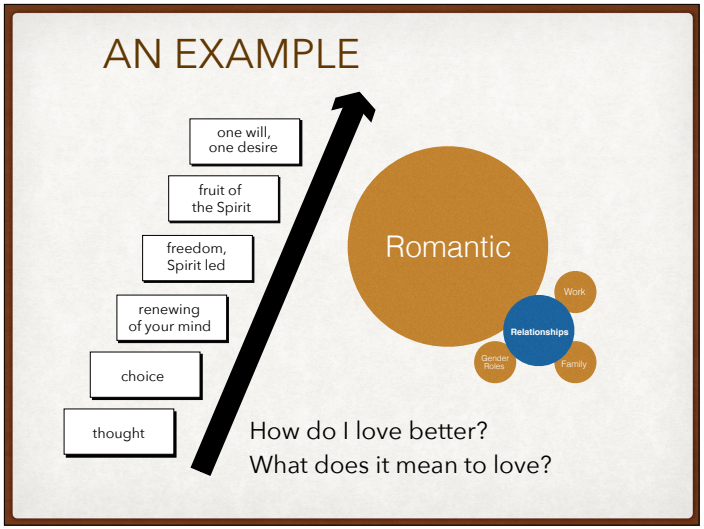




Culture, movies, television, books.

Even the word romantic, is tied into culture.

Romance in other cultures is more closely tied to honour.



Look, God, has my culture affected a healthy view of relationships? has it affected my perception of what a husband and a wife should be.

Holy Spirit, teach me. Teach me the right way to approach things.

Make choices, let your thinking be changed, make choices to act rightly, and then your mind begins to be renewed. it's not outward transformation, but an inward transformation.

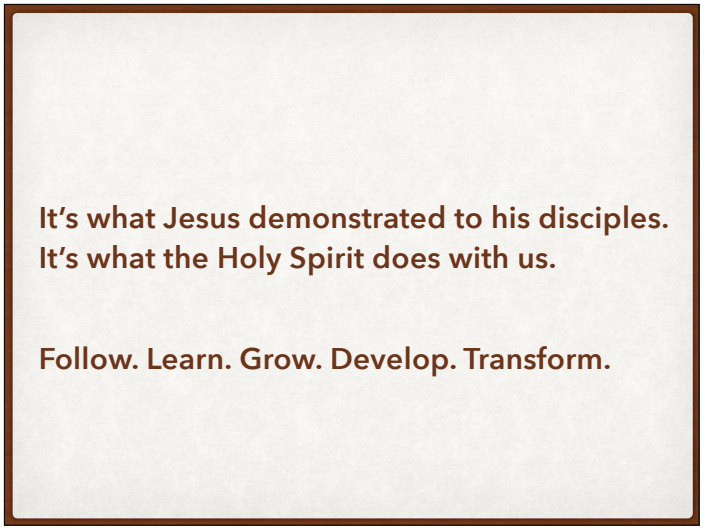
It's then when you begin to see, maybe romantic relationships aren't all about what the person can provide for me, or what i get out of it… but discovering a new way to view things.

God how can you be glorified in this relationship. God how can I present this person, to be better and more glorifying to you.

The key is as you practice this, it becomes more second nature, it becomes natural, it becomes difficult to think of it a different way.

Selfishness is replaced with selflessness. not the "fine" bitter way of doing it, but the real genuine from the heart. Your demands give way to God's glory.

And if there is no romantic person in your life, it doesn't become a hindrance. It's not "something wrong with you." "why aren't you married yet," but God — your glory, i can see you. Renew my thinking. Teach me how to view them. Teach me how to view myself.



Jesus blood means that we are holy.
So the Spirit can dwell in us.
Now we can begin walking in holiness.