

Flow Chart of The Spiritual Maturation Process

WARNING: Without 1Jn1:9 your Power is OUT, see 1Jn1:6-10. So until you use it again, all spiritual function ceases, and you'll only fancy yourself spiritual.

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| Five Ininitives in Isa53:10-11's LXX text, Run by the Holy Spirit: Power source, DDNA production, Divine energy for your human spirit and soul (see Part III's "5 Ininitives" link section) | | | | |
| <i>katharizw</i> (purify) | <i>aphairew</i> (take away, plunder) | <i>deiknumi</i> (point out, make known, publish) | <i>plassw</i> (produce by sculpting) | <i>dikaiew</i> (to legally perfect by Making Righteous, Justifying) |



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| Ten Problem-Solving Devices ("PSDs") and Spiritual Growth Stages: (see "TULIPS?" Part V, #4 section) These are my pastor's terms. They are explained in his 1985 Ephesians and 1992 Spiritual Dynamics series (18 years of Bible classes, recorded live, available free). Small-font parentheses are explanatory. | | | | | | | | | |
| Spiritual Childhood | | | Spiritual Adolescence | | Spiritual Adulthood (substage 1 and 2) | | | | Spiritual Maturity aka "Pleroma" |
| 1Jn1:9 | Spirit-Filling <small>(due to 1Jn1:9 used, unfelt)</small> | Faith-Rest | Grace Orientation | Doctrinal Orientation | Personal Sense of Destiny | Personal (Divine) Love <small>(Focus on) for Father</small> | Impersonal (Independent-of-attraction) Love for mankind | +H, sharing (in) the Happiness of God | Occupation (Divine-Love Focus on) with Christ |



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| Spiritual Maturation Benchmarks (see Part III's "Spiritual Maturation Process, Overview" link section) | | | | | | |
| Consuming Bible | Spiritual Skills | Thought Pattern | Relationship to God | Love Growth | Trial Status | Weakness Growth |



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| His Seven-Faceted House of Thinking (see Part III's "Abiding in His 7-Faceted 'House'" link section) | | | | | | | His Four-Sided Divine Happiness (see Part III's "4 Happinesses" link section) | | | |
| Abiding Function | Abiding Desire | Abiding Development | Abiding Plunder | Abiding Victory | Abiding Intimacy | Abiding Compatibility | Hefty <small>(His Strength)</small> | Hearty <small>(thought-based)</small> | His Own <small>(Replication)</small> | Husband-Intimate |

NOTES:

- ◆ **Spiritual Maturation is a Filling-up-with-Word process**, both learning and living on it, Rom8:4. As spiritual growth occurs, the bottom-row blocks on this page gradually fill up while you are Filled with the Spirit, recovered via 1Jn1:9.
- ◆ **The filling-up-with-Word takes a lifetime.** Notice the process is bi-directional, hence exponential in its effects.
- ◆ **When you finish the maturation course, all bottom-row blocks are full:** your King-Sized soul is thus crowned at Bema. (Greek *dromos* is a maturation racecourse, in 2Tim4:7 -- from *trechw*, see Heb12:1-2.)
- ◆ **The 5 ininitives "operate" on you** (Heb4:12) **as you use the 10 PSDs.** Their results slot into Benchmark, House, & Happiness blocks. The charts help you diagnose progress.
- ◆ **The 10 PSDs are actually spiritual skills** you think with, problems or no; **as you age, they aggregate into a spiritual maturation 'team':** i.e., until you're a spiritual adult, the last five PSDs don't turn "on", though 'seeded' prior.
- ◆ **So Maturation is a progressive rightward-filling up in the 10 PSDs**, as you spiritually age. The rightmost one will typify your thinking the most, so it's an index of spiritual growth and salient function.
- ◆ **Spiritual Maturation 'magnetizes' around the highest PSD you've developed so far; and all the lower ones run THROUGH it.** 'Took me years to figure that out.
- ◆ **You take these Filled Up "riches" with you at death**, as The Spirit makes them in you -- so they are "gold, silver, precious stones", constituting the "work" rewarded at the Bema, 1Cor3, Eph2:10. (The word "man" is not in the Greek of 1Cor3:10-15, but instead *hekastos* is used. That's each believer, a more impersonal term; it's NOT the believer's own hands doing the work. The One Doing That Work is in v.16, so Paul's wordplay on Who's in view, is witty. Man can't make gold or precious stones.)

Flow Chart of Spiritual Childhood

Five Infnitives, Run by the Holy Spirit: Power source, DDNA production, Divine energy for your human spirit

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Usage of spiritual life (1Jn1:9) is <u>fitful</u> to <u>sporadic</u>, increasing in duration and consistency with repetition, as <u>human ideas</u> of God and the spiritual life, <u>dominate</u> instead. ◆ "Faith-Rest" is <u>restricted</u> to claiming simple promises and learning Basic Bible at a rudimentary level. Easily distracted and threatened. Concentration <u>poor</u> to <u>sporadic</u>. ◆ <u>Easily</u> led astray by false doctrine, <u>humanistic ideas</u> of God and the spiritual life, <u>works, ritual, human approbation</u>. <u>Feeling</u> mistakenly used as criterion for spirituality. ◆ Retardation evidenced by loss of curiosity, legalism, prickliness (hypersensitivity), stubbornness, a bizarre twisting of what is read or heard (reversal of what is clearly meant by a Bible verse or a person's words). To the extent one has such attitudes regarding ANY particular Bible doctrine, the retardation there will spread like mold, to all other Bible believed. | | | | | | | | | |



Spiritual Maturation Benchmarks

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| Consuming Bible | Spiritual Skills | Thought Pattern | Relationship-to-God | LoveGrowth: | Trial Status | Weakness Growth |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Only in Bible Class, which is <u>rarely</u> or <u>sporadically</u> attended. ◆ <u>Low</u> or <u>emotional</u> Interest; but <u>grasp?</u> Almost nil. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <u>Basic</u> skills in flesh tones, with <u>little coordination</u>. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "Faith": Word '<u>feels</u>' like touching God, but is a <u>jumble</u> to the mind. ◆ Often talks to God. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <u>Feely, touchy</u> ◆ <u>Do's</u>=spirituality ◆ <u>Morality</u>=spirituality ◆ <u>Emotions</u>=spirituality ◆ <u>Judgemental</u> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ <u>Child's trust</u>, curious ◆ <u>Spouts Bible, parrots</u> ◆ <u>Easily</u> hurt | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Ignorance ◆ Believes despite <u>discomfort</u> in the face of putdowns by 'smart' people. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Threatened by <u>every</u> argument against Bible, <u>defensive</u>. ◆ <u>Easy</u> prey for false teachers and ideas. |



His Seven-Faceted House of Thinking

His Four-Sided Divine Happiness

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Using Verses ◆ Prayer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ curiosity to know Bible more. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Desire to know Bible grows, so Desire to know God grows. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Bible desired and recalled. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ God's View begins to matter. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Prayer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Learning Word | | | | |

NOTES:

- ◆ Spiritual Childhood is a fleshy kind of spirituality; even when filled. Children are very body-oriented; when a child, one gets do's in order to teach knows. Hence a flesh color highlights this stage. Portions of title text highlighted or bolded signify the childhood portion of maturation. Note color and highlight changes in the next three pages, compared to this one.
- ◆ Underlined text changes the most as maturation progresses; or conversely, most speeds regress, if sustained too long. Can't stand still, in the spiritual life.
- ◆ Items listed in the "Abiding" categories most propel growth in that category, but might only be present occasionally.

Flow Chart of Spiritual Adolescence

Five Ininitives, Run by the Holy Spirit: Power source, DDNA production, Divine energy for your human spirit, now a daily, habitual feature of the spiritual life.

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- ◆ Usage of spiritual life is sporadic to regular, increasing in duration and consistency with repetition, as human ideas of God and the spiritual life, come into question, instead.
- ◆ "Faith-Rest" expands from claiming promises, learning Basic Bible -- to reasoning it all out. Less distracted and threatened. Concentration sporadic, but stronger and more sustained.
- ◆ Still attracted by false doctrine, humanistic ideas of God and spiritual life, works, ritual, human approval. Feeling less a criterion for spirituality. Intellect begins to matter more. All ideas now questioned. Answers begin to be known. **This is the stage where Bible for itself begins to 'compete' with other values -- and begins to win over them.**
- ◆ **Retardation** evidenced by intellectual legalism, stubbornness, reversing what is read or heard. **Such attitudes on ANY Bible doctrine spread like mold to all other Bible believed.**



Spiritual Maturation Benchmarks

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| Consuming Bible | Spiritual Skills | Thought Pattern | Relationship-to-God | Love Growth: | Trial Status | Weakness Growth |
| ◆ In Bible Class, which is <u>regularly</u> attended. Ponders meaning after class, and sometimes when not in it, without external impetus. ◆ <u>Higher</u> Interest; and <u>grasp?</u> Beginning! | ◆ <u>Basic</u> skills in gold tones, with <u>better to good</u> , to <u>coordination</u> . ◆ <u>One begins seeking isolation</u> to study and think out Bible. | ◆ "Hope": <u>Word begins to have meaning more than feeling, begins to coalesce</u> in the mind. ◆ Often talks to God, and <u>asks God about MEANING of his own life. The "He" begins to replace the "me"</u> . | ◆ Feely, touchy, <u>but now also content</u> . ◆ <u>Do's</u> =spirituality, <u>queried</u> . ◆ <u>Morality</u> =spirituality, <u>queried</u> . ◆ <u>Emotions</u> =spirituality, <u>queried</u> . ◆ <u>Judgementalism declines</u> though bellicosity increases. But that's an emergent love of talking Bible, as it now begins to make sense! | ◆ <u>Independent trust</u> , and still curious. ◆ <u>Spouts</u> Bible, <u>parrots, and</u> habitually <u>reasons it out</u> . ◆ <u>If hurt, will seek answers</u> . ◆ Begins to appreciate pro's and con's. Can get bogged down in them. | ◆ <u>Crossover to Cognizance</u> , very dangerous time. ◆ Believes with <u>less discomfort</u> (but more fixation) when disputed by 'smart' people. | ◆ Threatened by <u>some</u> arguments against Bible, <u>combative</u> . ◆ <u>Less</u> prey for false teachers and ideas; too likely to fight them, so might miss accurate teaching. |



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His Four-Sided Divine Happiness

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| ◆ Using Verses ◆ Prayer | ◆ curiosity to know Bible more, <u>burning</u> questions. | ◆ Desire to know Bible grows, so Desire to know God grows. | ◆ Bible desired and recalled. ◆ Bible reasoned and found making sense. ◆ Bible enjoyed! | ◆ God's View becomes a <u>burning</u> question. | ◆ Prayer ◆ Study (maybe too much) | ◆ Learning Word, avidly. | | | | |

NOTES:

- ◆ The turning point in Spiritual Adolescence is a) Bible as a whole begins to be grasped, plus b) you realize a need to 'get serious' about it, so God's Agenda for your life becomes a burning issue. God Himself in your life, not a mere slotted routine on Wednesdays, Sundays, holidays. Switch from body-ideas to principles changes your view of spirituality, calls Churchinanity into question.

Flow Chart of Spiritual Adulthood Substage 1

Five Infnitives, Run by the Holy Spirit: Power source, DDNA production, Divine energy for your human spirit, a daily, habitual feature of the spiritual life.

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| IJn1:9 Spirit-Filling Faith-Rest Grace Orientation Doctrinal Orientation | | Personal Sense of Destiny | Personal (Divine) Love (Focus on) for Father | Impersonal (Independent-of-attraction) Love for mankind | +H, sharing (in) the Happiness of God | Occupation (Divine-Love Focus on) with Christ |

- ◆ Usage of spiritual life is regular to instinctive, increasing in duration and consistency with repetition, as human ideas of God and the spiritual life are progressively discarded, instead.
- ◆ "Doctrinal Orientation" is instinctive, and progressively sophisticated. It's a beginning prosperity test, and we flunk it as the Laodiceans did. Competence is the new false spirituality.
- ◆ **Retardation** evidenced by Bible-smarts legalism. **True Bible Competence can wreck your spiritual life if you forget Who gave it to you. Dangerous, to enjoy smarts too much.**



Spiritual Maturation Benchmarks

| Consuming Bible | Spiritual Skills | Thought Pattern | Relationship-to-God | Love Growth: | Trial Status | Weakness Growth |
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| ◆ Bible Class attended instinctively. Part of the daily lifestyle. One ponders meaning every day. High interest and grasp which is <u>Comfortable</u> . | ◆ High skills in green tones, <u>good to great</u> . ◆ Bible integrated with daily life, now <u>Too integrated</u> , denigrates to level of mere culture. | ◆ "Hope": Word is <u>proven</u> to the mind. ◆ Since answers are now known, the believer <u>oddly stops</u> talking with God as much as formerly. It's a setback. | ◆ Content and whys <u>dominate</u> . ◆ Do's=spirituality, <u>rejected</u> . ◆ Morality=spirituality, <u>rejecting</u> . ◆ Emotions=spirituality, <u>rejected</u> . ◆ <u>Judgementalism switches to those who don't study Word</u> . Divorces and separation from friends, family, happen here, Matt 10:34-40. | ◆ <u>Coalesced trust</u> , which ironically <u>dulls curiosity</u> . ◆ Bible reasoning <u>dominates</u> . ◆ If hurt, ignores it. ◆ Loves pondering pro's and con's, may be fixated. ◆ ATTRACTION PHASE of Love. | ◆ <u>Crossover to Cognizance</u> , very dangerous time. ◆ Enjoys debating when disputed by 'smart' people. ◆ Prosperity rest ensues, so one slides into complacency. | ◆ Ticked off by some arguments. ◆ Too 'settled', so misses good teaching. ◆ Too busy enjoying the 'rest' of having answers. Setup for Divine Discipline to follow in substage 2! |



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| ◆ Using Verses Prayer | ◆ easy to want to study. | ◆ knowing Bible <u>peaks</u> . | ◆ Bible recalled often. ◆ Bible's triumph seen. ◆ One stops to smell the roses – yikes! | ◆ <u>Tactical Victory</u> of the spiritual life, God's View is settled. | ◆ Prayer ◆ Study revs up or down | ◆ Learning Word, familiar or hot. | ◆ More certain Word is True. | ◆ Bigger here. | ◆ Begins here. | |

NOTES:

- ◆ This 1st substage of Spiritual Adulthood is a very heady time, and a major victory in the Trial -- so R&R ensues. And that's what's wrong with it. So many years spent in ignorance but now knowing, is like winning the lottery. **The believer here is more mature than millions of other Christians -- and knows it.** Two polar dangers result: Word complacency and/or Word-bulimia. Like any newly-rich person, this spiritual adult goes overboard. Sin patterns reverse, old relationships die -- yet that's not only the believer's fault. Commonalities once shared with intimates drop off. Divine Love for God began -- but halts. Testing and Discipline will shortly follow the R&R, as all this prosperity distracts you from His Agenda.

Flow Chart of Spiritual Adulthood Substage 2

Five Ininitives, Run by the Holy Spirit: Power source, DDNA production, Divine energy for your human spirit, a daily, habitual feature of the spiritual life.

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| 1Jn1:9 Spirit-Filling Faith-Rest | Grace Orientation Doctrinal Orientation | Personal Sense of Destiny | Personal (Divine) Love (Focus on) for Father | Impersonal (Independent-of-attraction) Love for mankind | +H, sharing (in) the Happiness of God | Occupation (Divine-Love Focus on) with Christ |

- ◆ Usage of spiritual life becomes instinctive under pressure. Human ideas of God are shot to hell, here. Jacob was lamed, and so is the believer. Some laming is reserved for Evidence Testing.
- ◆ "+H is what you live on to complete the phase, so it's not filled in until you've finished. Love for Father becomes instinctive and progressively sophisticated -- again, under pressure. The cockiness of substage I gets burnt out -- or you do, and if successful you typically limp into Spiritual Maturity by the end. For what my pastor calls "Momentum" Testing, completes the phase.
- ◆ **You'll either spin out of the spiritual life permanently here or you'll make it. Most don't make it.**



Spiritual Maturation Benchmarks

| Consuming Bible | Spiritual Skills | Thought Pattern | Relationship-to-God | Love Growth: | Trial Status | Weakness Growth |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The pressure begets an all-consuming interest in God and His Word. No longer merely a part of your lifestyle, the Word BECOMES your life. One associates Bible meaning ALL day. ◆ "On Fire" grasp of Word. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Fluent, high skills in green tones, great coordination. ◆ Bible comes to be in every minute of your thinking, the Arbiter. Takes over your life. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "Love", by the end of the phase. Word is The Mind. You can't handle that changeover, yet. ◆ Talking with God becomes a constant oxygen tank, by the time the phase ends. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ You see Christ. Living is Christ. Bible is His Thinking. ◆ Bible is your thinking. ◆ Everything in the world "dies" to you, as now you see the world's flaws and your own, too well -- and you see they don't matter. Philii 1:21 is where this substage ends. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Absolute Love forms by the end of this substage. ◆ Bible reasoning owns you. ◆ Compatibility phase of Love. ◆ All competing loves die here, but you don't know that, yet. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Cognizance reifies into seeing Him, very dangerous time. ◆ Disputes end. ◆ Prosperity ends the phase, to 'aid' recognition that He OWNS your life. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ You lose everything here. Stage ends with a refining of reason for living -- Philii 1:21 is that sole reason. ◆ Setup for Evidence Testing to follow after respite in Spiritual Maturity! |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Living on Bible. ◆ Prayer | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "on fire" to learn Christ. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Seeing Christ. Bible now seen as His Living Mind, wholly. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ You start thinking as Christ did, as your motive is to know Him better. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Strategic Victory of Spiritual Maturity, Occupation with Christ is front-and-center, by substage end. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Prayer ◆ Intimacy with Him shifts into high gear. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Compatibility with Him is now THE Burning Issue: but you know you are NOT Compatible. |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Word is Him. You are happy. You feel like dog-doo-doo, and don't care. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ HIS Heart. You want to know it constantly. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Becomes Stable here. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Begins here. |

NOTES:

- ◆ This 2nd substage of Spiritual Adulthood is very humiliating, but Occupation with Christ. becomes your thinking. It had been building, but you didn't know that. This ending is the 2nd Tactical Victory and 1st Strategic victory in the Trial -- so R&R ensues. So many years spent wondering about Him: and now you really start to know HIM. **You're now more mature than billions of Christians who'll ever live, but your cockiness is gone.** You're exhausted and grateful, instead. The self doesn't matter anymore: HE replaced it in focus. Wholly. So now, it's time that the changeover to Him, get tested: during Pleroma. A brief R&R ensues (or maybe a long one) -- and then, for the rest of your life, it's a rolling series of tests, patterned all on His.

Flow Chart of Spiritual Maturity, aka "Pleroma"

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- ◆ **Evidence Testing FUSES your Thinking with Christ's.** Constant spiritual life. You often die soon afterwards. Pure Olive Combat, 3 phases, covered in Part III's "2-3-4-5 Evidence Testing" link section and all of Part IVd.
- ◆ You live on "Occupation with Christ" to complete the phase: it formed at the end of Spiritual Adulthood, and develops function here during Evidence Testing. Leftover +H and Momentum Testing often begin this phase. Any personality quirks or hangups you had upon entry into Spiritual Maturity get resolved in the process. All your personal 'demons' and conflicting desires become Operation Footstool under Him, now.



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| Consuming Bible | Spiritual Skills | Thought Pattern | Relationship-to-God | Love Growth: | Trial Status | Weakness Growth |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ The Word became your life. Now you reflect Him: His Motives, Ideas, before Father. Matt4:4 IS your life. ◆ <u>TOTAL</u> grasp of Word. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ God pours out rivers of spiritual understanding. There's nothing you can't quickly, fluently grasp. ◆ Bible RULES your life. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "Love", Him. Everything Him. Word is Him, 24/7. ◆ Talking with God is your oxygen tank. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ You see Christ 24/7. Living is Christ. Bible is His Thinking. ◆ Bible is your thinking, 24/7. absolute. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Absolute Love. ◆ Christ owns you. ◆ Rapport completion phase of Love. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ "Cognitive Invincibility" (my pastor's term). You see it play live, daily. ◆ Internal disputes end. ◆ He OWNS your life. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Phili 1:21. Everything you never wanted and ever wanted successively hits, and you are flattened the entire time. |



His Seven-Faceted House of Thinking

His Four-Sided Divine Happiness

| Abiding Functions | Abiding Desire | Abiding Development | Abiding Plunder | Abiding Victory | Abiding Intimacy | Abiding Compatibility | Hefty (His Strength) | Hearty (thought-based) | His Own (Replication) | Husband-Intimate. |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Coalescing FUSION of His Thinking in you, occurs now. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Him. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ You think as Christ did, to emulate Him better. And you know how. It becomes instinctive. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Seeing Christ, 24/7. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Strategic Victory of Pleroma. Occupation with Christ is constant. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Prayer is constant. Intimacy with Him completes, is totally aggressive and responsive all at once. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Compatibility with Him is now forged and completes. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Word is Him. You are happy. You feel like dog-doo-doo, and don't care. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HIS Heart. You know it. Constantly. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completes here. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completes here. |

NOTES:

This final and extremely subtle Pleroma stage -- which can last a decade or more -- gets you crowned forever; but what you care about is seeing Him, glorifying Him, Phili 1:20-21. This finale is the 2nd Strategic Victory in the Trial, ending your testimony victoriously, or killing you in shame. So you go home, usually soon afterwards. So many years spent wondering about Him: and now you are like Him. You're now a king, but only for Him do you want that. Wholly. Forever. So you began as an ignorant child, barely able to spell "Jesus". You finish, not knowing where His Thinking begins and your own, ends. Simple start, simple finish. Circle, objective from subjective genitive, the Love of God in Christ Jesus, end Romans 8! Trial OVER!