

## An Abiding Analogy Using the Temple

In Lesson 1-4 we used the body, soul and spirit to depict the human anatomy. The “circle inside of the circle” is one way to depict the human anatomy. We made the point that humans have a body, soul and spirit and each has a function and a hierarchy.

The circle inside of the circle depiction of the believer from Lesson 1-4



But the circle inside of the circle cannot be found as an example in the Bible. But **there is a biblical depiction and it is the Temple.**

In this lesson we focus on the Temple and the spiritual truths and “types” that are built into **the Temple that are an analogy of our spiritual life.**

The Temple was a **three-part building.**

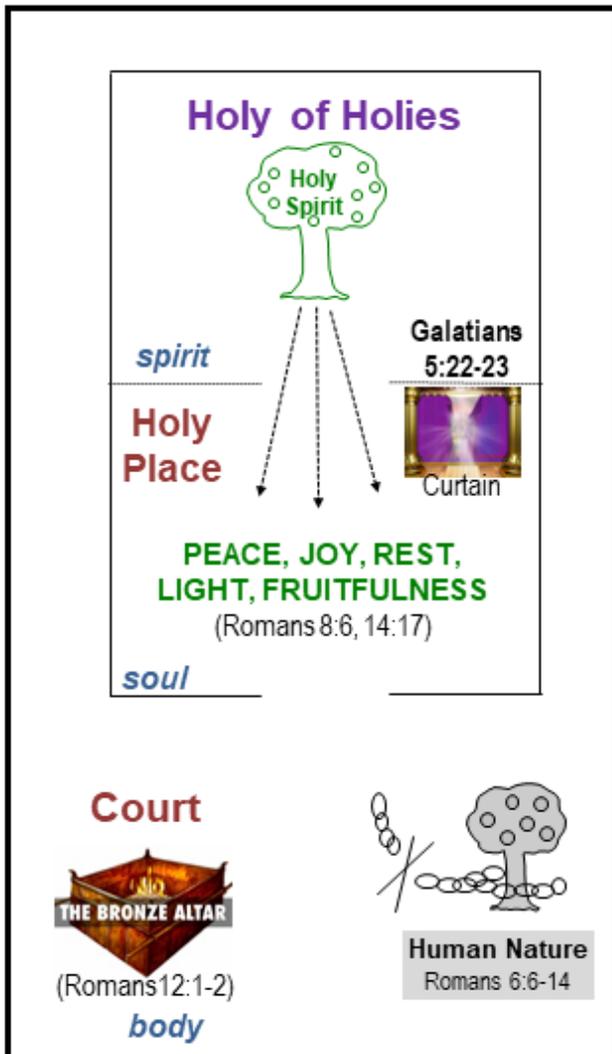
1. The **Holy of Holies** which was the inner room
2. Next was the **Holy Place**
3. In between the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place was the Curtain and beyond that was the **Outer Court.**

**These three components overlay with the Christian life** and is depicted in the following illustration.

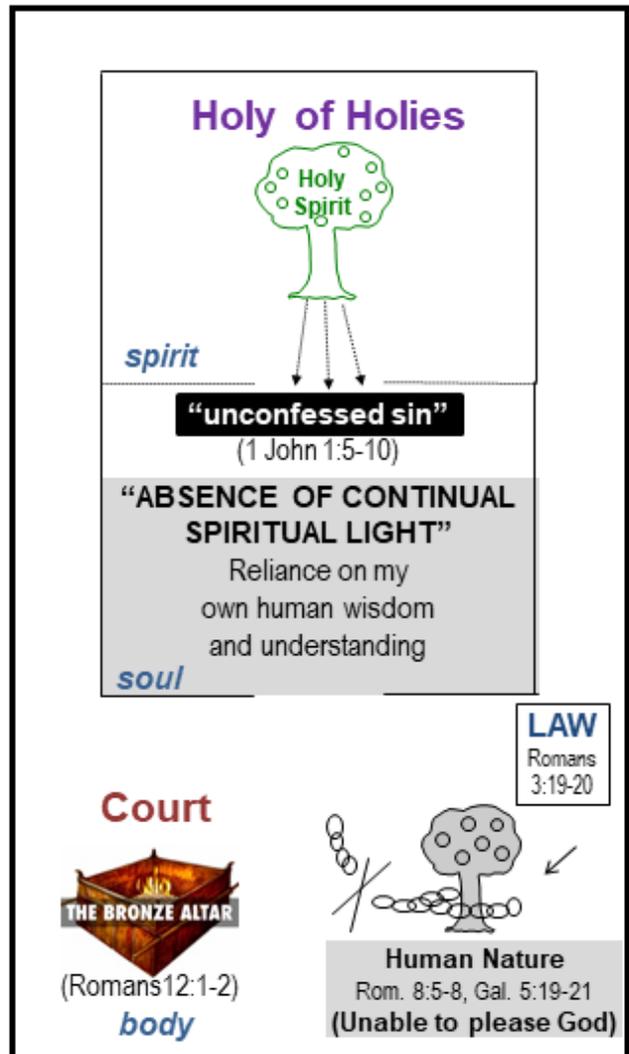
Note: By this time, the mentee should understand the concept of Abiding. So, it should make sense as you disciple, to apply the concept of Abiding to the believer being a Temple.

# Temple Analogy Diagram

**Walking in Fellowship with the Holy Spirit**  
 Spirit Abiding in Christ  
 Walking in His Light



**Out of Fellowship with the Holy Spirit**  
 Allowing the Human Nature to Reign  
 Walking in Spiritual Darkness



## THE HOLY SPIRIT IS PRODUCING HIS FRUIT

**Illustration** – Imagine a reflection in a calm lake. Sin acts like a pebble that is dropped into the water and distorts the reflection.

**Illustration** – Sin is like dirt in an otherwise glass of pure clean water.

**Sin is “anything that displeases God.”**

## CAN EXPECT ONLY WOOD, HAY AND STUBBLE

I must stay alert for on-going **symptoms** of being out of fellowship, such as:

**stumbling, impatience, anxiety, lack of peace, sense of defeat, dissatisfaction, striving, complaining, worry, frustration, anger, irritability**

## Explanation of the Temple Diagram

The left-hand column represents walking with the Holy Spirit or abiding in Christ and walking in His life.

The right-hand column represents a believer who is out of fellowship with the Holy Spirit, relying on their human nature, walking in spiritual darkness and allowing the human nature to rein in their life.

When there is unconfessed sin it is like putting up the veil between the Holy of Holies and the Holy Place. It doesn't affect our salvation because the Holy Spirit is still there, and He is the guarantee of our salvation. But it does affect our fellowship or abiding and our availability and usefulness to the Holy Spirit so that He can produce His fruit through our lives.

## Verses Related to the Temple Illustration

### 1. Jesus was a temple of God on earth, and so is each true believer.

John 2:19-21 Jesus answered, "Destroy this sanctuary, and I will raise it up in three days."  
Therefore the Jews said, "This sanctuary took 46 years to build, and will You raise it up in three days?" But He was speaking about **the sanctuary of His body**.  
1 Cor. 3:16 Don't you yourselves know that **you are God's sanctuary** and that the Spirit of God lives in you?  
1 Cor. 6:19-20 Don't you know that **your body is a sanctuary** of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body.  
2 Cor. 6:16 ... For **we are the sanctuary** of the living God, as God said: I will dwell **among** them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they will be My people.

### 2. God dwells in every Christian as His temple. Now every believer, as a priest, can enter His presence and commune with Him. (See also Ex. 30:6-8)

Matt. 27:50-51 Jesus shouted again with a loud voice and gave up His spirit. Suddenly, **the curtain of the sanctuary was split in two from top to bottom**...

Eph. 2:18-22 ... you are ... fellow citizens with the saints, and members of God's household, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus Himself as the cornerstone. The whole building, being put together by Him, grows into **a holy sanctuary in the Lord**. You also are being built together **for God's dwelling in the Spirit**.

Heb. 9:1-7 ... For a tabernacle was set up, and in the first room, which is called **the holy place**, were the lampstand, the table, and the presentation loaves. Behind the second curtain, the tabernacle was called the **most holy place**. It contained the gold altar of incense and the ark of the covenant, covered with gold on all sides, in which there was a gold jar containing the manna, Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. The cherubim of glory were above it overshadowing the mercy seat. It is not possible to speak about these things in detail right now. With these things set up this way, the priests enter the first room repeatedly, performing their ministry. But the high priest alone enters the second room, and

he does that only once a year, and **never without blood**, which he offers for himself and for the sins of the people committed in ignorance.

Heb. 10:19-22 Therefore, brothers, since we have boldness **to enter the sanctuary** through the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way He has opened for us **through the curtain (that is, His flesh)**, and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, **let us draw near** with a true heart in full assurance of faith, our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.

Heb 13:10,15,16 **We have an altar** from which those who serve the tabernacle do not have a right to eat. Therefore, through Him **let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise**, that is, the fruit of our lips that confess His name. Don't neglect to do what is good and to share, for God is pleased with **such sacrifices**.

1 Peter 2:5,9 ... you yourselves, as living stones, are being built into a spiritual house for a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. But you are a chosen race, **a royal priesthood**, a holy nation, a people for His possession, so that you may proclaim the praises of the One who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

### 3. He should be producing fruit in / through me.

Rom. 8:6 For the mind-set of the flesh is death [**“absence of life”**], but the mind-set of the Spirit is **life** and **peace**.

Rom. 14:17 for the kingdom of God is ... **righteousness, peace, and joy** in the Holy Spirit.

Gal. 5:22-23 But **the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faith, gentleness, self-control. Against such things there is no law.

### 4. His “light” should shine through me.

Matt. 5:14-16 **“You are the light of the world.** A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house. In the same way, **let** your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

2 Cor. 4:6-11 For God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” has **shone in our hearts** to give the light of the knowledge of God's glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Now we have **this treasure in clay jars**, so that this extraordinary power may be from God and not from us.... We always carry the death of Jesus in our body, so that **the life of Jesus** may also be revealed in our body. For we who live are always given over to death because of Jesus, so that Jesus' life may also be **revealed in our mortal flesh**.

Eph. 5:8-13 For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as **children of light** — for the **fruit of the light** results in all goodness, righteousness, and truth—discerning what is pleasing to the Lord.

1 John 2:8-11 ... The one who says he is in the light but hates his brother is in the darkness until now. The one who loves his brother **remains in the light**, and there is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness, **walks in the darkness**, and doesn't know where he's going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

**5. His “living water” should flow through me.** (see also Ezek. 47:1-12)

Jer. 2:13 (*God, referring to Himself*) ... **Me, the fountain of living water,**...

John 7:37-38 On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone is thirsty, he should come to Me and drink! The one who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, **will have streams of living water flow from deep within him.**”

James 3:8-12 ... but no man can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. We praise our Lord and Father with it, and we curse men who are made in God’s likeness with it. Praising and cursing come out of the same mouth. My brothers, these things should not be this way. Does **a spring** pour out **sweet** and **bitter water** from the same opening? Can a fig tree produce olives, my brothers, or a grapevine produce figs? **Neither can a saltwater spring yield fresh water.**

**6. A glimpse of the heavenly city.**

Rev. 21:10, 22 He (*angel*) then carried me (*John*) away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain and showed me the holy city, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. I did not see a sanctuary in it, because the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb **are its sanctuary.**