# God's Protection in Any Crisis Lesson #07 April 23, 2020

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### God's Protection in Any Crisis

Spiritual Skills:
How to Use Divine Solutions
Psalm 62:3–12

### Three Enemies of Every Believer

1. The Devil

1 Pet. 5:8, "Be sober, be vigilant;
because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."

2. The World

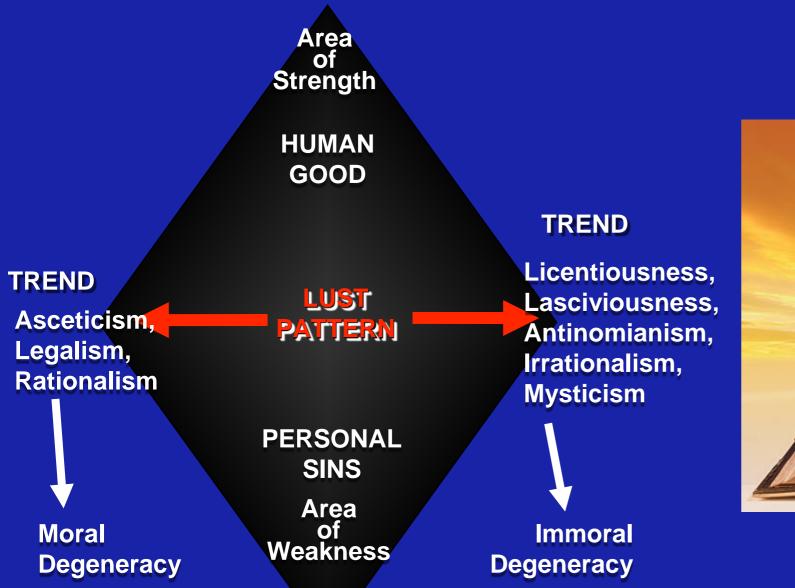
John 14:30, "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me."

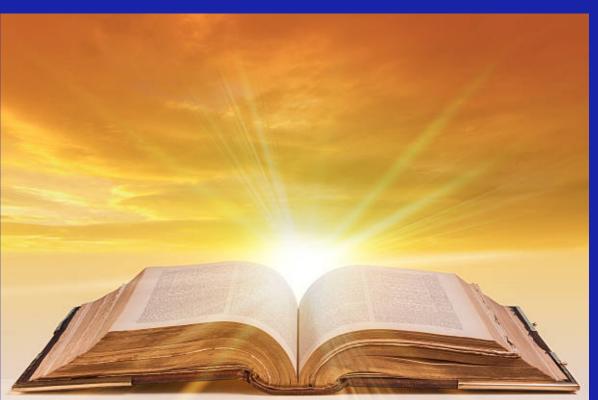
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3. The Flesh [Sin Nature]
Rom. 8:13, "For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live."

### Human Viewpoint Solutions

### Divine Viewpoint Solutions





Prov. 14:12, "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death."

Psa. 119:50, "This is my comfort in my affliction, for Your Word has given me life."

1 Pet. 2:11, "Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,"

Heb. 10:39, "But we are not among those who shrink back and thus perish, but are among those who have faith and preserve their souls."

Deut. 30:19, "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live;"

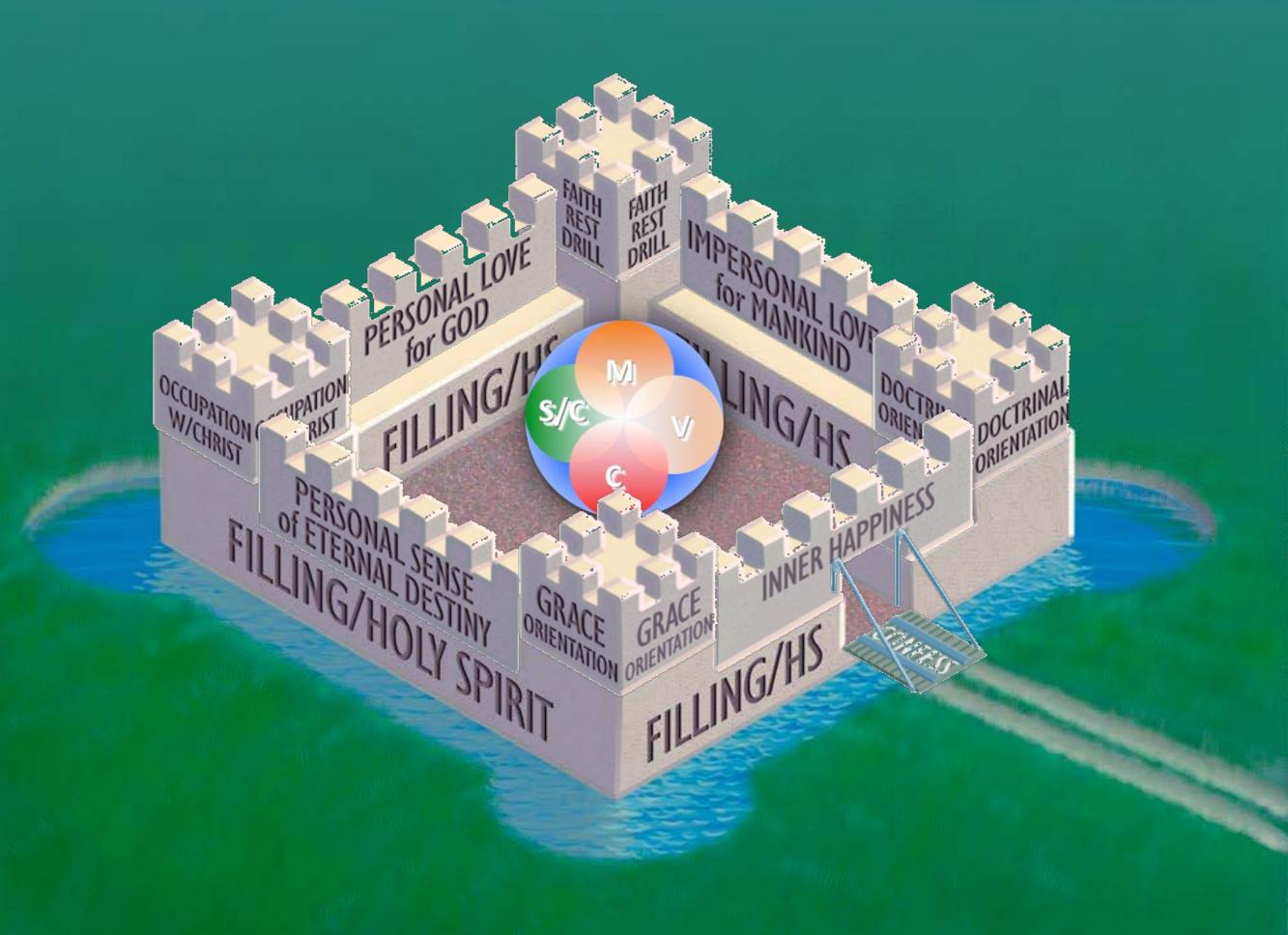
Psa. 18:2, "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; My God, my strength, in whom I will trust; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold."

Psa. 31:2, "Bow down Your ear to me, deliver me speedily; Be my rock of refuge, a fortress of defense to save me."

## What the Bible Teaches About

Spiritual Skills for Life

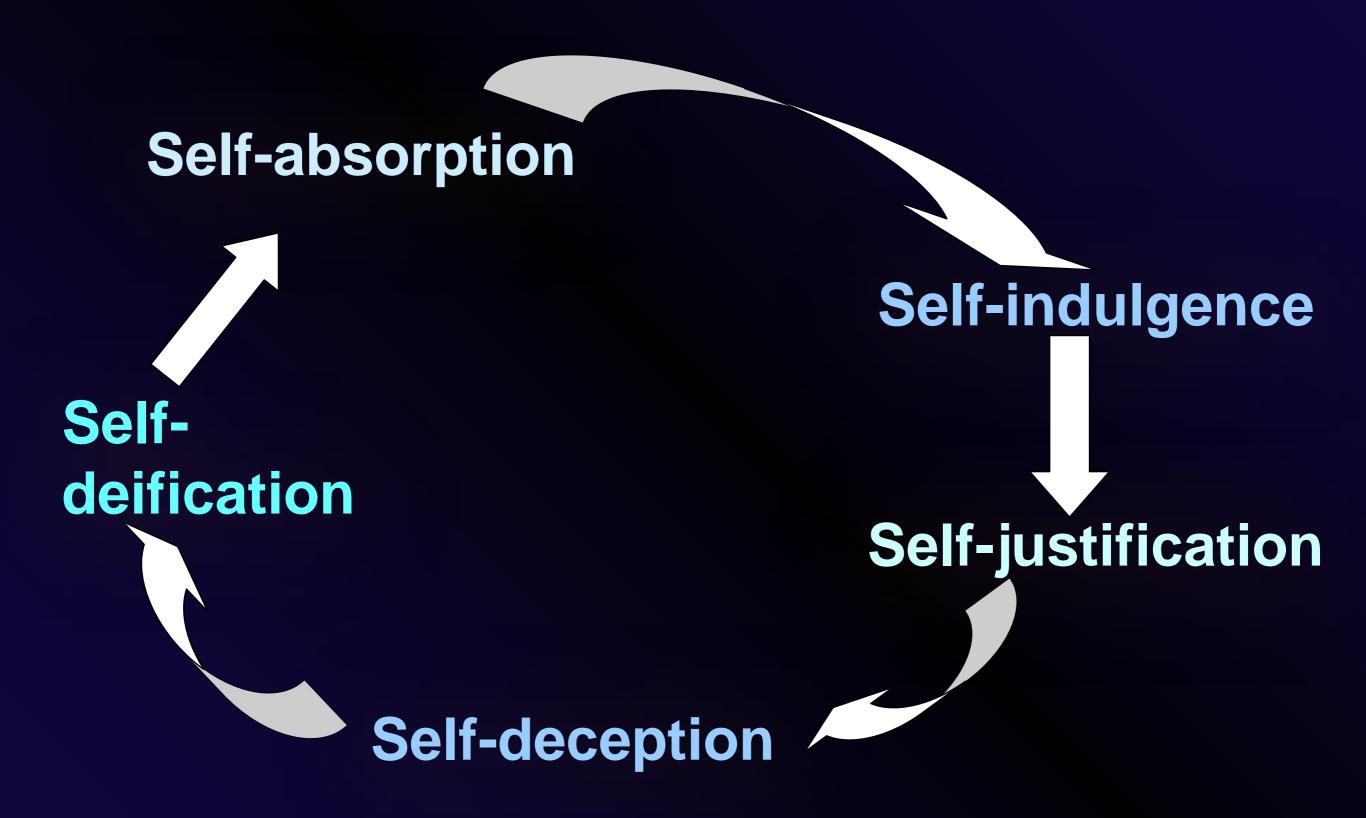




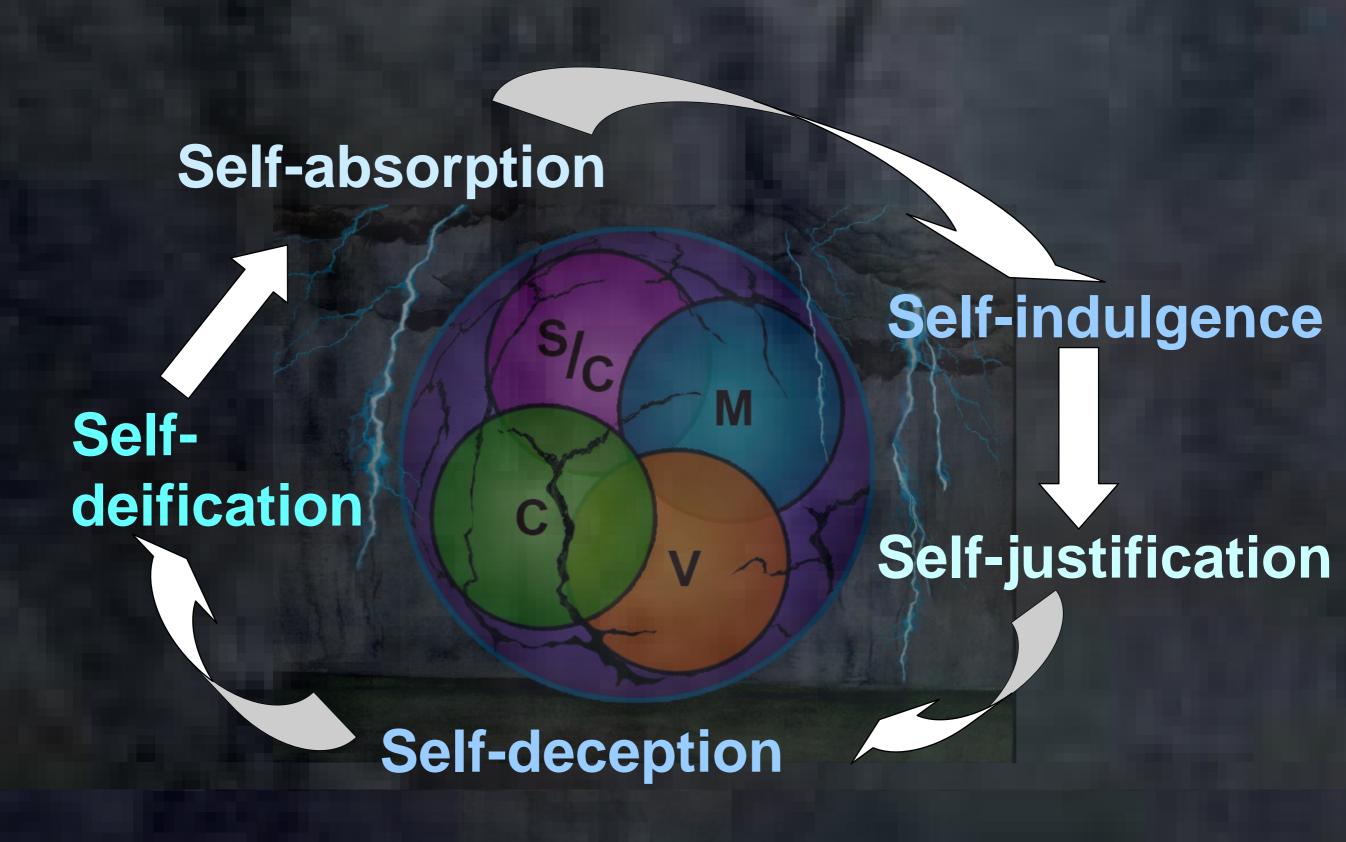
### Soul Fortress Principles

- 1. Construction of the soul fortress takes a lifetime.
- 2. Construction is piecemeal and dynamic.
- 3. Utilization of the spiritual skills enables us to stay inside the fortress. Failure to use these leaves us outside, vulnerable to damage from sin, the world, and the devil.
- 4. When we fail to utilize the spiritual skills, we default to the arrogance skills.

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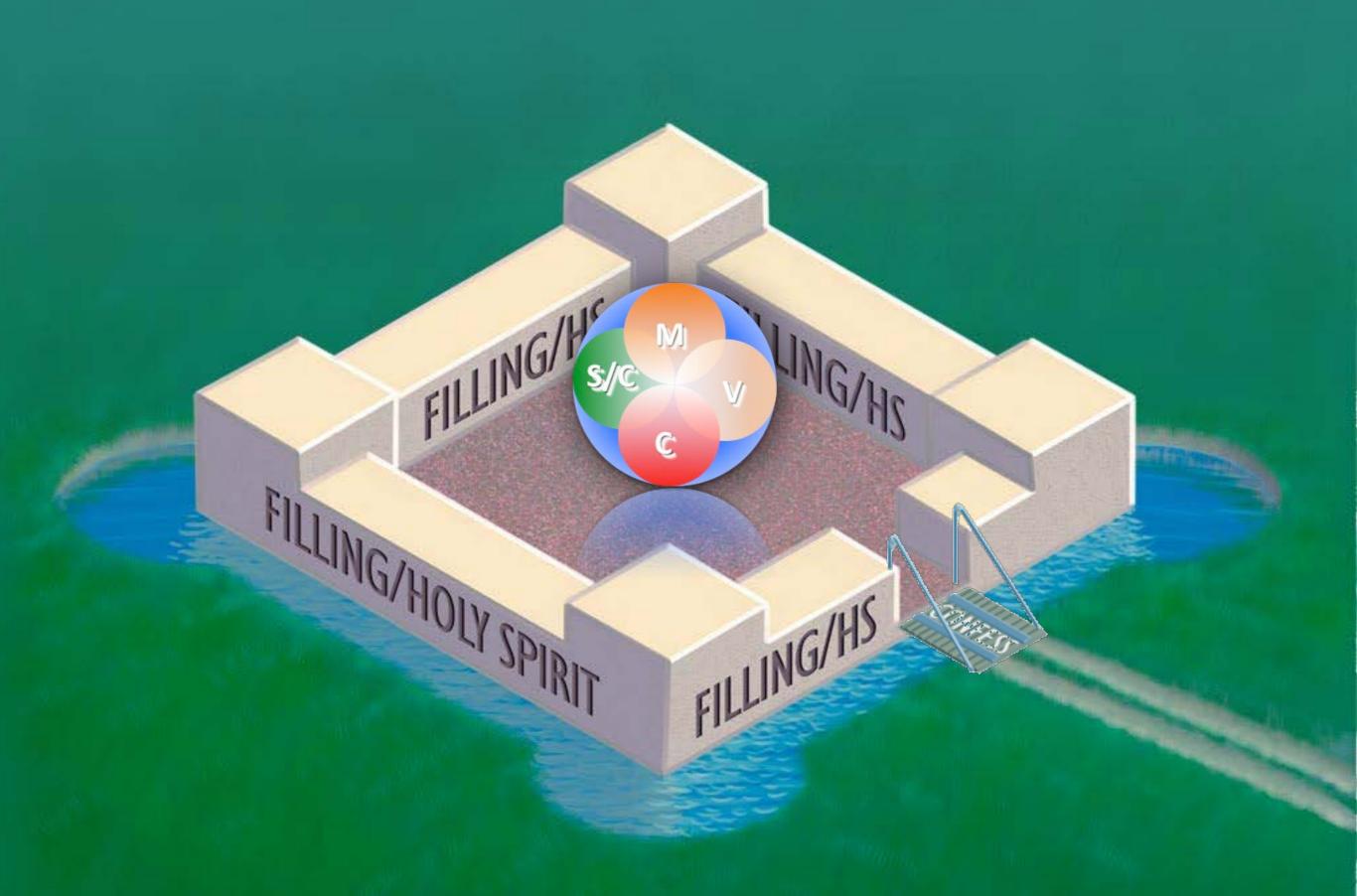
#### **#1 Confession of Sin**

- Christ's death on the Cross provides the basis for all forgiveness (1 John 1:7).
- Return to the Soul Fortress is based on admission of wrongdoing (1 John 1:9).
- "Cleansing" is the key term, experiential recovery from sin.

#### **#1 Confession of Sin**

1 John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Psa. 66:18, "If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear;"



### #2 Filling/Walking "by Means of the Holy Spirit"

- At salvation, every believer is indwelt and filled by means of the Holy Spirit.
- Whatever is done in the power of the Holy Spirit is "gold, silver, and precious stones," and has eternal value.
- Whatever is done in the power of the sin nature, is "wood, hay, and straw" and has no lasting value. 1 Cor. 3:11–15

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God the Holy Spirit is the divine empowerment to:

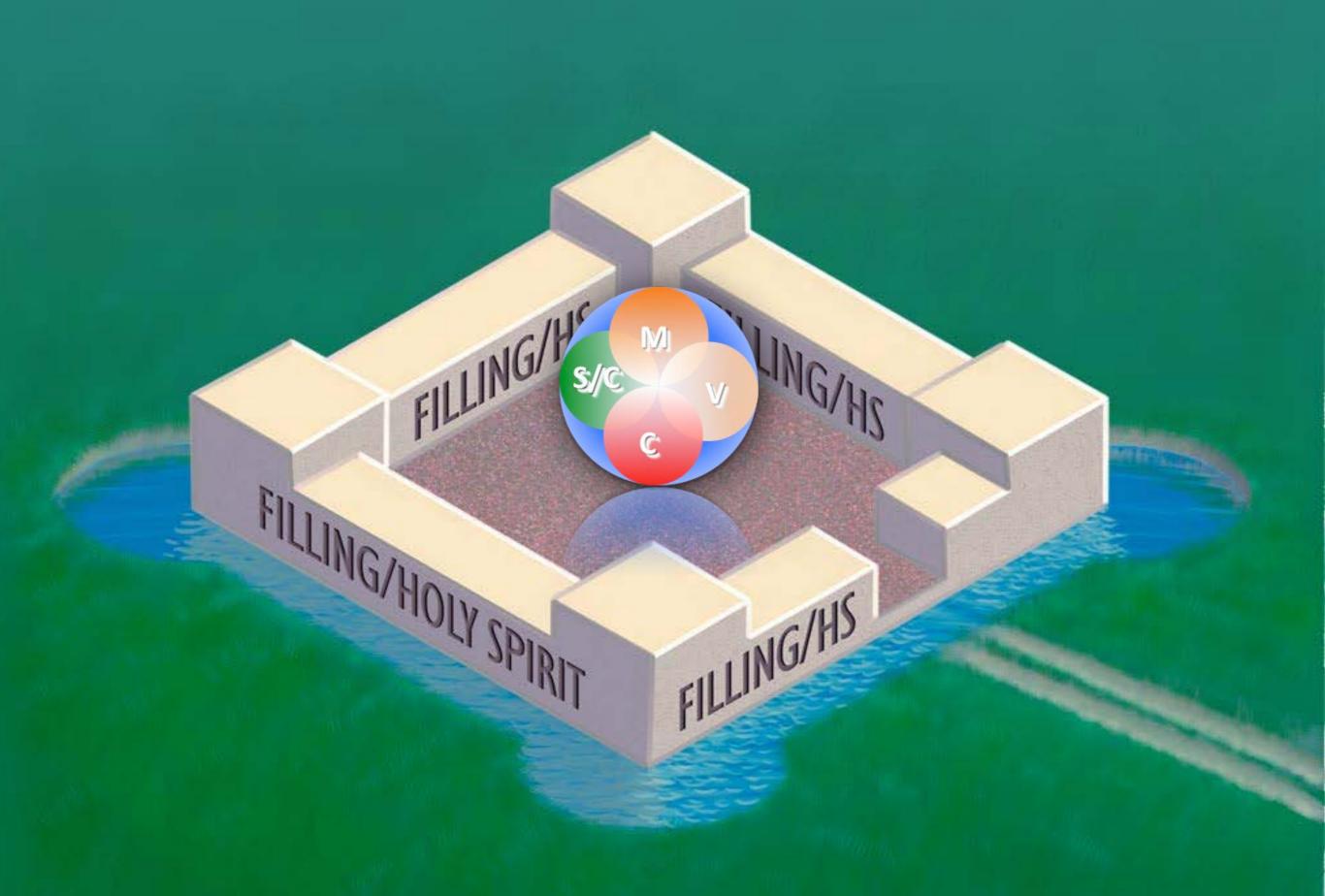
- ... understand, retain, remember, and apply doctrine (Col. 3:15)
- ... produce spiritual growth (<u>Eph. 5:18</u>;
   <u>Col. 3:16</u>; Gal. 5:16 with John 15:1–6)
- ... enable our spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12)

### #2 Filling/Walking "by Means of the Holy Spirit"

Eph. 5:18, "And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with [by means of] the Spirit,"

Col. 3:16, "Let the word of Christ richly <u>dwell within</u> <u>you</u>, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Gal. 5:16, "But I say, walk by [means of] the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh."



The believer trusts God to fulfill His promises, relies upon biblical principles, and thinks through doctrinal rationales, resulting in relaxed mental attitude because God is taking care of the situation.

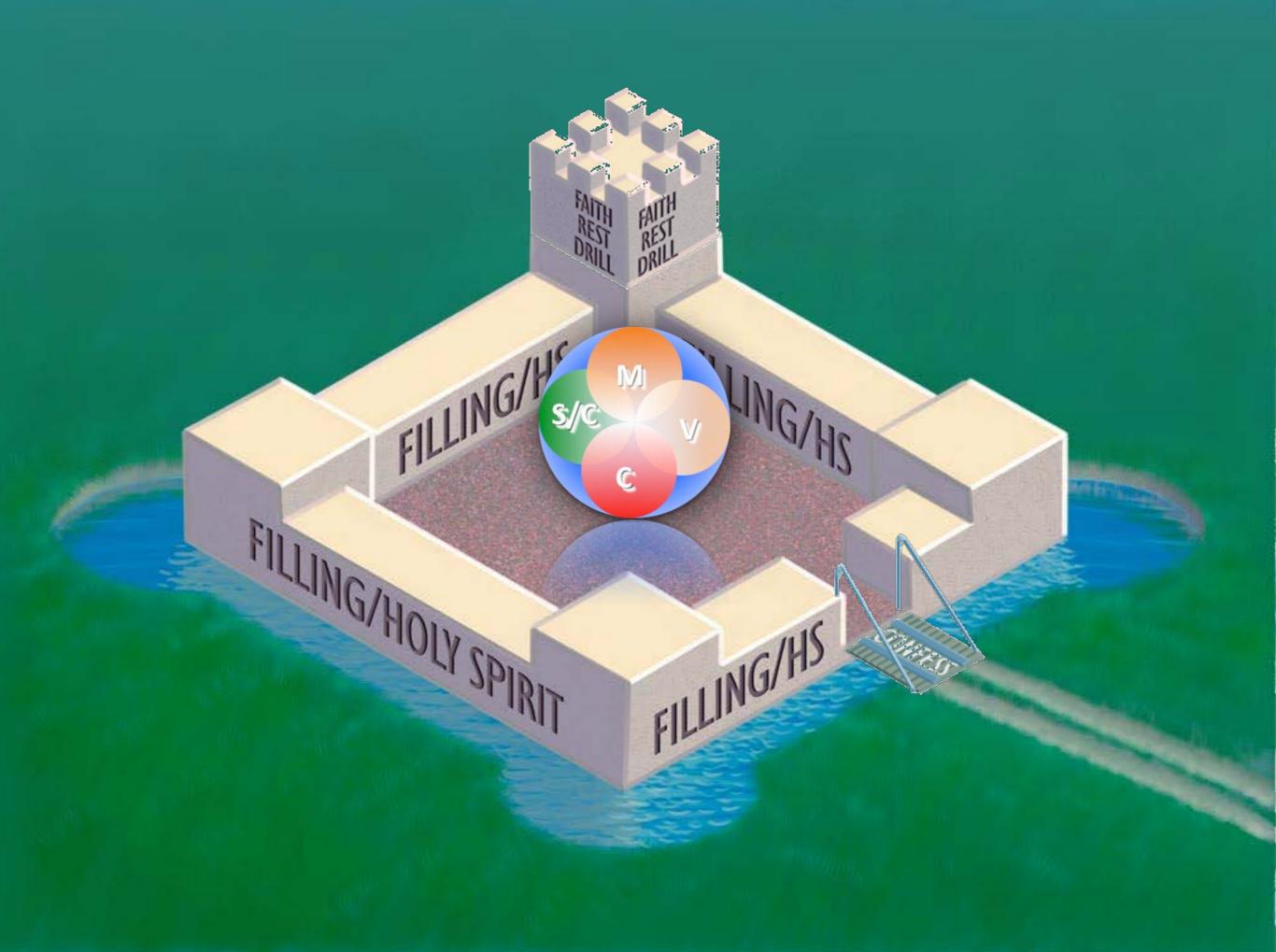
- Grab a verse or part of a verse
- Mix it with faith
- Do what it says to it
- Relax in God's provision and oversight

Heb. 4:2, "For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it."

1 Pet. 5:7, "casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you."

Prov. 3:5, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.

Prov. 3:6, "In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight."



- Conforming or aligning our thinking toward people, situations, and events with God's grace policy.
- Grace means that God has freely given us everything we need on the basis of who He is and what Christ did on the Cross.

 Grace means that God will freely give to us everything we need (prosperity and adversity tests) to advance to spiritual maturity.

 Grace means that our relationship to God is not based on our merit, activities, or actions.

2 Pet. 1:3, "seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Pet. 1:4, "For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust."

2 Pet. 3:18, "but grow [by means of] the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

2 Cor. 12:9, "And He has said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is perfected in weakness."

