

Image Bearer



#2 series: Awaken

Ephesians 5:14 This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.”



1. The Problem

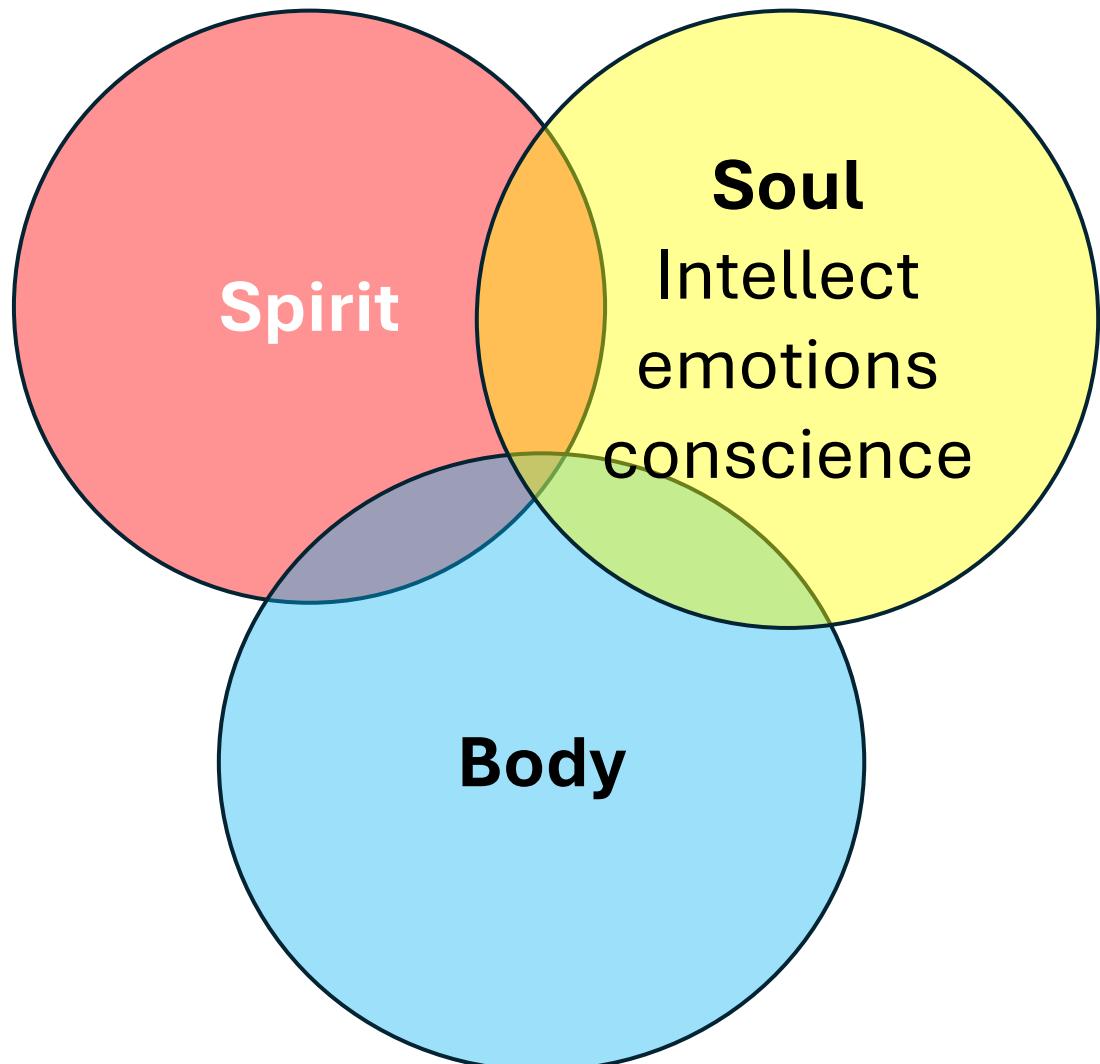
Genesis 1:27 *So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

- In deep communion with God
- Given authority
- Given responsibility

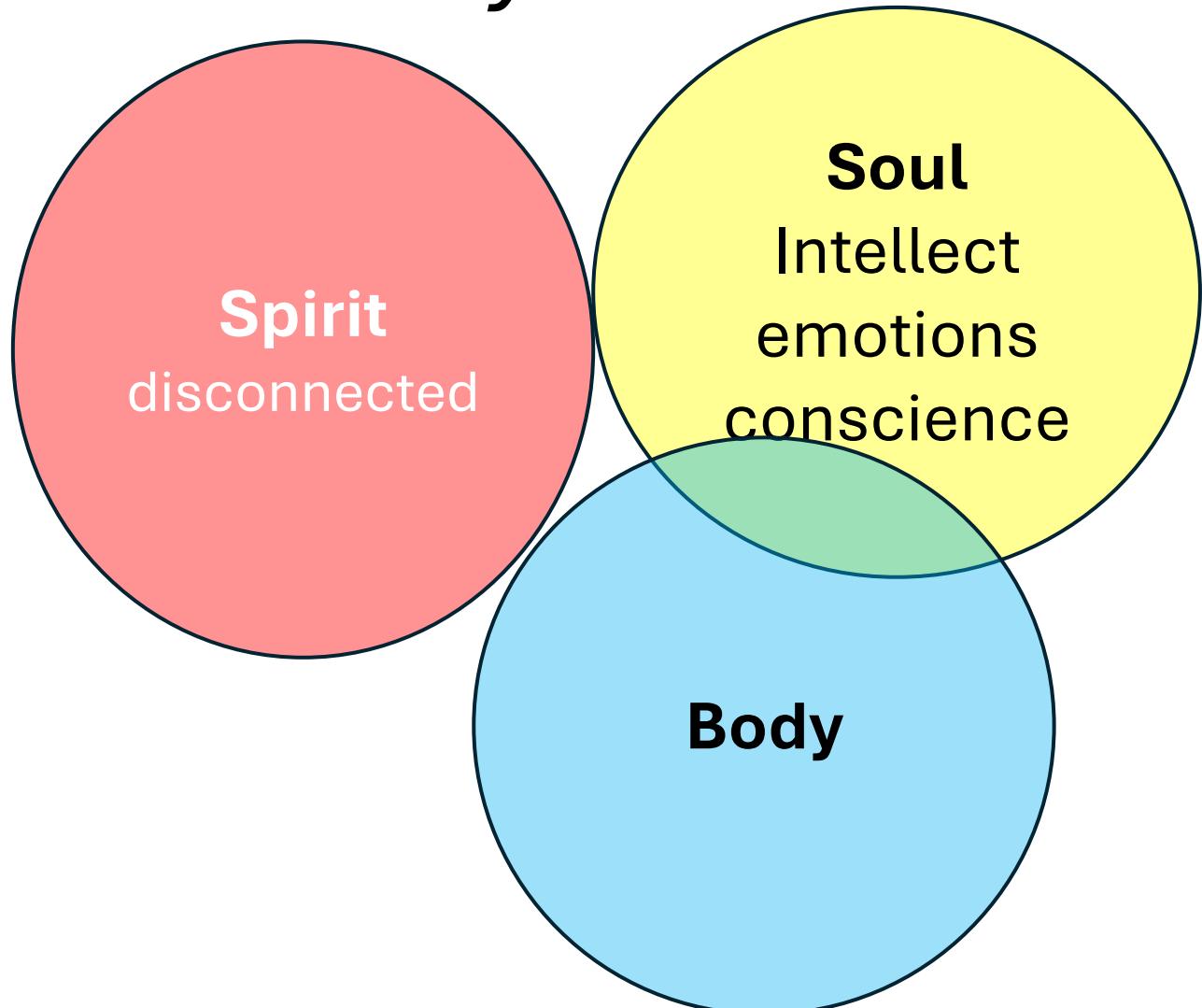
Genesis 2:17 *... but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:23 *May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

....your whole spirit, soul and body....



Before the Fall



After the Fall

2. The Remedy

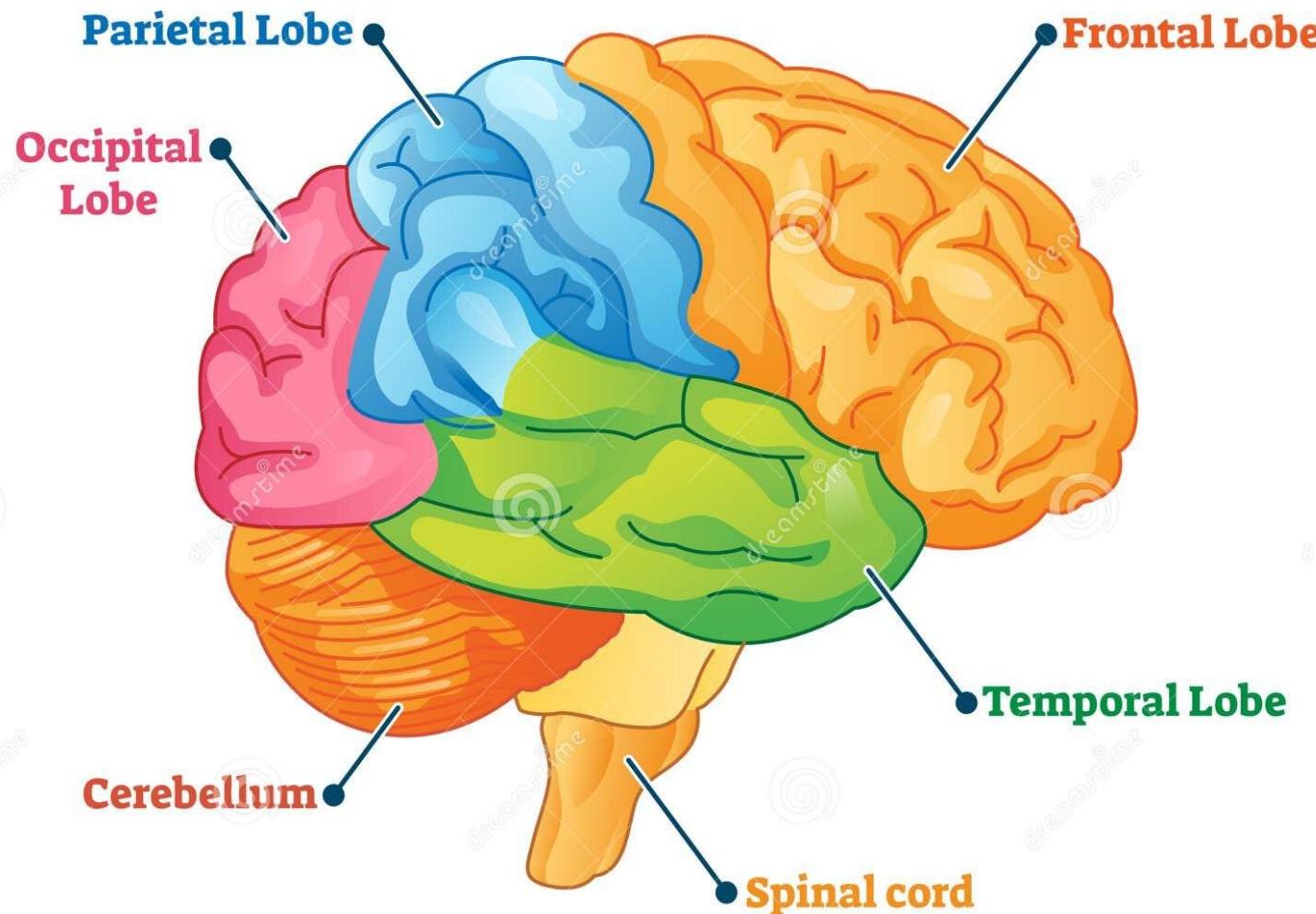
Romans 5:17 *For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!*

Hebrews 1:3 *The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven.*

3. Encountering God

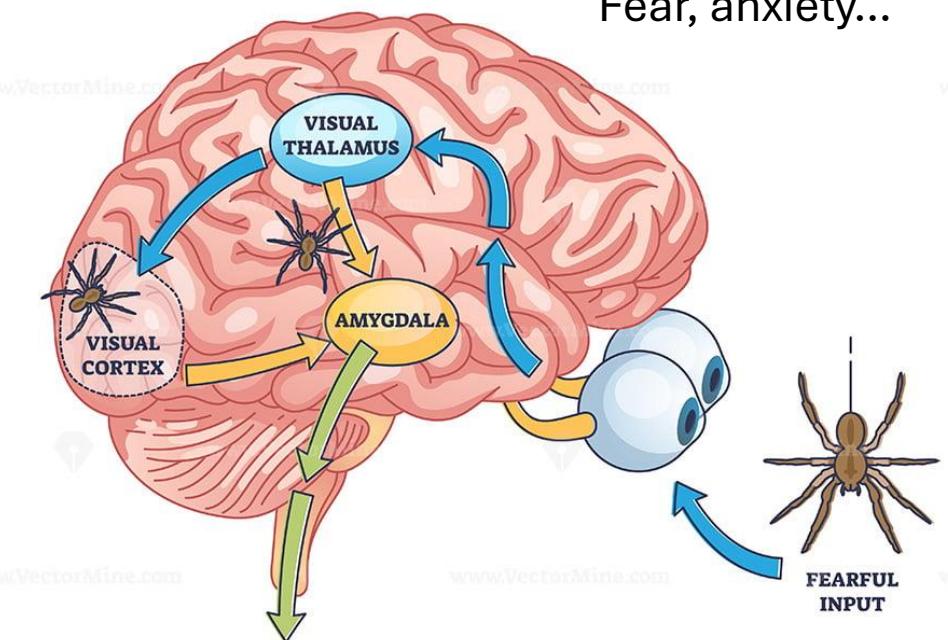
- We are wired for connection with God
- Prayer has a profound impact on the brain, influencing emotional regulation, stress reduction, and overall mental health through various neurological mechanisms

HUMAN BRAIN



AMYGDALA FUNCTION

Fear, anxiety...



3. Encountering God

Matthew 5:8 *Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.*

John 7:37-39 *On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them.”*

By this he meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were later to receive. Up to that time the Spirit had not been given, since Jesus had not yet been glorified.