

Romans 12:9-13





The key to all that follows:

I beseech you therefore, brethren,
by the mercies of God,
that you **present your bodies a living sacrifice,**
holy, acceptable to God,
which is your reasonable service.

(Romans 12:1)



The key to all that follows:

And do not be conformed to this world,
but **be transformed by the renewing of your mind**,
that you may prove what is
the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

(Romans 12:2)

Be transformed



by the renewing of your mind



One body – many members

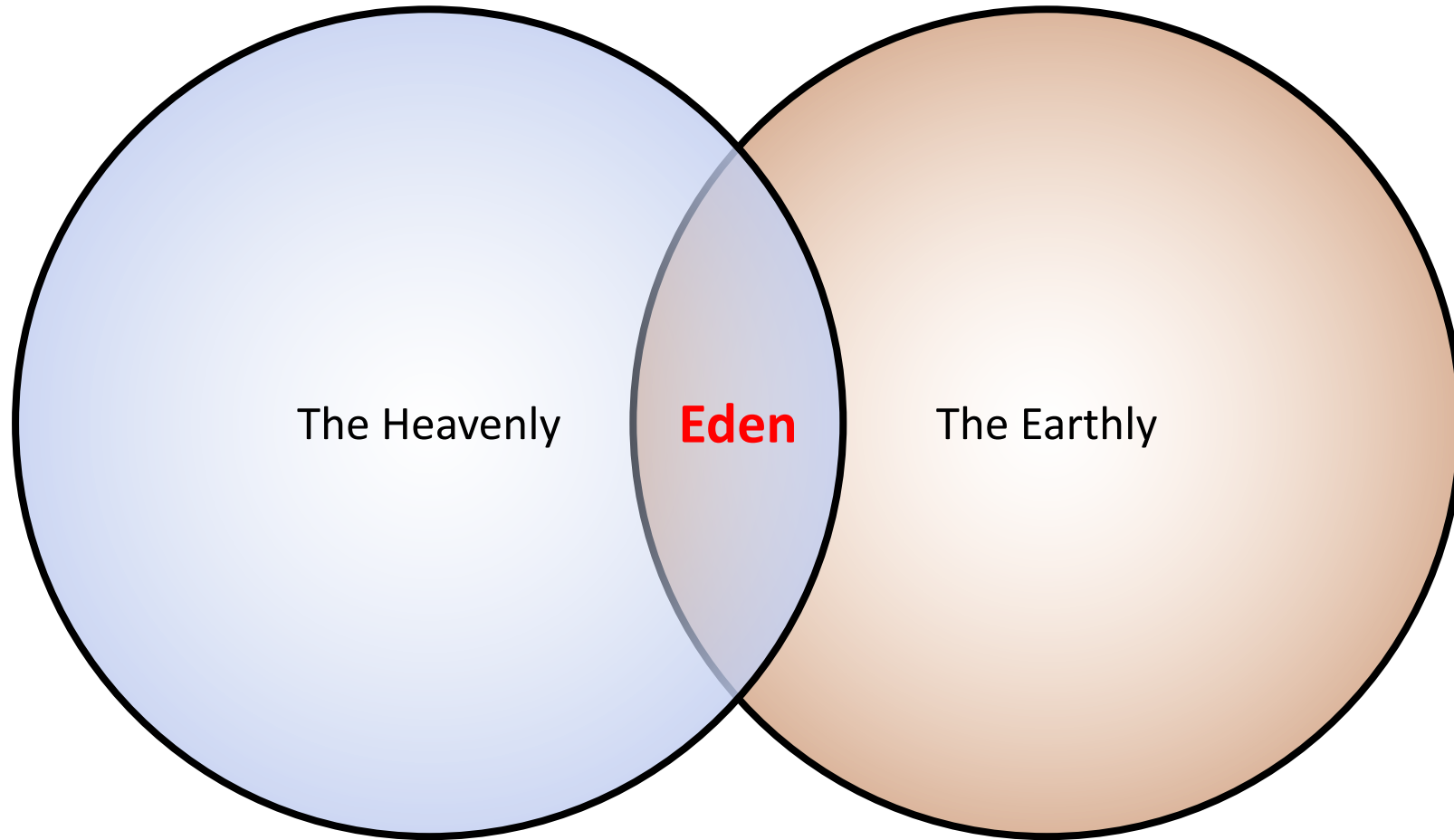


Having then gifts...



Let us use them!

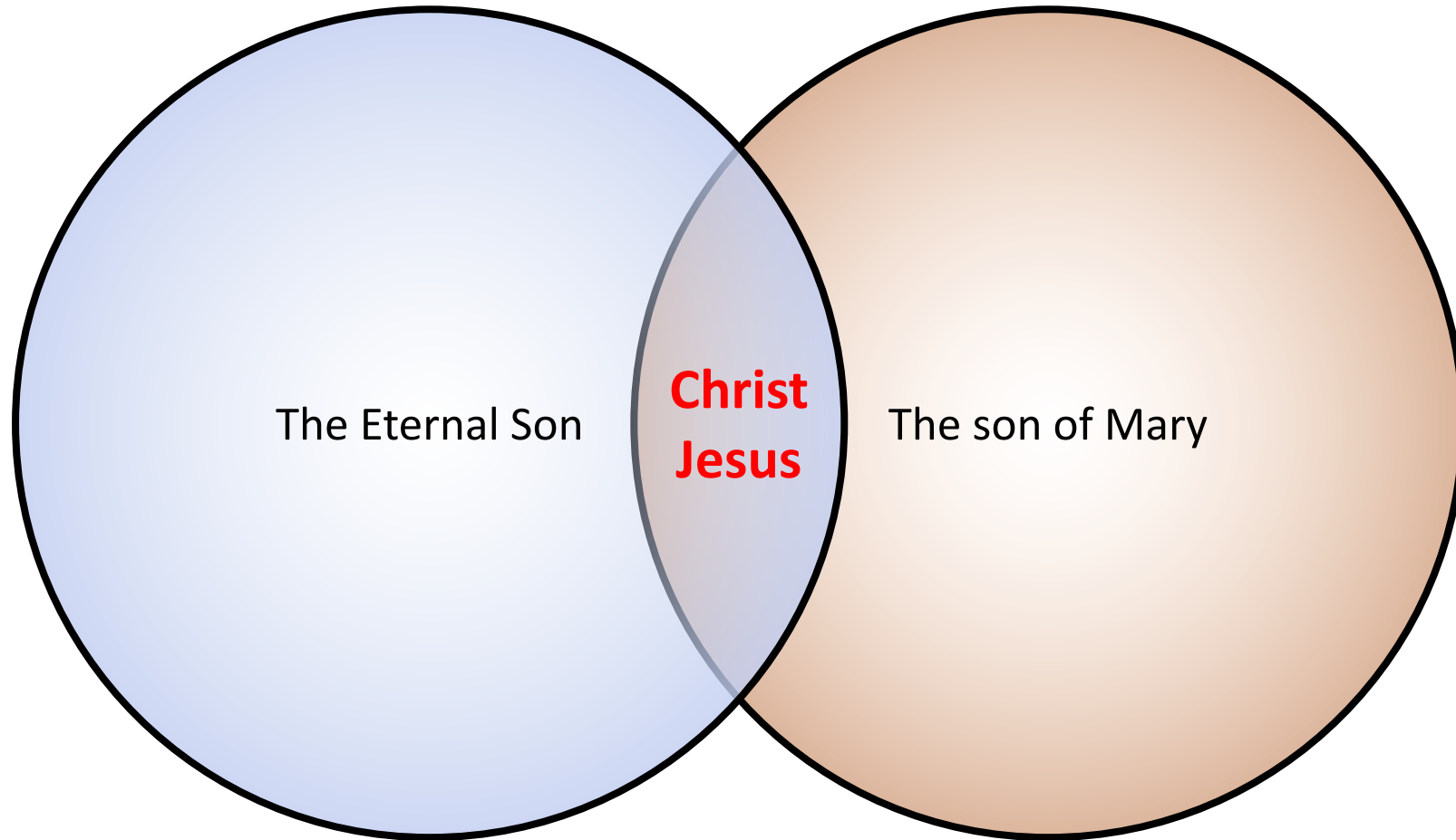
The Purpose of God



The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden,
and there He put the man whom He had formed.

(Genesis 2:8)

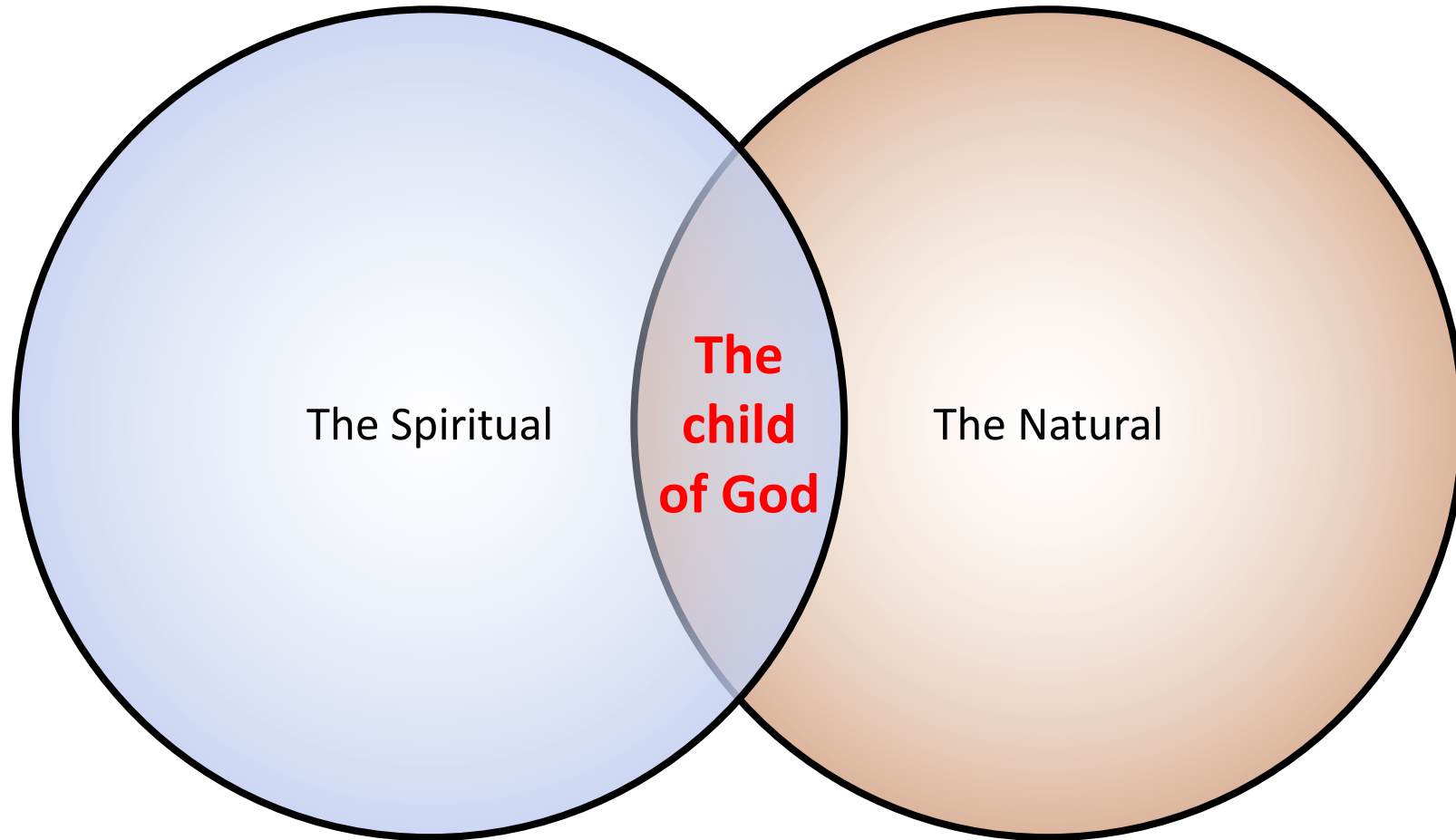
The Son of God



And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14)

The Child of God



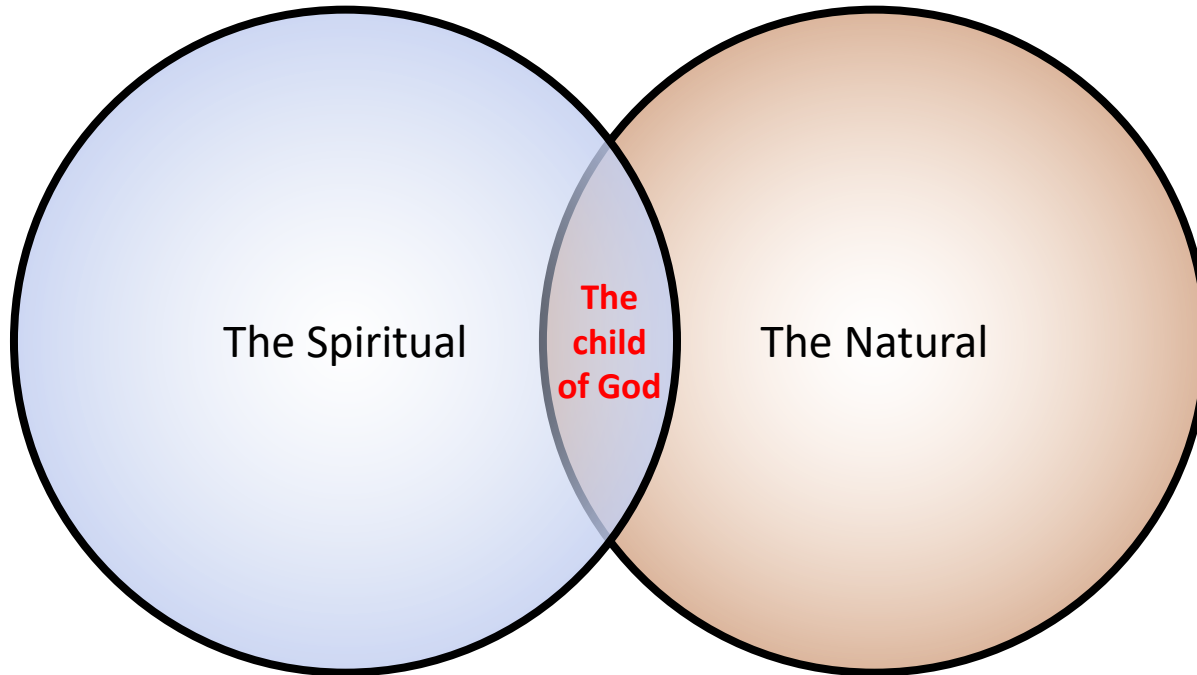
That which is born of the flesh is flesh,
and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

(John 3:6)

**If we live in the Spirit,
let us also walk in the Spirit.**

(Galatians 5:25)

Life in the Spirit



- **The whole person is engaged**
- **The spiritual – repentance and faith**
- **The natural – focus and discipline**

Spiritual life has character

**It is the character of Christ
expressed through
“many members”**

Let love be without hypocrisy.

(Romans 12:9)

Let us not love in word or in tongue,
but in deed and in truth.

(1 John 3:18)



**Abhor what is evil.
Cling to what is good.**

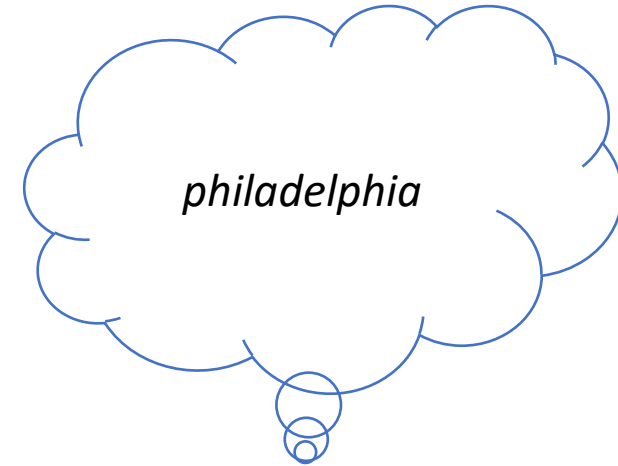
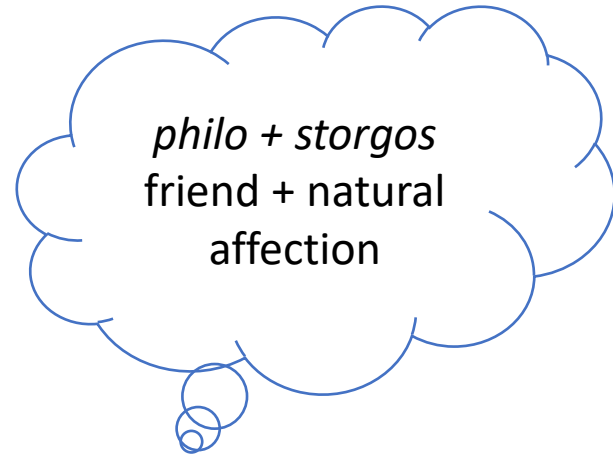
(Romans 12:9)



Who said this?

*The fear of the LORD is to hate evil;
Pride and arrogance and the evil way
And the perverse mouth I hate.*

(Proverbs 8:13)



**Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love,
in honour giving preference to one another;**

(Romans 12:10)

*Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit,
but **in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.***

(Philippians 2:3)

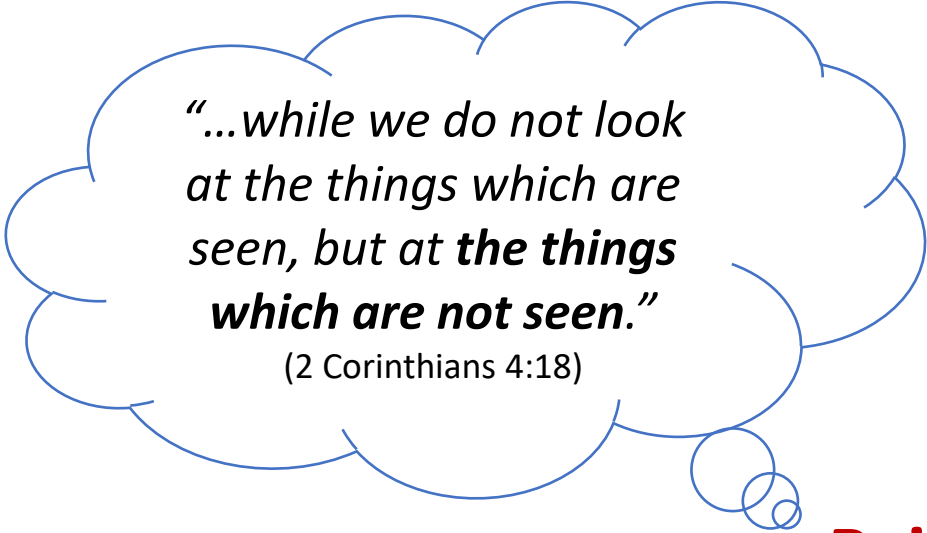
**Not lagging in diligence,
fervent in spirit,
serving the Lord;**

(Romans 12:11)

***Go to the ant, you sluggard!
Consider her ways and be wise.***

(Proverbs 6:6)





*“...while we do not look
at the things which are
seen, but at **the things
which are not seen.**”*


(2 Corinthians 4:18)

**Rejoicing in hope,
patient in tribulation,
continuing steadfastly in prayer;**

(Romans 12:12)

**Distributing to the needs of the saints,
given to hospitality.**

(Romans 12:13)



Literally: pursuing
hospitality

His Christes

Love without
hypocrisy

Hospitable

Abhorring evil,
clinging to good

Caring for
real needs

Loving the
brethren,
honouring
them

Rejoicing in hope,
steadfast,
prayerful

Diligent, fervent,
serving the Lord