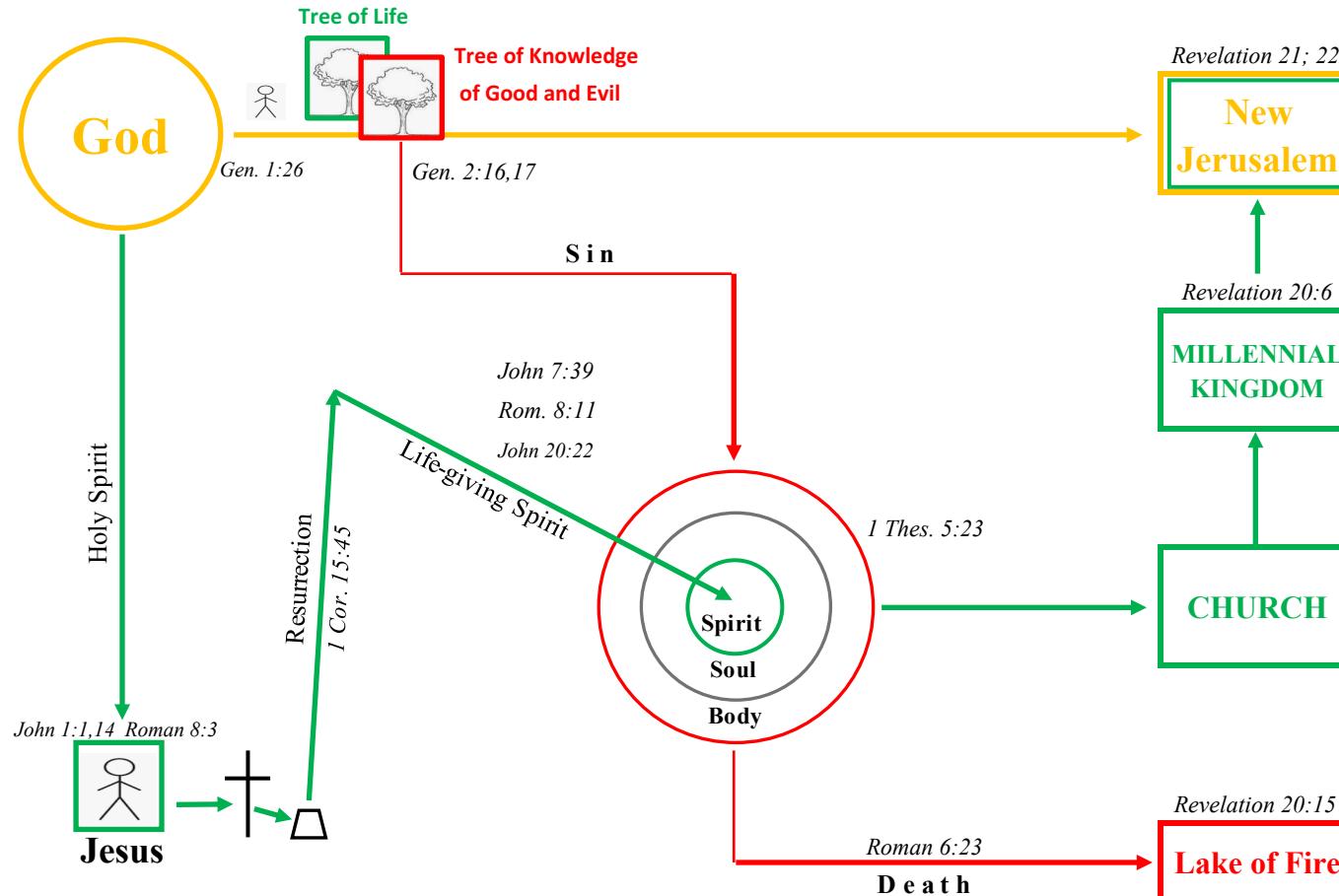


THE CHURCH IN REGINA - The Mystery of Human Life

1 Timothy 2:4, "Who [God] desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth."



God's Plan God desires to express Himself through man (Romans 8:29). For this purpose, He created man in His own **image** (Genesis 1:26). Just as a glove is made in the image of a hand to contain a hand, so also man is made in the image of God to contain God. By receiving God as his content, man can express God (2 Corinthians 4:7).

Man To fulfill His plan, God made a man as a **vessel** (Romans 9:21-24). This vessel has three parts: body, soul, and spirit (1 Thes. 5:23). The human spirit, the innermost part of man, was made to contact and receive God Himself (John 4:24). Man was created not merely to contain food in his stomach, or to contain knowledge in his mind, but to **contain God in his spirit** (Ephesians 5:18).

Genesis 1:26

"And God said, Let us make **man** in **Our image**, according to **Our likeness**; and let them have dominion over ... all the earth..."

Genesis 2:16-17

"And Jehovah commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden you may eat freely, but of the **tree of the knowledge of good and evil**, of it you **shall not eat**; for in the day that you eat of it **you shall surely die**."

John 20:22

"And when He had said this, He breathed into them and said to them, **Receive the Holy Spirit**."

Revelation 20:6

"Blessed and holy is he who has part in the **first resurrection**; over these the second death has no authority, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a **thousand years**."