

FAITH AND FREEDOM, Part 10 **WALK BY THE SPIRIT**

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Plymouth Meeting Evangelical Congregational Church

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Passage: Galatians 5:16-25

“Most men and women lead lives at the worst so painful, at the best monotonous, poor and limited, that the urge to escape, the longing to transcend themselves if only for a few moments, is and has always been one of the principle appetites of the soul.”

-Aldous Huxley, The Doors of Perception (1954)

Jesus shows us a new way to be human.

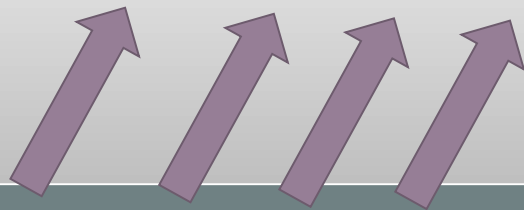
The Spirit-life is at peace; the flesh-life is a living death

The great conflict/the war inside: the flesh (sarx) vs. the Spirit (Pneuma)

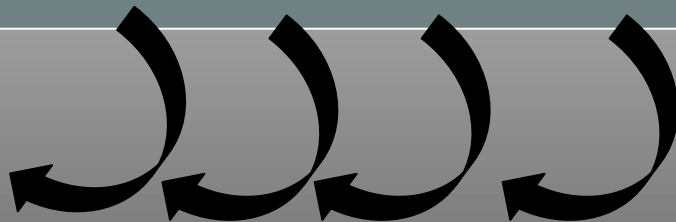
Gal 5:16 The emphasis is on the Spirit, not walk. We need to remember that God is the doer. The Holy Spirit sanctifies, not us.

The flesh (sarx) has many strong desires; so does the Spirit! They are contrary, but not equal. The Spirit of God is of course way stronger than the flesh.

**Pneuma life = freedom;
fruitful life in Jesus**



Life Life Life Life Life

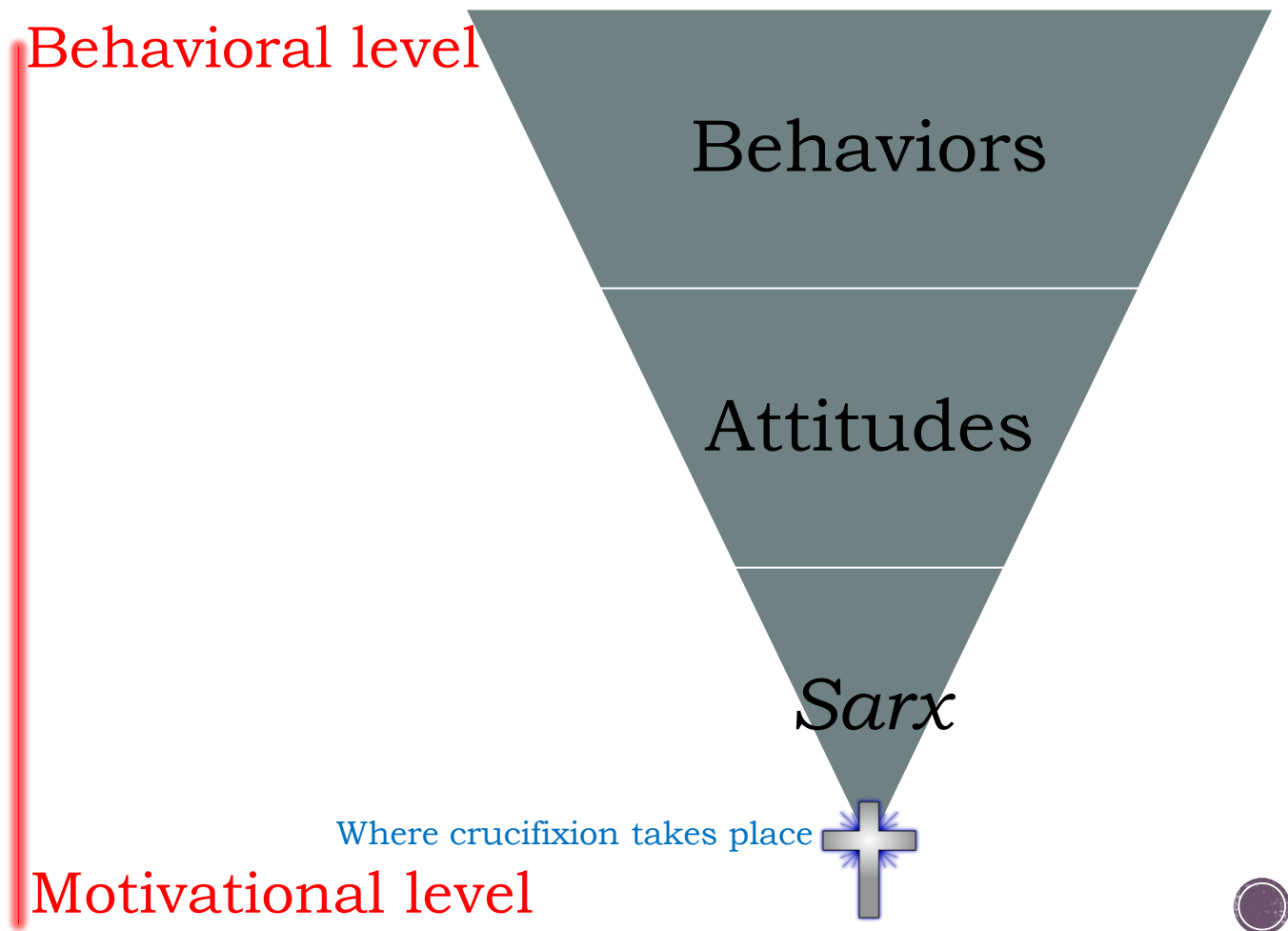


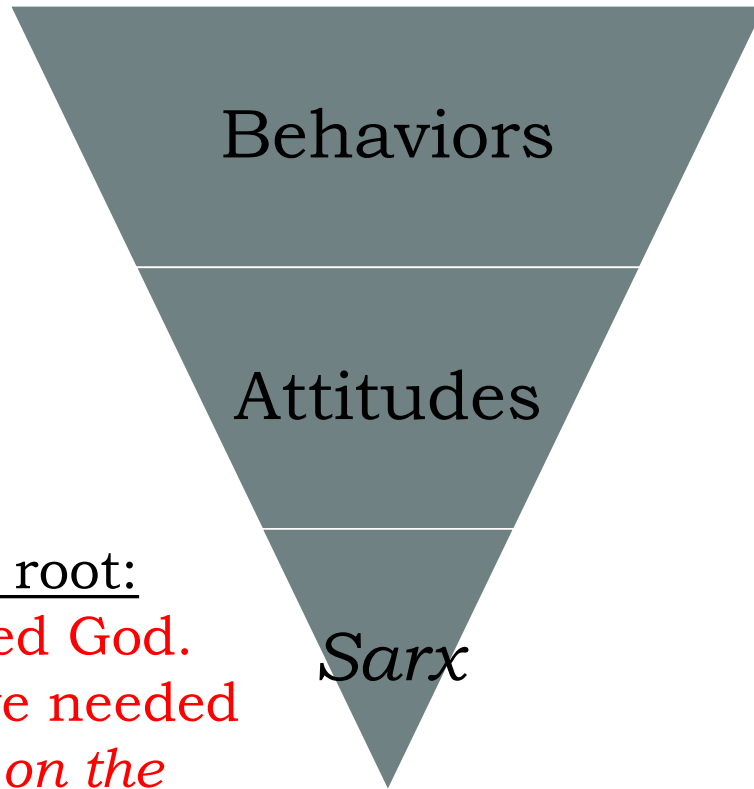
Sarx life = evil; vices; sin



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Get to the root:
We distrusted God.
We thought we needed
our *hands on the*
wheel.

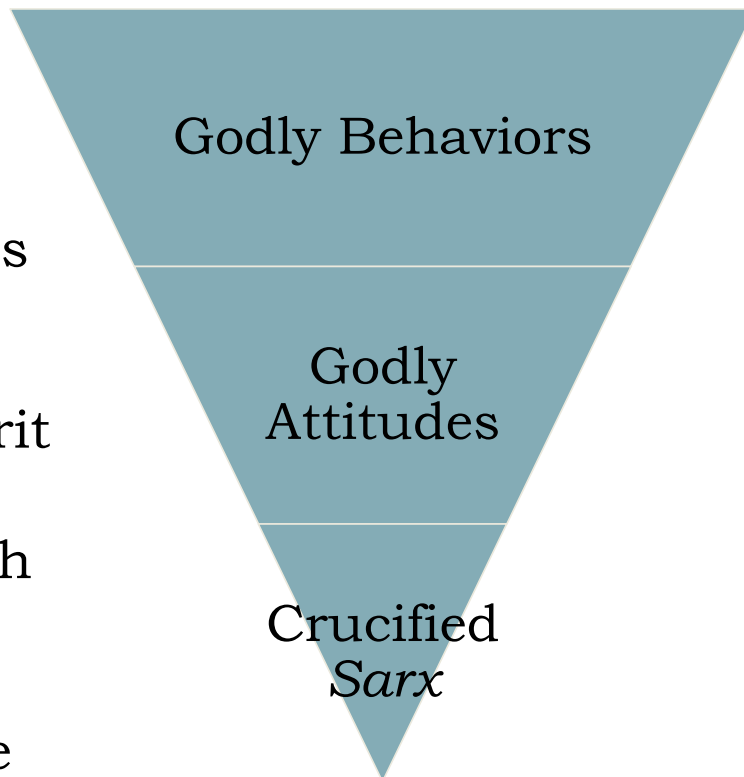


Change
happens

A testimony is
born

The Holy Spirit
exposes a
gracious truth

You've been
believing a lie



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