

THE HOLE IN YOUR SOUL

(Part 2)

• The following are 12 areas to consider that are satisfied when the “hole in our soul,” created when we (humankind) turned our back on God (See Genesis chapter 3) is filled by Him through a relationship with Jesus Christ. The vacuum that was left, when we left God, is a gift from Him to remind us that we are not whole. He is the **only** One who can fill the longings and emptiness of our souls.

• We often attempt to fill the “hole” with things of this world, but are disappointed when it does not satisfy. If you have not done so, consider viewing the main study on this topic. Then, enjoy a review of some the following areas that are satisfied **only** when God fills us up. By the way, the work of the Holy Spirit living in us accomplishes this for those who have given their lives to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. If you have not yet taken this step, please consider reviewing the studies on “Salvation” at [“awordoftruth.com.”](http://awordoftruth.com)

As you go through the following areas that make up the emptiness (hole) in the soul, check the ones that still present a challenge for you. Then, pray and ask God to completely heal and fill you!

- 1) Identify that which is blocking you from allowing God to fill that particular area of your life.
- 2) Receive the power that only comes from Him to heal from the things keeping you from being completely filled by the Holy Spirit.
- 3) Honor God in your healing by reaching out to others who need someone to come along side of them for prayer and encouragement who are going through the same kinds of struggles.

The following are blessings that come when Jesus fills that hole in our soul that only He can fill.

(Even as followers of Jesus Christ, be careful to note the things you may still be doing to fill the emptiness with cheap, unsatisfying substitutes of this world):

- Love.** - There is no other source of perfect, unconditional and complete love that we can receive from anything or anyone other than God. This love does NOT require “performance” (1 John 4:7-21).
- Joy** - This is the confident assurance of God’s love and work in our lives that have **nothing** to do with the conditions of this world; unlike pleasures (happiness) which **do** depend on circumstances (James 1:2-5).
- Peace** - Jesus give us peace, unlike anything from this world (John 14:27).
- Hope** - God is the God of hope, and the hope that only He gives is by the power of the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:13). Our hope is found in Him alone. (1 Timothy 4:9-10; 1 Peter 1:3-5).
- Meaning** - God gives meaning to all things (Romans 11:36). All things are the works of His hands (Psalm 8). We were created in God’s image (Genesis 1:26-28) and He has great love for us (Ephesians 2:4-5).
- Purpose** - We are to love God, and to love our neighbor (Luke 10:27). We are to be His ambassadors to share His love and Word to a lost and hurting world, to be “reconciled” to Him (2 Corinthians 5:17-21). In advance, God prepared wonderful things for each one of us to do (Ephesians 2:10).
- Worth** - We are of great value because God uniquely hand-crafted each one of us (Psalm 139:13-16) and had His Son die for your sins and mine since we could not pay for them ourselves (Romans 5:8; John 3:16). He chose us to be adopted as His child, marked with the seal of the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:3-14).
- Truth** - God’s truth (**the** truth) is not the “truth” of this world. Jesus is the living Truth (John 14:6) and truth is given to us by the Holy Spirit (John 16:13), and by the Word of God (John 17:17).
- Wisdom** - We obtain wisdom by asking God who gives generously (James 1:5-8) that results in good deeds done in humility (James 3:13; 2 Timothy 2:22-26).
- Righteousness** - We are righteous (right in God’s eyes) by faith in Jesus Christ alone, as all have sinned and have fallen short of God’s glory. We can only be seen as righteous through faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 1:17; Romans 3:21-23). He gives us His “robe” of righteousness (Isaiah 61:10).
- Justice** - Consequences for wrongdoing. God is just and will assure justice is served to wrongdoers, and give relieve to those who have been wronged (2 Thessalonians 1:6-10).
- Forgiveness** - God forgives us and we can now forgive others also (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:12-13).

A Final Exercise:

- 1) Identify the areas above that you still might be trying to fill with things of this world, especially when you are at your lowest (angry, afraid, tired, disappointed, feeling hopeless, unloved and unwanted).
- 2) What are you willing to do to identify and remove the cheap substitutes in your life for that which only God can and will provide? Out of the overflow, you can then love and serve God and others because of what He provides!