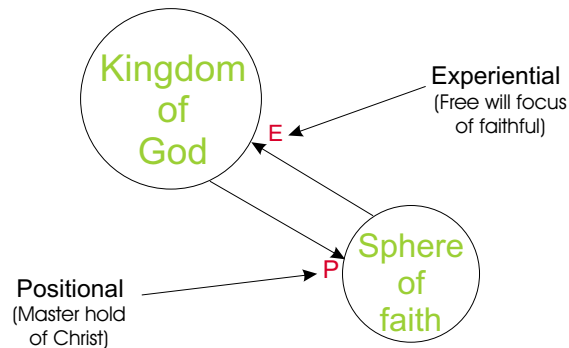


something we can visualize faith by and hold on to, rather than having it twisted into some vague form of easy-believism which says, “Just leave it to Jesus.”

I'm going to define as a principle the term *positional* as the MASTER HOLD. Our positional status always refers us back to he who holds us. He can be understood as master, lord, or husband. And I will also define as a principle the term *experiential* as an INDIVIDUAL HOLD, or as our FREE WILL FOCUS. Our experiential status always refers to our submission to a head, or authority figure, either from the Kingdom of Satan or the Kingdom of God. To understand these principles, let's diagram what the Bible means by the term SANCTIFICATION, thereby setting the standard on which we will base our relational status study, not only between the Sphere of Faith and the Kingdom of God, but also between all the players in God's realm.



As you can see, I have added two arrows between the Kingdom of God and the Sphere of Faith. I have labeled the downward arrow “P” which represents positional sanctification. The upward arrow is labeled “E” for experiential sanctification. The “P” arrow indicates God's hold on the believer (John 10:28-29; 1 Pt. 1:3,5), whereas the “E” arrow indicates our hold or focus upon the Lord Jesus Christ (Mt. 6:24; Phil. 2:16). Furthermore, these two arrows (P and E) are parallel, like two people walking along the same path in agreement or as two people face to face. The point is that a relationship has been established, and there is communication and embracing as the residents of both domain and sphere HOLD ON to one another. Hence, we have a loving, intimate, and personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and we are one with Him. This is BIBLICAL SANCTIFICATION. It is the most powerful relationship and union in all existence and there will never be a more powerful union throughout eternity. It is this union or joining which bears fruit for God (Rm. 7:4) and no other. Therefore, it is a prototype and example

for human relationships to build upon, progress, and bear sweet love for one another, rather than go stagnant and become bitter.

I want to immediately say that sanctification has nothing to do with outward appearances. It is an inward conviction of the soul towards the living Christ from residence in the Sphere of Faith and defines love for God. Biblical sanctification has nothing to do with taboos, such as hair or dress style, food or drink, people you associate with, type of entertainment you enjoy, etc. That is a perverted idea of sanctification from within the Sphere of Carnality and Evil and is nothing more than a subjective and foolish form of love for God. You can follow outward appearances of righteousness and holiness to the most minute detail as did the Pharisees and still be totally carnal and evil.

Furthermore, the “*why do we, and you do not*” (Mt. 9:14) attitude of some individuals is strictly legalism. And a “holier than thou” attitude, which produces opinionatedness, judgmentalism, hypercriticalism, and self-righteousness, is simply a product of the Spheres of Evil and Carnality, especially from orbits 3 and 6. You might say it's their specialty.

Sanctification is a strict matter of the heart—not adherence to codes and decrees. Holy living WILL result from the realm of sanctification, of course, but submitting to what merely *appears* to be wise, such as taboos, is “of no value against fleshy indulgence” (Col. 2:20-23) and does not make the heart holy.

Let's use an algebraic equation to define a faithful relationship, one in which there is love and intimacy between God and man. The formula is: positional (P) sanctification, which is God's hold on believers from the Kingdom of God (KOG) and experiential (E) sanctification, which is the believer's hold, desire, or focus upon the Lord Jesus Christ as Master of the Kingdom of God (KOG) from the believer's residence, the Sphere of Faith (SOF).

$$P(KOG) + E(KOG) = \text{SOF resident who is} \\ \text{SANCTIFIED and has FAITH and LOVES GOD}$$

Let's look at it from a different viewpoint. When we were born again, or when we desired God from the Kingdom of Satan and focused upon Christ as our Savior and Lord, we were positioned with Christ in heavenly places and became a family member of the Kingdom of God. And at our born-again experience, we were indwelt with and baptized by the Holy Spirit. We were placed into union with Jesus at that moment by the Holy Spirit (Rm. 6:5). That is positional sanctification, P(KOG). Furthermore, as a result of our focus upon the Lord Jesus Christ and away from self, we were also “filled with the Holy Spirit” and were placed into the Sphere of Faith (SOF). That is experiential sanctification, E(KOG).

Focus on Christ ALWAYS results in the “filling of the Spirit.” By filling, I mean influence, control, and empowerment or ability.

Do not get drunk [overcome, influenced or controlled] with wine [the spirit of the world] for that is dissipation [wasteful, unprofitable] but be filled [empowered] with the [Holy] Spirit. (Eph.5:18)

This ability is to maintain residence in the Sphere of Faith and advance to orbit 9 to receive your GLORY BLESSINGS.

And so, we have the biblical definition of sanctification and faith. Those who view these things from the Sphere of Evil or Carnality will always pervert God's character, His Word, and His righteousness, for they “turn things around” (Is. 29:16) and “distort ... to their own destruction” (2 Pt. 3:16). Furthermore, the idea that the “baptism of the Holy Spirit” and the “filling of the Holy Spirit” are second experiences by which you get more of God is heresy. God gives us all of Himself at our new birth, but to experience Him requires constant submission (focus), much prayer, diligent study, and meditation (to ponder, or seriously consider)—no easy-believism here. And lastly, we are not gods, nor will we ever be gods or anything similar. We are, however, children of God if we have been born again.

One reason so many faith teachers and preachers go beyond scripture or “go too far and do not abide in the teaching of Christ” (2 Jn. 9) is their ignorance of positional and experiential sanctification. They speak much of being “in Christ” and tell you all the wonderful things you have “in His name,” and they go through a whole litany of scriptures to prove their point. You, the believer, are then expected to repeat these scriptures until you've become brainwashed into believing you are going to receive all the glorious blessings. It's absolute lunacy.

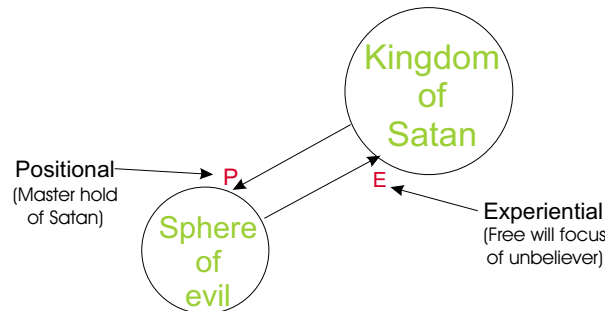
In studying scriptures of this type, one must first distinguish from the context whether the writer is referring to positional (P) or experiential (E) sanctification. If the context refers to positional sanctification, then indeed you will have what is promised whether you reside in the Sphere of Carnality or the Sphere of Faith. But, if the context speaks of experiential sanctification, then you MUST be residing in the Sphere of Faith, for they apply ONLY to Sphere of Faith believers.

For example, the book of Ephesians is filled with references to “in Him in Christ Jesus” and “in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.” Let's look at the very first verse in chapter one.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus, by the will of God, to the saints [residents of both the Sphere of Carnality and Faith] at Ephesus, and who are faithful [Sphere of Faith residents] in Christ Jesus. (Eph. 1:1)

From this first verse, Paul tells us that all believers are positioned in Christ, but that the faithful are experiencing Christ Jesus in an intimate and personal way. And certainly, all believers have redemption in Him, but not all believers will be “blessed with every spiritual blessing [glory blessings] in the heavenly places in Christ” (Eph. 1:3). (Ideally, a saint is faithful, but ideals are not always realized, even by Christians.)

Now we can continue with the principle that the positional (P) and experiential (E) arrows determine a relational status, since we have seen the actual meaning of positional and experiential sanctification of the Sphere of Faith believer, and how it sets up a relationship. We are going to look at another example of a faithful relationship, but this relationship is between the master of the Kingdom of Satan (KOS) and the residents of the Sphere of Evil (SOE).



Notice that the “P” or positional arrow and the “E” or experiential arrow form the same structure as in the diagram on page 22. In this relationship, Satan has a power hold on the Sphere of Evil residents and they are freely and willingly focused on Satan, or “the world ... and its lusts” (1 Jn. 2:17). In terms of commitment, everything that applies to the faithful relationship between the Kingdom of God and the Sphere of Faith believers also applies to this relationship.

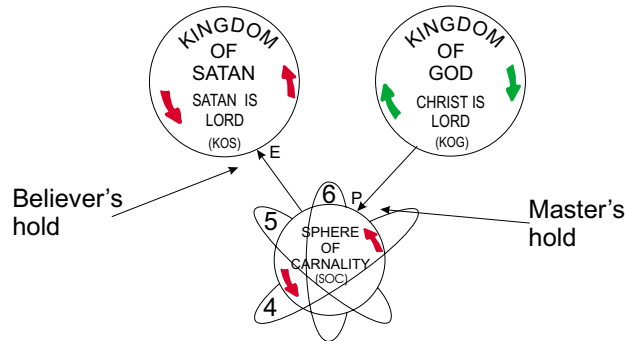
Our formula for this relationship looks like this.

$$P(KOS) + E(KOS) = SOE \text{ resident with faith in his master and is separated from the Spheres of Carnality and Faith}$$

We can call this individual a faithful unbeliever, who consistently resides in the Sphere of Evil and is committed to his own personal glory and knowingly or unknowingly to the glory of his master. Like his father, Satan, he does not have his mind on God's interests, but his own (Mt. 16:23). The exaltation of man honors Satan, and Satan is glorified when man takes part in the beliefs and rituals of secular humanism, world religions, or in today's popular spiritual movement, NEW AGE, and refuses to focus on or submit to Satan's enemy, the

Lord Jesus Christ. Because of their faithfulness to serve one master, the “sons of this age” (Sphere of Evil residents) as opposed to the “son of light” (Sphere of Carnality residents) were commended by Christ in Luke 16:8.

Lastly, we come to the Sphere of Carnality. Perhaps, like me for so long, you were not even aware that such a sphere existed, much less its tragic ramifications. But it has always been there. Our ignorance is no excuse in these matters, especially when God desires to reveal to us these secret things. Understanding this sphere has opened up many scriptures to me and has greatly contributed to my spiritual advancement. I believe it will do the same for you. We begin as usual with a diagram, and you will immediately see a dramatic difference from the two previous relationships.



What you are looking at is a spiritual adulterer—a repulsive, wretched, nauseating individual multiplied by the millions. Because of these hypocrites, God's name is blasphemed amongst the residents of the Sphere of Evil (Rm. 2:24). And remember, these ARE believers. Almost every scripture dealing with adulterers can be applied to this group.

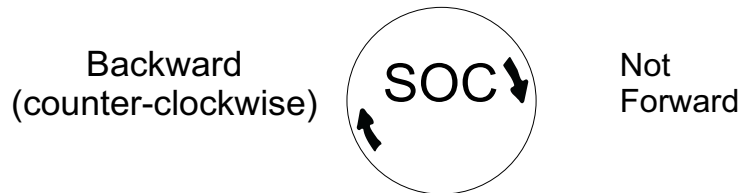
Let's take a look at this sphere more closely and see exactly why these believers are the way they are. Our first observation is that the “P” and “E” arrows are not in parallel, but are going in opposite directions. This indicates immediately that there is no agreement between the Kingdom of God and this sphere of believers. Further, it means there is no intimacy, no fellowship, and most importantly, NO COMMUNICATION with God their Father.

But why? What's the problem? First of all, the problem is not with God. As you can observe, the “P” or positional arrow from the Kingdom of God indicates God has a FIRM HOLD upon the believer. The believer is still in God's care and saved, but he is not in alignment with God's righteousness. The believer's focus, or his “E” arrow, is not upon the Lord Jesus Christ but upon Satan or the things of the world. How did this happen? At some point, lust for the things of the world was aroused and the believer turned from God to devote himself

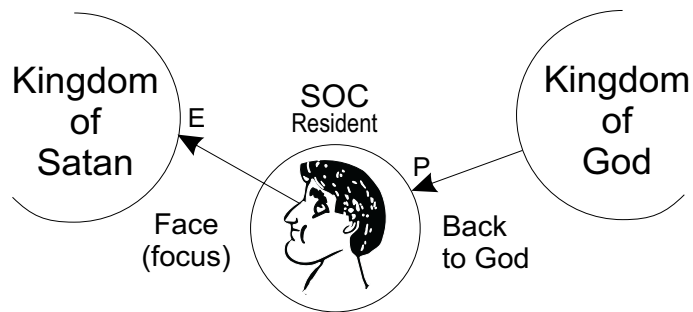
to gratifying his desires, thereby losing his “filling or power of the Holy Spirit.” Positionally, he is in union with Christ, but experientially, Satan is his lord and he is in union with him. Hence, we have a SPIRITUAL ADULTERER.

Hear what the great prophet Jeremiah said about the carnal believer.

They did not obey or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward. (Jer. 7.24)



And they turned their back to Me, and not their face, though I taught them, teaching again and again, they would not listen and receive instruction. (Jer.32:33)



The analogy to marital infidelity is exact. For in an adulterous situation, marriage represents the “P” arrow, meaning the adulterer is positioned or held to his spouse by covenant. Yet, in reality, the adulterer is having an intimate relationship with one or more persons outside the marriage bed. Experientially, therefore, he lives as though he is not married, but positionally he is. It doesn't matter how often he may tell his wife he loves her, or how much he spends on her; the fact is, he is a liar. For his focus is upon the other woman, indicating his true desire and object of attention. Therefore, he has become filled with thoughts of another and this empowers him to commit adultery.

Our equation for the Sphere of Carnality (SOC) is as follows:

$P(KOG) + E(KOS) = SOC$ believer who is unfaithful to Christ and does NOT (James 4:4) love God

This is a believer who is inconsistent, doubtful, and

*tossed here and there by waves, carried
about by every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of
men, by craftiness in deceitful scheming. (Eph. 4:14)*

Perhaps we can understand why James calls the Sphere of Carnality resident a “. . . double-minded man, unstable in all his ways” (James 1:8). He is “double-minded” in attempting to serve two masters at the same time, which is never practical, nor in actuality, possible. Jesus said,

*No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate
the one [master of the KOS, Satan] and love the other
[master of the KOG, Christ] or he will hold [experiential
hold] to one [master of the KOS, Satan] and despise the
other [master of the KOG, Christ]. You cannot serve God
and mammon [treasures from the KOS]. (Mt. 6.24)*

David said in Psalms under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, “I hate those [*residents of the Sphere of Carnality*] who are double-minded” (Ps. 119:113). This mixing of beliefs produces impure thoughts and therefore a faithless attitude. Jesus said,

*I know your deeds, that you are neither cold [faithful
like the Sphere of Evil resident] nor hot [faithful like
the Sphere of Faith resident]; I would that you were cold
or hot [faithful]. So because you [resident of the Sphere of
Carnality] are lukewarm [unfaithful] and neither hot nor
cold [faithful], I will spit you out of My mouth. (Rev. 3:15-16)*

Do these revelations make you pause and consider? Do you see the seriousness of living outside the Sphere of Faith? Are you, like the unfaithful husband who tells his wife he loves her, telling God how much you love Him, but focusing on the things of the world and its pleasures? I hope not. But if so, you need only confess your sin of infidelity, re-focus on Christ, and re-enter the Sphere of Faith.

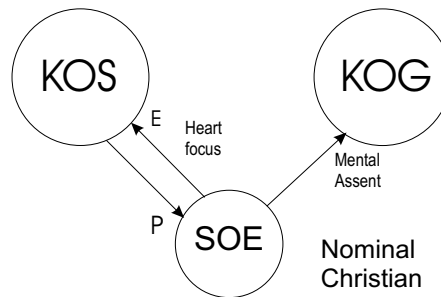
Up to this point, we have discussed three relationships which we have defined as the power spheres of Faith, Carnality, and Evil. The Sphere of Faith represents a believer who is held by the Kingdom of God and holds to it, whereas the Sphere of Carnality represents believers held by God but holding to the Kingdom of Satan to pursue their lusts. The third power sphere represents an individual who is held by Satan and holds to the devil's kingdom from the Sphere of Evil. Each sphere represents a home for the particular resident to abide in and remain to pursue his desires. But can there be a relationship whereby the Sphere of Evil resident holds on to or focuses upon the Lord Jesus Christ in the Kingdom of God? And if so, would that not constitute a fourth power sphere? The answers are “yes” and “no,” respectively.

The answer to the first question is yes, for if the unsaved willingly desires Christ as Lord and Savior, a new relationship will be established. And no, there is no fourth power sphere formed, but rather a “new creation in Christ Jesus,” who takes up residence in the Sphere of Faith and forever becomes a member of the Kingdom of God. His abiding in the Sphere of Faith, however, will depend on his desire for Christ to remain steadfast and fixed.

THE NOMINAL CHRISTIAN

But before going forward, I need to touch upon nominal Christianity and those who make up this body of individuals. As the name implies, nominal Christianity is in name only, not substance. There is no spiritual dimension to those who merely give Christ their lip, but not heart (Mt. 15:8). These pretenders may desire the benefits of a saved life (i.e., eternal life), but have never desired intimacy with Christ. Therefore, the marriage they claim is void through lack of consummation. Such vain worshipers must come to understand that desire for salvation from the Kingdom of God without desire for its master, Christ Jesus, will not impart spiritual life. Mental assent without conviction to submit to His authority is merely a *delusion of salvation*. (Since I wrote this back in 1990, I am more inclined to believe nominal Christians are merely carnal Christians and therefore, saved. However, I leave these few paragraphs in for the purpose of making a point. Christianity hinges upon belief in Christ as Savior. Those who believe Christ was merely a good man, but not divine, yet prefer to live an outwardly Christian lifestyle, are not saved, and therefore, nominal Christians.)

Delusion of Salvation



This delusion can be and often is further enhanced through an affiliation with a particular denomination, or religious organization, which claims to be of God, but is not (Rev. 2:9). Such institutions are generally formed by the religious to satisfy amongst the layman a particular need to serve, but at a distance, as it were, from a Holy God. Hence, he sees service to the institution as service to God. Such service allows one to feel good about himself by participating in various rites, rituals, and other modes of hallucinatory worship. But God is not deceived and Christ clearly teaches in Mt. 7:21-23, that the