

Exploring the Spiritual Landscape

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Diagram of Levels of Reality Revealed by Scripture

Note the fallen counterparts of spiritual darkness to those of the Light (in vertical correspondence) and how both converge upon the earth.



- Heaven—eternal dwelling of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, angels, saints
(1 Peter 3:21)
- Kingdom of God—invisible, spiritual realm surrounding earth
(Romans 14:17)
- Church—the Body of Christ, partly visible, humanity organized by God
(Matthew 16:18)
- New nature—the new creation, Christ's life in us, regenerated spirit
(2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 1:27)
- Earth and its heavens—natural/physical realm of 5 senses and matter
(Psalm 24:1-2)
- Fallen nature—the flesh, Adam's life in us, spiritual death
(Romans 8:6-9)
- World—the Kosmos, partly visible; humanity organized by Satan
(John 12:31; 1 John 2:15)
- Kingdom of darkness—invisible, spiritual realm surrounding earth
(Ephesians 6:12; Colossians 1:13)
- Hell—eternal place of punishment for Satan, fallen angels, demons, the damned
(Matthew 5:30)

Descriptions of Self

There are three ways in which we can see and understand our inner life.

True self—who I am in Christ, new creation life, released by trust and obedience.

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old things have passed away. Behold, all things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17 WEB

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. Galatians 2:20

False self—who I am apart from Christ, fallen nature, restrained by inward crucifixion.

And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Galatians 5:24

Actual self—who I am at this moment, a mixture of the two, revealed by testing.

“And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not.” Deuteronomy 8:2

“I the Lord search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.” Jeremiah 17:10



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