

Soul Fortress Principles

1. Construction of the soul fortress takes a lifetime.
2. Construction is piecemeal and dynamic.
3. Utilization of the spiritual skills enables us to stay inside the fortress, failure to use these leaves us outside, vulnerable to damage from sin, the world, and the devil.
4. When we fail to utilize the spiritual skills, we default to the arrogance skills.

Arrogance Skills

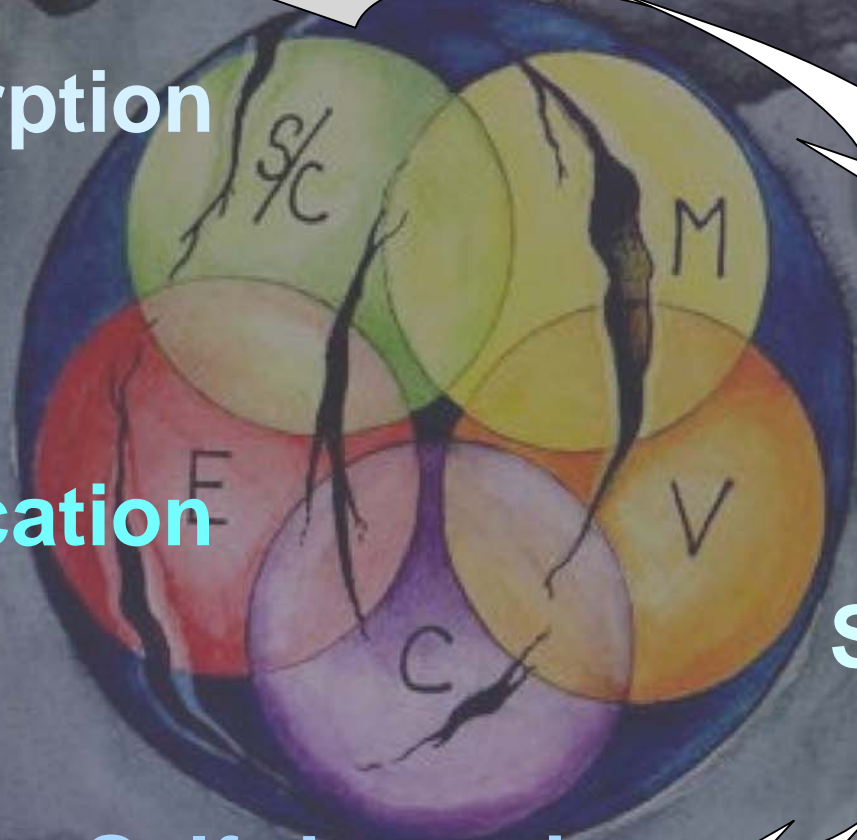
Self-absorption

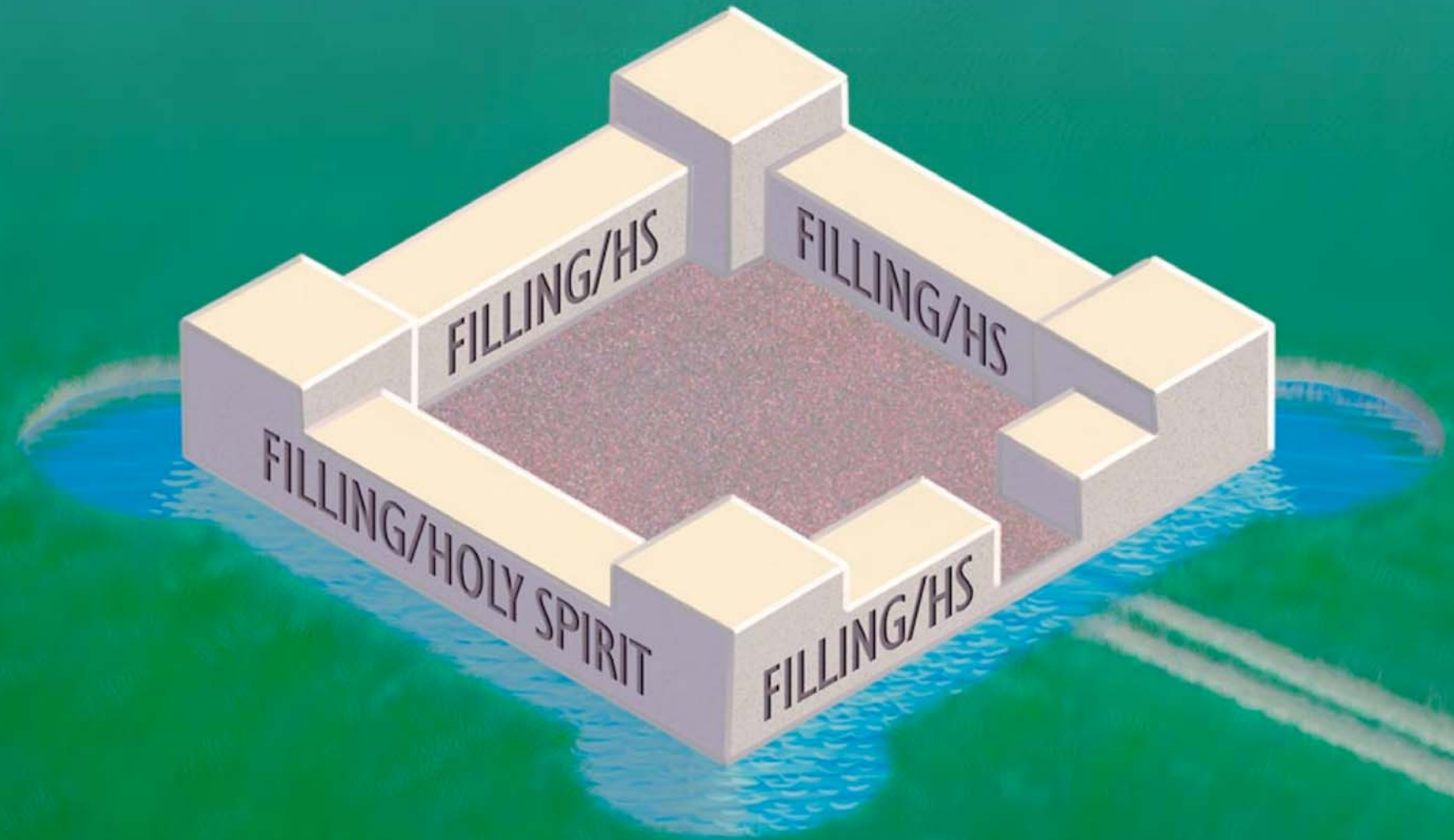
Self-deification

Self-deception

Self-indulgence

Self-justification





#2 Filling/Walking “by Means of the HS”

- At salvation, every believer is indwelt and filled by means of the HS.
- Whatever is done in the power of the HS is “gold, silver, and precious stones,” and has eternal value.
- Whatever is done in the power of the sin nature, is “wood, hay, and straw” and has no lasting value. 1 Cor. 3:11–15

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God the Holy Spirit is the divine empowerment for :

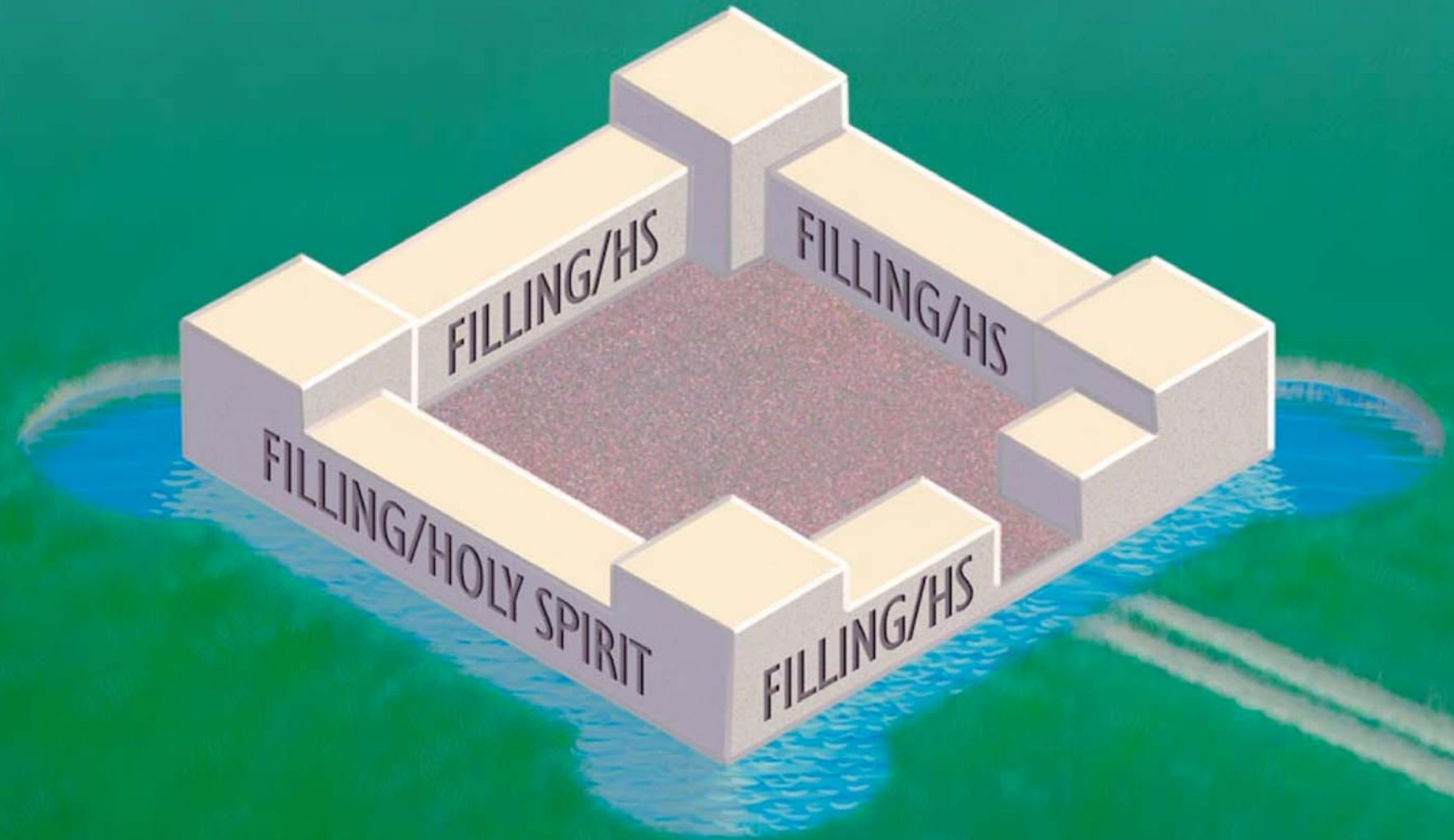
- To understand, retain, remember, and apply doctrine (Col. 3:15)
- The One who produces Spiritual growth (Gal. 5:16)
- Enables us to use our spiritual gift (1 Cor. 12)

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Eph. 5:18, “And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with [*by means of*] the Spirit,”

Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.”

Gal. 5:16, “But I say, walk by [*means of*] the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”



#1 Confession of Sin

- **Christ's death on the cross provides the basis for all forgiveness (1 John 1:7)**
- **Return to the Soul Fortress, is based on admission of wrongdoing (1 John 1:9).**
- **“Cleansing” is the key term, experiential recovery from sin.**

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1 John 1:9, “If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Psa. 66:18, “If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear;”



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The believer trusts God to fulfill His promises, relies upon biblical principles, and thinks through doctrinal rationales, resulting in relaxed mental attitude because God is taking care of the situation.

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Heb. 4:2, “For indeed the Gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, **not being mixed with faith** in those who heard it.”

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**1 Pet. 5:7, “Casting all your anxiety on Him,
because He cares for you.”**

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Prov. 3:5, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding.

Prov. 3:6, “In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”



#4 Grace Orientation

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- **Conforming or aligning our thinking toward people, situations, and events with God's grace policy.**
- **Grace means that God has freely given us everything we need on the basis of who He is and what Christ did on the cross.**
- **Grace means that God will freely give to us everything we need (prosperity and adversity tests) to advance to spiritual maturity.**
- **Grace means that our relationship to God is not based on our merit, activities, or actions.**

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2 Pet. 1:3, “Seeing that His divine power has granted to us **everything** pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence.

2 Pet. 1:4, “For by these He has **granted** to us **His precious and magnificent promises**, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.”

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2 Pet. 3:18, “But grow [by means of] the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

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2 Cor. 12:9, “And He has said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.’”





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- Aligning our thinking to the reality of God's Word, creation, and plan.
- Doctrine must become a way of life, not just something else we do.
- Doctrine includes the entire realm of Biblical teaching, from the abstract to the intensely practical.
- Doctrine teaches us how to think, how to react, how to problem solve, how to prioritize, how to relate to the world, the systems, the people, and the circumstances of life.

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Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

