

The Spiritual Life (paradigm)

Scripture reveals what happens to us when we are saved and the subsequent way we should live afterwards. We will call this a paradigm for the spiritual life.

Faulty Paradigm is listed in red:

Biblical Paradigm is in black:

Life is viewed in two divisions: secular / sacred
All life is spiritual (2 Corinthians 5:17, 18)
Jesus is IN my life and heart
Jesus IS changing my heart and IS my life (Acts 17:28)
Doing over “being”
Being over “doing” (2 Corinthians 3:18)
Faith to escape hell
Faith to overcome the world (1 John 5:4)
Private, personal faith
Faith affects everything (Romans 1:17)
Sin conscious
God, grace, life conscious (Philippians 4:6-8)

Salvation

Trumpet
Physical death

Waiting to die to experience eternal life
Living out of the life of Christ now (Galatians 2:20)
Living from earth to heaven
Living from heaven to earth (Matthew 6:10)
A “better” physical life?
Supernatural lifestyle (Galatians 5:16)
Self-focus (on everything that is wrong with self)
Focused on what God has done and is doing (Colossians 3:1-3)
Giving is grievous (when you can)
Giving is joyful - it all belongs to God (2 Corinthians 9:7)
Serve out of convenience
Sacrificial love (Romans 12:1)
Using God to benefit self
Co-laboring with God for His purposes (1 Corinthians 3:9, 2 Corinthians 6:1)
I can't really make a difference in the world
Ambassador of the Kingdom (2 Corinthians 5:20)
Salt and light (Matthew 5:13, 14)
I determine how I want to live
Redeemed / Bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:20)