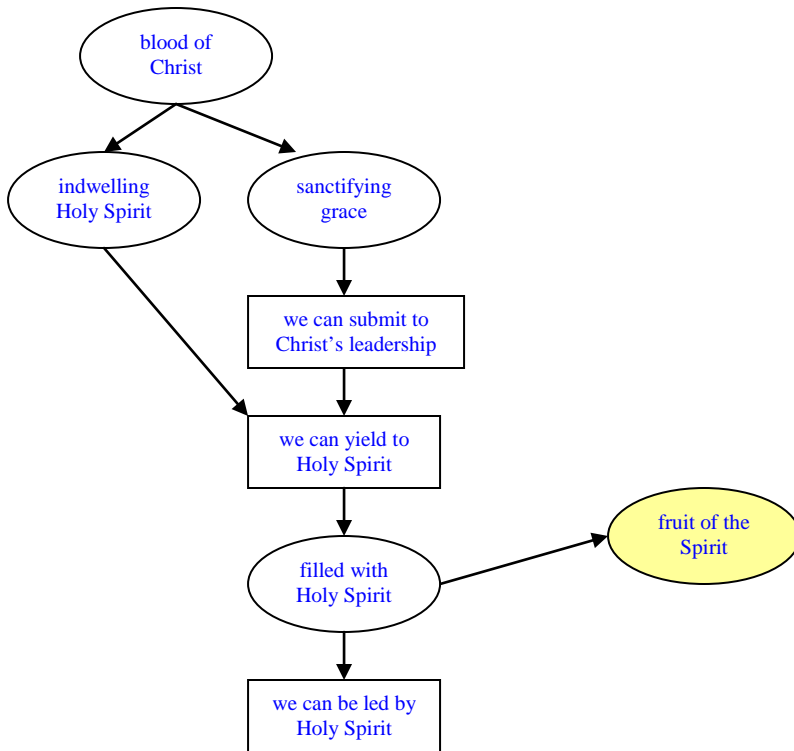


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## Phase I: grace, faith, and submission...

God's grace accepted in faith leads to salvation.

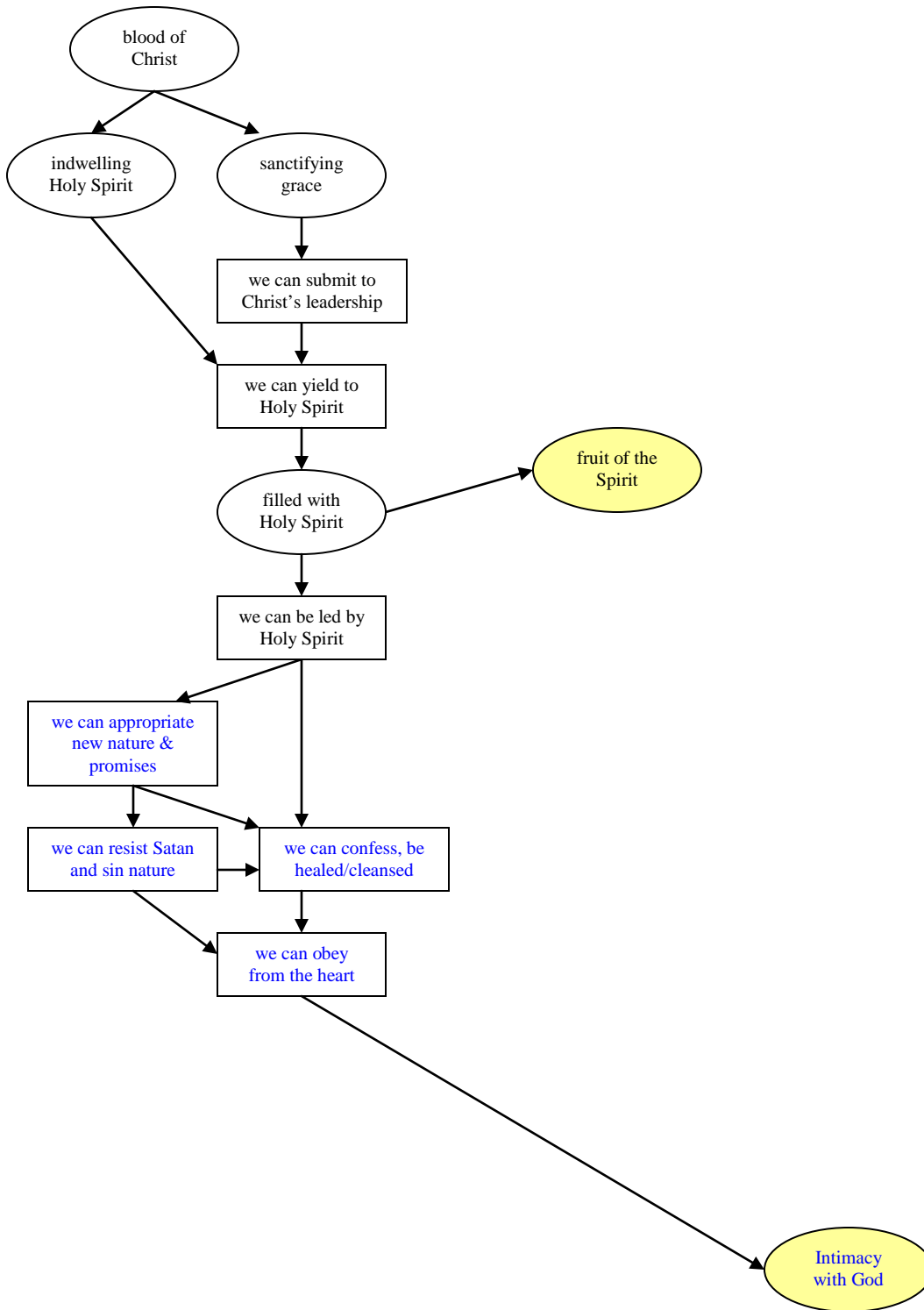
Salvation leads to the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and the beginning of God's sanctifying work.

As a result, we can begin to submit to Christ's leadership and yield to the Holy Spirit.

The result of these attitudes is that we will be filled with the Holy Spirit and thus realize the fruit of the Spirit growing in us.

So long as we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we can be led by the Holy Spirit in life.

On all the charts, the ovals represent free acts of God's grace and the rectangles represent gracefully provided cooperative decision points for the believer. At each rectangle, there is a need for a relevant infusion of God's revelation, to empower people to cooperate properly.



## Phase II: New Nature

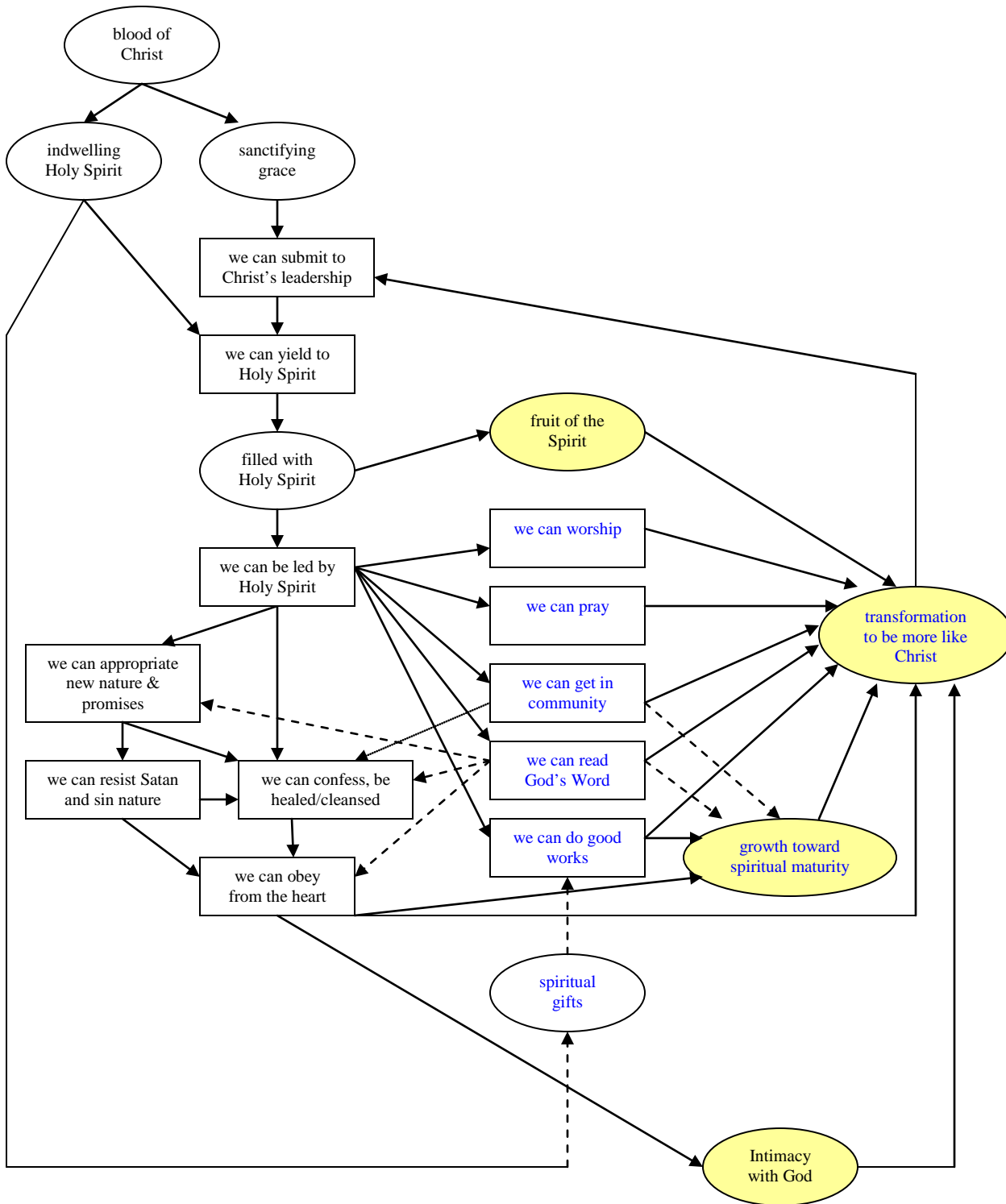
If we are led by the Holy Spirit, we will be able to begin to appropriate our new nature and the Scriptural promises of freedom from bondage to sin.

Being led by the Holy Spirit, we will begin to confess our sins to God with a repentant attitude. Such confession will lead to our healing and cleansing. If we have begun to appropriate our new nature, we will be even more likely to have this time of confession.

As we appropriate our new nature and realize the Scriptural promises inherent in that new nature, we can begin to resist our sin nature and Satan's lures.

As we resist temptation, we continue to confess repentantly, and can begin to obey from the heart.

Such obedience will lead to greater intimacy with God.



### Phase III: Spiritual Disciplines

As we are led by the Holy Spirit, we will choose to do things that contribute to our spiritual growth, including worship, prayer, participation in Christian community, study of Scripture, and – using spiritual gifts which result from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit and our passions and abilities – to perform acts of service to others.

These spiritual disciplines in turn contribute to our ability to appropriate our new nature, confess repentantly, and obey God. The result of this synergy is we grow in spiritual maturity.

Ultimately, the result is we are transformed to be more like Christ, but that is not the end! Transformed in part, we are able to submit further to Christ, and thus to cycle through again, further increasing our transformation.