

41. Reverse process reversionists, with their money, can bribe and distort the law. How they do this is by the customary singular present middle indicative of the verb, **ἀντιτάσσω** (*antitássō*): used metaphorically to set oneself in opposition to or in array against, to resist (James 4:6; 5:6).<sup>5</sup>
42. The law is designed to oppose the guilty, not the innocent.
43. This concludes the first paragraph of James: Chapter Five, verses 1–6. The expanded translation of James, Chapter Five, verse 6, reads this way:

**James 5:6** You have condemned the innocent, you have murdered the righteous; he does not oppose you. (EXT)

**NOTE:** In James: Chapter 4, verses 13–14, the men’s souls are described as being in reversionism and the category that is most exposed in monetary. Their lust for and possession of money dominates their decision-making:

**James 4:13** Come now, you reversionists who say, “Today or tomorrow we will go to this or that city, and shall work in that place about a year, we shall engage in free enterprise and make a profit.” (EXT)

James makes the issue clear by insisting they are going off halfcocked in:

**James 4:14** You two do not understand what kind of life ... yours tomorrow. You two are just a fleeting vapor trail which soon vanishes from view. (EXT)

In James: Chapter 5, verse 1–6, the problems associated with monetary reversionism resumes. This requires that we entertain further research into this doctrine.

**James 5:7** Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious produce of the soil, being patient about it, until it gets the early and late rains. (NASB)

1. “Patient” is the aorist active imperative of the Greek verb, **μακροθυμέω** (*makrothuméō*): “to have patience.” In this context, the word is technical and requires an expanded translation. Its use here has to do with monetary reversionism.

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<sup>5</sup> “ἀντιτάσσω” in *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, rev. ed., 195.



2. The word's etymology is important since it is a compound verb. The first syllable is from the Greek adjective: **μακρός (makrós)** and the second is from the Greek noun: **θυμός (thumós)**. **Makrós** connotes duration while **thumós** is a synonym for the soul with emphasis on the mind. The latter is sometimes translated by "longsuffering," "patient," and "to endure."
3. In this context, the principle has to do with the soul possessing the option for every exigency in life. Each person is born with a soul containing free will, or volition, by which he may make independent decisions.
4. At the same time, each person is destined to have eternal life post physical death, however, where that life is lived is determined by one's volitional decision regarding one's faith in Jesus Christ.
5. It is by means of faith alone in Christ alone that the soul is saved followed later by a resurrection body. The soul never dies. However, one's physical human body gradually declines and then dies.
6. When a person dies physical death, the body, corrupted by the sin nature, is returned to the earth from which it was originally formed and remains there.
7. The final destination of every person's soul is determined by one of two factors: **(1)** faith in Christ resulting in eternal life in heaven or **(2)** failure to do so culminating in spending eternal life in the lake of fire.
8. In summary, the soul never dies, but its eternal residence is determined by a single volitional decision: **(1)** faith alone in Jesus Christ for salvation and eternal life in heaven (1 John 5:9–12), or **(2)** rejection of Jesus Christ as one's Savior and eternal life spent in the lake of fire (Revelation 20:12, 15).
9. Therefore, regardless of one's ultimate destination, it is each person's volitional decision that determines his eternal residence. During one's life, he has the wherewithal to acquire information for any number of reasons and applications.
10. This system exists in one's soul essence which contains the following categories:
  1. Self-consciousness: Man is aware of who he is and able to relate to both animate and inanimate life.
  2. Mentality: The mind is the thinking part of the soul. The heart [ **καρδία (kardia)** ] has several categories, a frame of reference, memory center, vocabulary, categorical storage, norms and standards, and application to life and circumstances.
  3. Volition: Man can be negative or positive to anything and this is why he was created to resolve the angelic conflict.
  4. Emotion: The appreciator of the soul. It responds or reacts to whatever thoughts are in the soul.



5. Conscience: The evaluator of the soul containing norms and standards.
6. NOTE: The old sin nature: Genetically formed and thus not a part of the soul but existing in every cell of the body, is referred to in Scripture as, **σάρξ (sárx)**: “the flesh.” Uncontrolled, it produces attacks on the soul soliciting the volition to commit personal sins and categories of human good and evil.

**Principle:** Only the soul, not the body, is saved at the moment of faith alone in Christ alone.

11. As the believer grows in grace, doctrinal principles, categories, and applications are retained in the soul’s stream of consciousness.
12. The information retained in the soul’s various classifications becomes the individual’s resident doctrine from which he can apply into either the hostile or sophisticated categories of the Dark Side’s cosmic propaganda.
13. This brings us back to the aorist active imperative of the compound verb, **μακροθυμέω (makrothuméō)**: “to have patience,” which leads off James 5:7. This verb consists of the Greek adjective **μακρός (makrós)**: “long duration,” and **θυμός (thumós)**: “the soul, but with emphasis on the mind.”
14. The meaning in this context refers to “long-suffering, patience, and consistent endurance.” The solution to every problem, including every facet of reversionism, is based on the fact that the soul was saved not the body.
15. Doctrine is the issue and, if it is stored in the soul and facilitated into **ἐπίγνωσις (epígnōsis)**, it becomes a divine resource of absolute truth that may be applied into the hostile environment of the devil’s world.
16. As spiritual growth advances, an edification complex is created in the soul which is developed systematically as the believer’s spiritual advance progresses.

### **The Doctrine of the Edification Complex of the Soul**

#### **A. Etymology.**

1. The word “edification” is based on categorizing the Greek noun, **οἰκοδομή (oikodomḗ)** whose definition follows:

**The act of building as a process, also that which is built. New Testament meanings: a building, edifice; edification. The word for “edification” is: “building up a house (oikos).” A house is a building to shelter people.**



**When one is in public worship, the paramount concern must be how all the believers should be built up and not how someone or a small group may selfishly benefit by the public experience. In Christian worship individuals ought to be concerned how they can spiritually benefit others by what they do or say.<sup>6</sup>**

2. Collectively it refers to the formation of the royal family of God during the entire period of the Church Age, i.e., the building up of the body of Christ. When the royal family is completed, the Rapture of the church will occur.
3. Individually it refers to the spiritual growth of the positive believer, and/or momentum in the Christian way of life. Hence, the individual connotation refers to the execution of the protocol plan and the subsequent manufacture of the invisible hero, resulting in the glorification of God.
4. When the collective connotation is used, *oikodomé* should be translated “construction, building up” or “building process.” When the individual connotation is used (*oikodomé*) should be translated, “edification.”
5. The collective connotation of *oikodomé* is based upon our Lord’s third royal patent or title: “King of kings and Lord of lords, the Bright Morning Star,” given to Him because of His strategic victory in the angelic conflict.

## **B. Definition and Description.**

1. The edification complex of the soul is technical nomenclature found in the epistles of the New Testament for the attainment of spiritual maturity.
2. The consistent function of GAP under one’s right pastor-teacher is the only way to construct an edification complex of the soul.
3. The mature believer possesses a completed edification complex in his soul.
4. Doctrine perceived must feed both the human spirit and the human soul for capacity for both human and eternal life. The edification complex of the soul is the result.
5. Virtue-love is the means of reaching maturity and receiving an edification complex of the soul (1 Corinthians 8:1). You cannot have an edification complex of the soul unless you are using virtue-love at gates 5 and 6 of the divine dynasphere: **5.** Spiritual Self-esteem and Motivational Virtue, and **6.** Spiritual Autonomy and Functional Virtue: Impersonal Love for Mankind. “Gnosis produces arrogance, but virtue love edifies.” Virtue-love is the sign you have been metabolizing doctrine.

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<sup>6</sup> οἰκοδομή in *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament*, rev. ed., gen. ed. Spiros Zodhiates (Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 1993), 1031.



6. Synonyms for the edification complex of the soul:
  - a. Light. This is used for the divine dynasphere and sometimes for the Edification Complex of the Soul.
  - b. “Christ formed in you.” Galatians 4:19 connotes both the Edification Complex of the Soul, with emphasis on its 4th Floor: Spiritual Self-esteem, 5th Floor: Spiritual Autonomy and the Copacetic Spiritual Life, 6th Floor: Spiritual Maturity and Occupation with Christ, and 7th Floor: Lifestyle of the Invisible Hero and Invisible Historical Impact.
  - c. “The new man” in Ephesians 4:24 and Colossians 3:10 refers to both the edification complex of the soul and the divine dynasphere.
  - d. “The perfect man in:  
**James 1:4** ... stamina and endurance from the inner resource of doctrine must have [ IM #2 ] its perfect production, so that you may choose to be spiritually mature and complete, deficient in the sphere of nothing while inside the bubble. (EXT)
  - e. Ephesians 5:1, “Be imitators of God.” There is a direct relation between gate 8 of the Divine Dynasphere: “Spiritual Maturity,” and the Edification Complex of the Soul.

### C. The Importance of the Pastor’s Authority in Edification.

1. The authority of the pastor in edification is found in a number of passages.  
**2 Corinthians 10:8** For even if I should rub it in about our authority, which God gave for your edification and not for destroying you, I shall not feel ashamed.
  - (1) The Corinthians wavered so much that Paul really had to get tough with them claiming his rank as an apostle.
  - (2) The Corinthians were reacting to Paul’s authority and so were doing many things detrimental to their spiritual life.
  - (3) “Our authority” refers to those with the communication gifts of pastor-teacher as well as apostleship, e.g., Apollos and Timothy. The pastor establishes his authority through the communication of doctrine.
  - (4) Paul makes it clear that the construction of the edification complex depends upon accepting the teaching authority of a pastor-teacher who communicates doctrinal information.
  - (5) People never grow up without authority.

