

A hand holding a quill pen is the central focus, set against a background of parchment with faint, illegible cursive text. The title 'PAUL'S LETTER TO THE Romans' is overlaid in a white serif font, with 'Romans' in a larger, more decorative script.

PAUL'S LETTER TO THE
Romans

The victory so far...

- #1 'Consider yourself dead to sin!'
 - Dead to sin's allure, demands, control
- #2 Slaves now to God!
 - The one you obey = your master!
- #3 Marriage – to who???
 - How do you die? New 'marriage'...



The 'New' Covenant

- Old made demands = death fruit
- New has the same demands, even more!
- But 'released'; the covenant of help!
 - In fact, He does it all!!! IF we died...
- If we go back to the old, when in the new...
 - Spiritual adultery!

NEW Nature
JESUS

WILL
(Heart)

Old Nature
ADAM

Spirit
(ALIVE)

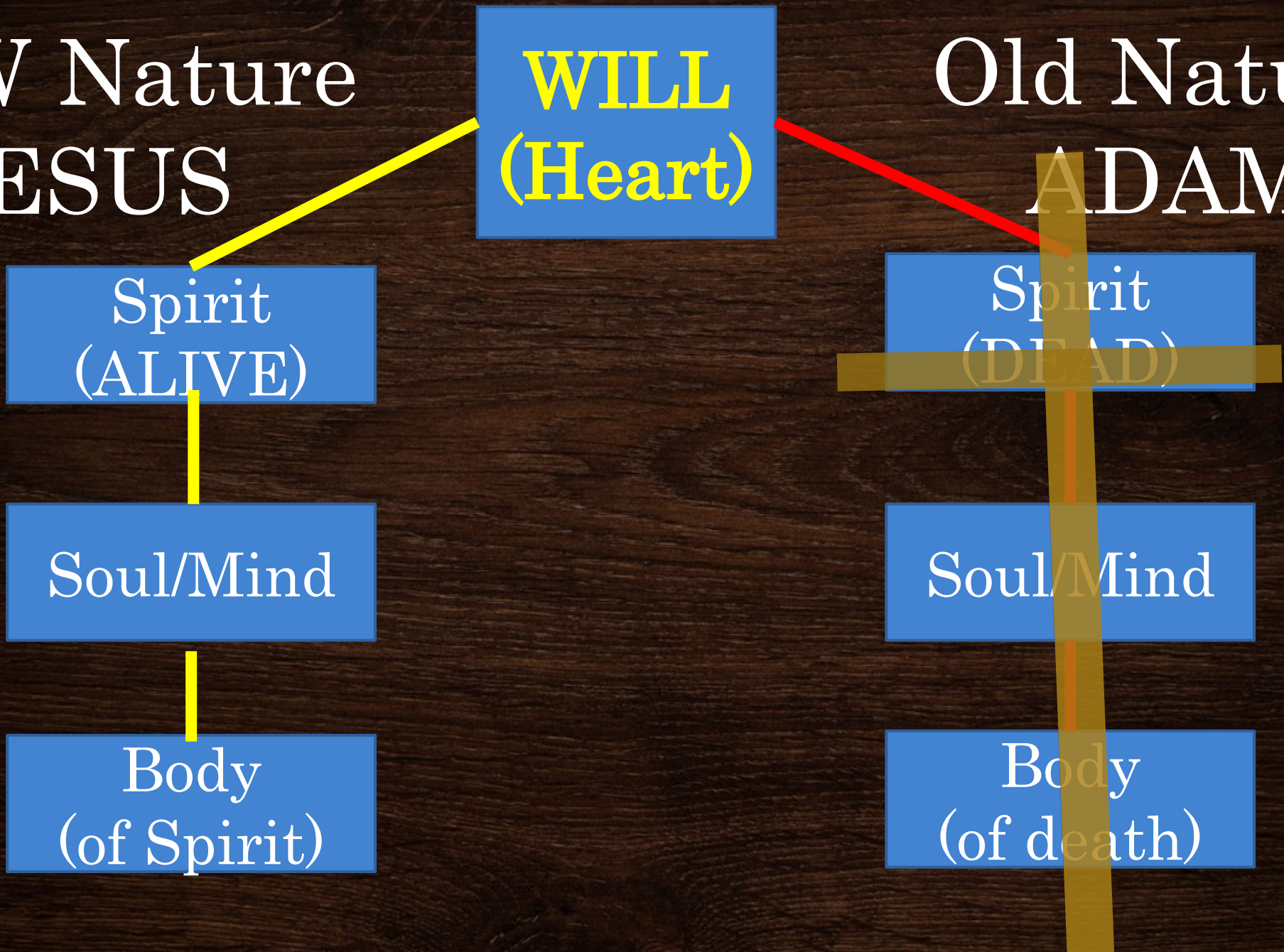
Spirit
(DEAD)

Soul/Mind

Soul/Mind

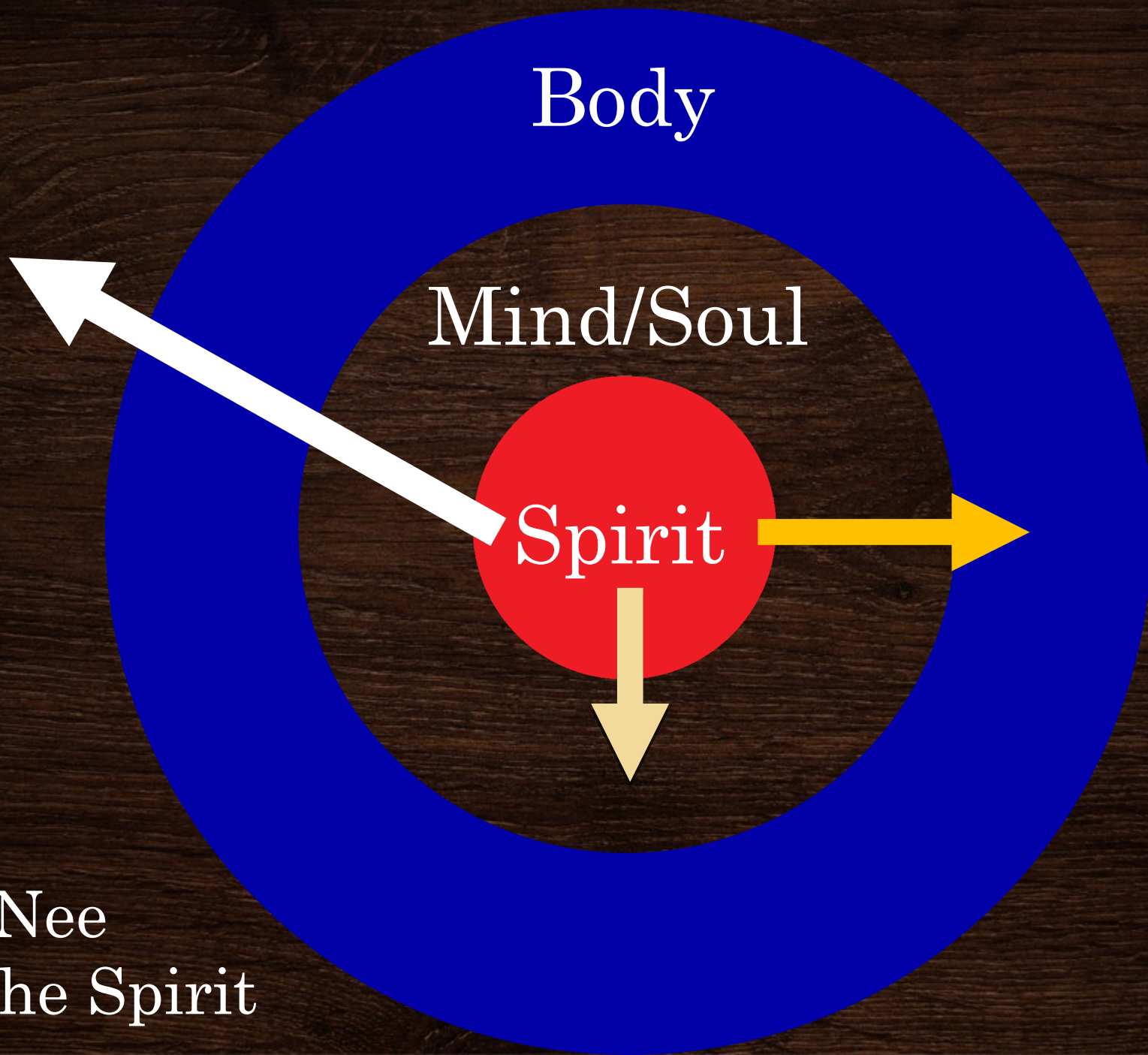
Body
(of Spirit)

Body
(of death)



Released in the Spirit

- As a partner is released in death (6)
- So we are released from keeping “law”
 - Love based on rules does not work!
 - Maintain the death to Law and sin
 - There is a better way...
- NEWNESS OF SPIRIT! See 6:4



Body

Mind/Soul

Spirit

Watchman Nee
Release of the Spirit

What shall we say?

- #4 – Paul's personal walk/story
- Law is not sin... not the same!
 - Teaches us about sin, gives awareness
 - Status but not ability...
 - Creates the struggle in our hearts
 - We know what is right, but fail!

The 'Sin' principle (7-13)

- Paul came to know sin thru law
 - Saw the sin activity, dominion, consequence
 - The soul/mind responds to 'wants', desires
- Coveting...
 - I want it all, nobody else should have it!
 - Very personal expressions "I, me"

The 'Sin' principle (7-13)

- Sin took opportunity - *aphoreme*
 - Military base of operations
 - Uses the commands to create failure
 - Our fallen nature
 - Sin is 'inactive' till law comes
 - Many laws = many sins!