

**“LORD, BEHOLD, HE
WHOM YOU LOVE IS
SICK”**

John 11:3



**How do we
understand the
phrase:
“He whom you
love”?**



- ✘ The Lord found a resting place for himself at Lazarus' house:
“Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus” **John 11:5**

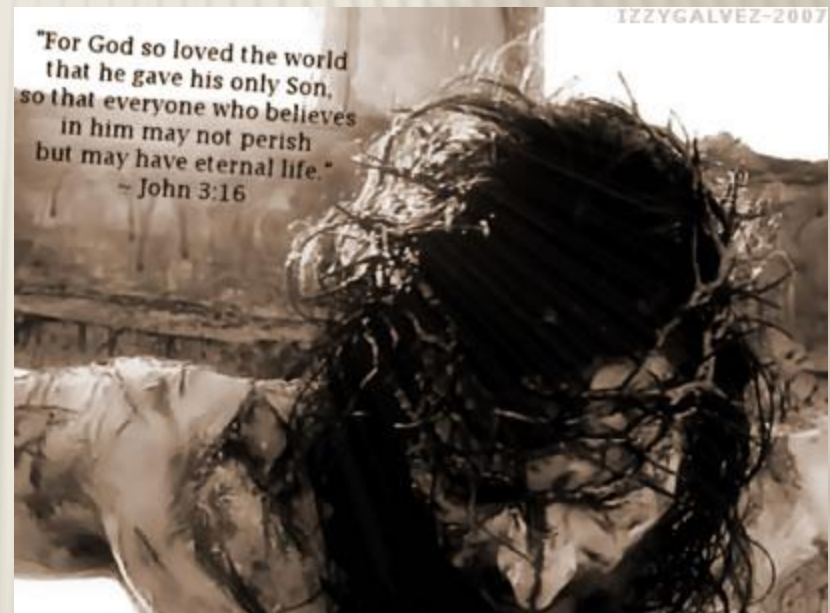


- ✘ The Lord Jesus loved the young rich ruler because of his answer even though he did not accept the Lord's invitation to him:
“Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, ‘One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, take up the cross, and follow Me.’”

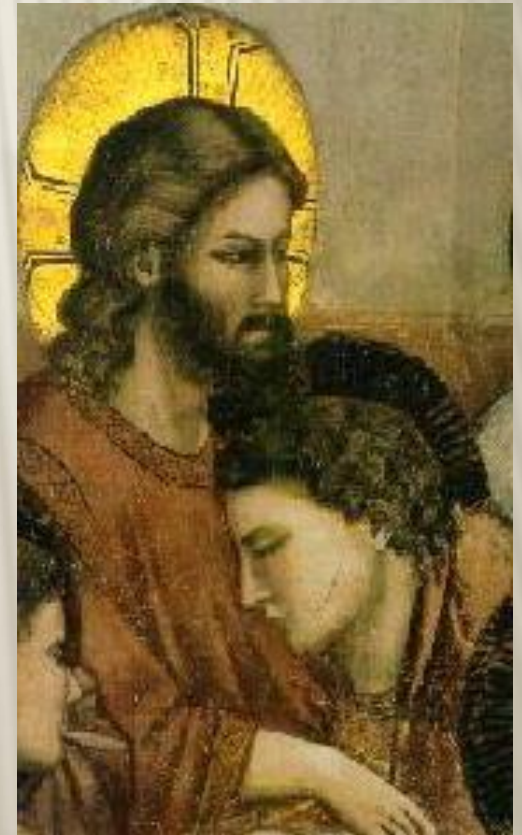
Mark 10:21



- ✘ God loved the world and this is the reason behind His Incarnation: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life” John 3:16



- ✘ St. John is the one who used to tell us about the Lord's love to him:
“Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved” **John 13:23**



- ✗ The Lord even loved and befriended the sinners:
“The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ But wisdom is justified by her children.” **Matthew 11:19**



CHALLENGES TO REALIZING THIS LOVE (1)

1. Our wrong belief that God's love can be only earned
2. The ups and downs of our spiritual struggle and understanding of God's love
3. Between God's love and His calling to certain people (Aaron)

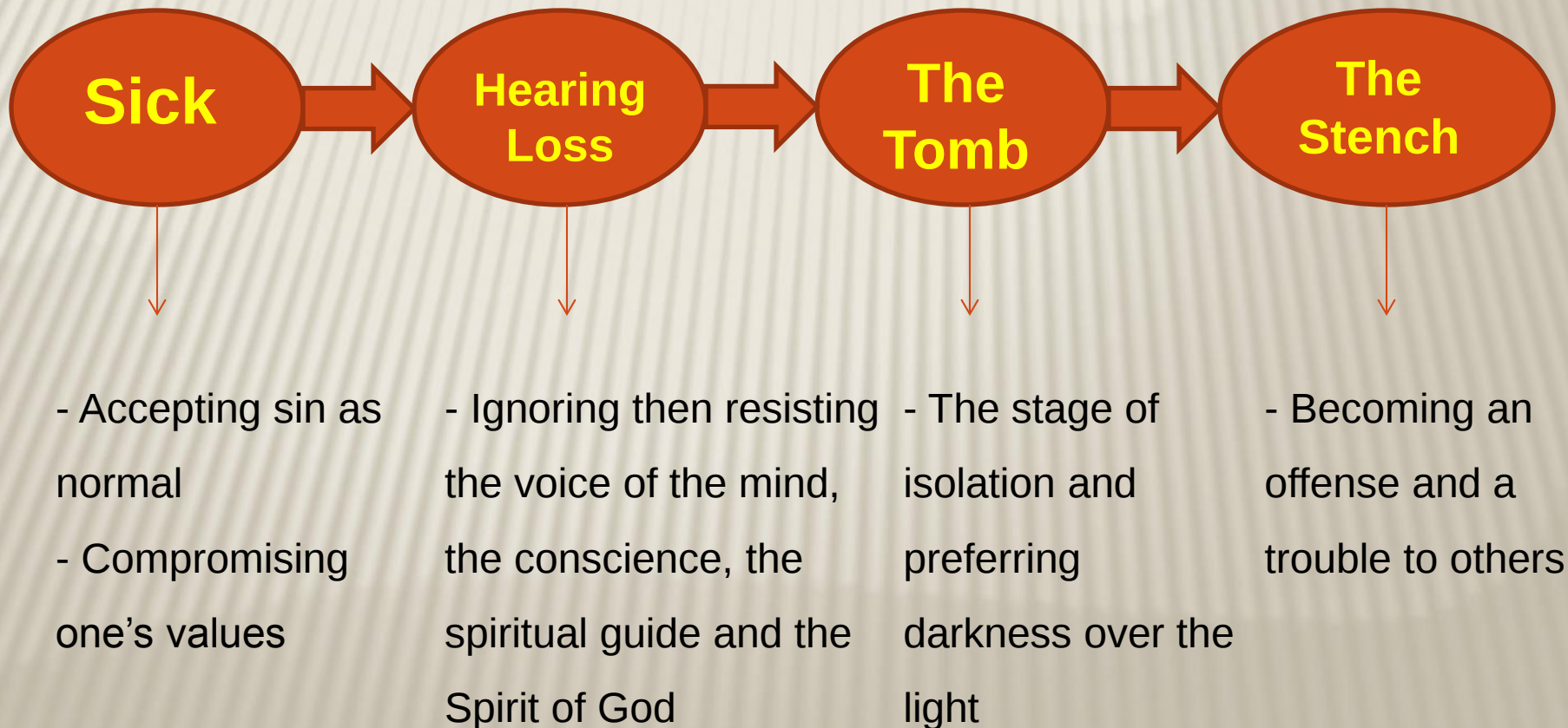


CHALLENGES TO REALIZING THIS LOVE (2)

4. Understanding love while not approving of a certain action (the prodigal son)
5. Reconciling love and unanswered prayers
6. Inability to see God's love while going through suffering



The Phases of developing spiritual death



The Stages of Recovery

