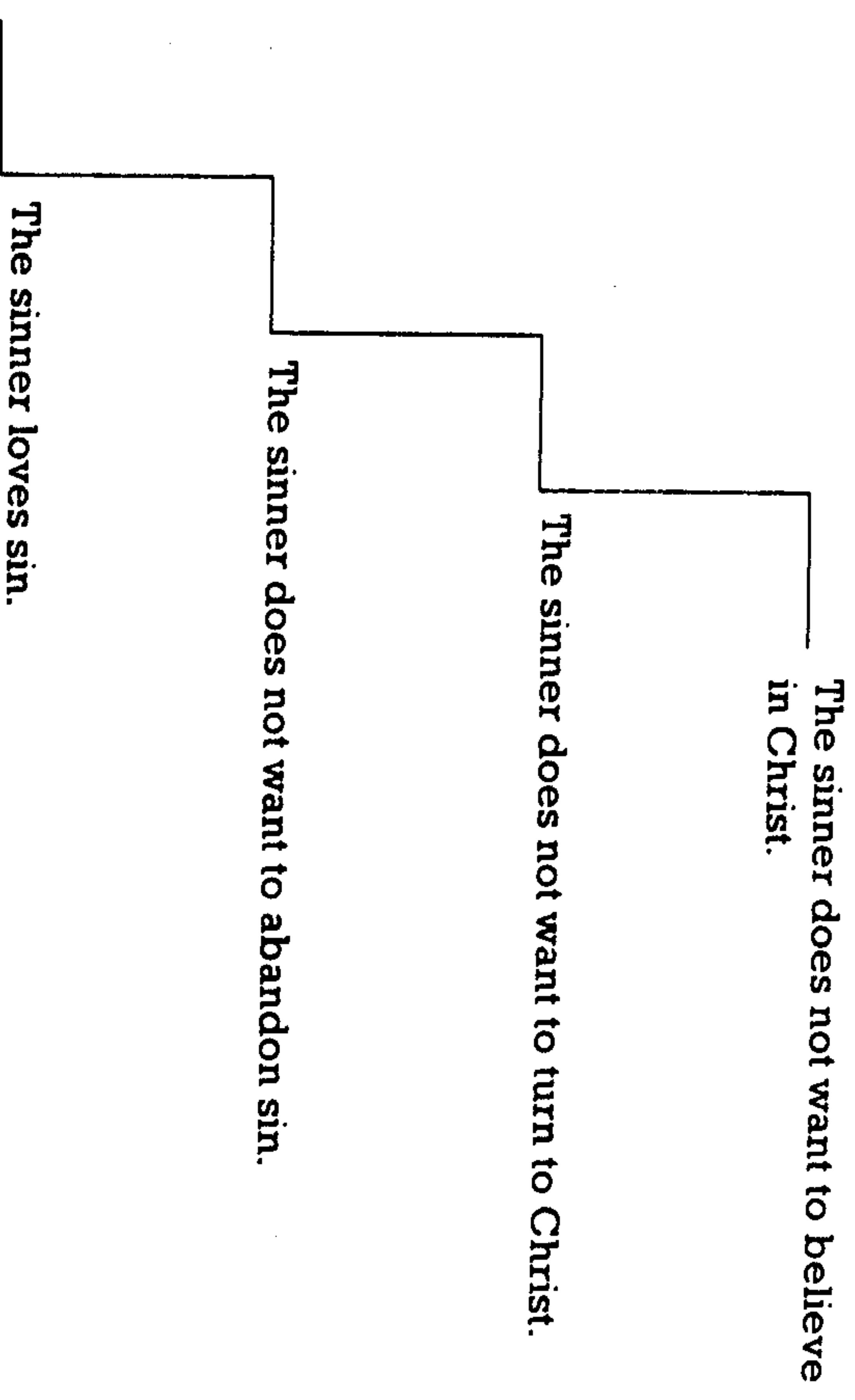


preach exactly the same message that he preached in the past but, because the Holy Spirit has come upon him in power, his words will go forth in the power of the Holy Spirit and go forth with the power of the Holy Spirit, and the result will be that someone who was dead in trespasses and sin received the Holy Spirit and the life of God and so is born again from above. That is why each conversion is a miracle. It is entirely a work of God. In the case of Lazarus, he was dead. There was nothing he could do by himself to have life. As far as it depended on him, all was ended. He was not even in a condition to desire life. He desired nothing. Then the Lord Jesus called out and the word of power and life was released. The power gave hearing, understanding and acting power to Lazarus. Because he received these, he was able to hear the Lord's word of command, and he received power to act on the Lord's word of command. All depended on the Lord Jesus and all depended on the power released by the words of Jesus.

ONLY A SPIRIT-FILLED PERSON CAN BRING PEOPLE TO CHRIST

As far as winning people to the Lord Jesus is concerned, you must realize as never before that the responsibility is with the believer and not with the sinner. It is possible to reason and say that the sinner should hate sin, abandon sin, turn to Christ and believe in Him. The only problem is that a normal sinner loves sin, does not want to abandon sin, does not want to turn to Christ and does not want to believe in Christ. His hearing of the Gospel is not true hearing. His "abandon" of sin is not true abandon of sin and his "turning to Christ" is not true turning to Christ and his "believing" in Christ is not true believing in Christ.



Not all hearing is true hearing. Not all understanding is true understanding. My word says :
"Go and tell this people: Be ever hearing, but never understanding; be ever seeing, but never perceiving. Make the hearts of this people calloused; and make their ears dull and close their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed" (Isaiah 6 : 9-10).

It requires the message of a Spirit-filled person to bring about true hearing, true understanding and repentance towards God and true faith in the Lord Jesus.