

Spirit, Soul, and Body

1 Thess 5:23

23And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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We are made of three parts, spirit, soul, and body.

It's very important to understand this concept.

Many people confuse the soul with the spirit.

The body is very obvious. It's what you see.

If you speak to me you would be speaking to my soul (mind, will, & emotions) conscience (personality).

The Spirit is the third part.

John 3:4-7

4Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

5Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

6That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

KJV

Jesus was saying here that your flesh and your spirit do not have anything in common.

You can access your body and your mind but not your spirit. You can't feel and discern your spirit realm with your natural senses. This creates a conflict in many people who can't understand spiritual truths.

John 6:63

63It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

KJV

The Word reveals the reality of the spiritual arena. The Word details and documents what is happening in the spiritual world. To learn about your spirit, you must go to the Word of God (not just by a feeling).

Spiritual realm cannot be seen or felt. It must be discerned through the Bible. We must just take the truth in the Word and just believe it.

James 1:22-25

22But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.
23For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass:

24For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was.

25But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

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This is talking about looking into the Word to see yourself just like you do when you look in the mirror. You only see a reflection of yourself. You have never looked at your real face or eyes. You can only see an image.

You would never get ready to go in the morning without a mirror. You would probably never say my hair feels good or my makeup feels good and start out without looking and seeing if you are presentable. The Word of God gives you a picture of who you are in your spirit. You have to go by what you see.

2 Cor 5:17-18

17Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

18And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation;

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This is talking about your spirit, not your mind, or your body.

Your body has been purchased, but we are waiting for our incorruptible body.

Your body didn't get saved. Your soul didn't get saved either. If you had big feet before you were saved, you still have them after. If you were smart before you got saved, you still would be after.

There is some confusion in this terminology, because we call it, "being a soul – winner". It isn't your soul that is saved. Only two times the scriptures in the New Testament talk about the soul's salvation and it's not talking about the born again experience. (It's talking about if you are depressed and you start walking in the joy of the Lord).

1 Cor 13:9-12

9For we know in part, and we prophesy in part.

10But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.

11When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things.

12For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

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When we go to be with the Lord we will receive our glorified body and soul. Then there will be fulfillment. Now we can in part renew our minds and change our values and attitudes.

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This scripture says if you are IN CHRIST, you are a new creation, a new creature. One translation says you are a new species of being, having never existed before. This is total transformation. This is describing the new birth experience. It's an instant change that takes place in the spirit. Now, it takes time to work out this salvation into your soul, and your body.

In your salvation, everything you will ever need in your Christian life is already in your spirit. We are not in a process of trying to get anything from God. Your spirit is perfect and complete. It doesn't have to be healed or matured. When your soul gets into agreement with your spirit you will have a 2/3 majority and your flesh will follow.

The life giving part of you is your spirit. James tells us that the body depends on the spirit to live.

James 2:26

26For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

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Let me give you an example.

Rom 8:11-12

11But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

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Eph 1:19-20

19And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

20Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

KJV

You and I have in us the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Every believer does. If your mind is closed to this truth, and if the Word you see in the scriptures doesn't become more real to you than what you see in the

physical mirror then this Resurrection Life is shut off to you. You can be dominated by what you feel. You can die sick having the Resurrection Life of God on the inside of you.

The same is true for an angry person when the Love of God was in them all along.