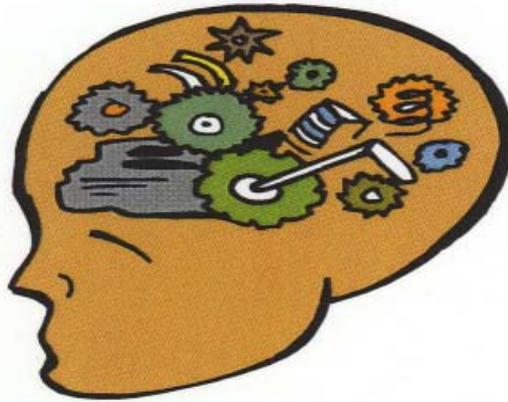


Spirit



Soul



Body



Preface

This is a study on the creation of man. Scripture shows us that man is made a spirit, soul, and body. This study looks at the difference between the three parts of man and their function. In this study, the three parts are shown so a person may analyze and understand what motivates him or what part of himself is directing his whole person.

For example if a person were addicted to drugs or alcohol the chemical demand of his body may hold his soul and spirit in servitude. If the person is making his or her decisions based on emotions, the spirit and soul do not have freedom to make sound decisions. Or the person, who makes decisions without much regard as to their conscience, may put their soul and body into jeopardy.

The study and analyzing of the human person (ourselves) can be very helpful to realize our strong points or weaknesses. Recognizing how God's order for Adam was to live, (seen in the diagram 1) and how far man has fallen from this place is necessary to the person who wants to live according to the way God intends for man to live.

In diagram 2 it is not hard to identify these traits that function within us, and are taken for granted by most people to be natural. These works of the flesh in man are the result of his Adamic nature, and bring spiritual death to him. The man who follows his 5 senses is most readily seen by all. However, the sin in the spirit and soul are the most deadly and deceptive to men who see nothing wrong with themselves and yet are living apart from God. Their religion or good morals they may feel make them acceptable to God.

Diagram 3 shows that it is mandatory for a person to be indwelt by the Holy Spirit to live according to God's mind and purpose. Only by having the mind of Christ and following the Holy Spirit's leading can a person come to see the kingdom of God and have power to follow and live in it.

There are questions for more study at the end of the booklet. If the person will write out his or her answers to these questions, then examine their own answers, it will reveal much to that person. It is more revealing to us when we put our answers on paper and analyze them by comparing them to the Word of God.

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How man has been created
Spirit, Soul, Body
Scripture ref: 1 Thessalonians 5:23;
Hebrews 4:12

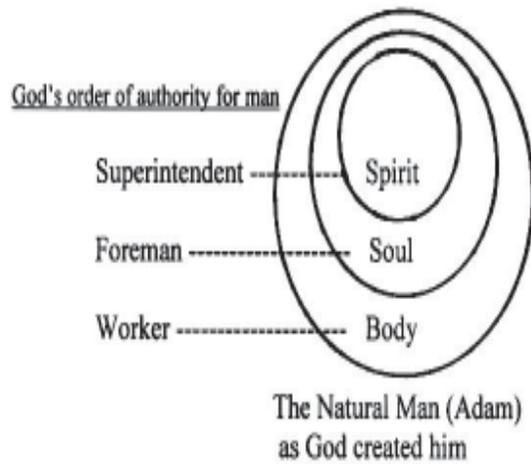


Diagram 1

The Natural Man Adam by eating of the tree
of the knowledge of good and evil brought
this result on himself and his offspring

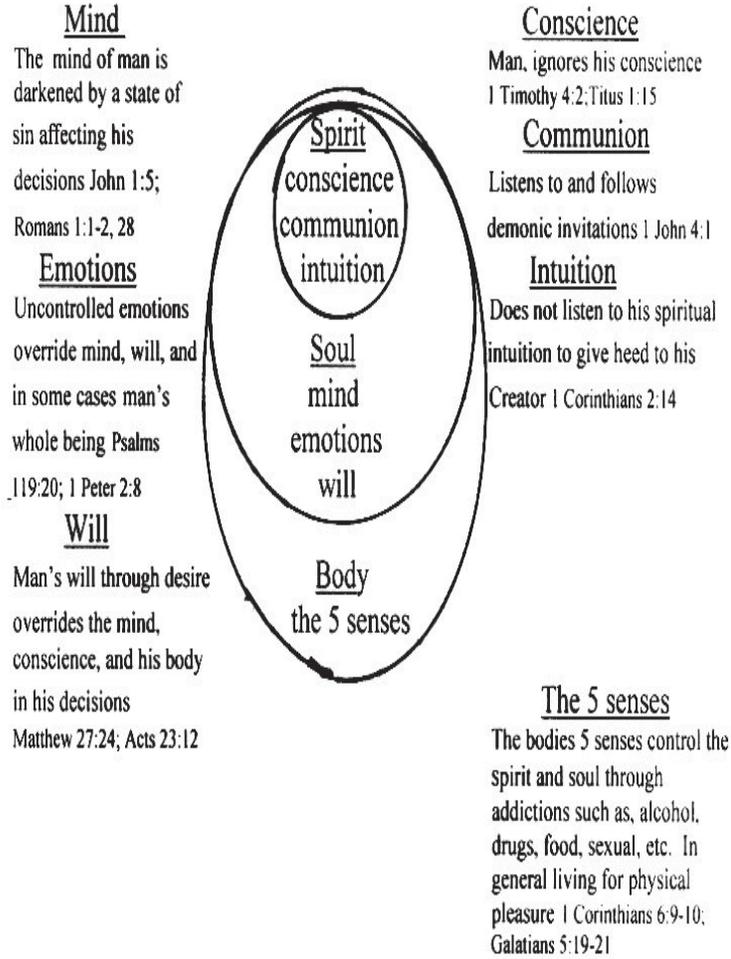
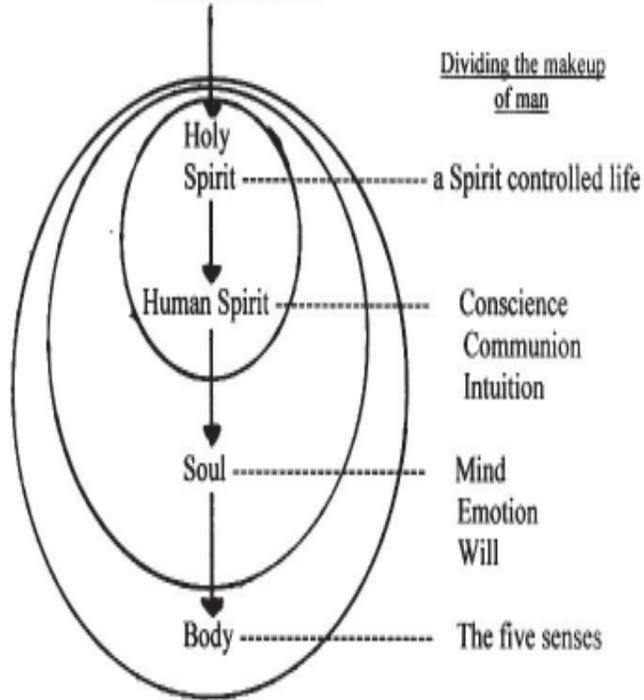


Diagram 2

The Mind of Christ revealed to the Christian
I Corinthians 2:16



The Christian is indwelt
and made a new creation
by the Holy Spirit

Diagram 3

A Study on the Spirit, Soul, Body

“May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

“For the word of God is living and operative, and sharper than any two-edged sword, penetration to the division of soul and spirit, both of joints and marrow, and a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12 JND).

“It is the Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God” (Romans 8:16).

“The breath of the Almighty gives me life” (Job 33:3-4).

“Christ in you the hope of glory” (Colossians 1:27).

Greek Words Meaning Life

- Physical 1. Bios – The means of life or living.
Soul 2. Psyche – The natural life, or the life of the soul.
Spirit 3. Zoe – The highest life, the life of the spirit.

Hebrew Word for Soul: Nephesh

- Complete Being 1. Nephesh = soul life.
2. R’uah = wind or spirit

Greek word for flesh

SARX

Hebrew word for flesh

BASAR

Spirit

- I Corinthians 2:11 Speaks of 'the spirit' of the man
I Corinthians 5:4 My spirit
Romans 8:16 Our spirit
I Corinthians 14:14 Uses 'my spirit'
I Corinthians 14:32 Speaks of the 'spirits of the prophets'
Proverbs 25:28 Refers to 'the spirits of just men'
Zechariah 12:1 States that 'the Lord...formed the spirit of man within Him'

A. The workings of Conscience in Man's Spirit.

- Deuteronomy 2:30 The Lord your God hardened his Spirit
Psalms 34:18 saves the crushed in spirit
Psalms 51:10 Put a new and right spirit within me
John 13:21 When Jesus had thus spoken, he was troubled in His Spirit
Acts 17:16 His spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols
Romans 8:16 It is the Spirit Himself bearing witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God
I Corinthians 5:3 I am present in spirit, and as if present, I have already pronounced judgment
II Corinthians 2:13 I had no rest in my spirit
II Timothy 1:17 For God did not give us the spirit of timidity

B. The Function of Intuition in Man's Spirit

- Matthew 26:41 The spirit indeed is willing
Mark 2:8 Jesus perceived in His Spirit
Mark 8:12 He sighed deeply in his spirit
John 11:33 He was pressed in the spirit
Acts 18:5 Paul was pressed in the spirit
Acts 20:22 I am going to Jerusalem, bound in the spirit

I Corinthians 2:11 What person knows a man's thoughts, except the spirit of the man which is in him

C. The Function of Communion in Man's Spirit.

Luke 1:47 My Spirit rejoices in God my Saviour
John 4:23 The true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth
Romans 1:9 Whom I serve with my spirit
Romans 7:6 We serve.....in the new life of the Spirit
Romans 8:15 You have received the Spirit of sonship when we cry – ABBA FATHER
Romans 8:16 The Spirit himself bearing witness with our spirit
I Corinthians 6:17 He who is united to the Lord becomes one Spirit with Him
I Corinthians 14:15 I will sing with the spirit
I Corinthians 14:16 If you bless with the spirit
Revelation 21:10 In the Spirit He carried me away

Questions and Answers

Q. Is it important to divide spirit from soul? If so why?

A. Because the soul will rule over the spirit unless we are aware of the difference.

Many things that should come from the spirit and appear spiritual to others (and possibly to the person himself) come from the soul. Spiritual deception is received by a person as a result of the soul intruding into the spirit realm.

Q. Is the soul spiritual?

A. No, but it is religious. Religion that comes from the soul is not from the Spirit of God, it is part of man's culture. It is acceptable to man but is not acceptable to God.

Q. Which are the fastest growing churches today?

A. Some are well known cults that the devil started masquerading as a angel of light (2 Corinthians 11:13-14). Others are sects that appeal to the soul of man and to his natural nature.

Q. What is the difference between religious and spiritual?

A. Religion can be a soulish or demonic activity, even with religious zeal, teaching, evangelism and preaching. True spirituality is only of God through the Spirit of Christ. When the truth in Scripture is not **believed** ---- man will desire religion of the will instead.

Q. What spiritual activity does a nonbeliever have?

A. None toward God. His spirit is dead because of sin (separated from God). This does not limit his contact with the god of this world (Satan), who rules in the kingdom of darkness.

Religion is one of the devils finest tools to deceive a person who is not a Christian; one who is not born of the Spirit of God (John 1:12-13; 10:3-5). A Christian also who does not stay close to the Chief Shepherd by following the Word of God can be deceived.

Q. Can a non-Christian communicate with spirits?

A. Yes, because his spirit lives in the domain of darkness under the domain of the god of this world.

Q. How can a person discern between what is spiritual and what is of the soul?

A. The religion of the soul (soulish religion) does not want the whole counsel of God (every word of God taught in Scripture, Matthew 4:4). The person who lives and walks by faith after all Scripture will be led of the Holy Spirit into fellowship with God. A person in whom the Holy Spirit dwells will desire the whole truth and counsel of God (Acts 20:27) “So when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook all and followed Him” (Luke 5:11).

Soul or Soul Life

Hebrew=Nephesh Greek=psyche

Genesis 9:4-5	Only you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is its blood
Leviticus 17:11	The life of the flesh is in the blood
Matthew 2:20	Those who sought the child's life are dead
Luke 6:9	Is it lawful on the Sabbath-to save life or destroy it
Acts 15:26	Who have risked their lives for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ
Acts 20:24	I do not account my life of any value
Matthew 20:28	To give His life as a ransom for many
John 10:11, 15, 17	The good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep

Will or Volition

Psalms 27:12	Give me not up to the will of my adversaries
Psalms 41:2	Thou dost not give him up to the will of his enemies
Ezekiel 16:27	Delivered you to the greed of your enemies.

2. Emotions of Desire

Deuteronomy 14:26	For whatever thy soul desires or for whatever thy soul asketh of thee
1 Samuel 20:4	What thy soul may say
Psalms 84:2	My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the Lord
Ezekiel 24:21	Your soul's longing
Psalms 42:1	So longs my soul for thee O God
Isaiah 26:9	My soul yearns for thee in the night
Matthew 12:18	My soul is well pleased

3. Emotions of Feeling and Sensing

Luke 2:35	A sword will pierce through your own soul also
1 Samuel 30:6	All the people were bitter in soul
1 Kings 4:27	Her soul is bitter and vexed within her
Judges 10:16	His soul was grieved for the misery of Israel
Job 19:2	How long will ye vex my soul
Isaiah 61:10	My soul rejoices in the Lord
Psalms 86:4	Gladden the soul of thy servant
Psalms 42:5	Why are you cast down O my soul
Psalms 116:7	Return O my soul to your rest
Psalms 119:20	My soul is consumed with longing
Proverbs 16:24	Sweetness to the soul
Jonah 2:7	My soul fainted within me
Matthew 26:38	My soul is very sorrowful
John 12:27	Now is my soul troubled
1 Peter 2:8	He was vexed in his righteous soul day after day

Body
Greek = Soma

- Romans 6:6 The sinful body might be destroyed
- “ 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body
- “ 6:13 Do not let sin therefore reign in your mortal
bodies, to make you obey their passions
- “ 6:13 Yield ... your members to God as instruments of
righteousness
- Romans 7:5 At work in our members
- “ 7:23 I see in my members another law
- “ 7:23 Making me captive to the law of sin, which dwells
in my members
- “ 7:24 Who will deliver me from this body of death?
- Romans 8:10 Your bodies are dead because of sin
- “ 8:11 Will give life to your mortal bodies also
through His Spirit which dwells in you
- “ 8:13 If by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of
the body you will live
- “ 8:23 The redemption of our bodies

Questions

1. After examining the 3 parts of man as he is created, which part directs your life, spirit,? soul,? or body?

Answer

2. (a) If the spirit, explain, (b) if the soul, explain, (c) if the body, explain.

Answer

a.

b.

c.

3. (a) Are you a Christian? (b) If so, is the Holy Spirit directing your spirit? (c) Where is He leading you?

Answer

a.

b.

c.

4. If you are not a Christian, do you want to be led by the Holy Spirit of God into the Christian life?

Answer

5. God is a Spirit (John 4:24). Scripture tells us believing the gospel is how you receive the Spirit of Christ into your spirit. The gospel is; believing that Jesus shed His blood in death for your sins on the cross 2 thousand years ago. Jesus went into the grave for 3 days and nights, then rose from among the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-4), and is alive for evermore (Revelations 1:18). Have you received this message into your heart to follow Him?

Answer

6. (a) Do you allow the Holy Spirit to direct your spirit? (b) If so how?

Answer

a.

b.

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