Functions of the Spirit, Soul and Body cont. I. A Deeper Look at the Human Soul Notes:____ **A.** Man's existence, characteristics and life are in the soul. B. The elements which make us human belong to the soul: Intellect, thought, ideals, love, emotion, discernment, choice, decision, etc., are but various experiences of the soul. C. The tripartite part of man called the "soul" of man is the Seat and essence of his personality which, to comprehend a man's personality is to comprehend his person. 1. That which constitutes **man's personality** are the three main faculties of will, mind and emotion. a. Will is the instrument of our decisions, revealing our power to choose; expressing our willingness or unwillingness. Without "will" man is reduced to automation. b. **Mind**, the instrument of thoughts, manifests our Intellectual power. Out of this arise wisdom, Knowledge and reasoning. Lack of it makes a man foolish and dull. c. The instrument of our likes and dislikes is the faculty of **Emotion**. Through it we express love or hate and to feel joyful, angry, sad or happy. Any shortage of emotion will render a person as insensitive. **SCRIPTURE SUPPORT** – A careful study of the Bible will Yield the conclusion that these three primary faculties of The personality belong to the soul. The Soul's Faculty of "Will": Ps.27:12, Ps. 41:2, Ezk.16:27, Deut.21:14

The Soul's Faculty of Emotion

The Soul's Faculty of Intellect or Mind Lam.3:20. Prov.2:10-11. Prov.3:21-22

Affection: I Sam.18:1, Song 1:7, Lk.1:7, II Sam.5:8; Desire: Ps.84:2, Isa. 26:9, (Matt.12:18); Emotions of Feeling and Sensing: Lk.2:35, I Sam.30:6, Is. 61:10, Ps.86:4 Spiritual Man

- **II. The Soul Life** (Hebrew OT Word = Nephesh; Greek NT Word = Psuche)
 - A. Some Bible scholars point out that there are three different words employed in the Greek to designate "life": (1) bios, (2) psuche, and (3) zoe. They all describe life but convey very different meanings.
 - 1. <u>Bios</u> has reference to the means of life or living. This meaning was conveyed in the story of the woman who cast into the temple treasury, her whole living (Mk.12:41-44; livelihood).
 - 2. <u>Psuche</u> refers to the animated life of man, his natural life or the life of the soul; specific to human life (Nephesh).
 - 3. **Zoe** is the highest life, the life of the Spirit of God. Whenever the Bible speaks of eternal life it uses this word.
 - B. "Soul life" is man's natural life, an expression of the composite of his mental, emotional and volitional (willful) energies.
 - C. Knowing that the soul is mans own life is a most important fact to recognise for it bears greatly upon the kind of Christian we become, whether spiritual or soulish.