

# HEALING THE WOUNDED SPIRIT - I

"Spirit, Soul, and Body"

I Thes. 5:23; Gen. 2:7

## I. MAN A TRIUNITY CREATED IN THE LIKENESS OF GOD

- A. Body created from dust of the earth
- B. God breathed into body to create man's spirit
  - 1. Not entrance of God's uncreated life
  - 2. Not life of God received at regeneration
  - 3. Human spirit void of eternal life
  - 4. Distinction between psuche and zoe
- C. Man became a living soul
- D. Body
  - 1. Gives us world consciousness
  - 2. Where the senses dwell
- E. Soul
  - 1. Gives us self consciousness
  - 2. Where self dwells
- F. Spirit
  - 1. Gives us God consciousness
  - 2. Where the Spirit of God dwells
    - a. We are the temple of the Holy Spirit
    - b. Holy Spirit dwells in holiest of all--spirit of man

## II. HOW SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY INTERRELATE

- A. God designed spirit to be in control
- B. Spirit must go through control center (soul) before directing body to relate to world
- C. After fall, spirit became dead unto God
  - 1. Did not cease to be, but not alive unto God
  - 2. Can still be led by the "spirit"--a spirit that is dead unto God, but alive unto Satan
  - 3. Can even be "spiritual" such as witches and sorceresses
  - 4. Remain in contact with spirit world through evil spirits--not Holy Spirit
  - 5. Spirit of fallen man allied with Satan and with evil spirits
  - 6. Most, however, are controlled by their soul or walking in response to the desires of the soulish life and physical passions
- D. Intermeshing of soul and spirit--need to discern between soul and spirit
- E. Works of unregenerated spirit similar to works of soul

## III. FUNCTIONS OF SOUL AND SPIRIT

A. Soul (elements which make us distinctly human belong to the soul, such as intellect, thought, reason, ideals, love, hate, emotion, choice, decision, joy, happiness, sadness)

1. Volition (Will)

a. Instrument for our decisions, revealing our power of choice

b. Spirit is helpless without our consent

c. Otherwise, man would simply be automaton

2. Mind

a. Instrument for thoughts; intellectual power; wisdom (earthly)

b. Without, man would be foolish and dull

3. Emotion

a. Instrument of likes and dislikes

b. Expresses hate, love; joy, sadness

c. Without, man would be as insensitive as wood or stone

B. Spirit

1. Conscience

a. Discerning organ which distinguishes right and wrong by a spontaneous direct judgment

b. Often reasoning will justify what the conscience judges

c. Does not bend to outside influences or opinions

2. Intuition

a. Knowledge that can only come from God

b. Source of revelation knowledge

3. Communion (The means by which we worship God)

#### IV. PROBLEM AREAS

A. Body

1. Sickness and disease

2. Distinction between body and flesh

a. God desires to save or redeem the body

b. But flesh and the works of flesh to be destroyed or crucified

B. Soul

1. Will

a. Stubbornness and independence from God must be dealt with

b. Will must be subject to spirit's dominion

2. Mind

a. Mental illnesses such as schizophrenia

b. Passivity of mind

(1) Wrong thought, flashing thoughts

(2) Forgetfulness

(3) Lack of concentration

(4) Inactivity; lazy mind

- (5) Vacillation; change of mind often
- 3. God desires that mind be renewed and healed

### C. Spirit

#### 1. Weights of the Spirit

- a. Oppression - usually steals in upon one quite suddenly
- b. Employed by enemy to harass the spirit; to deprive of joy and peace as well as to disable spirit from working together with Holy Spirit
- c. If disregarded, can be suppressed which can surface later
- d. With this load, Christian bound to suffer defeat
- e. Whenever spirit suffers oppression, the mind cannot function properly
- f. If adopt attitude of indifference, weight will grow heavier
- g. If not dealt with, will become part of your life
- h. Way to handle is
  - (1) Stop work at hand at once
  - (2) Set you will against this weight
  - (3) Speak words audibly against it
  - (4) Resist in prayer

#### 2. Blockage of the spirit

- a. Spirit requires soul and body as organs for expression
- b. Should soul and body lose its normality under the attack of the enemy, spirit shall be shut in and denied any means of outlet
- c. Spirit stripped of its outlet
  - (1) One's mind may be confused
  - (2) Emotions disturbed
  - (3) Will become weary and impotent to govern whole being
  - (4) Body tired and temporarily lazy
- d. Appears to have no interest in reading the Bible and to have no power in prayer
- e. Prayer a means of opening up the spirit

#### 3. Poisoning of the spirit

- a. Our spirit can be poisoned by an evil spirit
- b. Poison the flaming dart of the enemy aimed at our spirit
- c. Into it, he shoots sorrow, grief, anguish, woe, heartbreak, sorrowful spirit, broken spirit
- d. Sometimes Satan provokes us to harden our spirit
  - (1) Can become stiff, unyielding, narrow, and selfish
  - (2) Abandon love and shed sympathetic tenderhearted feeling towards others
- e. Harbor unforgiving spirit
- f. Bitterness and fault-finding
- g. Satan can cause spirit to become narrow and confined

- h. Injects pride--evoking attitude of self-importance and self-conceit
- i. If not dealt with, can become works or sins of the flesh
- j. Spirit of hardness and harshness
- k. Spirit of criticism, condemnation, wrath, or jealousy
- l. Sin not only an action, but a condition
- m. If hit by flaming dart
  - (1) Eliminate cause of dart
  - (2) Maintain attitude of resistance
  - (3) Pray for cleansing

## V. REGENERATION

- A. New birth imparts God's life to the spirit of man
- B. Life of unregenerated person almost entirely governed by the soul
  - 1. May be living in fear, curiosity, joy, pride, pity, pleasure, delight, wonder, shame, love, remorse, elation
  - 2. Or may be full of ideals, imaginations, superstitions, doubts, suppositions, inductions, deductions, analyses, introspections
  - 3. Or may be moved by the desire for power, wealth, social recognition, freedom, position, fame, praise, knowledge
  - 4. May be moved into making daring decisions, voicing stubborn opinions

## THE SPIRITUAL MAN

Faith in Christ makes one a regenerated believer; obedience to the Holy Spirit makes him a spiritual believer

Just as the right relationship with Christ generates a Christian, so the proper relationship with the Holy Spirit breeds a spiritual man

He that is united to the Lord is one spirit

The effect of having the spirit filled with God's power is to afford it full sway over the soul and the body. Every thought, desire, sensation and intent is now governed by the spirit.

The portrait of a spiritual man:

- 1. He has God dwelling in his spirit, sanctifying him totally
- 2. He does not live by soul life. His every thought, imagination, feeling, idea, affection, desire and opinion is renewed and purified by the Spirit and has been brought into subjection to his spirit
- 3. He still possesses a body, for he is not a disembodied spirit; yet physical weariness, pain, and demand do not impel the spirit to topple from its ascended position.

A spiritual man is one who belongs to the spirit: The whole man is governed by the inner man: all the organs of his being are subject completely to it.

YOU ARE THE TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST

WHAT HINDERS US FROM BEING SPIRITUAL IS THE FLESH

1. The flesh is the veil that separates the Holiest of All from the Holy Place
2. Dividing soul from spirit
3. Dividing hinges upon the cross and God's word
4. The cross destroys the negative things which come from Adam
5. The Holy Spirit builds those positive things which come from Christ