

MAN IN THREE DIMENSIONS

Part I - "Introduction to Spirit, Soul, and Body"

(Psa 8:4 KJV) What is man, that thou art mindful of him? and the son of man, that thou visitest him?

(Psa 139:14 KJV) I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

I. CONCEPT OF MAN

A. ***Humanism - no soul.***

1. Principle 3 of Humanist Manifesto I. "Holding an organic view of life, humanists find that the traditional dualism of mind and body must be rejected."
2. Humanist Manifesto II.
 - a. We find insufficient evidence for belief in the existence of a supernatural; it is either meaningless or irrelevant to the question of survival and fulfillment of the human race.
 - b. There is no credible evidence that life survives the death of the body.
 - c. Promises of immortal salvation or fear of eternal damnation are both illusory and harmful.

B. ***Materialism - mind and body the same thing (identity theory).***

C. ***Idealism.***

1. Contention that materialism cannot really be proved.
2. All that is sure are mental events; material causes for these events are only hypothesized, as we know that our senses can be fooled.

D. ***Dualism - mind (soul) and body.***

1. Propagated by Rene Descartes.
 - a. "I think, therefore I am."
 - b. "I exist," he says, "but for how long? Just as long as I am thinking; for perhaps if I should wholly cease to think, I should at the same time altogether cease to be."
2. Descartes believed the mind could live beyond the existence of the body.

E. ***God's concept - tripartite (Spirit, soul, and body).***

1. (Gen. 2:7 KJV) And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.
2. (1 Th 5:23 KJV) And 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.
3. (Heb 4:12 KJV) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing

asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

II. WHY STUDY IS IMPORTANT.

- A. Why we act or react the way we do.
- B. To understand salvation.
- C. Identify areas of problems.
- D. Understand deliverance.
- E. Understand our destiny.

III. FUNCTIONS OF SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY.

- A. *Spirit* - tells of our relationship with God (God-consciousness).
- B. *Soul* - belongs to man's own self and reveals his personality (self-consciousness).
- C. *Body* - contact with physical world (world-consciousness).

IV. SPIRIT (CONSCIENCE, INTUITION, COMMUNION).

A. *Important to know man has a spirit--every communication with God occurs there.*

1. "Spirit of man." (1 Cor 2:11 KJV) For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.
2. "My spirit." (1 Cor 5:4 KJV) In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when ye are gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ,
3. "Our spirit." (Rom 8:16 KJV) The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:
4. "My spirit." (1 Cor 14:14 KJV) For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.
5. "The spirits of just men." (Heb 12:23 KJV) To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,
6. We worship God in this spirit. (John 4:24 KJV) God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

B. *Comprises of Three Parts (three main functions).*

1. Conscience - the discerning organ which distinguishes right from wrong.
 - a. (Deu 2:30 KJV) But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by him: for the LORD thy God *hardened his spirit*, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as appeareth this day.
 - b. (Psa 34:18 KJV) The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a *contrite spirit*.

- c. (John 13:21 KJV) When Jesus had thus said, he was *troubled in spirit*, and testified, and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me.
 - d. (Acts 17:16 KJV) Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, *his spirit was stirred in him*, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry.
2. Intuition - sensing organ of the human spirit
- a. That knowledge which comes without help from mind.
 - b. Know through intuition; understand in mind
 - c. The perception of Jesus.
 - (1) (Mark 2:8 KJV) And immediately when *Jesus perceived in his spirit* that they so reasoned within themselves, he said unto them, Why reason ye these things in your hearts?
 - (2) (Mat 22:17 KJV) Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? (Mat 22:18 KJV) But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, Why tempt ye me, ye hypocrites? (Mat 22:19 KJV) Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a penny. (Mat 22:20 KJV) And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? (Mat 22:21 KJV) They say unto him, Caesar's. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's; and unto God the things that are God's.
3. Communion - worshiping God
- a. Mary. (Luke 1:47) - "*My spirit rejoices in God my Saviour.*"
 - b. John 4:23 - "*...the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth.*"
 - c. Speaking in tongues.
 - (1) (1 Cor 14:2 KJV) For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.
 - (2) (1 Cor 14:14 KJV) For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.
 - (3) (1 Cor 14:15 KJV) What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also.
 - d. Praying in the spirit.

- (1) (Jude 1:20 KJV) But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,
- (2) (Rom 8:26 KJV) Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. (Rom 8:27 KJV) And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God. (Rom 8:28 KJV) And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

V. SOUL [VOLITION (WILL), MIND, EMOTION]

- A. **Volition** - instrument for decisions, revealing our power to choose.
 1. Willingness or unwillingness.
 2. Without it, man is automaton.
- B. **Mind or intellect.**
 1. Reasoning, understanding, intellect.
 2. Renewing of mind.
- C. **Emotions.**
 1. Affections (love, magnify, vexed, hated, etc.).
 2. Desire.
 3. Feeling and sensing.
 - a. Bitter in soul.
 - b. Job. (Job 19:2 KJV) How long will ye *vex my soul*, and break me in pieces with words?
 - c. (Mat 26:38 KJV) Then saith he unto them, *My soul is exceeding sorrowful*, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.
 - d. (John 12:27 KJV) Now is my *soul troubled*; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.

VI. BODY - MAN'S HOUSE HE LIVES IN (DEALS WITH PHYSICAL).

- A. **Referred to as tabernacle.**
 1. (2 Cor 5:1 KJV) For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.
 2. (2 Cor 5:4 KJV) For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

- B. ***Referred to as the outward man.*** (2 Cor 4:16 KJV) For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.
- C. ***This body is corruptible, but to be redeemed.*** (1 Cor 15:53 KJV) For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

COMPLETE REDEMPTION.

Three-fold deliverance. (2 Cor 1:10 KJV) Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

The process of salvation.

1. Spirit - at new birth
 - a. (Eph 2:1 KJV) And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins:
 - b. (Eph 2:5 KJV) Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)
(Eph 2:6 KJV) And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:
 - c. (Rom 5:12 KJV) Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:
 - d. (Rom 5:17 KJV) For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.).
2. Soul.
 - a. (Psa 19:7 KJV) The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
 - b. (Heb 10:39 KJV) But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.
 - c. Soul salvation is a process.
(John 13:10 KJV) Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.
There are two washings.
The blood.
 - i) (Psa 51:2 KJV) Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
 - ii) (Psa 51:7 KJV) Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Water.

(Eph 5:26 KJV) That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

(John 15:3 KJV) Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

- a. (Rom 12:2 KJV) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.
- b. The mind, or the soul, is renewed by Word of God.

Body - waiting for total redemption.

(Luke 21:28 KJV) And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

(Rom 8:23 KJV) And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.