

MAN IN THREE DIMENSIONS - II

"Introduction to Spirit, Soul, and Body" - Part 2

I. REVIEW.

A. ***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.

B. ***General functions of spirit, soul, and body.***

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

C. ***More specific functions of the spirit.***

1. Intuition.
2. Communion.
3. Conscience.

II. THE SOUL.

A. ***God treated man's soul as something unique.***

1. As the angels were created as spirits, so man was created predominantly as a living soul. (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. Man not only had a body, a body with the breath of life; he became a living soul as well.
3. In Scriptures, God often referred to men as "souls" because what the man is depends on how his soul is.
4. If man's soul wills to obey God, it will allow the spirit to rule over the man as ordered by God.
5. The soul, if it chooses, also can suppress the spirit and take some other delight as lord of the man.

B. ***The trinity of spirit, soul, and body may be partially illustrated by a light bulb.***

1. The bulb can represent the total man.
2. There are electricity, light, and wire.
3. The spirit is like the electricity; the soul the light; and the body the wire.
 - a. Electricity is the cause of the light while light is the effect of electricity.
 - b. Wire is the material substance for carrying the electricity as well as

for manifesting the light.

- c. The combination of spirit and body produces soul, that which is unique to man.
- d. As electricity, carried by the wire, is expressed in light, so spirit acts upon the soul and the soul, in turn, expresses itself through the body.

III. THE FUNCTIONS OF THE SOUL.

- 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.

IV. 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.

- A. **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;
- B. **The process of salvation.**
 - 1. The rebirth or renewal of the spirit (the 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. The conversion of the 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.
 - (1) (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.
 - (2) There are two washings.
 - (a) 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.
 - (b) 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.

The renewal of the soul.

The inward 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.

Renewal of the mind.

(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.

(Eph 4:23 KJV) And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

(Col 3:10 KJV) And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

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.