

THE TRIUNITY OF MAN

“Soulsh Life”

I. THE SOUL.

- A. ***When spirit comes into matter a third thing comes into being. “Man became a living soul” (Gen 2:7).***
 - 1. The Greek word for “soul” is *psuche*, “psyche” as we spell it in English.
 - 2. Our souls are our *psychological* part. That’s where the word “psychology” comes from--it means “the science of that which concerns the *psyche* or soul.
 - 3. This gives us an indirect way to determine what the soul is. What sort of things do psychologists deal with?
 - a. Intellect. A person might consult a psychologist to help him with his thinking.
 - b. Emotions. People go to psychologists to get help with their feelings or emotions: fear, anger, rejection, etc.
 - c. Will. How to become motivated, how to deal with frustration and conflict, how to plan.
- B. ***The soul is the “ego,” the psychological nature, the center of personality.***
- C. ***It’s what we see and know about one another--whether we’re inhibited or boisterous, highly educated or average, psychologically whole or damaged.***
- D. ***When we talk of the spirit, soul, and body, and then of the three parts of the soul, it’s like describing the house you live in. It is one house, but it has many different rooms.***

II. SOUL AS LIFE.

- A. ***Natural life of man.***
 - 1. Power which preserves us alive in the flesh.
 - 2. Power we naturally possess and by which we live before regeneration.
- B. ***Psuche - entirely distinct from new life at new birth.***
- C. ***Losing and gaining life.***
 - 1. (John 12:25 KJV) He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal.
 - 2. (Mat 16:25 KJV) For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it.
 - 3. Lose *psuche* life to gain *zoe* life.

III. DISTINCTION BETWEEN SIN AND SOULSH LIFE (SELF-LIFE).

- A. Sin defiles, totally wicked.
- B. To understand Bible by soulsh life not sin, but void of life.
- C. Good deeds not sinful, but void of life and power.
- D. Triumph over sin first step in overcoming.

- E. Triumph over self like pathway.
- F. After triumph over sin, two forces within.
 - 1. Spirit power - new birth.
 - 2. Soul power - granted at natural birth.

IV. CARNALITY.

- A. ***Distinction between the flesh, carnality, and the body.***
 - 1. Carnality or fleshly simply refers to that which is natural.
 - 2. 4559. sarkikos, sar-kee-kos'; from G4561; pertaining to flesh, i.e. (by extens.) bodily, temporal, or (by impl.) animal, unregenerate:--carnal, fleshly.
 - 3. (1 Cor 9:11 KJV) If we have sown unto you spiritual things, is it a great thing if we shall reap your carnal things?
 - 4. (Rom 15:27 KJV) It hath pleased them verily; and their debtors they are. For if the Gentiles have been made partakers of their spiritual things, their duty is also to minister unto them in carnal things.
 - 5. (2 Cor 10:4 KJV) (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)
- B. ***Some characteristics of carnal believers.***
 - 1. (1 Cor 3:1 KJV) And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.
 - 2. (1 Cor 3:3 KJV) For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?
 - 3. (1 Cor 3:4 KJV) For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?

V. WALK OF CARNAL CHRISTIAN.

- A. ***Walk according to self.***
 - 1. Everything centers around self.
 - 2. Governed by thoughts, decisions, desires of outer man.
- B. ***Carnal Christian troubled by outside matters.***
 - 1. Disturbs inner peace.
 - 2. Takes on complexion of environment.
- C. ***Thrive on sensation.***
 - 1. Motivated by five senses.
 - 2. Strive for sense knowledge.
- D. ***Strong on works.***
- E. ***Easily discouraged.***
- F. ***Impulsivity - lacks patience.***
- G. ***Desire to be seen.***
- H. ***Operate void of principles.***
 - Act as feel or think.
 - Walk by sight.

Moved by what they see.
Invisible things are eternal.
Call those things that be not as though they were.

I. THE CROSS AND THE SOUL.

- A. Mat. 10:38-39 - *"And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me. he that findeth his life shall lose it and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it."*
- B. Mat. 16:24-25 - *"If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it."*
- C. Gal. 2:20 - *"I am crucified with Christ; nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God who loved me, and gave himself for me."*

WHEN TO ACCEPT OR REJECT FEELINGS.

If Word agrees with feelings, accept them.
If Word disagrees with feelings, reject them.