

# TRIUNITY OF MAN

## Part 2: "The Spirit"

- I. DESCRIPTION OF SPIRIT
  - A. The spirit exists, extra to thought, knowledge, imagination; beyond affection, sensation and pleasure of the moment; additional to desire, decision, and action of the will.
  
- II. MAN IS A FALLEN SPIRIT
  - A. Was dead in trespasses and sins
  - B. Spirit still exists, but separated from God, powerless to commune, incapable of ruling
  - C. Spirit and soul fused as one
  
- III. NEED FOR REGENERATION
  - A. New spirit and regenerated spirit
  - B. Two kinds of life
    - 1. Psuche (created life; soul)
    - 2. Zoe (uncreated life; spirit)
    - 3. Who would lose his life (psuche) will gain it (zoe)
    - 4. First Adam did not possess eternal life (zoe)
    - 5. Regenerated spirit only fit place for God's dwelling - Holy of holies
  
- IV. OUR AIM IS TO BE A SPIRITUAL MAN
  - A. Not spirit without soul and body (as angels)
  - B. Operating under control of spirit; highest organ of being
  
- V. GOD NOT INTERESTED IN DESTROYING SOUL (pp. 62-63, vol. II)
  - A. Emotion under spirit's regulation
    - 1. Does not insist on own affection and feeling
    - 2. Rejoices solely in what spirit likes, loves only what the spirit directs, feels what spirit permits
  - B. Mind cooperated with spirit
    - 1. Wandering no more as in past
    - 2. Does not object to spirit's revelation by raising reasoning and argument
    - 3. Does not disturb peace of spirit with confused thoughts
    - 4. Does not rebel by boasting its own wisdom
  - C. Will no longer be independent of God
    - 1. Decides according to dictates of spirit
    - 2. Fit to obey God
  - D. Fundamental difference between Holy Spirit and evil spirit (p. 63,vII)
  
- VI. FUNCTIONS OF THE SPIRIT
  - A. Intuition - spiritual sensing
    - 1. Holy Spirit expresses his thought through intuition

2. Where occurs anointing that teaches - I John 2:20,27
  3. Holy Spirit leads into all truth
  4. Discernment
  5. Knowing others by the Spirit
  6. Revelation
    - a. Not exercise of intellect, reasoning, rationalization
    - b. Alone gives true knowledge of God
    - c. Two kinds of revelation
      - Direct (mature) - when God desires to reveal
      - Sought (babes) - when we seek God
  7. Guidance
- B. Communion
1. Communicate spirit world by spirit
  2. Communicate spiritual knowledge to theirs by spirit
  3. All matters pertaining to God such as seeking his will, obeying his commandments, proclaiming his message, are effective only if they arise out of fellowship with God in the Spirit

Conscience - task of correcting, reprimanding, so as to render us uneasy when fall short of glory of God

1. Where God expresses his holiness
2. To be faithful to conscience first step to sanctification
3. In sinner, intuition and communion totally dead, but something of movement in conscience
4. In order to commune, must have conscience cleansed by precious blood - Heb. 9:14
5. Two methods to deal with conscience
  - Argue with it, reasons for actions; explanation satisfies mind, not conscience
  - Ease conscience by other good works

A good conscience - Acts 23:1 (Paul) - *...I have lived in all good conscience before God until this day...*

Serve God with clear conscience - II Tim. 1:3 - *"I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers with pure conscience, that without ceasing I have remembrance of thee in my prayers night and day."*

Unclear conscience means loss of confidence in approaching God

At moment conscience offended, faith weakened

Conscience condemns according to knowledge

## DIVIDING OF SOUL AND SPIRIT

- A. Man can be moved to tears...(p. 45, vol. II)