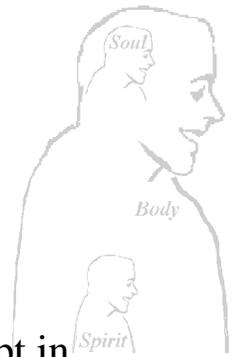




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Once we truly understand the Biblical description of how we are made-up it revolutionizes our thinking both about ourselves and about God! When we accurately grasp this concept in our minds, it changes us forever! We will be discussing a spiritual concept that cannot be learned by sight, sound, touch, taste or smell! This precious knowledge can only be discerned from God's word because it must be "spiritually discerned." Jesus said, "the words that I speak unto you, **they are spirit**, and they are life" (John 6:63).

What we are going to learn tonight we must receive through faith, "without faith it is impossible to please him!" (Heb 11:6). You will not be able to take this teaching and research it in some physical laboratory. However, if you will believe what we learn from the Bible (*the source of all spiritual knowledge*) and begin to practice those things in your life, you will experience a difference coming out from your spirit!

God wants us to seek him by faith! The Bible teaches that we are the righteousness of God! Paul taught, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that ***we might be made the righteousness of God*** in him" (2 Cor 5:21)! Simple concept, Jesus became sin so we could become righteous!

Nevertheless, once we begin to believe that we are the righteousness of God we also begin to discover Biblical statements that simply seem to be mistaken. We discover statements such as:

- 1 John 2:20 "ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ***ye know all things***"
- 1 John 3:9 "Whosoever is born of God ***doth not commit sin***"

On the surface, both of these passages seem to be a little far-fetched; after all, I don't know all things nor am I without sin. What then do these Scriptures indicate?

We are going to discover that we have something within us that is a dynamo! We need to comprehend the power of God that literally resides inside. Once we begin to cooperate, this spiritual power begins to manifest itself on the outside! In order to get in touch with that power we must understand the nature of that spirit within! This teaching is designed to help us do that very thing. It is designed to help us eliminate a lot of wrong thinking! Only when we understand how we are made-up can we move toward an outward expression of Gods Holiness!

Let us begin with Paul's clear, concise and foundational statement concerning the human make-up, "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." (1 Thess 5:23). Paul clearly states that we are made-up of three differing aspects or



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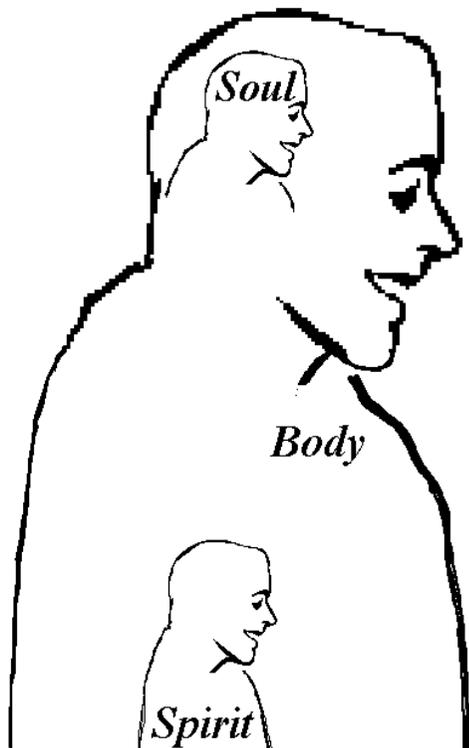
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components: (1) Spirit; (2) Soul; and (3) Body. There is no getting around this simple clear and concise Biblical statement.



Most people and many theologians acknowledge merely two components, the body and the soul. One of the best Biblical scholars of all time, James Strong who lived in the late 1800's and produced the world's major Biblical concordance defined the Greek word "*pneuma*" which was translated into "spirit" in the English as being our immortal soul. In so doing, Strong inadvertently caused a blurring of the line between the Biblical spirit and the soul. We must always go back to Paul's clear statement, "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." (1 Thess 5:23). Notice that Paul twice uses a variety of the word "*whole*." The Scripture wants us to consider the whole matter of which we are composed.

Paul clearly taught that we are made-up of three distinct components! Our Body, our soul (*which is our mind will and emotions*), and our spirit! Notice how the first two elements identified below describe those things that are fleshy; however, the third component is completely different:



- I can touch you physically by reaching out and placing my finger on your cheek which is the physical part of your body;
- I can also touch you emotionally by speaking words that reach into your very depths; they can make you feel sorrowful or happy or forlorn; I have touched your soul;
- But the spirit portion within you is a totally separate and distinctly different entity! Only the words of God can affect your spirit! Nicodemus was astonished at the whole idea of a spirit and asked, "How can these things Be?"

Jesus' responded to Nicodemus, "That which is born of the *flesh is flesh*; and that which is born of the *Spirit is spirit*." (John 3:6). When we are born into this world we receive from our parents a non-physical (*spirit*) element in our heart, "For what man *knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him*?" (1 Cor 2:11). When we are born-again God *replaces* the non-physical (*spirit*) element in our heart with His spirit, "Now

we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God!" (1 Cor 2:12). The Bible calls our new spirit a new heart! Prophets wrote about the human need for a new heart, "and make you a *new heart* and a *new spirit*: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezek 18:31). Ezekiel went on in a later chapter to explain exactly how we would receive this new heart from God, "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you" (Ezek 36:26).



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The scripture teaches that you have the same power within you as did Jesus! Yet we look at our flesh and ask, "Well how can these things be?" You do not know how to

contact your spirit through any natural method that you have learned in school or understand through any natural means. Our flesh gets in the way of a correct understanding of the spirit!

Let's take a look as we seek to understand the Biblical location where this spirit is placed within. We discover that the Bible actually teaches that, "The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching ***all the inward parts of the belly***" (Prov 20:27). The Psalmist writes, "From men . . . whose ***belly*** thou fillest with ***thy hid treasure***" (Ps 17:14). Of course we remember Jesus' words, "He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his ***belly*** shall flow rivers of living water" (John 7:38). Our physical abdomen is the actual location where the Holy Spirit resides within.

The word "belly" is equivalent to the Hebrew word, *beten* (pronounced beh'-ten); means to be hollow especially like the womb. Therefore, the proverb, "The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching ***all the inward parts of the belly***" (Prov 20:27), expresses that there is a hollow part within every man. That hollow locality is where the spirit resides. We naturally say things like, "I had a gut feeling that was going to happen!" That entity identified as the "spirit of man" generates our private thoughts and is the source of our individual understanding, "For what man ***knoweth the things of a man***, save ***the spirit of man which is in him?***" (1 Cor 2:11).

Most people believe that the spirit of man is related to our mind. Right now you are experiencing thoughts that no one knows but you and God. It is important that you realize that those thoughts are not coming from your physical brain! Your brain is merely a storage location of past memories and impressions. Your inner thoughts come from, "The spirit of man," which the Bible locates in, "***the inward parts of the belly***" (Prov 20:27).

The point is that our thoughts emanate from the spirit of man, which dwells within us! So all human beings are spirit directed; that is sinner and saint alike are adapted to experiencing the direction of the spirit entity within! However, First Corinthians continues with the notion that even though every person has a spirit within, the human spirit in the natural (*unregenerate*) man is limited in its abilities, "***the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God***" (1 Cor 2:14). This simply means that there are things of God that the spirit of man simply cannot comprehend! However, "we have received, not ***the spirit of the world***, but ***the spirit which is of God***; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (1 Cor 2:12). The source of living waters in the belly that Jesus described is a picture of the living SPIRIT OF GOD!

We cannot hear, see, taste, touch, or smell our spirit; therefore, how can we experience that essence? When we really understand how we are made-up according to Scripture, we have a major key that helps us to understand the source of our power in the Lord! The Word of God is spirit! Paul explains that our Bibles are the very word of God, "And take the helmet of salvation, and ***the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God***" (Eph 6:17). Jesus himself told us, "***the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit***, and they are life" (John 6:63). The Bible teaches that since Jesus' words are spirit they can penetrate into our spirit! But how can we know?



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The Bible is the mirror that we can use to observe our spirit! "he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass (*mirror*)" (James 1:23).

- None of us have ever seen our own face! Have you ever realized that?
- We have seen only an image of our face in a mirror or in a photograph; therefore, we have never seen our own face!

In the same way that a mirror presents the natural image of a person's face, so the Word of God presents an image of our spirit within! We have all gotten to the point where we trust the mirror and take appropriate corrective action on our face; so also must we learn to trust in the Bible which is the mirror into our spirit! We cannot just go by what we feel! Most of us would rarely say that we feel that our face is dirty or our make-up is smeared! We all need an actual physical mirror to expose any facial problems. In the same fashion, the Bible is the mirror into our spirit! Our spirit is a new creature; the Lord has totally changed us, "Therefore ***if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away;*** behold, ***all things are become new***" (2 Cor 5:17).

Those of us who are born of God have been totally changed from within. We are not changing (*as if it were a present tense activity*); instead, the complete change has already taken place even though our bodies have not yet been redeemed. Even though we must put to death the deeds of the flesh, we need to recognize that we have already been changed. We are not yet redeemed. Sometimes rebates are presented along with purchases; however, they are later redeemed! So too our spirit has been renewed and our bodies will be redeemed at a later time!

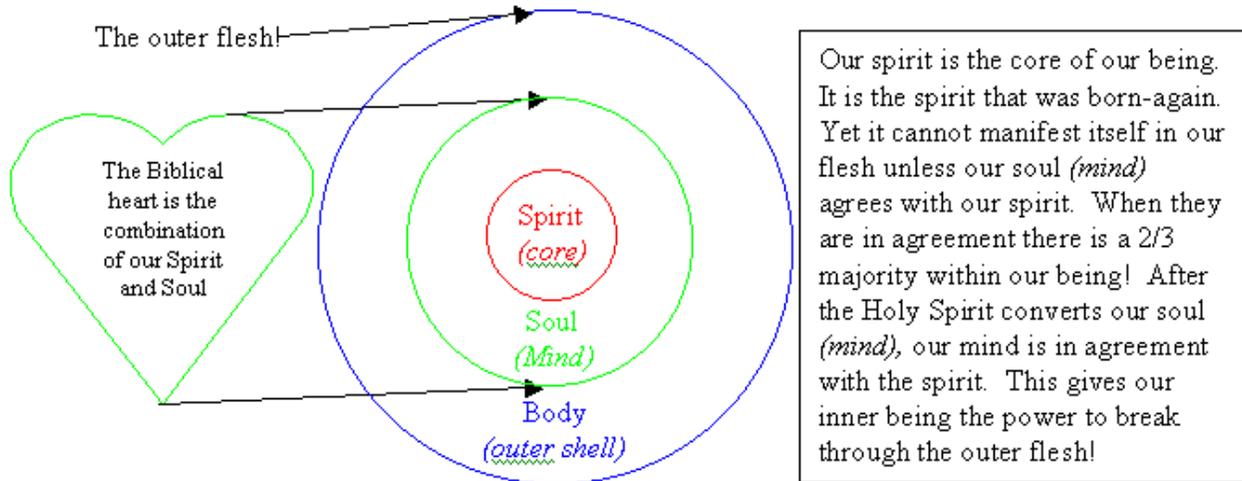
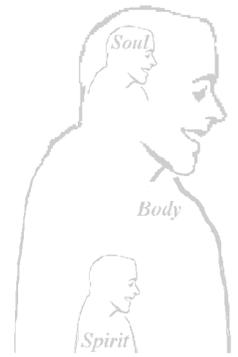
Our soul was not part of what got renewed at the time of rebirth! If we were lacking in intellect before we were born again, we will not somehow become brilliant at salvation! Our soul (*mind will and emotions*) has only the promise of a future transformation when we are born again. It is for this reason that we need to transform our minds after conversion, "And be not conformed to this world: but ***be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind*** (*our soul*), that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." (Rom 12:2). We actually are coworkers with God in the renewing process of our own mind (*soul*) after we receive salvation!

David taught his son Solomon that the heart and soul are changeable and trainable. "Now ***set your heart and your soul*** to seek the LORD your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built to the name of the LORD" (1 Chron 22:19). David trained his own soul, "***Bless the LORD, O my soul***, and forget not all his benefits" (Ps 103:2). Here we find David literally teaching his heart by speaking to it. Just like David, we need to train our inner spirit to believe and thus respond to every word that we speak! Our spirit listens and responds to every word that comes out of our mouth, "by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matt 12:37). Every idle word that we speak chips away at having our spirit in total agreement with our words. Just like the Godhead is in total agreement, so likewise our own three-part being needs to be in total agreement. When our spirit and soul (*the heart*) are in total agreement then our body will naturally follow in conformity, "Keep thy ***heart*** with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Prov 4:23). Let's notice now what composes the heart:

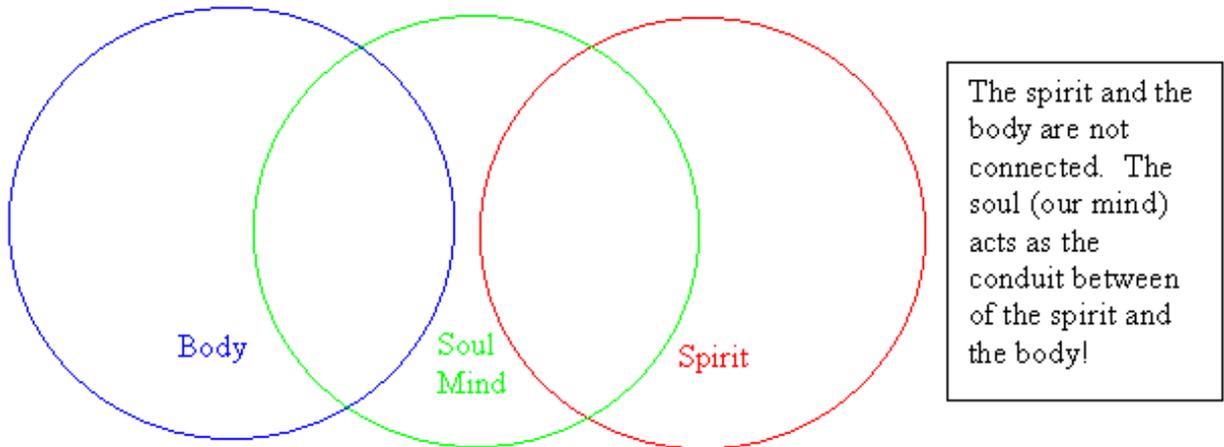


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Our spirit is the core of our being. It is the spirit that was born-again. Yet it cannot manifest itself in our flesh unless our soul (*mind*) agrees with our spirit. When they are in agreement there is a 2/3 majority within our being! After the Holy Spirit converts our soul (*mind*), our mind is in agreement with the spirit. This gives our inner being the power to break through the outer flesh!



The spirit and the body are not connected. The soul (our mind) acts as the conduit between of the spirit and the body!

Our soul (*middle portion above*) will either come in agreement with our flesh or our spirit! Our soul (*mind*) is the location where the battle takes place, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other" (Gal 5:17). That is why Paul wrote, "they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit" (Rom 8:5). Most people cannot believe anything that they cannot see, hear touch, taste, or smell (*that is by using the five senses*). We have read that "the things of the Spirit" (1 Cor 2:14), are discerned only by the spirit.

In any case, the Bible teaches that at salvation there is instantaneous change, which takes place within each of us! The change occurs in the spirit and it will eventually through maturity express itself outwardly!

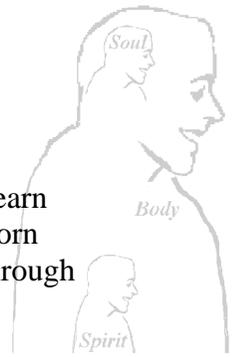
What most people do not realize is that everything (*that is every spiritual gift*) that I will ever receive from God has already been placed within me! That concept ought to shake



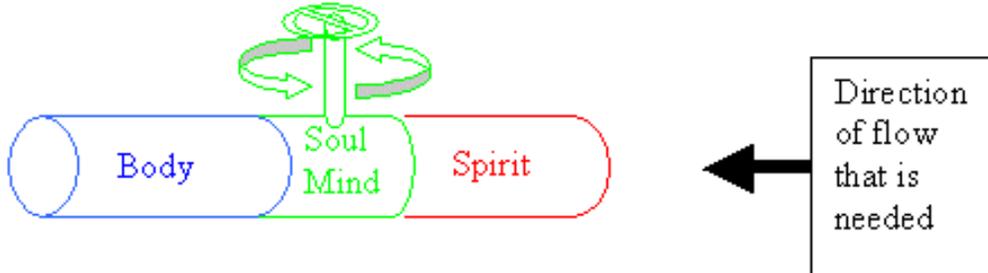
"let her be thy master's son's wife" - Gen. 24:51

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you up! The point of our Christian walk is for us to learn to make our soul come into agreement with our newborn spirit! The battle is three-fold; our spirit must flow through our soul in order to express itself outwardly through our bodies:



Most of us are completely ignorant of the fact that we already have everything that we need from God. We often pray, "Lord, I need more faith." The truth is that our life is not a process of getting more from God; rather, we merely need to learn how to release the things that we already have within! When we begin to understand that we already have it (*that it is already done*) then we can begin to focus on how we can release what we already have! We cannot see our spirit; however, we have learned that we can observe it through the mirror of the Word of God! A person naturally has confidence in things that they already possess! I write a check because I know that the bank has money to clear the check. The point is that once you have received something you no longer need to seek for it!

Our spirit within is already complete and whole before God! We merely need to dominate our minds and **believe through faith** in the wholeness of our spirit! One third of our salvation is already completed! Concerning things of the spirit, we will either believe the mirror on our wall (*things that we can see*) or the mirror on our lap (*things that are not seen*)! Indeed, we learned earlier that we need to transform our minds after conversion, "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." (Rom 12:2). The natural man reacts to things with his soulish mind, "that ye henceforth walk not as other *Gentiles* (*unconverted people*) walk, **in the vanity of their mind**" Eph 4:17.

In essence, we can understand our battle through an either/or formula as follows:

Either Spirit mindedness = Life and peace; or Carnal mindedness = Death

The Apostle Paul wrote, "For to be **carnally minded is death**; but to be **spiritually minded is life and peace**." (Rom 8:6). The spirit already has perfect peace, if you spend your time in the spirit, peace will naturally ensue; however if you dwell on the problems as comprehended by your flesh, you will experience disappointment and frustration etc.

Any human can receive intellectual knowledge from God's word; however, the Christian needs to understand and absorb the Word of God! Knowledge is important however it must be understood! Just like physical food needs to be digested (*absorbed*)! Carnal people (*those who "walk, in the vanity of their mind"*) are ignorant of God because their understanding has been, "darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of **the blindness of their heart**" (Eph 4:18).

Those who are unregenerate or "carnally minded" are automatically alienated from God! However, when we get born again our spirit is totally instantly created righteous in the



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sight of God, "Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that **have obtained** (*note that this condition has already taken place*) like precious faith with us (*this means that we have the same "precious faith" as Peter the Apostle*) through **the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ**" (2 Peter 1:1). God is Holy and he is only connected to us through holiness! In our spirit we are Holy and we have become righteous through Jesus' sacrifice! We communicate with God through our new spirit.

In the past you probably have observed how the Old Testament describes that "all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags" (Isa 64:6). Many Christians have heard that scripture directed toward their righteousness; however, the truth is that we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus! "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that **we might be made the righteousness of God in him**" (2 Cor 5:21). We can only come before God in our spirit, "But **ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit**, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now **if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his**" (Rom 8:9). Scriptures teach that we are just like Jesus Christ in our spirit; **now!** "Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because **as he is**, (*present tense*) **so are we in this world.**" (1 John 4:17). We are just like Jesus in our spirit; that is true even today! That is why the Scripture says, "according to **the power that worketh** (*present tense*) **in us**" (Eph 3:20).

It is radical thinking to truly believe that you have the same spirit in you that Jesus had! When you actually believe and act upon this information you will start the process of becoming a new person! Your belief in that fact will begin to change your physical actions and outward manifestations. Your attitude will change and you will begin to speak and do things that you have never before done!

But what happens if it just doesn't work! Sometimes we make mistakes and find ourselves acting according to the flesh. We realize that we have fallen back into sin, depression, and problems. We begin to feel that we have blown it! We even say, "Man it just didn't work for me! I still have the same old problems! What's wrong with me?"

In fact sometimes our problems can even intensify after conversion! The problems get worse because Satan and his minions get more involved in an attempt to shipwreck the lives of Christians! Their goal is to buffet and wreck our faith!

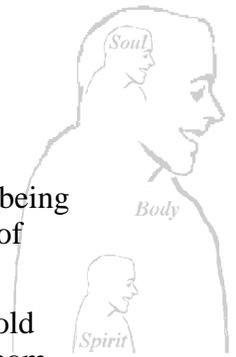
Regardless, we can worship God **even when we are having problems!** We worship him in spirit through the Holy Spirit within! We cannot go before God in any of our own humanly produced righteousness! **We** simply cannot make ourselves righteous enough to stand before God! We can **only** approach Him through Jesus' sacrifice!

You might say, "But Larry you just don't understand; I sinned! How can I come before God?" It is not my misunderstanding; the point is that you don't understand God's word properly! **Even when you are in sin, God is pleased with you!** God accepts us in every condition, "To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein **he hath made us accepted** in the beloved. In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Eph 1:6-7). We are acceptable to God because of the Holy Spirit within us! Paul wrote, "that the offering up of the Gentiles **might be acceptable**, being sanctified **by the Holy Ghost.**" (Rom 15:16). We are acceptable to God



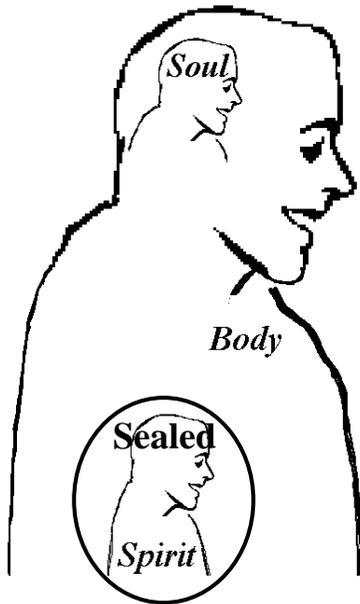
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because our core being has been changed! Our inner being now has the Holy Spirit of God! It is the Holy Spirit of God that makes us acceptable to Him!

Often, we humanly are displeased with ourselves because of our weaknesses and our old behavior. However, God is always pleased with us! We are his workmanship, "In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, **ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**" (Eph 1:13). Paul teaches that our new man is righteous before God, "And that ye put on the **new man**, (*this is the man of the spirit*) which after God **is created in righteousness and true holiness**" (Eph 4:24). After regeneration, God looks at us through our spirit even when we sin outwardly! We are one spirit with God, "But he that is joined unto the Lord is **one spirit**" (1 Cor 6:17). Jesus prayed, "Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, **that they may be one, as we are**" (John 17:11).



According to Paul you were, "**sealed with that holy Spirit of promise**" (Eph 1:13). We have the seal of God, which is His seal of approval! This also means that we are sealed and preserved by God! It is like our spirit is vacuum packed! No sin can penetrate into the Holy Spirit of God within!

Everybody Sins! If we are not careful, we will mistakenly allow our defiled conscious (*soulish mind*) to make us feel that we are just not worthy enough to be righteous before God! However, that can never be true! We must consult our spiritual mirror to see where we stand, "Whosoever is born of God **doth not commit sin**; for his seed remaineth in him: and **he cannot sin, because he is born of God**" (1 John 3:9). Don't get me wrong, Christians do outwardly manifest sin; John also wrote, "If we say that we have no sin then the truth is not in us!"

Obviously, Christians commit sin! Some teachers mistakenly claim that John meant "habitual sin" in that passage. Some of your translations may even say "habitual" or "practice" (Is your Bible a version that uses "*habitual*" or "*practice sin*?") Even so, it does not mean habitual or to practice sin! What about a Christian glutton? A glutton got that way by habitually overeating which is a sin. The point is that the obese individual cannot get that way unless he has sinned habitually!

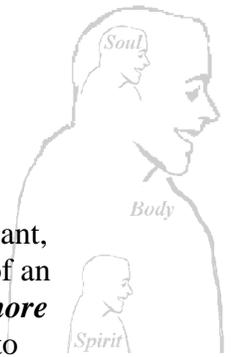
When we truly understand the concept of spirit, soul and body then we understand that our Spirit is new and that **it cannot sin!** Our spirit is the very righteous of God! It retains its purity and holiness and it is through this spirit that God sees us! Paul teaches us that "Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, **he is none of his**" (Rom 8:9). We have a sealing in us that cannot be penetrated by any sin; the Holy Spirit is the righteous of God within us.

God did not just give us a brand new start at conversion! He didn't simply pick us up, clean us off and say go and do better from now on! No we were not just cleaned up and headed off into a new direction! He saved us **completely and eternally!** Through blood



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sacrifices during the Old Testament period they were cleaned up and sent off; but we have a different covenant, "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an

heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 14 How ***much more shall the blood of Christ***, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge (*cleanse*) your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Heb 9:13-14).

The New Covenant is **eternal**, "And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of **eternal** inheritance" (Heb 9:15). Jesus only had to die once; "So **Christ was once offered** to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Heb 9:28).

During the Old Testament period they were required to offer the sacrifices over and over! However, God has saved us with one eternal sacrifice as opposed to, "***those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually . . . For then would they not have ceased to be offered?*** because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins" (Heb 10:1-2). Notice the important question mark; Paul is saying that if the annual sacrifice would have been good enough during the Old Testament period then it would have been offered only once. According to the New Testament Jesus was offered only one time, "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ ***once for all***" (Heb 10:10). Just a few verses later Paul emphasizes his point, "For by ***one offering*** he hath perfected ***for ever*** (*this "for ever" means for all time*) them that are sanctified" (Heb 10:14).

We just read that we are ***perfected*** (*past tense*) didn't we? Because of Jesus, your spirit has been made perfect! Notice Hebrews chapter twelve, "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***" (Heb 12:23). Do you get the point? Your spirit is perfect before God! You can never lose that holiness that you received from Jesus! No, you never have to start all over again!

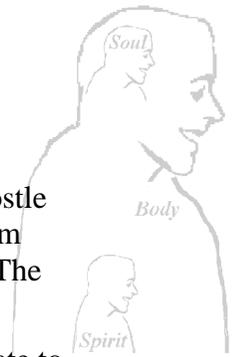
Paul writes in the Book of Romans, "Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto whom God ***imputeth righteousness without works***, 7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 8 ***Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.***" (Rom 4:6-8). Impute is an accounting term which means to record something in the books! Because of the Holy Spirit within us, God does not record our sins in His books! Once you really believe this then you can begin to radically change!

No, this is not teaching us that we are free to live in sin! ***However we should realize that Paul was confronted with that question several times!*** That means that Paul's message must have advanced the impression that required the question to be asked in the first place, "What shall we say then? ***Shall we continue in sin***, that grace may abound?" (Rom 6:1). Paul answers the natural questions that his doctrine spawned, "God forbid. How shall ***we, that are dead to sin***, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?" Yes we will mistakenly sin after conversion! However our spirit is Holy and Righteous and it will change us from the



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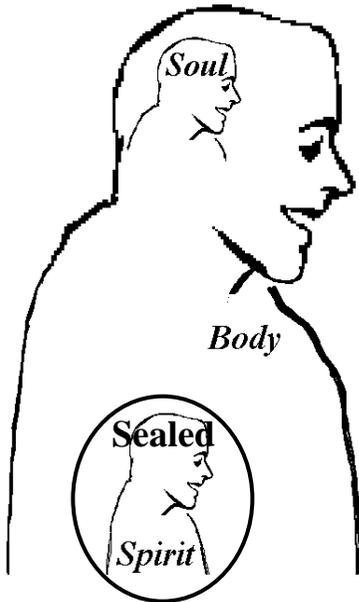
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inside out by the "**renewing of our minds!**" The Apostle John writes, "And every man that hath this hope in him **purifieth himself**, even as **he is pure.**" (1 John 3:3). The Holy Spirit within us works through our minds and purifies us from all forms of sin!

No we can never relate to God based upon our outward person! However, we can relate to God through our new spirit! Have you ever heard that God looks at us through the filter of Jesus? That is a true statement; the spirit of Jesus lives in us, "But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now **if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.**" (Rom 8:9).

Obviously, we need to be outwardly righteous, whenever this is untrue we will suffer from the world and from Satan the natural consequences of our sin! However if we do sin God still wants us to come boldly before him because of the Holy Spirit that is in us! So, "Let us therefore **come boldly unto the throne of grace**, that we may obtain mercy, and **find grace** to help in time of need" (Heb 4:16).



Jesus spake to his disciples concerning his soul on the night of his arrest, "**the spirit indeed is willing**, but the **flesh is weak**" (Matt 26:41). Jesus said, "Now is my *soul (mind and emotions)* troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour" (John 12:27). Jesus understood the purpose of His calling. The battlefield against Satan is soulish; warfare against the devil takes place in our minds!

Our question ought to be, "How can we become aware of the relative condition of our spirit? The answer is simple. Where do the decisions that manage your human system originate? If they come out of the Body or the Soul/Mind then our spirit's domination is too weak! A person who is led by the Body or the Soul/Mind is living an unrestrained lifestyle. The

spirit should always manage the affairs of the body, "**Walk in the Spirit**, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh" (Gal 5:16). This spirit component from God is completely healthy; any weaknesses that we experience actually exist in our soulish realm.

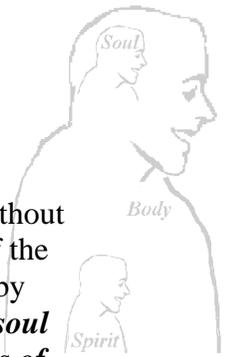
Let us now consider the two veils in the ancient Tabernacle in the Wilderness that separated the three separate realms of the Tabernacle, "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

Now let's carefully study to the picture of the Tabernacle in the Wilderness as depicted on the next page:

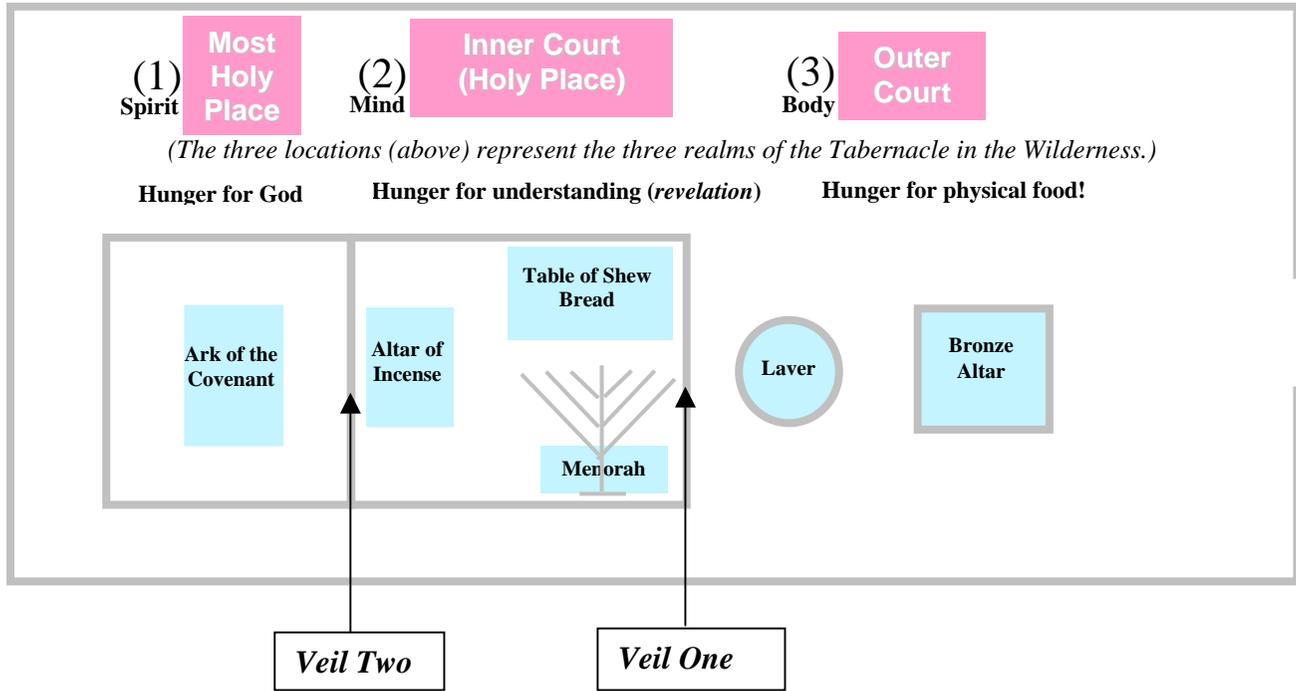


Spirit Soul and Body

"I pray God your whole *spirit* and *soul* and *body* be preserved!"
(1 Thes 5:23)



We get past the first veil by thinking with the mind without giving any consideration to the interests and desires of the flesh. However, we can only get past the second veil by discerning between the mind and the spirit, "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*" (Heb 4:12).



Parts of Body	Where in the temple?	What is the source of light?
Body These believe that God answers prayer.	Outer Court Brazen Altar (Blood Sacrifice) or at the Bronze Laver (Washing of Water) . <i>Brass implies Trials! Bronze=Fire</i>	Natural Sun Light In the Outer Court the <i>physical sun</i> is the only source of light . Here, vision is limited to only those things that are natural. These must learn that there is more intense and powerful light available from God.
Soul (Mind) These know that God is Good!	Inner Court (The Holy Place) These must realize that they still need to advance to the next level! These know that they are hungry. They have advanced beyond milk and they are continually eating shew bread but not yet ready for spiritual meat!	Menorah Light This level is merely a transition to the next. We must move from the Holy to the Divine! Priests would maintain and light the Menorah. Oil and fire correspond to spirit filled Christianity! However, in the Holy Place, it takes both flesh and spirit to produce light! Often, when light comes, flesh gets confused about who produced the light!
Spirit These know God!	Sanctuary (Most Holy Place) These have penetrated beyond the veil! They have arrived at the very Mercy Seat – Ark of God! These have learned to discern between the soul (<i>mind</i>) and the spirit!	Shekina Glory These get their light from God in the Most Holy Place , There is no physical light in this section of the Temple. All light in the Most Holy Place comes directly from God! "God is light, and in him is no darkness at all" (1 John 1:5). Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" (John 8:12)

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