

## Spirit, Soul, and Body—Part 2

**1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV)** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Spirit:** Genesis 1:26-27—Image and Likeness of God; John 4:24—God is a spirit.

1 Corinthians 6:17—One spirit with Him; John 14:23—Come and make Our home with him.

**The Fall:** Genesis 2:15-17—You will surely die (separation; union with God broken)

**Romans 5:12**—Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned (body infected with sin nature).

**Born Again:** “Accept Christ” we are “born again,” reconnected to God (the power source).

Ephesians 2:1—You who He made alive who were dead in trespasses and sins.

1 Corinthians 6:17—One spirit; John 14:23—Come and make Our home with him.

**Everything you could ever need is housed in your spirit.**

1 Corinthians 6:19—Your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit *who is* in you,

**Body** (the flesh): **Romans 5:12**—Through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men (*infected with the sin nature*)

**Romans 7:18 (NKJV)** For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find.

**Romans 7:18 (NIV)** For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out.

### Within us there are two opposing forces at work.

1.) Spirit: Produces the fruit of the spirit

a. **Galatians 5:22 (NKJV)** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

2.) Flesh: Produces works of the flesh

a. **Galatians 5:19-21 (NKJV)** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like;

**Galatians 5:17 (NKJV)** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

### What determines which force operates in your life.

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**Soul:** The mind, will, and emotions.

- 1.) **Mind**—Thoughts—What I think
- 2.) **Will**—Desires—What I want
- 3.) **Emotions**—Feelings—How I feel

**Spirit:** constant—filled with the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 1:13—sealed by the Holy Spirit)  
**Body** (flesh): constant—infected by the sin nature (1 Cor. 15:50-52).

The only thing that can change is the Soul—Mind, Will, and Emotions

**The soul is the gate keeper. It determines what gets through.**

- What it **thinks**, what it **wants**, and how it **feels** determines what it allows to pass.

There are only two sources of information in the universe:

- The Words of **God** and the words of the **Father of lies**

\*\*\*What you listen to, shapes what you think, what you want, and how you feel\*\*\*

- What you think, what you want, and how you feel determines what you do.
- What you do creates who you are and the life you live.

The Words of God shape your thinking, allowing what's in your spirit to pass through.

The words of the father of lies shapes your thinking, allowing what's in your flesh to pass through.

- When we live by the words of God in a certain area or sphere of our life, that area comes to life because the fruit of the spirit is produced.
- When we live by the words of the father of lies in a certain area of our life, that area begins to die, because the works of the flesh are produced—death.

**Romans 12:2 (NKJV)** And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.