

Mt. Lebanon Church.

The Natural Body, The Spiritual Body – Bible Study – Part 3

The Natural Body – Created

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Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you have run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the bible study.

1 Corinthians 15: 35 – 58

There are people who have lived all their lives, and people that still do live their lives in ignorance or willful neglect of a life after death. It is a lot of times upon their death bed, that they suddenly realize that they are more than just a physical being.

Our body belongs to God, it is his property, he created it, he made it, he loaned it to us to dwell in while upon this earth, and he expects us to take care of his creation.

Often times, we feel our body is more valuable than it really is, But, the reality is, that something is only worth whatever some one else is willing to pay for it.

If we truly want to know how valuable our life is to the one that gave it to us, just look to Christ and the cross.

Our life on this earth is a test, a trust, and a temporary assignment. It is in preparation for our eternal life to come. God, wants to see if he can trust us to make the most of what he has given to us.

What did God give to us first, A Natural Body.

The natural body, made of earth is destructible, temporary and weak and will one day die a natural death, because our current body is made from nature, made out of clay, these bodies cannot exist in the realm of eternity. The natural death, for the Christian, is not the end of life, it is the last step before receiving our glorified resurrected body.

Genesis 1: 26 – 28,....then God said, let us make man in our image, according to our likeness....so God created man in his own image....then God blessed them, and God said to them, be fruitful and multiply, fill the earth....

Gods word teaches us, we were designed by God, for a divine purpose, that he has for us, in our life.

God, who created man, is a superior trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Man, created by God, an inferior trinity – Spirit, Soul, and Body.

Romans 8:16,....his spirit itself, bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God....

Philippians 2: 5 – 11,....made himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bond servant, and coming in the likeness of men, and being found in appearance as a man....God highly exalted him....that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow....

Although we are talking about the natural body and its existence, God sums it up pretty quickly when he said Adams body was created by the very earth that he himself spoke into existence. But, more importantly than the physical body itself, which was dead and lifeless when created, is the breath of life that was breathed into it, which was Gods very breath.

Just because man became a living soul, does not mean he became a spiritual being with a spiritual mind, having a spiritual body. We are all born dead in trespasses and sin. When we realize our sinfulness and have faith in Christ as our savior, the Holy Spirit brings into our very beings, the life of the living, resurrected Christ. We become a new creation in him.

In our Christian life, what we must remember, that we frequently forget, is that everything God does, and every scripture that God gives, has a spiritual meaning. There is no worldliness in God, there is no imperfection in God, man was created mature, but without perfection. Free will is our imperfection. Why did God give us free will instead of perfection, he wanted a family, a family that would chose him, not out of obligation or perfection, but out of love, freely, wholly trusting in him.

When the bible says we were created in his image and likeness, it has a significant spiritual meaning. The natural body is guided by human wisdom and feelings, but, God created us with a capacity to love, to reason, he gave us a characteristic of determination, he created us to think, feel, speak, and express our free will, all in his image and likeness.

God wanted us to know and understand his existence, so he gave us the capacity to do so. He also wanted us to fellowship with him, so he gave us the desire to do so through his word and prayer.

1 Corinthians 2:14,....but the natural man does not receive the things of the spirit of God, for they are foolish to him....

The natural man without salvation is separated from God, not having the indwelling Holy Spirit. The natural body, but the spiritual man, realizes he cannot attain a righteous life on his own. We must seek the power of Gods divine wisdom and guidance. By doing this, eternally, man will be transformed from death to a spiritual body in a world of righteousness.

Gods goal in making man in his image, to create man to be just like him. Not so much to look like God, but, that we would have the spiritual ability to understand Gods nature and to learn to confirm it. Through our experiences in life, which builds our Godly character, we can:

1 Corinthians 15:49,....bear the image of the man of dust....also bear the image of the heavenly man....

Genesis 1: 28,....and God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it....

God directly created Adam, and from Adam, made Eve, the rest of mankind came from them. One generation after another, man kinds responsibility was to populate the earth and care for the earth.

God could have created everything himself, and filled the earth himself, but his choice was to create mankind to work along side himself, to participate in his own work. God has trusted us to carry out the task of building up the earth that he has given unto us.

God desired Adam and Eve to have many children and for their children to have many children. God blessed them with a numerous, lasting family that extended to the utmost corners of the earth and continue to the utmost period of time.

There are many times in the scriptures where God spoke to his people and told them to be fruitful and to multiply, due to sin, it is a struggle for man to reach the goal of existence that God has intended for him, because sin brings forth death, physical and spiritual.

Just as God expressed to Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply in a natural capacity, he commands us as well in a spiritual capacity to be fruitful.

Inside this natural body, is the blueprint for the spiritual body.

Matthew 28: 18 – 20,....all authority has been given to me in heaven and earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations....

We can have lives that are pleasing to God and bring him glory as we spiritually are fruitful and multiply the kingdom of God, when we obey Christ command to go and make disciples of all nations.

John15: 16,....you did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain....

Genesis 2:18,....and the Lord God said, it is not good that the man should be alone, I will make him a helper, comparable to him....

During creation, God saw everything that he made is good, including man. Everything was perfect, in form, functionality and potential. But now, something is wrong. The man was alone. God did not design us to live in solitude. God declared he would make a helper, one that would be fit and suitable, and one that would correspond to man, made with the purpose of being a helper and a companion.

The woman would be provided to man for his good. A part of Gods provision for him, to live, to work, to walk with him together. So, the woman became Adams companion, his wife. Setting the example of Gods design for marriage. Adam and Eve existed in pure innocence, naked, yet not ashamed, because sin had not entered in yet.

Adam and Eve was created to be Gods representative on earth, made with a mind to think, emotion to feel, and a will to make free will choices.

God would like us to make free will choices to serve him as well.

1 Timothy 2: 4,....God our savior, who desires all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth....

Romans 10: 9 – 10,....that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believed in your heart that God hath raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation....

Genesis 2:18,....I will make him a helper comparable to him....

1 Peter 3: 1 – 2, 7,....wives, likewise, be submissive to your husbands....husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife....

Colossians 3: 18 – 19,....wives, submit to your own husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and do not be bitter toward them....

For mankind to exist, whether man or woman, to exist in loneliness would be a threat to the happiness and welfare of the individuals. Loneliness is the most widespread source of human misery in the world today. Causing sickness and illnesses, depression and anxiety, even suicide and death. All of us at times, have felt the need for human companionship. There is nothing wrong with that, God has made us that way. We need one another, we were not made to exist in loneliness.

Genesis 2: 21 – 23,....and he took one of his ribs....the rib which the Lord God has taken from man he made into a woman....she shall be called woman, because she was taken out of man....

God used Adams own body to create Eve, to forever remind him of their being as one. Although Adam saw Eve and the many ways in which they were different, he also knew that being made of the same substance that they were more alike than they were different.

Adam recognized that Eve was like him in many ways, and unlike him in many ways. They were one, but they were not the same.

Ephesians 5: 22 – 33,....wives, submit to your (own) husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church, and he is the savior of the body....

To be continued:

Let us pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all the God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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