

Mt. Lebanon Church.

The Natural Body, The Spiritual Body – Bible Study – Part 4

The Natural Body – Body, Soul, Spirit

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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

For mankind to exist, whether man or woman, to exist in loneliness would be a threat to the happiness and welfare of the individual. Loneliness is the most widespread source of human misery in the world today, causing sickness and illness, 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 created us in that way. We need one another, we were not made to exist in loneliness.

In the same manner, this goes for our spiritual being, living inside this natural body, we cannot have life without God.

Just because we have a spirit, does not automatically mean we are Christlike 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.

Adam and Eve was created to be Gods representatives on earth, made with a mind to think, emotions to feel, and a will to make free will choices. The natural man, without salvation, is separated from God, not having the indwelling Holy Spirit. God would like us to make the free will choice to serve him.

We are a spirit, we live in a body, and we have a soul. Life is not just physical, so the body is not the whole of a man. Not just one part by itself makes the man, it takes the body, spirit and soul.

Genesis 2: 7,....and the Lord God formed man out of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul.

The soul, our mind, our will, desires, personal preferences, choices, emotions, it is our personality.

The spirit, our part that is connected to, and communicates with God. Our spirit, exists exclusively for God.

Gods presence in our life can only be experienced through the spirit.

At the fall of man, our spirit died, meaning it became separated from God. Only through Christ, can it be reconnected to God.

Romans 5: 12 – 20,....just as through one man, sin entered the world, and death through sin....much more the grace of God, and the gift by the grace of one man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many....

Colossians 1: 19 – 23,....For it pleased the father, that in him all fullness should dwell....

Before salvation, it is the spirit of man that is within me, so therefore I am limited to the things of man. If, I want to know the things of God, I cannot, because my spirit is dead, separated from God.

1 Corinthians 2: 9 – 15,....for the spirit searches all things, yes the deep things of God....

Mans spirit must be renewed before there can be a true conception of Godliness.

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

Without yielding to the Holy Spirit, without a renewed human spirit, the deep things of God we will not understand. Worldliness, cannot understand Godliness.

The choice to have a spiritual man inside this natural body, must come through salvation.

Job 32: 8 – 9,....but there is a spirit in man, and the breath of the almighty gives him understanding, great men are not always wise, nor do the aged always understand justice....

Satan dominates the body and soul, his victim is our emotions. He will let us go to church and become emotional all that we want, because our worldly emotions are not Godliness. The soul is the place of worldly passion, feelings and desires, affections, lustfulness, all the appetites of the body.

1 Peter 2: 11,....abstain from fleshly lust which war against the soul....

Mans desires and affections are turned toward God, only when and through accepting salvation. We can have a troubled conscience and emotional distress over the sinfulness in our life, but without salvation, we are still lost and undone.

John 3: 1 – 17,....most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God....

Since time as we know it, and even before, there has been places of worship and people in these places, who are all of the same character. They come, they attend, but never seem to make up their mind to commit to Christ. John chapter three tells us of such an event. Nicodemus, who was taught, who recognized, who respected, and even had affection for God, still only had a partial understanding of him. Christ, who knows the heart of all men, knows that this was not enough. Without being born again, without salvation, without a spiritual new man inside this natural body, we cannot truly see the kingdom of heaven. Salvation is not an event in our life, to set back and observe only, it is our way of living a life with God.

1 Timothy 2: 1 – 7,....God our savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to know the knowledge of truth....

Salvation should not be something that we see as to what we can get out of it, but, through my salvation, through maturing, through the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, what do I have to offer into it.

Romans 10: 9 – 10,....that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has 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....

Through salvation, we truly are able to see, God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

We experience God as our heavenly Father who loves us, who protects us, who guards our lives, who gave us life by sending his only begotten Son.

We experience God the Son as the one who gave his life for ours, the one who paid our sin debt, the one who took away the wall of separation that is between us and God, the one who was a living example for us, to live by, to give us hope in a time of need.

We are all born dead in trespasses and in sin. When we realize our sinfulness and have faith in Christ as our savior, the Holy Spirit brings into our beings the very life of the living, resurrected Christ. We become a new creation in him.

A true spiritual mind, which comes through salvation, we acquire while in the natural body, it is one that is the mind of Christ.

We experience God as the Holy Spirit, who empowers us to live for Christ, to live for ourselves, and to live for others. It is the Holy Spirit that shows us the truth in all things, who leads us and guides us, and directs our pathways, and keeps them straight.

It is very important in our Christian life to know how to experience, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Three that are as one.

As we mature, we begin to understand what the natural body consist of. That is the body, soul, and spirit.

Let us start with a couple bible verses that speaks of the body, soul and spirit.

Hebrews 4: 11 – 13,....piercing even to the division of soul, and spirit, and of joints and marrow.... (Body)

In this passage of scripture we see how to experience the use of Gods word to judge the thoughts and intentions of our hearts. The word of God makes known the deepest part of our beings. Christs ability to identify with our human weaknesses allows him to provide the mercy and grace needed to save all mankind. We can hide nothing from God, but, this is no reason for us to be in despair, but to have hope, expecting to receive Gods mercy and grace.

1 Thessalonians 5:23,.....sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved....

Gods desire for all Christians is, full maturity, and complete sanctification. This does not mean that we reach sinless perfection in this life, due to our old sin nature, that resides in this mortal body.

As we mature in faith and grow in grace, as we submit to the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit within our lives, then is God able to progressively sanctify us in our life here on earth. Our complete sanctification will come when we receive our eternal place with God in heaven. As God himself sanctifies us completely at the coming of Christ, then our whole body, soul, and spirit is preserved without blame.

Acts 17: 24 – 33,....God who made the world and everything in it....he gives to all, life, breath, and all things....

Let us look at the body, soul, and spirit for a minute.

The body, the most outward and visible part of our being. By it, we exist and experience things in the physical realm. We do so through our five senses, seeing, hearing, touching, tasting, smelling.

The soul, unseen, but still real. By our soul, composed of our mind, it enables us to think, reason, consider, remember, wonder, feel emotion, happiness, sorrow, anger, relief, compassion, and our will to choose and make decisions. This is our personality, who we are within.

The spirit, God created us with a spirit, so we may know him and have a relationship with him. His desire for us, to be vessels of service to him. Faith in Christ, brings us to salvation, he then is in us as the new man. This all begins when we receive him and are regenerated by him.

2 Corinthians 5: 16 – 19,....if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature....

Before salvation, everything that we done was by our thoughts and desires of the soul. Our decisions were based on our own thoughts and considerations, our own feelings, our own emotions.

Gods desire is that once we have our new life with Christ, that our spirit, (The Holy Spirit) becomes the leading part of our being. When we live by the spirit, our soul begins to express our life in God instead of our own. As we choose to be led by the Holy Spirit, it will turn our mind to take in Gods living word.

Gods intention for us, a spirit, soul, and body is to be a vessel for him. By choosing to live by the leadership and guidance of the Holy Spirit, then our spirit, soul, and body will function together to fulfill Gods purpose.

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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