



Scriptural Understanding of;-Spirit, Soul, and Body.

The New King James says, “piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow.’ The King James says. “Rendering asunder the soul from the spirit.”

This was the first revelation I received that our soul could be divided from our spirit by the piercing of the Word; therefore we are made up of spirit, soul, and body. This was a watershed for me in understanding myself as a tripartite being of **spirit, soul and body.**

Further proof came from **1Thesalonians 5:23.** “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.”

I had been taught that we are made up of just soul and body, which I discovered was the Greek way of thinking, from Plato, and Aristotle.

I knew I had a spirit but thought that it was encased in the centre of my soul like the small pith at the centre of the rings of a tree. What I could not understand was how my spirit then communicated with God.

I further discovered that the Jewish way of understanding man was tripartite; from the account of how God created man in **Genesis 2:7; “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and he became a living being.” (Or soul.)**

God moulded Adam into shape out of the dust of the earth; that is his physical **body.** His **inner soul, and spirit** was imparted into him when God breathed into his nostrils the **(Ruah) meaning breath of life/spirit, and soul.**

This is how I see myself: **with my spirit I relate to God, and the supernatural realm spiritually; with God consciousness. Hear His voice, mainly through the Holy Spirit, and move in power in the gifts.**

**With my soul (mind, will, emotions, feeling, volition etc.) I relate to the people around me in natural self-consciousness, my personality.**

**With my body and its five senses of sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch I relate naturally to the World we live in with, world consciousness.**

To sum up. The core of me is **my spirit-man. I possess a soul; and live in a body.**

St Paul tells us very clearly in **1Cor.Ch.12:12-26,** that our

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body is one, and all members of it are one body, just as all Christians make up the body of Christ on earth.

I am not dissecting the body; but hopefully helping you see that the Word of God has the power to speak into our spirits, and out from our spirits; to our mind/soul, who tells our body what to do.

Jesus said to Nicodemus in **Jn.Ch.3:6-8**. **“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit”**

For you cannot see your spirit or touch it with your body and your soulish areas, but you can feel your soul, and body. It is your spirit where the Holy Spirit dwells; where you have all the attributes of Jesus; even to raise the dead; and where your mind needs to go to receive the “Word of the Lord” for you

**James Ch.1:23-25**. Tells us looking into God’s Word is like looking into a mirror. Jesus says in **Jn.Ch.6:63b**. **His Words are Spirit and life!**

Our conscience, (which needs to be informed) and our spiritual hearts, are closely connected to our spirit and soul areas. We normally only do what we believe in our heart. **Prov.Ch.23:7** **“for as he thinks in his heart so is he.”**

So **Heb.Ch.4:12**, reveals that the Word of God has the finesse and power to minister and speak to our spirit, and soul separately. With our soul, (mind) we instruct our body what to do.

The word of God is a discerner of our heart beliefs, motives, and attitudes. **Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at our hearts. 1Sam.Ch.16:7**

In **Eph.Ch.6:10-18** we are instructed to put on the spiritual armour of God. The last item being **the sword which is the Word of God**.

**In ministering healing** the double-edged sword cuts its way in; and heals its way out. We use the Word, as the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us; the name of Jesus; and choose scriptures that will build faith, touch the heart, reach into the conscience, and mind to bring about healing, and conviction of sin etc.

**To be led by the Holy Spirit** we need to

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ourselves there; meditating on His Passion; Crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection; until we have reckoned that our sin nature, with all its fleshy lusts is crucified, dead, and buried; we then wait on the Holy Spirit, to raise us up in our new nature. – Alive from the dead!

**V.13, And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.**

**What needs the death blow? - Our sinful nature; inherited from Adam. We are rotten at the core of our being until as Jesus said to Nicodemus in Jn. Ch. 3:5, “Most assuredly I say to you, unless one is born again of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.**

This is why we need the Baptisms, Confirmation, and empowering of the Holy Spirit.

**2Cor.5:17, “Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold all things have become new.”**

**3. God’s voice;** Father, Son, and mostly the Holy Spirit’s voice who is within us, once we have accepted Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Saviour; the Holy Spirit comes into us and seals our Spirit. It is vacuum packed from the influence of demons.

God is speaking to us all the time through our spirit, but we have to stop our busyness and listen! He speaks to us through his Word, the Church, through others, nature, animals, the universe. Listen up!

We need to push in to learning how to relate to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit – three personalities: but One God. If you start with Jesus; he wants you to meet His Father and receive His Spirit. It’s the Holy Spirit who draws us to Jesus; and Jesus reveals the Father.

The Father wants us to be His children and come to know His heart, and to love and abide in His Son, and fellowship in and through His Spirit. God is love, and the Trinity adopts us into their family, so we can live the full Christian Life, with one another in the Church, Community, and Nation.

And to be “in Christ Jesus.” The Books of Ephesians, and Colossians reveal what our rights are, and who we are in Christ.

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**Scriptures**

**1Thesalonians 5:23. “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.”**

**Heb.Ch.4:12. “For the Word of God is living and powerful and cuts finer than a double-edged sword, even to the dividing of the soul from the spirit, and the bone from the marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”**

**Genesis 2:7; “And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and he became a living being.” (Or soul.)**

**1Cor.Ch.12:12-26, V.12. “For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ.”**

**Jn.Ch.3:6-8. “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit”**

**James Ch.1:23-25. “For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror.”**

**Jn.Ch.6:63b. “The words that I speak to you are Spirit, and they are life”**

**Prov.Ch.23:7 “for as he thinks in his heart so is he.”**

**1Sam.Ch.16:7 Man looks at the outward appearance, but God looks at our hearts.**

**Eph.Ch.6:17. “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”**

**“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God?” Rom.Ch.8:14.**

**1Jn.2:15 -16, “Do not love the world or the things of the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”**

**V.16, “For all that is in the world-the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life-is not of the Father but of the world.”**



**Homework Questions**

1. How would you explain yourself as a Christian human-being to another person? What Scriptures would you use?

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2. What does Hebrews Ch.4:12 mean to you?

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3. How does Jesus Christ impact your life, and how do you communicate that impact to another person. What Scripture/s would you choose?

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4. What is "Flesh," how would you describe what it is?

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**Homework Questions**

5. What are the three voices that we can hear speaking to us. Which one do you hear the most?

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6. Could you describe from Rom.Ch.6:11 how you reckon yourself dead?

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7. What are the four things in 1Jn.Ch.2:15-16 that are not of the Father?

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8. How is your relationship with the Trinity of Father, Son, Jesus, and Holy Spirit.?

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Additional Teaching – Instruction – Methods

Welcome to Module 2, Teaching 8, additional Teaching. Around our subject of Spirit, Soul, and Body. Unlike our last additional teaching which focused on the times we are in; we are going to stick closer to our subject.

We trust that as you are working through this important subject it will come alive in your heart, and mind; and you will appreciate the multi-layered, and multi-faceted-ness of Scripture.

You will also have noted that I have also stuck virtually word for word to the video teaching as it is so important to understand for your future growth as a Christian man or woman to attaining holiness, to become like Jesus, in love, peace, and joy proclaiming His Word; healing the sick etc through the power of the Holy Spirit! – Brothers and Sisters; Is this what you want?

If it is; then please absorb today’s teaching into your heart and mind, so that in understanding it; you can apply it to yourself in the great work of your personal sanctification. Our Soulsh areas of our hearts, minds, emotions and feelings are the battlefield with our spirit. Our conscience, can be deadened and needs to be informed with the truth and Principles of the Word of God.

The truth of the Word of God revealed to us needs to be digested down into our spiritual heart and mulled over; so that when it is needed and comes up and out of our mouth it will be our truth spoken out loud in Faith!

Even though it was many years ago that I received the revelation of what Heb.Ch.4:12 is saying; I can still feel the excitement I had in my heart, as I glimpsed this new truth of God’s Word to me to go on and search for confirmations as to its validity. It was like a Rhema Word to me rising up out of the page under the Holy Spirit’s anointing upon it.

I was quite taken aback with the power of the words; **piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow;** and in the King James version. **Rendering asunder the soul and spirit.** – that sounds destructive! How does it work?

In trying to make sense of how this happens in a human being in areas of us we cannot see – our spirit; where we have spiritual senses, similar to our natural five senses; with our soulsh area we have our mind which is fed into from our five natural senses for our brain to make a decision and

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tell our body what to do.

We also have the other faculties mentioned in the teaching above in our souls, and associated with our spirits, such as our spiritual heart and our conscience.

There is a saying: first the natural, then the spiritual! It was joints and marrow I could understand from cutting up meat from sheep, I had seen how tightly packed the marrow was inside a bone. There were no gaps!

So the Truth of the Word of God has to be finer than a sword to cut between the bone and the marrow; or the soul and spirit of mankind. To me it was amazing that the Word of God has that finesse to render the two asunder,

Brothers and Sisters that is powerful! It has to be supernatural; not natural!

That brings me back to the beginning of **Heb.Ch.4:12.** **“For the Word of God is living and powerful - a discerner of the thoughts & intents of the heart.**

**Jesus said in Jn. 6:63. “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are Spirit and they are life.”**

**Brothers and sisters we are called to be salt and light – rightly handling the Word of God! – In season and out of season!**

One of the great Psalms is **Ps.51.** which has come down to us in the Bible because of the power of a Word delivered to King David after he had sinned grievously in adultery, and the murder of Uriah found in **2 Samuel Chs.11-12:7.** By Nathan the Prophet. **“Thou art the man!”**

Here was the King of Israel who thought he had got away with it all; was totally convicted into the depths of his heart; soul, and conscience. All three areas had been won over by David’s lust for Bathsheba, His abuse of power in arranging for Uriah to be killed in a treacherous way. His breaking of God’s Commandments, bringing severe punishment from God.

Brothers and sisters this is a powerful example of what we can go through when we blind ourselves to our sin by perhaps saying in our minds and hearts. **Oh! God is a good God. He knows my needs! He will understand why I did what I did. He will forgive me!** Then we dumb down our conscience, stop reading and meditating on the Word of God to us. Let our lustful thoughts and sexual fanaticises stir our emotions, and

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