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Introduction

The purpose of this book is not to condemn anyone for what they believe or teach, but to help them to know the truth that will benefit them and all who receive from their teachings. Jesus, speaking of the days we are living in said in Matthew 24:4,5,

...Take heed that no man deceive you.

For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.

Again, Jesus said in Matthew 24:11, **“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.”** Again, Jesus said in verse 24, **“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”**

Three times in one chapter, Jesus made mention of the deception that would come in the last days. Many false prophets have gone into the world and many are being deceived at this time. They do not know the truth, and by this they are deceived and they in turn deceive many.

We must keep in mind that there are a number of places in the Scriptures that speak against adding to the Scriptures or taking away from the Scriptures. Those who do so, are saying that the Word of God is not sufficient, and their ideas, doctrines, or theologies are above the Word of God.

Jesus is the Word of God, and if the Word of God is not sufficient in itself then we are in fact saying Jesus is not sufficient in Himself. That is not good to say the least. If we love Jesus, then we should love Him as He is, without changing anything that He is; for He is the ONLY Way, Truth, and Life available to us (John 14:6). Outside of Jesus there could be no life, physical or spiritual. Outside of Jesus, no one could have eternal life. Outside of Jesus there is no redemption, no salvation, no forgiveness of sins, etc. It's all based upon who Jesus is and what He has done for us. Therefore, I encourage each person to turn away from teachings that do not agree with the Written Word of God and turn to Jesus as your only hope; your LORD and Savior in all areas of your life.

When someone teaches that which is not true in the Scriptures from Genesis through Revelation they are in effect saying, *“the Word of God, which is also the LORD Himself is not true,”* and they reject the Word of God to hold to their ideas and teachings. This is what the scribes and the Pharisees did at Jesus' time, and He said, *“by it they have made the commandment of God of none effect.”* Today, by holding to the teachings of men, they make the Word of God of none effect in the lives of many who could know the truth if it were taught from the Scriptures.

A few years ago a Word came from the LORD saying, *“Those who have taught what they have heard other men teach and have not received it from My Spirit, if they will repent My grace will cover them!”* We need to change what we have taught that is not in total agreement with the written Word whenever we receive new revelation from the Word that brings forth a truth we had not known before. We have all been deceived in some areas by the teachings we received from others. The LORD is not condemning us for what we believed when we did not know the truth, but He is saying, we must change from what we believe and what we teach once we know the truth. If we will be willing and obedient to change, then *“His grace will cover us.”* We need His grace, for it is only by His grace and faith that we can be saved. Saved means *“delivered and protected.”* We must be delivered from teachings that do not agree with the written Word of God and hold fast to that which is true.

Spirit, Soul, & Body

It is evident today, that within the churches there are teachings that cause division and misunderstanding concerning the three parts of man. Though it is plainly revealed within the Scriptures, many have followed the teachings of men rather than the express revelation of God. In doing so, they have made the Word of God of none-effect in the lives of many who believe their theory, rather than seeking the Holy Spirit as their teacher, helper, and guide in all things. We must look to the Holy Spirit and the Word of God for all that we believe, we cannot rely upon our own human understanding. Proverbs 14:12; 16:25, says, **“There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”** Therefore, it is important to understand the difference between the spirit, the soul, and the body of man.

The Spirit of Man

Very few Christians understand the operation of the spirit of man, therefore, they are easily deceived into operating from their mind and not their spirit. The spirit of man has three main operations or functions. The conscience, the intuition, and communion with God.

The conscience discerns between right and wrong. It operates separately from the soul, and is not controlled by the soul (although we can sever our conscience to the degree that we override it's function in our lives). As an example, some people who have engaged in stealing over and over, have severed their conscience to the degree that it does not warn them of the wrong they are doing. The same with murder and other crimes. The conscience is independent of the soul, therefore it reacts to what the soul does regardless of what we think in our mind. Our mind can say one thing and our conscience can alert us totally in a different direction. Everyone has a conscience when they are born into this world, it is a part of the human spirit.

Another part of the human spirit is intuition, a knowing without any previous thought or idea. It comes in an instant of time, and it is always positive insomuch that there is no doubt that what is known is truth. This knowing (intuition) operates from the spirit of man and not from the soul, or mind. It is instant knowledge that cannot be explained as to how we knew what we knew. It is automatic and precise and always accurate. We understand what we know, but we cannot explain how we knew. This is a part of the way prophecy comes to us. Job 32:8 says, **“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”**

The third part of the human spirit is communication with God. Our spirit does communicate with God. Everything God does in our lives, He does it through our spirit. Every revelation we receive from God comes through our spirit. We may think we received it in our mind, but it came by way of our spirit. Our spirit prays to God for us (1 Cor. 14:14). This is very evident in Spirit filled Christians, the tongues (glossa) comes from our spirit, not our soul or mind. In 1 Corinthians 14:14, Paul said, **“For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.”** It's not his soul that is praying, but his spirit does the praying. His spirit is communicating with God. It says in 1 Corinthians 14:2, **“For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.”** This is totally an operation of the spirit of man, and not of the mind or soul.

The Human Body

The human body has certain functions which work automatically, such as breathing, heart beat, etc. These function independently of the soul, and receive their information from other parts of the body, such as the nervous system. Most of the body functions are controlled by the nervous system, with it's main source being the brain. The medical profession considers a person as dead once the brain stops sending out impulses to the body by way of the nervous system. (Actually, for the most part they are unaware of the fact that the soul of man can operate without the brain). Being that the body does contain the physical senses, the spirit realm can and will at times excite the physical senses of the body. False manifestations of sickness or disease can excite certain functions of the human body.

Man is not complete without all three, spirit, soul, and body. Just as God is not complete without "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;" these three make up the totality of the Godhead according to 1 John 5:7, which says, **"For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one."** The Word of God and the Son of God are the same, you cannot separate the Word of God from the Son of God, neither can you separate the Son of God from the Word of God as John 1:1,2 explains, saying,

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

God the Father cannot operate without the Word of God, neither can the Holy Spirit operate without the Word of God. Yet, the Father is greater than the Son (John 14:28), for the Son and the Holy Spirit came out (or proceeded) from the Father (John 1:18, 15:26, 17:8).

Just as there are many who say they are Christians, who do not believe in the trinity of God, there are many who do not believe in the revelation of the three parts of man. The understanding of things pertaining to God must come from God, for they are spiritual discerned. In 1 Corinthians 2:14 it says, **"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."** Without the revelation of God we cannot know God; that is, experience the truth of the Word of God in our lives.

Until we understand the three parts of man, "spirit, soul, and body," we will never understand what it means to **"walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh,"** which is very important for Christians today.

In Genesis 2:7, it tells us of the creation of man. It says, **"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."** The body of man was formed of the dust of the ground. By this, man was earthly, of this earth. In 1 Corinthians 15:47 it says, **"The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven."**

These two verses, Genesis 2:7 and 1 Corinthians 15:47 agree; just as everything else in the Bible agrees. The Bible is called the Word of God (the written Word). God cannot lie, and in God there is no confusion; therefore, the written Word of God must also always agree from Genesis through Revelation. We cannot understand God unless we accept the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit as One. We cannot understand the written Word of God unless we accept the complete Bible

from Genesis through Revelation, as agreeing in all parts. Without the Old Testament we would not have a New Testament. Without the New Testament we cannot understand the Old Testament, therefore we must **“prove all things and hold fast to that which is good”** (1 Thess. 5:21).

Many have taken certain verses out of the Bible and made their own doctrine from them; this is not good to say the least. Let us therefore use the Scriptures to understand the three parts of man. The body of man was formed, not created, from the dust of the ground. One part of man, “his physical body,” is made up of the elements of the earth. Therefore, man was of the earth, earthly. Man belonged to the earth and thereby, the earth belonged to man; they are of the same substance. Yet, man, although he had a body of the dust of the ground, was not complete without a spirit and a soul. The LORD started with a body, formed of the elements of the earth, that made man earthly not heavenly.

The Soul of Man

The soul of man contains the will of man. The decision process that controls what man does. The will of man is independent of the spirit of man. It has power over the spirit of man and power over the body. The will of man determines what man will do, regardless of the conscience, intuition, or communication with God by the spirit of man. The will of man can override the spirit of man. The will of man is free to choose whatsoever man desires to do.

The mind (intellect) of man is a part of man’s soul. It has the ability to retain and gain knowledge of both natural things and spiritual things. Along with the will of man the mind (intellect) controls the course of man’s life here on earth. It is able to contact the natural things of this world and the unseen things of the spirit realm. Those who have used their will to engage in things of the Satanic realm use their mind (intellect) to guide them. You will notice, most people who operate in the Satanic realm must have a certain amount of intelligence of natural things to operate. This is why there is such a desire for information about other individuals lives. Governments must have records of each individual; this is the only way they can know what is happening. Whereas the spirit of man can know things without any records or investigations into the lives of others.

Emotions are the actions taken after information reaches the mind (intellect) or will of the soul. Sometimes, immediate response comes, and sometimes delayed response comes from the emotions. The emotions are many times controlled by the senses, “feeling, tasting, smelling, hearing seeing, touching, etc.” Emotions can be desires or affections. These are a part of the human soul and control the actions of the soul.

Symptoms of sickness and disease can be picked up by the senses when they don’t actually exist. If the soul of man receives them as real, they can materialize. The satanic realm can cause reactions that are not actually there at the time in both the body and the soul of man. If man receives them they can manifest.

The soul of man receives dreams and visions which can come from the satanic realm or from God. Man does not have the power to stop them before they come, but does have the ability to reject them after they come. Thoughts also come from within man and from the satanic realm, the soul has the ability to receive them or reject them. Again, the soul of man can operate in the natural realm or the spiritual realm; it is not limited to just the natural realm.

The heart of man is the inner most part of man's soul. In the Hebrew, the word for heart is "leb," meaning "the heart; also used (figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise, for the center of everything within the soul of man." The heart of man is not the spirit of man as some believe. If it were then Ezekiel 11:19,20 and 36:26 would not be true. It says,

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God (Ezek. 11:19,20).

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them (Ezek. 36:26,27).

If the heart of man and the spirit of man were the same thing, then the Holy Spirit would not mention them each individually in the same verse. Specifically as it is mentioned in Ezekiel 36:26, saying "A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." The word "heart" is used very extensively throughout the Old Testament, such as in Proverbs 3:5, saying, "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding." Proverbs 4:23 says, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." Proverbs 16:9 says, "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps." This again shows that the heart of man and the spirit of man are not the same, for the LORD works through the spirit of man. The natural man operates from his soul.

In the New Testament, Jesus used the word heart ("kardia" in the Greek) in Mark 12:30. Jesus said, "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." If the heart of man was the same as the soul, the mind, or thy strength, it would not be mentioned separately along with the others. In Mark 7:21 Jesus said, "For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders..." The heart is said to be the seat of the soul; the mind, the will, the emotions all together.

Proverbs 4:23 tells us to, "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." In 1 John 3:20,21, it says,

For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.

God is greater than our heart, therefore we must submit ourselves unto God and He will create in us a clean heart. Psalm 51:10 says, "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me." Remember, the LORD can give us a new heart, or He can harden our hearts that we no longer follow Him. He hardened Pharaoh's heart that he would not let the children of Israel go. Yet, He also gives us a new heart when we are born again of the Word and the Spirit.

Our will can change our heart, that is why it is so important to guard our heart with all diligence.

In 1 Corinthians 15:45-46 it says,

And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.

Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual.

Here it makes it plain, Adam was not spiritual in the beginning; he was natural. He was created “a living soul.” The word natural in the Greek is “psuchikos,” meaning a body controlled by the soul. The Greek word for soul is “psyche,” “psyche” in English. Therefore, the human body is controlled by the soul of man.

Now, let us go on in Genesis 2:7 and see what the LORD did with that body of the earth. It says, **“and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life...”** The word “breathed” in the Hebrew is “naphach,” meaning “to puff, in various applications (literally, to inflate, blow hard, scatter, kindle, expire; figuratively, to disesteem):--blow, breath, give up, cause to lose (life), seething, snuff.”

The word “breath” in the Hebrew is “n@shamah,” meaning “wind, angry or vital breath, divine inspiration, intellect. or (concretely) an animal:--blast, (that) breath(-eth), inspiration, soul, spirit.” Psalm 33:6 uses the same Hebrew word, saying, **“By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.”** In Proverbs 20:27, this same word is translated “spirit.” Yet, the correct Hebrew word for spirit is “ruwach.” The rest of Genesis 2:7 says, **“and man <’adam> became a living <chay> soul <nephesh>.”** The word “adam” here does not mean one man by the name of Adam; it means “mankind, male and female.” The word “living” in the Hebrew is “chay,” meaning “alive; life(-time), live(-ly), living.” The word soul in the Hebrew is “nephesh,” meaning, “a breathing creature, i.e. animal.”

The spirit of man is not mentioned in this verse. Yet, all throughout the Old Testament we will find that man has a spirit. In Job 32:8 it says, **“But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.”** In Zechariah 12:1 it says, **“The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.”** Therefore, we see that there is a spirit in man; the LORD formed a spirit within man. No where in the Bible does it say, “man is a spirit.” The Bible says throughout the Scriptures “man is a living soul.” There is a spirit in man; man is not the spirit, but the spirit is in man; making man a three part being, body, soul, and spirit. Man is not complete without all three, yet the controlling part of man is “his living soul.”

The word “psyche” in English pertains to “the mind, the will, the emotions, of man.” The soul (psyche), of man is sensitive to both the natural world and the spiritual (or unseen) world. Therefore, the soul is able to operate in the natural world and in the spirit world. For, it is susceptible to both the natural world and the spiritual world. It can receive information from both realms, the natural and the spiritual.

Some people have used their mind to contact the wrong spirit realm, such as those who have “a familiar spirit,” a witch, a warlock. etc. These are not of God, but of man contacting the wrong spirit realm. Christians can receive of God “a word of knowledge, a word of wisdom, or discerning of spirits,” these are of God.

Therefore, by the breath of the LORD, man became “a living soul.” This living soul is sandwiched between the body and the spirit of man. It can receive it’s information from different sources “the body, the spirit, the natural realm, or the spiritual realm” (Satanic or angelic).

There are many types and shadows in the Scriptures that we can use to relate to the spirit, soul, and body of man. We can use the type and shadow of the Godhead. In the Godhead we have God the Father as the greater One. We have the Son of God as the next in authority, subject to the Father. We also have the Holy Spirit as subject to both the Father and the Son.

The Son is the Word of God. The Holy Spirit cannot work outside of the Word of God, therefore, the Holy Spirit is dependent upon the Word of God in everything He does. Just as the body of man cannot live without the soul and spirit of man, neither can the Holy Spirit work without the Father and the Son.

Yet, the Son of God, being the Word of God makes all the decisions for God “on this earth.” He is between the Father and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead. All things were created by Him and for Him (Col. 1:16), nothing was created without Him (John 1:3). He is LORD over this creation. The Father put all things in His control (Matt. 11:27, Luke 10:22, John 3:35, 13:3, 17:2). In the same manner, the LORD put the living soul of man in control of his body and his spirit.

The Son of God can submit Himself to God the Father at any time He desires, and He can submit Himself to the Holy Spirit at any time He desires; so it is with the soul of man, it can submit itself to the spirit of man or it can submit itself to the body of man at anytime it so desires.

Submission to the body is not wrong; for it is a part of man and will remain a part of man as long as man has life in his body. But submission to the lusts of the flesh is wrong, and we should not do that. Wherefore, submission to the spirit of man is always in line with the will of God; just as Jesus said, “... **I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me**” (John 5:30). It is the will of God, that we should listen to our spirit and follow the leading of our spirit; for God communicates with man through man’s spirit.

Our mind must contact God through our spirit to know that which is of God. If our mind contacts another spirit realm outside of our human spirit, it could be led astray to follow after other spirits. Therefore, when it comes to spiritual operations, 1 Corinthians 14:32 says, “**And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.**” The spirit of man is subject to the soul of man, and all other spirits are subject to the person who does the prophesying. Both our human spirit and all other spirits are subject to the living soul of the person who prophesies. The words that come out of the mouth of the prophet are subject to the prophet who does the speaking.

If we speak only that which comes from our spirit, where God dwells and where the inspiration of the Almighty gives us understanding (Job 32:8), we will stay in tune with God. It’s when we let our mind contact other spirits, that we go off into error and do that which is not pleasing to God, to say the least. Those who prophecy from their mind are submitting themselves over to other spirits, not the Spirit of God.

Let us take another example of the spirit, soul, and body of man. Let’s use the example the Bible uses in calling our bodies a tabernacle or temple (2 Cor. 5:1,4, Heb. 9:11, 2 Peter 1:13, 14). The tabernacle built by Moses in the wilderness contained three parts; the courtyard, the holy room, and the holy of holies. Man is made up of three parts, spirit, soul, and body. In the courtyard of the tabernacle anyone could enter. There was where the sacrifices were killed and washed. Clean things and unclean things entered into the courtyard, but not into the holy room, or the holy of holies. Our physical bodies are like the courtyard of the tabernacle. Clean and unclean things enter in and are

used or disposed of.

The holy room was where the candlestick, the table, and the shewbread were. There certain priests could enter to burn incense, and there is where the candle sticks were that had to burn continually day and night. Cakes were baked and set in the holy room, and there Aaron and his sons ate. Only, certain priests were allowed to come into the holy room. This is a type and shadow of the soul of man, between the courtyard and the holy of holies.

Then there was the holy of holies. The veil of the temple divided between the holy room and the holy of holies. Beyond the veil was the golden censer, the ark of the covenant, the golden pot that had manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. Over the ark of the covenant were two cherubims made of gold and between them was the mercy seat. In the holy of holies is where God dwelt, and only the high priest could enter once a year to make atonement for the souls of the people. The spirit of man is like unto the holy of holies where God dwells (in those who are born again). The spirit of man is called **"the candle of the LORD"** (Prov. 20:27).

Jesus called His body a temple, which is also designed after the likeness of the first tabernacle (John 2:19). Our bodies are also called the temple of the Holy Spirit in 1 Corinthians 6:19). So, the type and shadow of the human body is like unto the temple or tabernacle of the Old Testament.

It is interesting to note that when Jesus died on the cross the veil of the temple, which separated the holy room from the holy of holies was rent in two, from top to bottom, and there was no longer a division between the holy room and the holy of holies. The shedding of the blood of Jesus for our sins made it possible for the new spirit of man to communicate with the soul of man, and even work together; bringing God and man together in Christ Jesus. Born again Christians are no longer separated from God, but are One with God in Christ Jesus. We can now enter into communication with God freely, our soul and our spirit working together for our good.

There is still a difference between the soul and the spirit of man (Heb. 4:12), they are not the same, but they do work together for the good of those who love God. The Holy Spirit, makes intercession for us from our spirit (Rom. 8:26,27). Our spirit prays for us, or as Paul said in 1 Corinthians 14:14, **"For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth..."** The spirit of man does the praying for us. This takes place even while our soul prays or does other things at the same time.

When we look into the subject of the soul of man, we find that throughout the Bible, it talks of God saving the souls of man. There are a number of Scripture verses that pertain to saving the soul. Leviticus 17:11 says, **"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."** The blood of Jesus was shed to save souls. When we read a Scripture verse in the Old Testament, it could have different purposes:

- (1) It could be speaking the mind of God for all mankind. That is, it could include the New Covenant as well as the Old Covenant.
- (2) It could be only for the Old Covenant or it could be prophetic, and only for the New Covenant.

When we look at Leviticus 17:10 & 11 together, it is plain that it is for both the Old Covenant

and the New Covenant. It says,

And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

We have in Acts 15:28,29, the account of the assembly of the apostles concerning the Law and Grace. After hearing the testimonies of Peter and Paul the assemble wrote to the church at Antioch;

For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things;

That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.

The blood was just as important in the Old Covenant as is in the New Covenant. The life of the flesh is in the blood. Therefore, we must esteem the blood very highly. Now, more so than in the Old Covenant for now we are looking at the blood of Jesus Christ our sacrifice. When it says, “**...for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.**” It is saying the same thing it says in 1 John 2:2, “**And he is the propitiation (atonement) for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.**” The blood of the sacrifice is the atonement for the souls, both in the Old Covenant and in the New Covenant.

Keep in mind, it does not say it is the atonement for the spirit of man, nor does it say it is the atonement for the physical body of man, “but for the soul.” Man is a living soul, and the blood of Jesus was shed for the soul of man. Hebrews 9:11,12 even sums it up much better by saying,

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

The blood of Jesus, which is the atonement for the soul, is not just for a few, but for the whole world (1 John 2:2). It has “**...obtained eternal redemption for us.**” The blood of Jesus obtains eternal redemption for us. It is the atonement for the soul. Man is “a living soul.”

Talking about man, which is a living soul, Ezekiel 18:27 says, “**Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall save his soul alive.**” Hebrews 10:39 says, “**But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.**” James 5:20 says, “**Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins.**” There are multitudes of verses pertaining to the saving of the soul, for the soul of man is the part of man where all decisions are made within man. The will, the mind, the emotions, etc. are all within the soul of man.

Anyone who teaches that “man is a spirit” and has a soul and a body is Scripturally incorrect and it would be better for them if they would study their Bibles on this subject before they go off teaching what they heard other men teach.

The body and the spirit

Now let us take another look at the body and the spirit of man. In Ecclesiastes 12:7, it says, **“Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”** When our soul leaves our bodies for the last time, our bodies will return to dust from which it was taken. And our spirit will return to God who gave it. We have a body which is made up of the elements of the earth, therefore, we are said to be earthly, of this earth. In Corinthians 15:47 it says, **“The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.”** Our body, being of the earth is called “flesh,” dust of the earth. The LORD said to man in Genesis 3:19, **“In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.”** When the body dies it returns to dust, from which it was taken.

When the spirit of man leaves his body for the last time it returns to God who gave it (Ecc. 12:7). Ecclesiastes 3:21 says, **“Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?”** Some men teach that “man is a spirit,” and he has a soul and a body; by this according to Ecclesiastes 12:7, every individual, when he dies would go back to God who made us. That would leave no reason for teaching of eternal judgement and punishment in hell. If we leave out the teaching of eternal hell, then we would have no bases for any of the Scriptures we believe, salvation, redemption, sanctification, etc. Therefore, if we stay with the Word of God we need to get rid of the teaching that “man is a spirit.”

Ezekiel 11:19, 36:26, says;

And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh:

A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

If God is going to put a new spirit within us, what will happen to the old spirit that was in us? Secondly, if God is going to put a new spirit within us, who is “the us?” Or, who are we, the spirit or the living soul? Likewise, if we took a bottle and filled it with water, would the water and the bottle be the same thing? Or would the bottle still be a bottle and the water still be water? The Bible says we are a living soul (Gen. 2:7, 1 Cor. 15:45). False teachings will always leave many questions where they do not agree with other Scriptures. Ecclesiastes 12:7 indicates that all spirits of men go back to God who gave them. At the same time, there is no where in the Scriptures that say the spirit of man will go into hell forever. But, Jesus spoke about souls and bodies being cast into hell. In Matthew 10:28, Jesus said, **“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.”** Jesus didn’t say “spirit, soul, and body;” He only mentioned the soul and the body; because the spirit goes back to God Who gave it to man.

The spirit of man is given to us (Ecc. 12:7); it is formed within us (Zech. 12:1). When man dies, it goes back to God who gave it. Praise God for this; for, if we are born again of the Spirit (John 3:5,6), when our spirit lives our bodies for the last time, it will return to God who gave it and we will go with it to heaven. For our new created spirit has a spiritual body, in which we (the living soul) are in. In 1 Corinthians 15:35 it says, **“But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?”** After a number of examples, it says in 1 Corinthians 15:44, **“It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is**

a spiritual body.” We came into this world, a living soul in a natural body of the dust of the ground. When we become born again of the Word and the Spirit we are translated into a new spirit, which has a spiritual body. In that spiritual body we are raised up and go to heaven when our natural body dies.

It's not important “who we are” in the world, it is “who we are in” that counts. In 1 Corinthians 15:22 it says, **“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”** What does it mean by “in Adam”? Adam was earthly, of the earth (1 Cor. 15:45-47). Adam was of the flesh, the earth, and we were all in Adam (in the flesh) when we were born into this world.

Now the Scripture explains it this way; in Romans 7:5 it starts off saying, **“For when we were in the flesh,...”** That is talking about our condition before we were born again of the Spirit; we were in the flesh, “in Adam.” Then in Romans 8:9 it says, **“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.”** Notice, this does not pertain to everyone, it only pertains to those “*who have the Spirit of Christ.*” If we are not in the flesh, what happened? In 2 Corinthians 5:17 it says, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”** Those who are in Christ are a new creature, but those who are not in Christ are still in Adam. Colossians 3:3 says, **“For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.”** In Adam all die, in Christ all are made alive.

What happened? How did this come about? Colossians 1:13 says, **“Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.”** When we received Jesus Christ as LORD in our life, we became born again of the Spirit (John 3:6), and the Word (1 Peter 1:23); and God translated us from the flesh (the first Adam) into the body of Christ (the last Adam). We were in the flesh of the first Adam (of the dust of the ground), but now we are no longer in the flesh, but we have been translated into the Spirit (the body of Christ). We are no longer in Adam, but now we are in Christ. When we die physically, our body of flesh goes back to the dust, but we go to be with God in heaven in our new spirit, for we are a part of the body of Christ. We are not of this world, just as Jesus is not of this world (John 17:16). Our home is in heaven, and when we die on this earth we go home to heaven where our new spirit came from when we were born again of the Word and the Spirit.

God had a plan from the foundation of the world, that we should be in Christ Jesus and inherit eternal life in heaven. Ephesians 1:3-7 says;

Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son:

According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love:

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will,

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;

Look at the past-tense of these verses. It is already done, it is over and complete in the sight of God. *“We already have redemption, through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to His*

grace!” Why do Christians not accept that which is theirs and go on with Jesus? Why do they come up with all kinds of doctrines and theologies that do not agree with the written Word of God and make the true Word of God of none-effect in their lives and the lives of others?

Mainly, I believe it is because they do not understand the power of the soul of man, the will, the mind, the emotions, etc. Man is a living soul, and his soul has the ability to operate in the natural world and the unseen spiritual world. It can receive information from the Satanic spiritual realm that tries to lead men astray in any way it can. Christians, desiring to operate in spiritual gifts tap into the wrong spirit realm and are led by other spirits. These spirits present themselves as though they were angels of light, when in fact they are deceiving spirits, sent by Satan to lead Christians astray.

Multitudes of Christians have been taught by other Christians how to operate from the mind, in the gifts of the spirit at their own will. This is all false and counterfeit. Yet, many have fallen into this trap of the devil. They have been taken at the devils will and they believe they are right. Had they studied their Scriptures rather than listen to man, they would have known the truth and they would flow with the Holy Spirit in whatsoever He desires.

The gifts of the Holy Spirit operate “as the Holy Spirit wills,” not as man wills (1 Cor. 12:11). We should not be taken in by all this glamor and praise of men, thinking it is all of the LORD. As Christians, we need to die to ourselves and let the Holy Spirit and the LORD have Their way in our lives. Forget the glamor and praise and all the glory that goes along with these false gifts and walk with the Holy Spirit as He wills.

The Soul Or The Spirit

In Hebrews 4:12 it says, **“For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”** Notice that it talks about dividing between the soul and the spirit. The soul and the spirit are two different parts of the complete human being. Yet, it also mentions the thoughts and intents of the heart. By the thoughts and intents of the heart you can discern between the soul and the spirit.

Many Christians have major problems in this life. They are like Paul in the seventh chapter of Romans. The things he wanted to do, he did not do. The things he did not want to do, he did. There seems to be a battle going on all the time between the soul and the spirit of Christians. The world does not seem to have this problem, for their spirit is not a new spirit; which came down from heaven. The only part of their spirit that seems to function for them is their conscience. If they override their conscience they can go on lying, cheating, stealing, and it doesn't bother them.

Christian have a problem with this; not only does their conscience alert them when they have intentions of misconduct, but there is also an uneasiness, or unrest in their mind. This unrest in the mind causes physical tiredness, sleeplessness, drowsiness, etc. in their bodies. They toss and turn and don't know which way to go. Their bodies react to the unrest and physical symptoms of sickness or disease set in. When this happens, many of them run to the doctor or look for some medication to ease the symptoms in their bodies.

When this happens, many overlook the primary cause of all this; “what is the intents of their heart”? Are they following after the spirit or after the mind of the soul. Who is leading them, the Holy Spirit or the spirits of this world. Who is in control of their complete being; spirit, soul, and body? God is not the author of confusion, so there needs to be a change made to overcome the situation in their life. That change cannot come about by their own ability, they need the ability of the LORD to overcome.

How do you get the ability and power of God working in your life when you are in unrest, mind, and body? *“If you can't fight them, join them,”* is an expression the world uses. This is also the answer for us; yet, who are you trying to fight and who should you join?

We must identify the cause before we can decide which one to join. Christians are to be led by the Holy Spirit, not the mind of their soul (the flesh). The leading of the Holy Spirit will always be in accordance with the Word of God. **NOT THE WORDS OF MEN.**

The answer to all this is simply **“And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved”** (Acts 2:21, Rom. 10:13). The answer is simple, but we must call upon the name of the LORD with the right intents of the heart; not just idle words from our mouth.

Why are Christians having so much difficulty in their struggles between the spirit and the soul? Men have not taught the gospel that Jesus said should be taught. Christians have followed the teachings of men rather than the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Within the body of Christ they have lumped together the new birth and salvation as one. To most Christians, they are the same thing. So, knowing there is a change in a person once they are born again, they think they are saved and go on struggling within, over the issues of life. Not knowing the difference between born again and saved, the struggle between the soul and the spirit continues all throughout their life.

The simple truth is, born again “is a new birth.” They become children of God, a new creature in Christ. In comparison to the flesh, they are little “tinny” babies, not knowing anything at all about the spiritual things pertaining to God. Some, know a lot about spiritual operations, for some of those who are born again, at one time served the devil in some form or other of spiritual operations, “witchcraft, spiritualism, false worship of idols, etc.”

Instead of being taught the ways of God from the Scriptures, they are fed man’s ideas. Teachings of men that do not agree with the teachings of Jesus. For instance, Jesus was teaching on prayer and said in Matthew 6:8, **“Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.”** They take this verse and say, God knows what you have need of before you ask, yet, “if you want what you have need of you must ask for it, or you will not get it.” That’s ignorance gone to seed to say the least. They just denied the truth of the Word of God and made it of none-effect. They just made that verse of Scripture say exactly the opposite of what Jesus was teaching. Jesus never changed His teachings, and in Matthew 6:31-33, Jesus said,

Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

If Jesus said, we are to take no thought of what we have need of, why would we be asking God for what He already knows we have need of; and will supply it, if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness?

But they don’t stop there, they include such statements made by Jesus as,

And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it (John 14:13,14).

When they use these verses they leave out the following verses, which are a part of the subject Jesus was speaking on. They forget what Jesus said in John 15:7, **“If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”**

Some go over to the book of James and quote what James said “in part,” saying, **“...ye have not because ye ask not...”** (James 4:2). But, they leave out the rest of what James said. Verses 2 and 3 says,

Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not.

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

Teachings that are in error will bring forth more error. We must study the Scriptures and

rightly divide the Word of God that we get “first the approval of God,” before we seek the approval of man (2 Tim. 2:15). We must not add anything to the Word of God nor take anything away from the Word of God. Many will add to the Scriptures such things as a letter “s” to the word “blessing” in Malachi 3:10 and Galatians 3:14 to teach their idea of worldly prosperity for Christians. While Jesus’ teachings were not worldly at all, but rather heavenly. “Deny yourself, pick up your cross and follow Jesus.” **“He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal”** (John 12:35). When Christians mix error with truth they have an unrest in their spirit, and their mind is led in two directions at the same time. They are tossed to and fro with all kinds of winds of doctrines of men.

When the Bible talks about salvation, “being saved,” it is talking about being “delivered and protected” from those things which cause us unrest in our soul. The soul needs to be saved. In Acts 2:47, it says, **“...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”** If the LORD added them to the church and they still needed to be saved, then they were not yet saved; only born again into the family of God.

Christians need to be saved. All the verses on salvation pertaining to the New Covenant, pertain to Christians. The world needs to first receive Jesus Christ and become born again of the Word and the Spirit, then be saved.

Churches all over the world are full of Christians going up for prayer for deliverance from all sorts of situations; which, if they had the right teachings, they could easily overcome these things in their daily walk and have no need for someone else to pray for them.

If Christians have unrest in their soul, they should check out the intents of their heart. Are they denying themselves and following Jesus? Or, are they trying to do their own will of the flesh and their spirit is not in agreement. **“Can two walk together lest they agree?”** (Amos 3:3). Can the soul of man and the spirit of man walk together unless they agree? Confusion in man, is when the soul and spirit do not agree. There is no peace in their spirit for the intents of their heart are not right with God.

They are seeking things they should not be seeking, while their spirit is trying to guide them in the right direction. Therefore, there is unrest within them, a struggle is going on within and someone must yield to the desires of the heart. God is in your spirit, and God will not change; therefore, we must change if we are to walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh (Rom. 8:1).

If we are to live the life that Jesus purchased for us, we must be willing to set behind all that will hold us back and press on forward to the mark and high calling in Christ Jesus. There are many areas of our lives that need to be looked at closely. The intents of the heart will shine much light on the subject.

If we set our affections on the things of this world, we will always have difficulty. We will end up listening to many of man’s teachings and doctrines; which will only hold us in bondage in one form or another. Jesus taught that in these last days, deception would become greater and greater. In Luke 17, Jesus spoke of these last days, mentioning the days of Noah, and Lot’s wife as examples.

In the days of Noah, those who were led by the Spirit of God no longer listened to the Holy Spirit, that’s why the flood came. At the time of Lot, when the angles sent Lot to speak to his sons-

in-laws, they would not listen. Lot's wife had daughters that were married, besides the two virgins that were with them. Lot's wife loved her daughters "who would not listen," so much that she looked back as the fire and brimstone fell on Sodom and Gomorrah; and she turned into a pillar of salt (Gen. 19:1-26).

Let's look at Lot's wife in view of the teachings of Jesus. In Matthew 10:36,37 Jesus said,
**And a man's foes shall be they of his own household.
He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.**

In Matthew 19:29, Jesus said to Peter and His disciples, "**And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.**" There is a time when we must be willing to part with our loved ones, to follow Jesus. Trying to hang onto those of our own flesh and blood could cause us to miss the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus. We must learn to trust the LORD to care for our loved ones if we are to do what He has called us to do. Our eyes should be upon heavenly things, not on earthly things. We must set behind every weight that would set us back, and press on for the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus (Phil. 3:13,14).

In our lives, we cannot be held back by others, we must seek the LORD in our own lives. We must set our hearts right before the LORD. We must love our brothers and sisters, but we cannot control their lives, we can only control our own lives. Our hearts desires are what will determine our destinies in the end. Where is our heart?

To Be Led By The Spirit

(Rom. 8:1)

There are many within the body of Christ that do not believe in the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. This is not good to say the least. Jesus said in Mark 16:17. **“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues.”** Being that Jesus said that those who believe will speak in new tongues, then we should speak in new tongues.

If we truly want to be led by the Holy Spirit we should be speaking in tongues. Like it explains in 1 Corinthians 14:2, saying, **“For he that speaketh in an *unknown* tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.”** There is a lot that the Holy Spirit knows that we do not know and it would be very helpful if we knew. These things are sometimes called mysteries. Things we do not know, but God does know, and would reveal them to us if we would speak to God in *unknown* tongues.

For those who know “about speaking in tongues” but have not receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues, you could receive right now; just pray, while believing in your heart on what God has promised you in His Word.

"Jesus, You said in Mark 16:17, that in Your name I can cast out devils.

Satan, in the name of Jesus I cast you out of my mind. You have no authority over my mind. My mind is clear of all demonic oppression in Jesus' name.

Father, according to Your Word in Luke 11:13, You promised me the Holy Spirit if I ask. Father, I am now asking You to give me the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I receive Him from You now, in Jesus' name."

Continue to pray in your new tongue, praise and worship the Father in His heavenly language.

In Romans 8:1 it tells us, **“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”** Sometimes when we read a verse of Scripture that encourages us to do something, we should also take into consideration the opposite effect of what the verse is saying. By this Romans 8:1 also says, *“There is condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk after the flesh, and not after the Spirit.”* If we do what the Word of God tells us to do, we will obtain that which it promises. But, if we do not do what the Word of God tells us to do, we will obtain the opposite of what it tells us to do.

We are a living soul. We have a body of flesh which is still mortal, that is “it has physical death in it and is in the process of dying.” It will eventually die unless God intervenes and we go to be with Jesus without dying physically. We also have a spirit, and if we are born again of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God, our spirit is the source of all that pertains to God in us. It is the will of God, that we be led by the Holy Spirit from within our new created spirit. Yet, we are still in this world and not of this world; therefore, we must do something about what our bodies desire to do and something about what our spirit wants to do. We must make a decision; will we walk after the Spirit or after the flesh?

We are still a living soul, and our mind, our will, and our emotions will set the course of our

life here on earth. That is why the Bible teaches the same message from Genesis through Revelation; **“Love the LORD your God with all your heart, mind, soul, and strength; and lean not unto your own understanding.”** You will find this to be the message of the Word of God from beginning to end. Jesus said to His disciples in John 14:15, **“If ye love me, keep my commandments.”** If Jesus said, “we should keep His commandments,” that means “we have an obligation, something we must do.” We cannot follow teachings that do not agree with the written Word of God from Genesis through Revelation. If we believe we are “a spirit,” and have a soul and a body, we will fall into error and be taken captive by the devil at his will (2 Tim. 2:26). Error always produces error. Truth can never come out of error. That is why it is so important to study the Word of God and be sure what you believe is in total agreement with the Word of God from Genesis through Revelation.

Being that our mind, our will, and our emotions will control whatever happens in our lives; we should find out what it takes to keep our mind, our will and our emotions on the right track (so to speak) that we inherit all that God has planned for us. We can set those things behind us that so easily beset us and press on for the mark and high calling of Christ Jesus in our lives (Phil. 3:13,14). Or, we can let ourselves be tossed to and fro with every wind of doctrine (Eph. 4:14) and never get any further with the LORD than we are today. The cross of Jesus is always before us. The blood of Jesus will always wash away our sins, if we will repent and turn from our ways unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith. Jesus said, **“repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations...”** (Luke 24:49). Repentance and remission of sins is for those who know they have missed the mark and high calling of Christ Jesus, that they may, by grace, set the past behind and press on for that high calling in Christ Jesus.

It would be best for us if we would study the life of Jesus, what He did and what He said in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. In doing so, we have an example of how we should live our lives here on earth. Hebrews 12:2 says, **“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.”**

One thing you will notice about the life of Jesus is that He kept looking for those who would believe Him, and walk by faith and not by sight. How many times did Jesus put the question to His disciples, “where is your faith”? The whole New Testament teaches mainly that “the just shall live by faith.” Faith is the key to all that God is looking for in the lives of those who love Him. Faith operates by love... Therefore, if we love the LORD with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength; we will concentrate on our faith. Hebrews 10:38 says, **“Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.”**

Where should our faith be? What do we put our faith in, the things of this world, or that things above? Colossians 3:1-3 says,

If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.

The things of this world are here and there are many things we need in this world. Yet, Jesus made it clear how we are to live in this world, and how to obtain the things of this world that we have need of in Matthew 6:24-34. The key to everything we have need of in this life is summed up in verse 33, which says, **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all**

these things shall be added unto you.”

Now, for those who do not know it, Jesus said, **“The kingdom of God is within you”** (Luke 17:21). All over the world, Christians are running to and fro seeking “a word from God,” when all the time the Word of God is in them. Romans 10:8 says, **“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.”**

Jesus is the Word of God, and if you are born again, He is in you. All that He is and all that we have need of is available to us “from within us; from within our spirit where God dwells in us.” Our new spirit is given to us by God. It is perfect in every way. We don’t have to “train our spirit.” We don’t have to program our spirit. We don’t have to teach our spirit. All we have to do is learn how to **“walk after the spirit.”** The fullness of the Godhead dwells in our spirit (Col. 2:9,10). If we would do what the Bible tells us to do, our spirit will be our source of guidance by the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. He will guide us, lead us, help us, and comfort us in every situation we face in this life. We are our worst enemy. That is, our mind, will, and emotions cause our defeat in this life. If we will do what Romans 12:1,2 tell us, we will have victory in every circumstance. Romans 12:1,2 says,

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 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.

If you noticed, it didn’t tell us to do anything about our spirit, just our bodies and our minds. There is nothing wrong with our spirit, it is complete in God and the fulness of the Godhead dwells in our spirit. It’s our bodies and our minds that we must contend with and strive to bring in line with the Word of God which dwells in us.

When we understand all that God has done for us by the Cross, the forgiveness of sins, the healing of our bodies, etc. we should pick up our cross and follow after Jesus all the days of our lives. In doing so, we must be careful not to follow the doctrines and teaching of men, but to follow Jesus, by a leading of the Holy Spirit from within our spirit; not from our head as many do.

Learn the ways of the Holy Spirit; Who, always works within the Word of God, and never outside of the Word of God. Therefore, when we renew our minds it must be done “precisely and accurately,” not being persuaded by those who change the Word of God to make it say what they want it to say, according to their idea of what it should say. There are many translations of the Bible today, and many are not even translations, but rather paraphrased ideas of men. We should have a great desire to stay with the true Word of God, and not other men’s ideas.

The starting point is “our will, our mind, and our emotions.” What will we do about these three areas of our soul? Our will is the most important part of our living soul. If we are not willing to do what the Word of God tells us to do, our mind and our emotions will take over and we will be defeated in our lives. Satan will have an advantage if we do not submit our will unto the LORD, and place Him first in our lives. Jesus did this in His life here on earth. He did not do His own will; He did only the will of God the Father (John 5:30). If we do only the will of Jesus, we will have success in every area of our lives. But, if we insist in doing our own will of the flesh, we will miss God and never come to the place where God has planned for us to come.

The best route to take is that of Jesus. Jesus paved the way for us all to follow, and He said to His disciples and you and I, “Come follow Me”! To follow Jesus, we must deny ourselves (our will, our emotions), and set our mind to do what Jesus said to do. We cannot seek the things of this world and the things of God at the same time; we must not have two masters (Matt. 6:24). Many Christians try to justify their desire for the things of this world, and find themselves in all sorts of situations. Jesus said in Matthew 6:33, **“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”** It never works to put the cart in front of the horse. The cart must be put behind the horse if you want the horse to pull the cart. Seek first the kingdom of God “which is within you,” and out of your spirit will flow the answers to all that is needed in this life. If you are born again, the Word of God is already in you. Romans 10:8, written to Christians, says, **“But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach.”**

The Holy Spirit knows the past, the present, the future, and everything in between. He knows what you have need of before you ask. He knows how to supply all your needs. He knows what to do, when to do it, and how to do it. He is for you and not against you. He always works according to the Word of God, and in agreement with the Word of God (which is Jesus). Jesus is the Word of God, and He is alive in you. He is the living Word, that can supply all your needs.

Yet, even though the Godhead dwells in you; because that you are a living soul, your will, mind, and emotions belong to you. You must make the decision if you will allow God to work in your life or not. He will not force you to do anything. He will lead, guide, comfort, and teach you, if you are willing. If your will gets in His way, there is nothing He can do; for He does not go against your will.

If you set your will to do His will, there is nothing in this world that can stop you. In 1 John 4:4 it says, **“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them (the spirits of this world): because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”**

God has already done all that He can do to make it possible for you to do His will. Now, it’s all up to you, your will, your mind, and your emotions. You are a living soul, you make the decisions in your life. God will help you, guide you, comfort you, and lead you; but you must make the final decisions that will determine what you will do according to the Word of God which dwells in you.

Many Christians today have gone another way; rather than doing the will of God according to the Word of God, they have gone the way of spiritual experiences. These spiritual experiences operate through their mind by their will. They seek spiritual experiences and they have spiritual experiences. Then, these spiritual experiences become the controlling part of their lives. They follow after these experiences rather than walk by faith and not by sight. The greatest error in the body of Christ today comes through those who seek spiritual experiences. Because they are supernatural, they think they are all of God and do not try the spirits if they be of God or not. *“All that glitters is not gold.”*

The Word of God must come first before anything else in our lives. By His Word the worlds were framed (Heb. 11:2). Jesus is the Word of God, and all things were created by Him, for Him, and through Him. Outside of the Word of God we cannot even exist, our life, our living soul is dependant upon the Word of God. If we submit to the Word of God in every area of our lives, we will live and not die. We will spend eternity with God forever in heaven after we leave this world.

The Word of God must be top priority in our lives.

We must live by the Word of God; then we can walk by faith and not by sight. We are justified, not by what we did or did not do, we are justified by faith in the Word of God. He that believes on the name of the Son of God is justified, but he that does not believe on the name of the Son of God is damned (John 3:16-19). Not because he sinned, not because he did wicked works, but only because he did not believe on the name of the Son of God; who paid the price for all the sins of the whole world (1 John 2:2).

Will you believe on the name of the Son of God and walk with Him all the days of your life? You can, if you set your will to do His will. You can, if you set your mind to do it. Jesus said, “*all things are possible to those who believe*” (Mark 9:23). You can do it, if you set your mind to do it. It’s up to you, and you alone. God is for you, not against you, and if God be for you, who cares who’s against you!

The greatest hindrance to setting your mind to walk with God according to His Word is your past. The teachings you have received over the years from other men. They have taught the law in one form or another, that the letter of the law is still in effect and you must live according to their idea of the letter of the law. They will heap all sorts of condemnation upon you if you as much as break even one of their commandments.

The only way to overcome this is to do as Jesus said a number of times, “**Whosoever shall seek to save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life shall preserve it.**” Once you have understood the Cross and the blood of Jesus; repent, confess your known sins; leave them at the foot of the cross and follow Jesus. All your sins and iniquities were laid upon Him on the Cross. Now it’s up to you if you will believe that He took them upon Himself that you might be free? The same applies with sickness and disease, He bore your sickness and diseases in His own body that you could be free of sickness and disease. Let’s look at Isaiah 53:4,5,

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

As we look at these verses we see they are in the past tense, already at the time this was written Jesus had already bore our griefs and carried our sorrows with Him to the cross. He already took our sins and iniquities upon Himself, and by His stripes we are (were) healed. When Jesus went out and cast out demons with His Word and healed all that were sick, Matthew wrote, “**That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Esaias the prophet, saying, Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses**” (Matt. 8:17). Evidence of what happened on the cross was manifested as Jesus went about healing all sickness and diseases of everyone who came to Him. No questions asked, He just healed them of all their sickness and diseases. That the Scriptures might be fulfilled.

Will you believe the Scriptures? Will you receive that which is yours and take up your cross and follow Jesus?

In Revelation 13:8, it tells us “*the Lamb was slain from the foundation of the world.*” Adam’s sins were already taken to the cross before he was created. Your griefs and sorrows, your

sins and iniquities, your sicknesses and diseases were already taken to the cross before you were born. This is why the LORD spoke through Isaiah, saying, **“I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins”** (Isa. 43:25). Again in Isaiah 44:22, the LORD said, **“I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.”** It was done at the Cross, even before the foundation of the world.

The thing that keeps many from receiving their healing for their bodies is that they want to hang on to this world, and the things of this world. They do not want to deny themselves, die to themselves first, then follow Jesus. Dead people have no past; it's all behind them. If we try to carry our past with us, it will take us to the grave. If we die to self, we can live unto God in the spirit and the things of this world cannot hold us back.

In 1 John 1:7-10, it says,

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

In this life, YOU will never get rid of all your sins by your ability to live a clean life. But, you can get rid of your past, by repenting and confessing all known sins, leave them at the foot of the cross and follow Jesus. Walk in the light of the Word of God, as God is in the light, and the blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse you daily, of all your sins and iniquities. Deny yourself, and follow Jesus!

The world does not believe in the Cross of Calvary. Neither do the Christians who live by the letter of the law. Therefore, they also are counted as an unbeliever in 2 Corinthians 6:14-16. Those who do not believe are considered to be unbelievers. It says in 2 Corinthians 6:17,18,

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,

And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Do you truly want God to be a Father unto you? Then get yourself over into believing on the Cross of Calvary; and come out from among those who do not want to believe in the finished work that Jesus did for you on the Cross of Calvary. Coming out from them does not necessarily mean “remove yourself physically from them,” although sometimes it is necessary. But do not agree with them, make no agreement with their letter of the law.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

When you die to yourself, you can live unto God. Renew your mind to receive the gospel of the Kingdom of God and walk in it; God will be your source for everything. From your spirit, God will provide all that you have need of. You will know what is of God and what is not by a witness in your spirit. For the Spirit of God bears witness with the Word of God and with your spirit, that you will know and not doubt that which is of God.

Your mind and your spirit are not the same. Learn how to know the difference and walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh. The Word and the Spirit always agree, for they are One (1 John 5:7).

The New Creature in Christ

At this point it is important to understand the New Creature in Christ. For this new creature in Christ is born of the Word (1 Pet. 1:23), and the Spirit (John 3:6). This new creature in Christ has a new spirit, the old spirit of man is passed away. In 2 Corinthians 5:17, it says, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”** The old spirit of man was a part of the first Adam, born of the flesh. Jesus said in John 3:6,7,

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. {again: or, from above}

The words born again also mean “born from above.” Therefore, that which is born again is spirit. The new created spirit of man comes down from heaven. Within our new spirit dwells the fulness of the Godhead, and we are complete in Him. Colossians 2:8 cautions us in this respect; for many have gone into the world not understanding the new creature in Christ. It says, **“Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.”** If they do not have revelation from the Holy Spirit as to who they are in Christ, they may go around teaching “philosophy, and worthless deception.” Once we understand the New Creature in Christ, then we can go on and do what the LORD has called us to do. Without knowledge of this new creature in Christ, Satan has an advantage over us. In Colossians 2:9,10 it explains what it means to be in Christ, saying,

For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Christ is the head of all power, and in Him dwells the fulness of the Godhead. Therefore, being in Christ, you are complete in Him, with the fulness of the Godhead dwelling in you. That is, in your new spirit.

Looking back in the Old Testament prophets, Ezekiel prophesied, **“And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh”** (Ezek. 11:19). He specifically stated **“I will put a new spirit within you.”** Again in Ezekiel 36:26, the prophet said, **“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.”** Twice the prophet Ezekiel made it clear that a new spirit would be put in man. This is the spirit that came down from heaven. This is the new spirit that makes us a new creature in Christ. We are born of the Holy Spirit, who places within us a new spirit, wherein God dwells in His fulness.

Now the Holy Spirit is within us at the time of the New birth, for we are born of God, of the Spirit, and God dwells within us. But, there is another position the Holy Spirit wants to take in our lives; that is to be filled with the Holy Spirit, and baptized in the Holy Spirit. Therefore, Ezekiel didn't stop at verse 26, but he continued with verse 27, saying, **“And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.”** Many have been born again of the Spirit and are children of God by the new birth; but, they have not been filled and baptized with the Holy Spirit as Jesus said they should be.

At this time we are interested in the new creature in Christ, which is born of the Word and

the Spirit, for it is the spirit of man that is completely new. We still have our living soul, and our physical body from the first Adam. These two parts of man will be totally new after this earthly life is over. This is explained in 1 Corinthians 15:51-54, saying,

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Now, everyone knows this has not happened yet. Therefore, that which is spoken in Hebrews 2:8,9 explains where we are at this time.

But now we see not yet all things put under him.

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man (Heb. 2:8,9).

We live our lives on this earth in a time element, whereas, God does not always look at time; He looks at eternity from everlasting to everlasting. To God, our life on earth is like a vapor, it comes and it goes, and just like that we are in heaven with Him for all eternity. Therefore, He sees the end product at times and does not consider the short time between our new birth and our being with Him in heaven.

Most of the time, we are too earthly minded to see things the way God sees them; from an eternal point of view. So, for us on earth, we see Jesus, Who is the firstborn from the dead. He is the head of the body, of which we are a part of His body here on earth. When we look at things from a heavenly view we see certain statements that are true, yet, to us they seem incorrect. We see that in Christ we are complete; **“old things are passed away and all things are become new”** (2 Cor. 5:17). We see that **“as He is so are we in this world”** (1 John 4:17). We see that, He **“hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ”** (Eph. 1:3). We see that He **“hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus”** (Eph. 2:6). We may not understand these things with our natural minds, but it was not meant that we should understand them with our natural minds for they are spiritually discerned (1 Cor. 2:14).

Now let’s get back to this new spirit we receive when we are born again of the Word and the Spirit. Jesus said in John 17:14-16,

I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.

They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

Wasn’t that nice of Jesus to pray the Father that He would not take us out of this world, but only that He would keep us from the evil of this world? God has a plan for us on this earth, before we go to live forever in heaven. God wants to use us the same way He used Jesus, to do the same things Jesus did. Why? That the works of the devil would be destroyed by His Holy Spirit working

through the body of Christ on earth.

Jesus said, **“As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world”** (John 17:18). How did God send Jesus into this world? He sent His Son as a Man, the Son of Man, to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8). Philippians 2:6-8 says,

**Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:
But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:
And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.**

Hebrews 2:14-18 says,

**Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;
And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.**

Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.

For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.

Jesus became “as man,” so we could become “as God.” We were first born in the flesh, “of the flesh.” But, by the new birth, we are translated from the powers of darkness into the kingdom of God’s dear Son (Col. 1:13). In Romans 7:5, Paul starts off saying, **“For when we were in the flesh...”** That’s past tense! We were in the flesh, but now through the new birth, we are no longer in the flesh but in the spirit. Romans 8:9 says, **“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.”** You will notice, this only applies to those who are in Christ (that is, born again). Those who are not born again are still in the first Adam.

Be aware of what it says in 1 Corinthians 15:22, **“For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.”** If you are not in Christ; that is, if you are not born again of the Word and the Spirit you are still in Adam. All who die on this earth and are still in Adam will spend eternity in hell. The best decision you can make in this life is to receive Jesus Christ into your life, and become born again of the Word and the Spirit. Eternity is a long time to be without God. Satan is a devil and no one should want to spend eternity with the devil. Especially, when the gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus is free. All you have to do is accept Jesus Christ into your life as your LORD and Savior, and you will become born again of the Word and the Spirit. It’s that easy...

If you have not become born again by making Jesus Christ the LORD of your life you can do so NOW.

SAY A PRAYER LIKE THIS, OUT LOUD:

"Lord Jesus, I know that You are the Son of God. I know that You died on the cross for me.

I know that God raised You from the dead. Jesus, I ask You to come into my life, live Your life in me. Jesus, let Your will be done in me; let the will of God be done in my life as it was in Your life. I surrender myself to You, Jesus! You lead me by Your Spirit and I will follow to the best of my ability. I will live for You all the days of my life, as You lead me by Your Spirit.

Jesus, forgive me of all my sins, wash me clean in Your blood; that I may be the righteousness of God in You. Thank You, Jesus!"

What's the difference between the old spirit that is passed away when we are born again and the new spirit that comes down from heaven? This new spirit has God dwelling in it. We are one spirit with the LORD. He is in us, and we are in Him (14:18-23, 17:23, 1 John 5:11,12,20).

This new spirit has a body, a spiritual body. In 1 Corinthians 15:44, it says, **“There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.”** We have a natural body which we can see, feel, etc. We had a natural body from our birth into this world. But, we also have a spiritual body. It's this spiritual body that we go to be with Jesus in when we leave this earth for the last time. It's this new spiritual body that we have been translated into from the old natural body. We are now located in our new spiritual body, where God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit also dwell. This spiritual body is not subject to the elements of this earth. This spiritual body can go places in an instant of time. We can go into the third heavens, where the throne of God is and receive information about heaven and instructions from the LORD and return in a matter of seconds. The Apostle Paul spoke of this in 2 Corinthians 12:2, saying, **“I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.”** This person, whether it was Paul himself or someone else, makes no difference. But, Paul said he was a “man in Christ.” That means, he was a born again Christian with a new spiritual body. The spiritual body of man and the natural body of man look alike if you see them. Therefore, Paul said, whether he was in the body or out of the body, he could not tell.

One thing about this new spiritual body is that it come down from heaven when we were born again of the Word and the Spirit. Therefore, it is a heavenly body, a “celestial body,” as it says in 1 Corinthians 15:40. A celestial body is a spiritual body, a body of spirit that can move about without any hindrance by material things. It can travel faster than the speed of light. It can travel from here to heaven in a matter of seconds. It is not limited by the physical things of this earth.

Our living soul has been translated into this new spiritual body, and our spiritual body can leave our natural body at any time God so desires, while our natural body still remains on earth. Many people have experienced their spiritual body leaving their natural body for a time and then returning.

I know of a man who had an operation in a hospital, during the operation his spiritual body left his natural body. The monitors showed that there was no brain scan and the doctors kept life support equipment on him for ten days, insisting to his wife, there was no use in trying to keep him alive. During those ten day, he was in his spiritual body, in the hospital, hearing and seeing all that took place. After ten days, his spiritual body returned to his natural body and he came back to life. The doctors were without explanation, and also amazed, that he knew everything they said and did during those ten days.

Our spiritual body is a heavenly body, and can go wherever the LORD wants us to go at anytime. Many Christians have gone places in their spiritual bodies and saw things and spoke to

people, and then returned to their natural body. The LORD does use His saints in ministry work outside of their natural body. The natural body is an earthly body of the earth. It is limited to this earth. Whereas the spiritual body is a body made of spirit, and is not limited to this earth. The new spiritual body of a born again Christian is a heavenly body and will return to heaven when our soul leaves our natural body for the last time.

Our spiritual body has the fulness of the Godhead dwelling in it. It also has the mind of Christ. Therefore, all Christians have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16). The mind of Christ operates from our spirit, not our soul. Our new spirit is called “the inner man, the inward man, the hidden man of the heart, etc.” (Rom. 7:22, 2 Cor. 4:16, Eph. 3:16, Col. 3:9,10, 1 Peter 3:4). We dwell in our new spirit (Rom. 8:9). From our new spirit we can operate all the senses that operate in the natural, seeing, hearing, smelling, tasting, feeling, etc.

There are some Christians who have certain parts of their natural body missing, yet they still operate as though they have them. Some have no eye balls, yet they can see with 20,20, vision. Others have no vocal cords, yet they can speak and sing just as good as those who have vocal cords. Things that are impossible for men in the flesh are possible for God who dwells in our new spirit.

When a Spirit-filled Christian prays in the Spirit, it is his spirit that does the praying, his natural mind does not know what he is saying. In 1 Corinthians 14:14, Paul wrote, **“For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful.”** It was Paul’s spirit that was praying, not his natural mind. When we pray in the Spirit, the Holy Spirit gives us the utterance (the words that we speak). In Romans 8:26, it says, **“Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”** The Holy Spirit, within our new spirit is doing the praying for us. When we speak in unknown tongues, we do not speak to man, for no man understands us. In 1 Corinthians 14:2 it says, **“For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries.”**

All of this and even more are accomplished by God dwelling in our new spirit, which comes down from heaven when we are born again of the Word and the Spirit. We are a new creature in Christ Jesus, and heaven is our home for eternity.

When we learn how to receive from our spirit, not from our natural mind of the flesh, God will give us wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Out of our spirit will come revelation of the Word of God, that we might know those things that are of God.

God is in our spirit, and from our spirit we hear from God. The Holy Spirit is our Helper, Guide, Comforter, and Teacher. He guides, leads, helps, teaches, and comforts us from within our spirit. Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding of spiritual things come from within our spirit.

In Acts 2:17, Peter, speaking under the anointing of the Holy Spirit said, **“your old men shall dream dreams.”** Sometimes, God will reveal things to us in dreams. When we check them out in the Written Word of God we will find them to be true. They will agree with the Scriptures from Genesis through Revelation.

One time, in a dream, my spirit was teaching me. I saw myself trying to explain to a pastor

friend of mine what the original Greek text says in John 4:24. In the King James Version it says, **“God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”** In this dream I told him to look in the Greek, it does not say **“God is a Spirit.”** It actually says **“God Spirit.”** Both words “is and a” are added by the translators when they translated from the Greek to English. In the dream I told my pastor friend that John 4:24 actually says, “God is Spirit.” That is to say, God is not “a Spirit,” God “is Spirit.” God, Who is Spirit created all spirits. All spirits are created beings, whereas God is not a created being. He is Spirit, and He created all spirits.

Being, God is Spirit, and not a spirit, He is everywhere at all times. He is not limited to one specific location at anytime. He is in every born again Christian everywhere in the world at all times. He comes into a Christian when they are born again of the Spirit, and He remains in them unto the day of Judgment (Eph. 4:30). Therefore, God is omnipresent at all times.

Spirits are not omni-present at all times. Spirits are limited to certain locations at certain times. God is not limited to any one place at anytime. He is in heaven, on earth, and in Christians all at the same time.

Therefore, when Christians seek wisdom from God, it comes to them from within their spirit, where God dwells in His fulness. The fulness of God dwells in every Spirit-filled Christian at all times. We are in Him, and He is in us. We are one Spirit with the LORD.

Christians need to know who they are in Christ, and the ability of God within them to lead, guide, comfort, teach and help them at all times. God is not limited to the natural realm when it comes to working within the body of Christ. God can teach us while we are praying in *unknown* tongues (1 Cor. 14:2). He can build up our faith while praying in the Holy Spirit (Jude 1:20). He can give us wisdom, knowledge and understanding (from our spirit) at anytime. He is in us, to be a God unto us (2 Cor. 6:16). In Isaiah, it tells us, **“For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people”** (Isa. 28:11).

Christians need to draw from their spirit, those things that are of God. Our natural mind does not discern those things that are spiritual. It knows about spiritual things. It can operate in the wrong spirit realm. But from our new created spirit, Christians can receive from God that which is of God.