

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

SICKNESS & SOUL DAMAGE

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PART 2: SINFUL SOUL VS. DIVINE SPIRIT

DEFINITIONS

The word “flesh” can refer to two things: the physical body or the soul.

The “spirit” is the divine portion of a person.

The “soul” is called the mind or heart in the Bible.

The “human body” is a vehicle in which the soul and spirit lives. It has no personality of its own and turns back to dust when it dies.

The “soul” is the real you, not your body. Your soul contains your will, characteristics, skills, mental capacity, intelligence, etc.

The “spirit” is the divine part of a saved man and has the capacity to communicate with God. It has the attributes of God and the spirit of a man should be in control of the soul and body.

The soul and the spirit are connected to each other and makes a person complete.

MAN IS A SPIRIT BEING

There is a soul that lives within in a physical body. Satan has created a lie that man is like an animal that is born, lives, dies and ceases to exist.

Satan used Darwin to develop the Theory of Evolution which destroys the thought that man is a created being with a living soul. **Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7**

Man was created with a soul and a spirit. The function of the soul is to control the physical body and the function of the spirit is to communicate with God.

Adam was able to communicate with God and understand spiritual matters before he sinned and his spirit died. **Genesis 2:15-20**

Adam understood that God had the capacity to take a rib from his body and used the cells from the bone and marrow to create a woman. In today's language we would say that the physical body of Eve was cloned from cells of Adam. God took it a step further and shaped the cells into the form of a woman with reproductive capacity. Mankind cannot do that. **verses 21-25**

Once Eve's body had been created, God created her soul and spirit so that she would be on equal terms with Adam and have her own free will and personality. **2 Corinthians 11:3**

Adam and Eve were told they would die the moment they ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. **Genesis 2:15-17**



But when they ate of the fruit of this tree, their bodies and souls did not die, it was their spirits that died. They discovered their nakedness through sin and tried to cover themselves. **Genesis 3:6-7**

Their souls received the nature of Satan and they had no desire to walk with God as they had previously done many times. **verses 8-10**

The sin nature of Satan is passed on with each generation. **Romans 5:12-19**

When we examine the souls of the unsaved, we find they are citizens in the kingdom of Satan; they have the nature of Satan and are controlled by him. **Colossians 1:12-14; 1 Corinthians 2:14; John 8:44**

The moment a person is saved (born again), his dead spirit becomes alive and he now has the divine nature of God in him. **2 Peter 1:1-4, 2 Corinthians 5:16-17**

THE TWO NATURES

The soul of a man is corrupted by sin. When a person is saved, his soul is redeemed, but as long as the soul lives in a physical body, it will still be infected with sin that must be confessed in order to have fellowship with the Lord. The spirit that is born of God is constantly trying to control the soul and bring it into submission to Christ. **Romans 7:5-25**

The sinful nature of the soul in a Christian's life will not be eradicated until death and the transfer to heaven. **1 Corinthians 15:42-58**

We can shift our governing center from the soul to the spirit and live a holy life in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit while we are still on earth in our physical bodies. **Galatians 5:22-26; Romans 12:1-2**

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?