

## **XIX. WHAT THE BIBLE SAY**

### **LESSONS NINETEEN**

#### **...ABOUT THE SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY**

##### **INTRODUCTION**

In Lesson 5 of Book 1 under the topic of the Nature of Man we learned that man as created by God is a triune being having a SPIRIT, a SOUL, and a BODY.

In the lesson before us we will take a closer look at the SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY as to the distinction between, or the dividing of the Spirit and Soul; and as to the practical application to the believer's life and walk with God as derived from an understanding of the SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY TRUTHS.

##### **THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE SPIRIT AND THE SOUL**

1. That the Spirit and Soul are not the same is seen in the fact that both in the Hebrew and in the Greek, they come from entirely different words and have different meanings.

The words for "spirit" (ruach, Hebrew and pneuma, Greek) has the meaning of a strong blast of wind.

The words for "soul"(nephesh, Hebrew and psuche, Greek) has the meaning of a gentle breath.

2. This distinction and difference is also seen in the following Scriptures where the SPIRIT AND SOUL are in contrast to one another.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Hebrews 4:12

Luke 1:46,47

1 Corinthians 15:44

3. This difference is seen in Christ's own ministry, particularly in His death, where we see His Spirit, Soul, and Body divided.

Luke 23:46

Luke 23:50-53

Isaiah 53:10,11

Psalm 88:3-7

Psalm 16:10

**Acts 2:27,31**

**Leviticus 16:5, 7-10**

**THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF DIVIDING THE SPIRIT AND SOUL**

The practical application of the dividing of the Spirit, Soul and Body is seen in giving understanding to the Word of God, which then, makes it possible for us to rightly divide the Word of Truth, as the Apostle Paul instructs us to do in 2 Timothy 2:15.

**"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH."**

**Rightly divide 2 Corinthians 1:10 according to the Spirit, Soul and Body Truths.**

**2 Corinthians 1:10a**

**Titus 3:5-7**

**Proverbs 20:27**

**2 Corinthians 1:10b**

**James 1:21**

**2 Corinthians 1:10c**

**1 Corinthians 15:52**

**Job 19:25-27**

**Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that past tense deliverance/salvation is in reference to the Spirit, present tense deliverance/salvation is in reference to the soul, and that future tense deliverance/salvation is in reference to the Body. (In lessons 21-23 we will discuss this in more detail.)**

**Apply the above true to the following passages.**

**1 John 4:17**

**1 John 3:3**

**1 John 3:2**

**1 John 3:9**

**1 John 1:8-10**

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

**Philippians 2:12**

**Colossians 2:10**

**Matthew 5:48**

**1 Corinthians 5:1-5**

**James 5:19-20**

**Hebrews 10:14**

**2 Corinthians 3:17-18**

**1 Corinthians 3:10-15**

**Matthew 11:28-30**

**Conclusions:** We would note from the above Scriptures that rightly dividing/applying seemingly conflicting Scriptures between the SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY:

(1) Gives understanding and assurance to the Child of God that his salvation in Jesus Christ is eternally secure.

1 John 5:11-13, And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; *and* he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

(2) Understanding with its by-product of "full assurance", as we see the overall picture revealed in these Spirit, Soul And Body Truths, makes us understanding of one another. The legalistic believer will lose, not his convictions but his condemnation when grace gives him a gracious attitude toward the weak one in faith. Nor will Satan keep him under condemnation, although He still will be subject to the Spirit's conviction.

Colossians 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ.

(3) Understanding in the Word is like roots that will tide you thru the storm and cause you to grow, maybe for the first time in your life, instead of being always a babe,

..tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.'  
(Ephesians 4:14).