

# *Dedication*

This book is dedicated to my wife Glenda. Without her inspiration and encouragement it would have been impossible to finish.

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# Spirit Soul & Body

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# Chapter One

## “INTRODUCTION”

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*But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you. [Romans 8:11]*

The epistle of James promises the believer, *“the prayer of faith shall save the sick”*. The Apostle John wrote, *“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” [3John 1:2]* Apostle Peter declared, *“By His stripes we were healed”* (See 1Peter 2:24). God’s Word is filled with many such great promises! However, it is an undisputed fact that many Christians are sick and die from horrible diseases every day while the same power that raised Jesus from the dead lies dormant within them. Many believers also live unfulfilled lives struggling with poverty, depression, anger, and bitterness, all the while possessing God’s power, love, joy, and peace in their spirits.

It’s true, but why? I believe it is because they really don’t understand what changed when they were born again. Therefore, they have difficulty receiving the promises of God. In this book, you will find that every born again Christian has experienced a complete transformation. *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*

*And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ" (2 Cor. 5:17-18).*

Notice, the scripture doesn't say that all things are becoming new. It says all things are become new. Obviously this happens the moment you are born again. To fully understand what really happens when a person is truly born again, you must first understand how God created you.

We shall find conclusively that God's Word clearly teaches that man is a three-part being, consisting of spirit, soul, and body.

Many Christians including myself have mistakenly thought that the spirit and soul were the same. However, First Thessalonians 5:23 makes it very clear they are not: *"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ".*

Most definitions of the word "soul" is: the mind, will, emotions, conscience. This could be summed up as your "personality."

Your body and your soul both have feelings. If I placed my hand on your body, you would feel my touch. Your soul can also feel. For instance, I can make you feel sad or happy depending solely on what I spoke to you! Words are processed by your mind, and expressed in your emotions.

It's easy to know how your body feels. It is also easy to know what's going on in your mind, and what emotions you are experiencing. However, your spirit is much different. It cannot be accessed in any natural way.

According to Jesus, there is no direct connection between the spirit and flesh. Spirit is spirit and flesh is flesh. *"That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."* [John 3:6]

If we understand this to be true and that there is no connection between the spirit and the flesh, we have uncovered one of the greatest problems of a born again Christian.

Truth cannot be discerned through your natural senses. This is why many are confused by the scriptures. When the Bible says you're a brand-new creature that can do the same miraculous works that Jesus did; most Christians simply cannot perceive this because they reason it with their natural minds. Flesh (the carnal mind) is actually an enemy to God! (Romans 8:7)

Your natural reasoning of God's Word will cause you to throw up your hands in frustration and conclude, *"It must not be true."* Understanding you are a triune being consisting of spirit, soul and body unlocks the spirit realm so you can experience who you are, and what you have in Christ.

The only way to understand spiritual truth is through the Bible. Simply read God's Word and believe it!

God's Word is your only source for spiritual reality. If you want to know what your spirit is like, you must find out from the Word of God, not from your own perception. God's Word is spirit and life! God's Word is like a mirror. It reflects who you are in the spirit or innermost part.

Many Christians that are actually born again have serious doubts they are saved because they still have many of the same thoughts and emotions as they did before they were saved. They don't understand that the change took place in their spirits, not in their souls (minds). Their bodies and souls were both impacted by what happens at salvation, but the complete change took place in their spirits.

*"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." [Romans 12:2]*

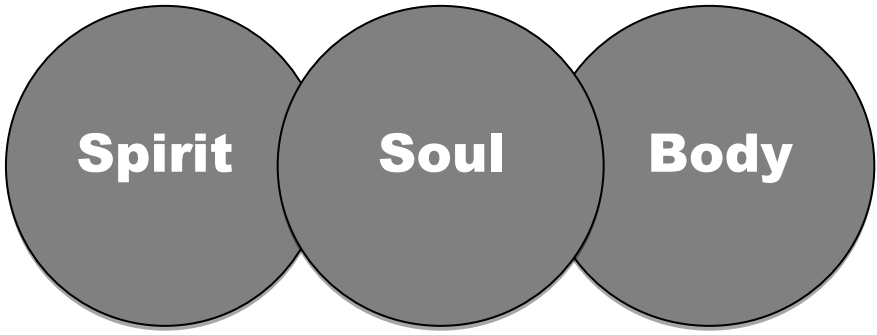
Paul is writing to the Roman church that is already born again. Notice, there is something they would have to do in order for them to be transformed. Their minds (souls) had to be renewed! In your soul, old things have not passed away, and all things haven't yet become new.

Your life as a Christian should be a process of renewing your mind and learning to release what God has already given you.

This book is written and made available to help the reader understand what actually transpires when one is truly born again.

A performance-based relationship with God is not the answer in receiving the promises of God: "If I'm good enough, if I read the Bible enough, if I pay my tithe," and on and on it goes in an attempt to motivate God to give you what you need. This is a misunderstanding that somehow you have to make yourself worthy enough to receive from God.

Jesus paid the price for everything you will ever need. Understanding spirit, soul, and body is the key that opens the treasure chest of God's grace. It is the foundation to understanding the scriptures.



**The connection between  
the Body and the Spirit is the Soul**

# Chapter Two

## “EVALUATING THE NEW YOU”

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*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."  
[2Corinthians 5:17]*

I was raised in a Christian home. My father was a part time minister. My grandfather was a full time minister and pastored a small church in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

As far back as I can remember, I had always felt a drawing to the Lord, but never fully committed my life to Him at a young age. I was like a lot of people today, I knew about Jesus, but I didn't know Him. I wasn't saved.

For many years my life was filled with sin and ungodliness. I was disgusted with my lifestyle and tormented because of sin. For several years I was under a heavy conviction. When Billy Graham' crusades was televised, I would go out of the room before he gave his famous call to come forward.

Late one night in the early spring of 1972 while driving on Interstate 285 in Atlanta Georgia I stopped my car. I was so troubled with my life. It seemed, I just couldn't take it anymore. I got out and prayed a simple prayer, "Lord, please forgive me of my sins and help me to serve you." That was it!

I didn't hear any voices. I didn't physically feel anything. But something did happen that night! Although some Christians would disagree with me; I believe I was born again that very night.

The next morning there was something about me that was different. I actually felt different. There was a definite feeling of peace within me that I would not have been able to explain had I been asked. As the day progressed I realized I hadn't used any profanity. I didn't remember trying to stop cursing, I just didn't do it.

I bought a small New Testament. I thought, "I might start reading the Bible". Before I knew it, I had read it all the way through! Something had hold of me!

I had not attended any church except for a small home prayer meeting where I had told everyone I wanted to live for God. I didn't dress any different, and in my opinion, I didn't look any different. A couple weeks after my I-285 experience with the Lord, I stopped by a store I was responsible for in my job. As I went about my duties in the store, the store manager came up to me and said, "There's something different about you"! I didn't know what to say.

He looked at me again in a funny kind of way and said, "I know what it is, you got saved didn't you!"

Well, this blew me away! How did he know what had happened to me? I discovered the store manager was also a pastor. He had discerned a change within me that was not evident outwardly.



I was elated! I left that store praising God. There was no doubt in my mind that I had had a genuine experience with the Lord on I-285. I was saved! I was born again!

My testimony may not be much different from millions of others that have given their lives to Christ.

Those of you that have experienced the sheer joy of true salvation can identify with my testimony. Supernatural things had caused a great change in your lives.

Although you knew something supernatural had changed your life and believed you were born again; you also realized there were other areas that seemingly hadn't changed.

As you began your study in God's Word, you realized the scriptures taught that if you were in Christ, you were a new creature; old things were supposed to have passed away, and all things were supposed to have become new. *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."* [2Corinthians 5:17]

I believe many reading this have wrestled with this and other scriptures that indicate we are totally changed when we are born again.

You knew something happened to you, but, maybe you weren't really born again? Although the scripture plainly stated that if you are in Christ, you are a new creature, old things are gone, and all things are become new.

Could you truthfully testify that all things in your life had become new?

Although you were born again (a new creature); you may have continued to have financial problems. Everything in your personal relationships may have become better, but it was by no means completely changed. There were still problems. Your thoughts still wondered into areas that they shouldn't. Your eyes looked at things they shouldn't. You still had those moles and wrinkles! And there were those nagging doubts that continually plagued your mind: "Did I really have an experience with God? Was I really saved?"

On top of this, perhaps you found this scripture: *"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."* [1John 3:9]

What the Apostle John said is very clear to any reader; if we were born of God, we didn't commit sin, because we cannot sin. "Cannot sin!?"

If there was ever a conflict with ones mindset and the Word of God, this statement of John's was it!

If this was true, why was every Christian you knew having such a battle overcoming the flesh and sin? Was anyone really "born of God"? As a young Christian, I just couldn't understand it, and maybe you couldn't either!

At the time I didn't have a revelation of body, soul and spirit. I didn't know how to reconcile what the Word of God said in relation to what was happening in my life.

As I said before, something did happen to me that night in Atlanta. There was no doubt in my mind about that. But what really happened?

The Word of God had made it very clear to me; if I wasn't born again, I wasn't saved. Jesus said, ". . . *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. [John 3:3]* And again in verse 5, ". . . *Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.*"

At this point I would like to share some personal experiences with the Lord after I had my I-285 experience in Atlanta. Remember now, I was just a babe in Christ with little understanding of the scriptures, but hungry for more of God.

Although I had been raised in church and had attended Pentecostal meetings, I was really turned off by people that spoke in tongues. I cannot tell you why, but I just didn't believe it was real.

However, as I searched the scriptures I began to become very hungry for an experience with God like I read about in the Book of Acts. A hunger for the baptism of the Holy Ghost was birthed in me. The scriptures proved to me that speaking in tongues was a direct result of being baptized in the Spirit.

Now I wanted what I had previously been turned off by! I wanted the baptism of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I thought, maybe this is when you are really born again? I knew something supernatural had happened to me but I wanted more of God. I was convinced by the Word of God that God's promise of the Holy Spirit was for me. *"Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name*

*of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.” [Acts 2:38-39]*

After months of seeking the baptism in the Spirit, I was finally baptized in the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. I was so happy and thrilled for the experience was truly a supernatural one. I thought, now I am born again for sure.

The baptism of the Holy Ghost brought an instant power in my life that is hard to explain. It seemed I had more faith than ever. Healing and miracles became common in my life and the Word of God seemed to come alive to me. I could easily understand scriptures that made no sense to me before. There was a definite spiritual change that occurred after being baptized in the Spirit!

I sold my possessions and bought an old school bus which we lived in for some time. I became an extremist, a radical for Jesus! I'll tell you more about my initial experience in the Holy Spirit later.

Although I was now a bona fide radical for Jesus, there were some areas in my life that didn't change. I still struggled and fought the same old thing: my mind, *my flesh!* Does this sound familiar to you?

Think about your own experience. Maybe yours was like mine. You got saved. Your life had changed. But, you were still in a battle overcoming sin and the flesh. Then, you got filled with the Holy Spirit! You spoke in tongues. You prophesied. The power of God enabled you to heal the

sick and cast out devils. BUT, you were still plagued with "old things" and everything was not "new" in your life.

Please don't misunderstand me. I am not saying everyone's experience is the same as mine. I am simply giving you my honest testimony as best my memory will serve me as to what occurred in my early Christian experience with God. I am doing this in hopes my experiences, and the revelation I am attempting to communicate will help you in your walk with the Lord.

It had never been a question in my mind that God expects us not to commit sin. We are to live a holy life! And I was living a very holy life in my flesh! I had adopted the outward holiness lifestyle. Short haircut, long sleeves, clean shaven, no tobacco, no alcohol and no television. I would fast for weeks. I was committed to living without sin!

Although I knew I was living a holy life to the best of my ability, I was still struggling with scriptures such as: *"To know to do good and do it not, is sin"* (James 4:17). Did I do the right thing every time? Maybe I should have given more or done more for others. *"All unrighteousness is sin"* (1John 5:17). Did I know everything that would be considered unrighteous in God's eyes? *"Whatsoever is not of faith is sin"* (Romans 14:23). My faith had failed many times, although I really believed! Had I sinned? And on and on it would go. How in the world was I going to keep track of all these commandments? Was I, *"Abstaining from fleshly lusts which war against the soul"* (1Peter 2:11)? Was I, *"Abstaining from all appearance of evil"* (1Thessalonians 5:22). In addition to all these scriptural commandments, I was trying to line up with the outward holiness standards of the Pentecostals! I was struggling, was I really born again?

I encountered some ministers that were teaching that no one has ever been born again! They reasoned, everyone sins so they must not be born of God yet. They taught, we will be born again when Jesus returns, and we receive our glorified bodies. They actually taught that people could not cease from sin, and that everyone sinned every day.

This teaching did not set well with me. It may have sounded good, but it didn't make any sense when compared with the Word of God. Of course you couldn't sin if you had a glorified body! Although young in the Lord I knew the Bible was not instructing us how we should live AFTER the resurrection! They had no answers when confronted with all the other scriptures that allude to us living a sinless life such as:

*"Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. [Romans 6:6] 'Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. [Romans 6:12] 'For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid. [Romans 6:14-15] 'Awake to righteousness, and sin not; for some have not the knowledge of God: I speak this to your shame. [1Corinthians 15:34] 'My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. [1John 2:1]"*

And of course Jesus told two different individuals, "Go and sin no more" (St. John 5:14; 8:11).

It may be difficult for you to accept, but the by-product of a born again experience with God is a sinless life through our Lord Jesus Christ.

# Chapter Three

## “MUST WE BE BORN AGAIN?”

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Is being “Born Again” something you do when you decide to be a Christian and change your lifestyle? I know some believe this. Their born again experience stems from their commitment to Christ to change their lives as best they can. They make themselves new creatures through their own efforts of righteousness. It is something they do, not God.

Or, is being “Born Again” a supernatural event that only God can perform?

Millions of Christians have struggled with failures in their walk with God because they have not understood what it really meant to be born again.

Unraveling the mystery of being born again and living a sinless life is uncovered by understanding that man is a trifold being consisting of: spirit, soul and body.

We will soon see that mankind can and must be “born again” to inherit eternal life and that this born again experience is available to every person that truly believes the scriptures: *“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; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For*

*with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.” [Romans 10:8-10]*

Also the sin question that has plagued every believer will be answered by this revelation. We shall also clearly see that perfection can and will be attained when one understands the mystery of the revelation of the spirit, the soul and the body.

*“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” [1Thessalonians 5:23]*

Countless Bible scholars and students have struggled with this scripture. Some teach that the human spirit and soul are the same. I assumed this to be true and taught it for years. However, if they are the same, why did the Apostle Paul indicate in this scripture there was a difference?

I believe we shall find conclusively that there is indeed a difference in the spirit and soul.

As a matter of fact, I believe you must understand this revelation concerning spirit, soul and body for you to attain the fullness of what God has intended for you.

This revelation of Spirit, Soul and Body will help grow your relationship with God and will in fact revolutionize your life.

The writer of Hebrews challenges us to “Go on unto perfection”. *“Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the*



*foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment."* [Hebrews 6:1-2] This should be the goal of every Christian, but how is it possible?

This passage in Hebrews is very deep and complex to most Christians. We can in no way comprehend such an exhortation unless we understand the most basic revelation concerning who we are in Christ.

To answer these questions we shall begin at the beginning. *"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."* [Genesis 2:7]

We find three phases in the creation of the first man, Adam. First, God formed man out of the dust of the ground. Secondly, God breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. Thirdly, the man became a living soul. Thus in the creation of man we find body, spirit and soul.

Adam was a perfect reflection of God. He was created in God's image, after His likeness. He was perfect; body, soul and spirit. And, He was one with God!

I am sure you know the story of the fall of Adam and Eve. God had given them one commandment. *"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."* [Genesis 2:17]

We do not know how long Adam and Eve enjoyed the wonderful Garden of Eden which God had created for them. We do know the serpent deceived Eve into partaking of the

forbidden fruit. God had said, "*the day you eat of it, thou shalt surely die.*" Satan added one word and said, "*Ye shall not surely die*" (Genesis 3:4).

Eve ate of the forbidden fruit and gave it to Adam, and he also ate.

Can you imagine what happened to them? Suddenly, they realized they were naked, and they hid themselves from God!

But, as most humans understand death, THEY WERE NOT DEAD! All their five senses were still in working order: hearing, seeing, smelling, tasting, and touching. It is possible that the reason Adam ate the forbidden fruit was because Eve had eaten it, and he saw that she didn't die. Remember, Paul said the woman was deceived, but the man was not deceived (1Timothy 2:14).

They might have thought, "The serpent told the truth, we're not dead"! Had God lied? Of course not!

What did happen? Believe me, they both died that day if not the very second they ate the forbidden fruit.

Remember, God breathed into the nostrils of Adam the breath of life and he became a living soul (Genesis 2:7). The breath of God is the Holy Spirit! When they sinned, the Holy Spirit left their human spirits and their spirits became corrupted and dormant. They were spiritually dead, disconnected from the life of God! Death is to be separated from God!

It had to be that way! And this is fantastic scriptural evidence of mankind being a triune being: having a spirit, a

soul, and a body. The only part of them that could have possibly died is their spirit. Obviously their bodies were alive as their five senses were functioning. Their souls were also alive for they were able to converse and think. Their intellect (souls) was intact! I will define this later.

The New Testament is plain about this. *"For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. [1Corinthians 15:21-22]*

In Adam all died! Because of Adam's transgression death reigned over mankind (Romans 5:14;17;21).

Mankind breathes, thinks, reasons, eats, and sleeps; but they are all walking dead men! One-third of man is dead; and that is their spirit!

This is why Jesus came! To reconcile and redeem us back to God. *"For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous". [Romans 5:19]* He redeemed what Adam had lost and that was the very life of God! (Also see, Galatians 3:13; 1Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 5:9).

One of the most intriguing passages of scripture is found in the Gospel of John: *"And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost." [St. John 20:22]*

This was BEFORE Pentecost! Why did Jesus do this? I believe He was restoring the Life of God symbolically! In the beginning He had breathed life into the nostrils of the first man Adam. Now He was breathing the same breath of life on His disciples which is the Holy Spirit. The disciples

had already believed on Christ (John 3:16; 2:11; Eph. 1:13). They were born again, and now prepared for the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

Jesus is a life giving spirit (1Corinthians 15:45) and the baptizer of the Holy Ghost (Matthew 3:11)! His breath was the breath of God! In Adam all died, but in Christ all are made alive.

Conversion of the whole man (spirit, soul, and body) is not instantaneous; however the spirit is changed instantly.

This is why every person must be born again. They are walking dead men! They are disconnected from God and have no life. It is impossible for them to enter the kingdom of God unless they are "Born Again".

The fall of Adam and Eve brought spiritual death to every person that would be born into the world. Thank God Jesus came and reconciled us to God.

Jesus made it possible for every person to be "Born Again"!



**The Spirit touches the Soul not the Body**

# Chapter Four

## “DISCOVERING THE NEW YOU”

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Many Christians stumble at how Jesus Christ could be both man and God. The concept of the Trinity and Oneness doctrines are each built on similar scriptures proving this as factual. However, each taking a different view as to Christ's identity in His pre-existence before His earthly birth.

Understanding the relationship of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit is a great mystery and in my view cannot be understood in human terms. Attempting to explain the unexplainable has divided many Christians throughout the ages. I will in no way add to that division.

However, I believe we can more fully understand this Divine relationship if we keep in mind that man is a triune being consisting of spirit, soul and body and that man was created in the image and likeness of God.

Let's review some facts about the birth and life of our Lord Jesus that some have perhaps never fully understood or simply overlooked.

*"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me." [Psalms 51:5]* The Word of God declares that all of mankind came into this world conceived in sin and shaped in iniquity!

That is all . . . *but One!* Consider our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is the most unique man ever born! Every person since Adam was born in sin and shaped in iniquity. I do not believe any Christian would argue the fact that our Lord was conceived of the Holy Ghost and His mother was a virgin. God was His Father! (See Matthew 1:18-20; Luke 1:35). Our Lord's spirit was pure, undefiled, complete and sealed from the moment of His conception and this is how Jesus was both man and God! *"Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed."* [St. John 6:27]

"God was in Christ" (2Corinthians 5:19). "The fullness of the Godhead dwelt bodily in Jesus Christ" (Colossians 2:9). This was something He did not have to attain unto. He was born with the fullness!

To better understand all this, let's compare some similar characteristics of Jesus and Adam. Adam was created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:27; 5:1-2). There should be no doubt. Adam's spirit was pure and undefiled. Adam was the son of God by creation. Jesus is the Son of God by birth!

Adam is called the "First man". Jesus is called the "Second man". As we have borne the image of the first, we shall also bear the image of the second! (See 1Corinthians 15:45-49).

The Bible declares that Jesus is the expressed image of God's person! Was not Adam also? Sure he was! *"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them."* [Genesis 1:27]

*"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." [Luke 2:52]* Understanding that man is spirit, soul and body is the only way we can understand how Jesus grew in wisdom and stature before man and God.

If Jesus was God, why did He have to grow in wisdom and stature? If He was God, why does the scripture say He was made perfect through sufferings and also states Jesus was tempted whereas God cannot be tempted?! (See Hebrews 5:9; 2:9-18; 4:15).

What grew? What was made perfect? What was tempted? Not His spirit! Remember, God the Father had sealed Him!

It had to be His soul: His mind, His will; often referred to as the flesh! I know many of you will not accept this but Christ had to undergo the same transformation of His mind that we must.

*"And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch. And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; take away this cup from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt. And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? couldest not thou watch one hour? Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak." [Mark 14:34-38]*

Please take careful note of our Lord's travail and prayer: "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful unto death."

'Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me. 'The spirit is ready, the flesh is weak! 'Not my will, but thine be done!' His anguish and warfare is clear! His turmoil is within! His flesh and soul is united against His spirit! His spirit was sealed and is united with God, and is against His soul. He is tormented! He is in agony! He is in great anguish as His soul (His will) struggles against the will of God.

After hours of great anguish, our Lord triumphs over His own will. His transformation is complete! Jesus won the warfare within Himself and became the Author of our salvation! *"And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." [Hebrews 5:9] "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." [Hebrews 12:2]* Our Lord did not want to die although He came into the world to die.

In much the same way you and I are in a war struggling against the law of our mind and the law of the Spirit. The war is between your soul and your "born again" spirit. *"I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members." [Romans 7:21-23]* Yes, you may truly be born again. But if you are truthful with yourself, you will acknowledge that you are still in a raging battle against what your mind desires (your will), and what your spirit desires.

Our Lord Jesus was born in the very image of God. *"For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily."*



[Colossians 2:9] *"Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God."* [Philippians 2:6] Surely you can see that the part of Jesus that was God was in His spirit, not His flesh.

Understanding man is a triune being answers the theological question concerning the Godhead! *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* [St. John 1:1] When Christ was born, the Word was made flesh (St. John 1:14)! Jesus was born a triune being just as you and I are. Spirit, soul and body. However, His spirit was one with God and sealed at His conception. ". . . . For him hath God the Father sealed" (John 6:27). Our spirits are sealed and BECOME one with God when we are BORN AGAIN! *"Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts."* [2Corinthians 1:22]

Understand who you are in Christ! You and I are predestinated to be conformed to the image of the Son of God (Romans 8:29). How are we being conformed? By the renewing of our minds! *"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."* [Romans 12:2] You will be transformed when you renew your mind with the Word!

This revelation of spirit, soul and body is to jump start the renewing of your mind! Your mind must be changed else you will fail to achieve the blessed abundant life God has for you.

As long as you live your life as a poor helpless creature unable to stand against the devil and just holding on to a hope you will somehow be saved at the end of your

miserable life, you will never achieve what the Word of God clearly promises you. You are NOT living a "born again" abundant life!

If you have been born again, your spirit was changed, but your mind is the same unless it is transformed. God changed your spirit, but you must change your mind!

According to God's Word, you have, "love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance" (Galatians 5:22-23). These wonderful attributes are in your spirit. However, in your mind you are poor, depressed, confused and miserable. And the reason you are not experiencing the fruit of the spirit is because your mind (your soul) has not been transformed. You are still thinking like the world! You must renew your mind. *"For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he . . ."* [Proverbs 23:7].

Jesus said, *"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."* [John 7:38] A born again believer has rivers of living water within their inner most being. Those rivers of living water is the Holy Ghost that dwells in your spirit! *"That good thing which was committed unto thee keep by the Holy Ghost which dwelleth in us."* [2Timothy 1:14] You can open the floodgates of your spirit by changing the way you think!

If we would simply believe God's Word and what it has declared we already have from God, we would never be depressed, bewildered or defeated again! God has placed in our spirits everything we need to live a holy, godly, blessed, prosperous and victorious life. Yes He has! *"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that*

*hath called us to glory and virtue." [2Peter 1:3] All things?*  
Yes, all things! I sincerely hope and pray you understand what I am talking about.



# Chapter Five

## “THE DIVIDER”

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Jesus said, *"You must be born again"* (St. John 3:3). A new creation was taking place and it would soon come to all of mankind on the day of Pentecost. *"For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence."* [Acts 1:5]

Now, let's be honest. Everyone's experience with God may vary somewhat. However, we all have a common problem and I have addressed that problem as honestly as I know how. It is simple: the lives of most Christians do not fully reflect what the Word of God says they should.

We should not sin, but we confess we do. Further, the Word says we do not and cannot sin, but we can and do. The scriptures are clear that old things have passed away, but in reality, they have not; also that all things have become new, but in reality they have not.

Is the Word of God wrong, and if it is not, what is the answer? I am convinced without a shadow of doubt that the Word of God is absolutely true and without error or contradiction throughout all its pages!

There is a division that I want you to see and the Word of God is the divider. In this division is our answer: *"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 discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”*  
*[Hebrews 4:12]*

The Word of God is the divider! It divides the soul, spirit and body (joints and marrow). How does the Word do this?

Thus far our message has concluded that although people do have “born again” experiences with the Lord and although many are baptized in the Holy Ghost, they still encounter many of the same problems with sin as they did before ever having these experiences. All of which seemingly contradict the Word of God.

You must understand there is a division within you! Your spirit is separate from your soul. Remember, we detailed how Adam and Eve died. It was obvious; their bodies, nor their souls died. They still had their five senses, and they were still able to reason. Their spirits did experience death because the Spirit of God left them. Their spirits became dormant.

Therefore, their spirits would need to be brought back to life if they were to truly have life. They would need to be “born again”. This is what Jesus was explaining to Nicodemus!

When we repent of our sins, believe the Gospel and fully surrender our lives to Christ our spirits become born again.

Our spirit becomes brand new. Old things truly pass away. We are a new creation! *"Therefore if any man be in*

*Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” [2Corinthians 5:17]*

This new birth of our spirit has and will impact our souls and our bodies. But our soul has not been born again. And of course our bodies haven't experienced this change either.

Let's look at the three parts of you . . .

**YOUR SPIRIT:** Your spirit is the real you. This is what is known as the "inner man".

**YOUR SOUL:** Your soul is your mental, emotional part. It is your mind, your conscience, or basically your personality.

**YOUR BODY:** Your body is the physical part of you. Your five senses: see, hear, taste, touch and smell. When you talk to me, you see my body, but you are talking to my soul; my mind.

The word of God divides or makes a distinction between soul and spirit. Before being born again your spirit was corrupted and without the life of God; capable of stubbornness, bitterness, deceit, pride, and so forth. When you are born again, you now have a new spirit from the Lord.

Your born again spirit desires what is right and is in harmony with God's will. However the thoughts, will, and emotions of your soul tend to struggle against God's will which is His Word. Your spirit can be trusted while the soul should always be questioned.

*"The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly."* [Proverbs 20:27] The human spirit is the candle or lamp of the LORD! Your spirit is the real you. When it is made alive in Christ, it exposes the sin in your soul. It shines light on your innermost being. The contrast between your soul and your spirit becomes more obvious to you. As you give yourself over to the change that has occurred in you, you find it easier and easier to live according to the Word of God. As your soul submits to the mind of the spirit you experience self-control and a sound mind. This may have never occurred to you, but this is what is happening in a truly born again person.

Your soul (your mental, emotional part) must become one with your born again spirit. When your soul becomes one with your spirit, your body is brought under subjection as it cannot function without your soul and spirit. As long as your soul is out of sync with your spirit, you will always have trouble with your flesh.

When you are born again your spirit is restored and changed into the image of God. Your soul is also impacted when this occurs, but it is not born again.

This born again experience joins your spirit with the Lord's Spirit and you become one with God. The Holy Ghost takes up residence in your spirit! *"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."* [1Corinthians 6:17] This is an act of God, not man!

Think about it! You are not becoming one with God through some religious process or righteous exertion on your part. You are already one spirit with God! Not only are you

one with God, you have been sealed. Sealed until the day of redemption!

I want to emphasize this as strongly as I know how. As hard as it is for your carnal, mind to believe; when you were born again, you were sealed the very second of that experience. Being sealed is not something you attain unto, it is something that God has already done for you.

Does this sound too good to be true to you? Please understand, this is not my word, but Gods! *"Now he which stablisheth us with you in Christ, and hath anointed us, is God; Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts". [2Corinthians 1:21-22]*

The word sealed means to *stamp* (with a signet or private mark) for security or preservation; to seal up. Some of you are familiar with how food is canned. When the jar is sealed, it is sealed with paraffin. This makes it air tight and preserves the food in it. Nothing can get in, nothing can get out.

In this same way, God has sealed you. He has placed His *stamp* of approval on you. You are already sealed; preserved until the day of redemption. *"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption."* [Ephesians 4:30]

When did this sealing take place? Second Corinthians 1:22 says, *"Who hath also sealed us, and given the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts"*. Ephesians 4:30 says, *"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption"*. Both indicate this *sealing* is past tenses, not future. So, when does God seal you?



*"In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise." [Ephesians 1:13]* This scripture tells us when we were sealed, and Who sealed us! We were sealed by God after we believed.

I do not believe it is possible for God to live in an unholy, sinful environment! Therefore, I believe this is another reason God immediately seals you after you believe the gospel. The Holy Ghost seals Himself within your spirit, thus sealing in righteousness, and sealing out sin.

This may be hard for many of you to accept. But there is no other explanation. This is the only answer as to how a Holy God can live in you, and you commit sin at the same time!

Apostle Paul is very clear what happens when you defile your temple: *"Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are."* [1Corinthians 3:16-17]

What defiles a man? Jesus said, *"But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man."* [Matthew 15:18-20] Obviously a destructive lifestyle will lead to death!

# Chapter Six

## “RIGHTEOUS AND HOLY”

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*Know ye not that ye are the temple of God,  
and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?  
If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy;  
for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.  
[1Corinthians 3:16-17]*

There is little doubt that you have sinned or defiled your body since you were born again. We all have. Why didn't God destroy us?

Remember, Jesus said that sin comes out of the heart or from the mind and defiles us *“For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man: but to eat with unwashen hands defileth not a man.” [Matthew 15:19-20]* Apostle Paul's warning in First Corinthians chapter thirteen was to the soul, for the soul must conform to what God has already accomplished in the spirit. You are God's temple. But God's dwelling place is in your sealed spirit.

This is the only way God's perfect Spirit can live in an imperfect man.

Remember the scriptures we referred to that all Christians wrestle with? By now you should have a better

understanding as to how they apply to you as a Christian. At least I hope you have.

Let's look at a scripture that has confounded many: *"Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God."* [1John 3:9] Now, let's compare this verse with what John said just a few verses before, *"My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous."* [1John 2:1]

If we do not commit sin, and in fact cannot sin, why did John have to tell us not to sin, and if we did, we have an advocate? Contradicting? Confusing? Not when you understand the difference between your spirit and your soul.

I am going to be as bold as the Apostle John and will make it plain to anyone who reads this. We have concluded that God does live in a born again person. We have also concluded there is something in you that God has already sealed until the day of redemption. That something is your spirit. Since God has sealed your spirit, it cannot sin. Your spirit is the part of you that is born of God and cannot sin.

The Apostles dealt with sin throughout their epistles to the church. Sometimes as we have already seen some scriptures appear to be contradicting themselves.

However there are no contradictions! The spirit cannot sin for it is sealed (encased and protected) by the Holy Spirit that dwells in it.

But the soul can and will sin if not kept in check! The body (flesh) can do nothing of its own. It is operated by the

soul, *the mind*. The body will obey whatever the soul dictates to it! This is why Paul said, *"This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."* [Galatians 5:16] If you walk in the Spirit, you will not sin. If you walk in the flesh, or in your carnal mind, you will sin.

Consider this, *"And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."* [Ephesians 4:24] If you believe God's Word, you would have to believe your "new man" is already created in righteousness and holiness. This is the "New You"! Already righteous and holy! This may sound too good to be true, but it is true!

*"For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth."* [Romans 10:3-4] Hopefully you can see how foolish it is to conform to man's rules and standards trying to establish your own righteousness when God has already made you righteous!

It is a shame that many today still go about trying to establish something that God has already freely given them.

If you will let God's Word be true, this will all become crystal clear as we continue our teaching on spirit, soul and body.

Please keep in mind, the Word of God is revealing what has already happened to your "new man" which is also referred to as your "inner man".

*"That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man." [Ephesians 3:16]*

We find your inner man is made strong by God's Spirit that abides in your spirit. Your "new man" or "inner man" is your "born again" spirit. Ephesians 3:16 is plain: God's Spirit is in your "inner man".

I think the most difficult thing for born again Christians to believe is that God completed His work in them the instant they were born again. This is why the carnal mind is an enemy to God and will eventually lead to death.

*"For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 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." [Romans 8:6-9]* I love the way Paul emphasizes, "Ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you".

If I have God's Spirit in me, I am not in the flesh! The reason I have life and peace is because I have a spiritual mind! I know that I could live in the flesh. I could walk in the flesh. I could be carnally minded and abide in death, but I refuse to because I am born again!

I know you want to blame the devil for all your failures and falling short of God's righteousness, but the fact is your human reasoning is your greatest enemy.

Your human reasoning which is the carnal mind cannot believe that you are already righteous and holy. Your human reasoning screams, "That's impossible"!

Your carnal mind will always seek for any scripture to contend against any positive thing God has done for you. Let me give you an example.

The carnal Christian will say, "Everybody sins". In order to justify their belief, they will take verses of scripture out of context. Here are two in Romans chapter 10 that many use: "*As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one.*" [Verse 10]. "*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*" [Verse 23]. The carnal mind embraces these verses for they seemingly allow you to sin and feel justified in doing so. However, when one reads the entire chapter it is clear the Apostle Paul is describing the fallen nature of all mankind and alluding to the fact that everyone needs a Savior whether they are Jews or Gentiles. The carnal man erroneously believes he cannot live a life without sin. Sadly, this is what most Christians believe and this is a lie.

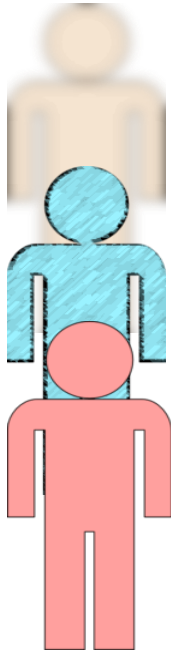
Thus far I have given you dozens of scriptures the carnal mind hates. Here are a few more: "*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*" [2Corinthians 5:21] Jesus became what we were, so we could become what He is, "The righteousness of God"!

*"Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous."* [1John 3:7] And again, "*If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness is born of him.*"

[1John 2:29] We know Jesus is righteous! And our "new man" is also righteous because of Him.

We shall soon see that Jesus sanctified us and dealt with all our sins (past, present and future) on one occasion. That one occasion was at the cross. He is not dealing with your sins anymore. You are forgiven! The Lamb of God has taken away your sins! Always remember and rejoice that it is only by His supreme blood sacrifice that enables the Holy Spirit to dwell in us.

Hopefully you are beginning to grasp this revelation of spirit, soul and body. Believe me; it will revolutionize your life!



SPIRIT

SOUL

BODY

# Chapter Seven

## “PERFECT FOREVER”

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For over twenty-five years I have preached that you can be perfect. Several years ago as I was teaching on this subject the Spirit spoke to me and said, “Begin walking in perfection”. I was really shaken by this. Although I had taught perfection for years, I had no clue how it could be done!

I knew my salvation was perfect. But I didn’t know how perfect until I understood the revelation of spirit, soul and body.

*“And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” [Hebrews 10:11-14]*

Our Lord Jesus gave Himself a sacrifice for sins one time forever! At that same time, He also perfected us forever. Jesus paid for all our sins: past, present and future. *“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” [Hebrews 10:10]* You were sanctified, through the offering of Jesus Christ once! The word *sanctified* means to set apart; to be made holy.



In the Old Testament sacrifices for sins were offered constantly! Over and over the blood of goats and bulls and calves were offered for the sins of the people. Hebrews chapter ten, verse eleven said the sacrifices the priests made never took away sins. But Christ by His own blood entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us (See Hebrews 9). He took our sins away! John the baptist testified, ". . . Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." [John 1:29] The Apostle John wrote, "And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin." [1John 3:5]

So-called healing evangelists love to quote Isaiah 53:5 and compare it to First Peter 2:24. The reason they compare these two scriptures is they want you to understand that Isaiah prophesied that you would be healed when Christ came. Peter pointed back to the cross and stated you were already healed by the stripes He suffered. Their emphasis is on physical healing, not spiritual healing.

*"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." [Isaiah 53:5]*

*"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." [1Peter 2:24]*

The teaching is you are already physically healed! If you have a sickness or disease all you must do is believe Jesus healed you by the stripes He suffered two thousand years ago. I believe many have believed this, reached out in faith, and were healed!

My question is, if you can believe your physical healing (past, present and future) was obtained one time by Christ's suffering, why cannot you believe all your sins (past present and future) were forgiven one time by the same sufferings? It is obvious when you look at both scriptures they are clearly speaking about your sins and transgressions: "*Wounded for our transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, bare our sins in his own body . . . .*"

Understanding the revelation of spirit, soul and body has given me the key to walking in perfection. Now I understand it! The Spirit simply commanded me to walk in the perfection that God had already freely given me the moment I was born again! Paul said, "*Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.*" You can't walk in something you don't have! You have to have the Spirit in order to walk in the Spirit.

Therefore, for me to walk in perfection, I would have to have perfection in me! I would have to be perfect! The Holy Spirit was prompting me to be *renewed in the spirit of my mind* (Ephesians 4:23).

For me to be transformed into a perfect man, my mind would have to be renewed. I would have to think differently than I had. I would have to acknowledge what God had already done for me.

*"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit."*  
[1Corinthians 6:17]

*"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?"* [Romans 6:1-2]

Now, my "going on unto perfection" took on a whole new meaning. I began to realize that one-third of my being is righteous and holy. One-third of me is complete and entire. One third of me is one spirit with the Lord! One third of me is dead to sin! One third of me is perfect! Two thirds of me will be perfect!

Paul wrote to men that were not striving for perfection, but were already perfect: *"Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought."* [1Corinthians 2:6]

The writer of Hebrews wrote, *"But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect."* [Hebrews 12:22-23] He is referring to the born again church of the Lord Jesus Christ! The spirits of these just men are perfect!

Look carefully at this powerful statement of the Apostle Peter. *"According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue."* [2Peter 1:3] God hath given (has already given) unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness!

Do you really believe Peter? Do you really believe God has already given you all things for you to succeed in your walk with Him?

Actually, this revelation of spirit, soul and body is already in you. I am just awakening the revelation that is already there!

# Chapter Eight

## “EVERY GOOD THING IS IN YOU”

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*That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus. [Philemon 1:6]*

Several years ago, after a long fast I was frustrated because I thought I had not received anything from the Lord. As I was meditating on this the Spirit spoke and said, “I have given you the fullness of the revelation of Jesus the Son of God.” I thought to myself, “I don’t know any more than I did! Or did I? What did this mean”?

As I thought about what the Spirit had said, several scriptures began to open to me. *“But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.” [1John 2:27]* The Word of God was letting me know that there was an anointing abiding in me, and it was teaching me all things!

I knew this scripture was talking about the Holy Ghost for Jesus had said, *“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.” [John 16:13]*

I realized many years ago that God lived in me, and that God possessed all wisdom, knowledge and revelation. However, it never impacted my mind as it does now.

But you know, I didn't THINK I had received anything during that time of fasting! Please understand, God speaks to our spirits, Spirit to spirit. He placed His revelation in my spirit, not in my natural mind.

I know that I know all things. Yes I do! I know that I can do all things through Christ that strengthens me. Yes I can! I can heal the sick. I can cast out devils. I can open blind eyes. I can open deaf ears. I can raise the dead. YES I CAN! I am a new creature in Christ. Yes I am. I am born again. Yes I am! I am forgiven, saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost throughout eternity. Yes I am! I know that I am perfect. Yes I am!

How can I say all those things? Because these are the things the Word has plainly said I am and can do.

Does your mind rebel in opposition to everything I have just said?

If we do not understand these principles of spirit, soul and body, we will never be able to fulfill His command to go into all the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The Spirit revealed by the Word that He had already given me the complete revelation of God. *"But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things."* [1John 2:20] You know all things. All things!

Where is this wisdom and knowledge? Apostle John said, it is in you. Surely you can grasp this!

You might ask, "Why do I have to believe this, if I already have it, I have it, right"?

You can be filled with the Holy Ghost and have all nine gifts of the Spirit, and they would be useless to you if you didn't know how to operate them. It is possible to have every good thing from God already in you and not benefit you!

Everything God imparts to you must be received by faith. Faith moves God, but faith will not work until certain spiritual laws are applied!

Look closely at this scripture. *"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."* [Philemon 1:6]

Your faith will only become effective when you acknowledge (accept) that every good thing is already in you! That statement my friend is power in simplicity!

Here is another very familiar scripture that lets us understand that God has already given us sufficient power to accomplish whatever we need. *"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."* [Ephesians 3:20]

This fantastic power that is able to do exceedingly abundantly above anything we can think or ask is not beyond the Milky Way, or way off in never, never land. No! This power is working in you, if you are born again!

I hope you can see this! *"Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world."* [1John 4:17]

Notice it says, as He is, not as He was! As He is, so are we in this world. As Jesus is, right now! As He is, so are we in the world.

What position does Christ presently have? He stated that all power in heaven and in the earth was given to Him! *"And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth."* [Matthew 28:18] *"Who is gone into heaven, and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him."* [1Peter 3:22] Christ in you is the hope of glory! If you would only believe!

Your carnal mind is preventing the blessings of God in your life! You must renew your mind! *"Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."* [2Corinthians 10:5]

I have His fullness in my spirit. I received it when I was born again. *"And of his fulness have all we received, and grace for grace."* [John 1:16]

My spirit is filled with God and now I am purifying my soul by acknowledging that God has given me every good thing that pertains to life and godliness. *"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure."* [1John 3:3]

My friend, the more you read, study and believe God's Word, the more your mind changes. Love cannot be reasoned by the carnal mind. Neither can faith be reasoned. Therefore, when one begins to believe the scripture rather than reasoning what the scripture says, the more one is changed from glory to glory.

A few years ago I received a vision from the Lord. At the time, I tried to understand the meaning of the vision, but came up with several interpretations. Now, I understand the vision.

I woke early that morning and had begun to pray. Suddenly a vision came before me. An open book appeared and words began to come out of the book. These words entered my mind and an audible voice said, "In times past man has earned his living by the sweat of his face, but the time is coming for a man to survive, he will have to think like God thinks." The vision ended.

Christians remain divided over what part of tribulation and persecution the church endures just prior to the second coming of Christ. However, there is little doubt the church will face a time of tremendous trials in the last days. It will be a time when ones faith will be tried as never before. Could this be what this vision was warning of?

I personally believe it was. I realize there are Christians who believe they will not suffer any part of the tribulation that is sure to come. Some seem to forget there are Christians suffering untold tribulations and persecutions in the world today. In Islam controlled countries many Christians are imprisoned for their faith in Jesus. For some of them, the penalty is death.



However, if Jesus is not to return for another five-hundred years, it would behoove every Christian to learn how to "Think like God thinks".

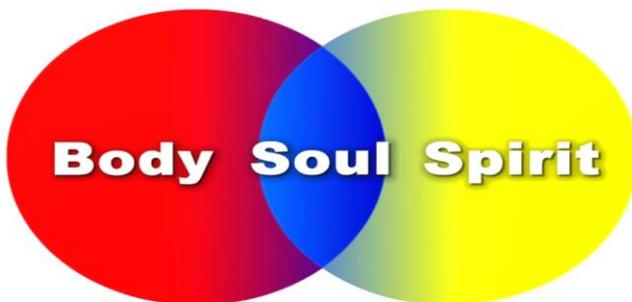
Paul said, *"For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ."* [1Corinthians 2:16] If we have the mind of Christ, shouldn't we know how to "Think like God thinks"?

The mind of God, His thoughts, His will is in your possession! You have it in your hand, and it is in your born again spirit! It is called the Word of God.

If you will allow it to enter your soul it will impact your whole being. This is something you must *let* or allow to happen. You will surely have to change (renew) your mind.

*Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God.* [Philippians 2:5-6]

In much the same way, Christians are in the form of Christ. *"For we are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones."* [Ephesians 5:30] (Also 1Cor. 12:27)



# Chapter Nine

## "RELEASING THE NEW YOU"

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*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.*

*[2Corinthians 10:4-5]*

You say, "OK I've got it! 'I understand it'! But how does it work? How do I release what's in my spirit to my soul? How can I cast down imaginations and bring my thoughts in alignment and agreement with what God has placed in my spirit? What are the mechanics?

It is difficult to answer a spiritual question with a carnal illustration, but I will try.

Thus far I have illustrated over and over what God has already invested in your born again spirit. Releasing the power, anointing and revelation that God has given you is something only you can do.

In order to be saved, you must believe the Gospel. To receive healing, you must believe in healing. To receive a miracle, you must believe in miracles. In order for you to live in complete agreement with the Word of God and walk in total victory you must renew your mind and be

transformed. If you have been born again God has done all He is going to do for you. Now, it is up to you!

If you believe what you have read thus far you have already begun transferring some of the glory that God has invested in you. You are now feeling more confidence in yourself as a Christian. Your faith has already increased. Yes it has!

The secret was revealed in our last chapter! The secret is acknowledging! *"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus."* [Philemon 1:6]

The definition of the word acknowledge is: recognition, to know; to have full discernment. If you have fully believed, discerned or recognized that God has placed every good thing in you, you are well on your way to a fulfilled blessed overcoming life. All the promises of God are becoming "Yes" to you!

Visualize your spirit as a deep well of God's resources. Jesus said, *"But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."* [John 4:14]

Jesus was speaking of the Holy Spirit! Notice, the water or Spirit that Jesus gives empowers you to never thirst again! This well of Spirit is without bottom and it springs upward into everlasting life.

This well of the Spirit is continually available to you. You don't have to bring it down from beyond the universe. No! You draw it out from your spirit!

In another place Jesus described the Holy Spirit as rivers of water. *"He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water."* [John 7:38]

Notice, Jesus said the Spirit would flow out of your belly, not your soul. The belly then implies a place other than your soul or mind. Jesus is referring to your spirit, the innermost part of your being.

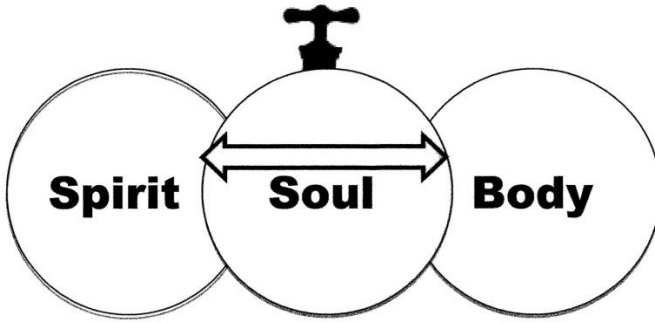
Within your spirit are rivers of Living Water. Not just a river, but rivers! The implication is more than enough!

As you read and believe God's Word you are opening the floodgates of your spirit into your soul. The flood gate is your carnal mind of unbelief. Renewing your mind and casting down imaginations through faith is the key that opens those flood gates!

Look at the illustration on the next page. Notice how the spirit touches only the soul, but the soul touches both the spirit and the body. Your soul acts as a go-between.

Imagine your soul (your mind) as an instrument that could release what God has placed in your spirit. You have rivers of living water in your spirit ready to be released and has already released much into your soul if you have believed this revelation.

Notice I have placed a little handle like a water faucet on top of the center circle which represents your soul or mind. The little handle represents your minds ability to turn on or off the flow of the Spirit into your soul and body.



Think of your soul (your mind) like the valve on a faucet. The valve on your kitchen or bath faucet controls the rate and volume of water you desire. In much the same way, your soul controls the rate and volume of the flow of the spirit into your body. When the valve of your soul is closed, you stop the flow of life giving power from reaching your physical body. You have shut out the same power that raised Jesus from the dead!

Have you ever read a scripture perhaps hundreds of times and never understood it? However, when reading the same scripture it suddenly jumped off the pages and shouted it's meaning at you! You just suddenly "got it"! You understood it! That experience is when your soul and spirit became one mind. Your soul embraced the truth that your spirit already knew. Now you know it! It is a revelation to you and no one has to explain it to you. You have experienced an "inner witness". *"The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God."* [Romans 8:16] . *"He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself . . ."* [1John 5:10].

As you open the valve of your soul, you will experience revelation, healing, deliverance, anointing, victory, power, joy, prosperity, and more.

The Word of God will become alive and more powerful than ever for you! The fruit of the Spirit will be ever increased in your daily walk with God. You will experience as never before: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. (Galatians 5:23).

How do you open this valve of the soul? What is the secret?

No secret at all my friends! It is hidden in simplicity within the pages of His Word! God has already provided you with the faith to believe His Word. Just simply use this faith to open the valve. Start believing what God has said He has already done for you. Believe God's Word! The valve will begin to open.

The more you believe, the more the valve opens. Flood your mind and body with the power that is already in your spirit. Open the valve and keep it open! As you renew your mind, a transformation begins. If your mind is renewed and in agreement with the Word, the valve is wide open. But if your mind is in agreement with what your body is feeling or your emotions are experiencing, the valve is either closed or in the process of closing.

Never forget! Faith come by the Word of God. "*So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*" [Romans 10:17] The level of faith one has is evidently attained by the amount of time one spends in the Word of God. It is impossible to believe the Word without knowing the Word! Sadly, the Bibles in most Christian homes are dust collectors and rarely used except on Sunday mornings.

Many desire prosperity and healing and they place their faith in miracle water, or holy oil rather than in God's Word. *"This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success."* [Joshua 1:8] There is your answer to a prosperous life with good success. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of daily reading and study of God's Word!

I personally do not believe you can have a relationship with God without spending time in His Word. Spending time in prayer and in His Word is spending time with Him.

Another way to release what is in your spirit is allowing the spirit to pray through you.

Earlier, I gave my testimony about being baptized in the Holy Spirit. That night the Holy Spirit took me over completely and I felt I was in a whirlwind. As a matter of fact I didn't realize it was me speaking in tongues at the beginning! But it was me, speaking in another language as the Spirit gave me the utterance. It was an awesome supernatural experience!

That was in the summer of 1972. Two years later, I had not spoken in tongues again and this troubled me. One day I was in the woods praying. As I prayed in earnest words of another language began to come into my mind. As I prayed I began to speak out loud those words. Suddenly, I just stopped and started asking God to forgive me. I thought this might be the devil or my flesh. I was really confused about this as this was different than what I had

experienced when I was initially baptized in the Holy Ghost. Back then, I had little control as the Spirit took me over completely.

Years passed before I understood what was happening back in the woods that day. Finally I understood that the Spirit wanted to pray through me. Yes, I quenched the Spirit that day, but now I have complete freedom to obey the Spirit of God that lives within me.

*"For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." [1Corinthians 14:14-15]*

When you pray in tongues, your spirit is praying! You may not even know what you should be praying for, but your spirit knows what you need for your spirit is one with the Holy Spirit. *"But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit." [1Corinthians 6:17]*

Paul said it this way: *"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." [1Corinthians 14:2]* When you speak in tongues, you are speaking to God. Wow!

Some people believe when they speak in tongues that it is the Holy Spirit speaking. This is not true! Paul said, when I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit is praying.

Also, I am reminded of what happened on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Ghost was first poured out. The Holy Spirit gave them the utterance, but they spoke in other



tongues. *"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."* [Acts 2:4]

When you speak in tongues during your prayer time, your spirit is in direct communication with God. You are speaking to God spirit to Spirit!

*"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. And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God."* [Romans 8:26-27]

This is powerful! The Holy Spirit prays for you! The Spirit is praying according to the will of God for you. This is a powerful revelation! We have all the help we need to enjoy a blessed, prosperous and healthy life while on this earth. Just knowing that God has given us the Spirit to empower us, lead us, guide us, show us things to come and actually pray for us should thrill every believer.

I believe some of you reading this book have experienced what I did. You may have been praying or worshipping God when it happened, but there it was, another tongue in your mind! As a matter of fact, I believe some of you that have been taught speaking in tongues is of the devil have experienced the very same thing. If that person is you, I want you to know the devil is a liar. That's the Holy Ghost in you! Open your mouth and bless the Lord. Let the Spirit pray through you!

Many have misrepresented Apostle Paul's teaching concerning speaking in tongues. Paul was certainly not against speaking in tongues for he said, *"I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than ye all."* [1Corinthians 14:18].

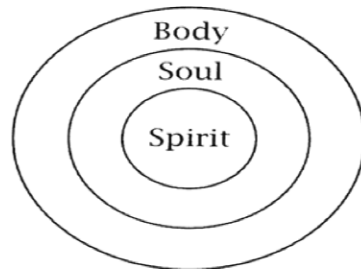
As a matter of fact, he wanted everyone to speak in tongues! *"I would that ye all spake in tongues . . ."* (See 1Corinthians 14:5)

Speaking in tongues is a great blessing and gift from God. According to God's Word, speaking in tongues should never be forbidden! *"Wherefore, brethren, covet to prophesy, and forbid not to speak with tongues."* [1Corinthians 14:39].

Of course speaking in tongues should never be forbidden as it is your prayer language.

Realizing you can enjoy heaven right here on the earth is a tremendous revelation, but the joy that is set before us after our departure from this life is overwhelming. God has truly given us all things!

This revelation of the relationship of the spirit, soul, and body has transformed my life and it will yours also. When I realized that God had already given me everything I needed and it's all contained in my spirit, it set me free. All I needed to do was release it. That simple understanding changed everything.



# Chapter Ten

## “SALVATION LOST OR FORFEITED?”

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*For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. [Hebrews 6:4-6*

Since you are born again with a completely new spirit and your born again spirit is sealed until the day of redemption, is it possible to lose your salvation?

There are many people that believe in a doctrine called, "once saved, always saved". The idea here is someone could go forward in a church service and repeat the sinner's prayer. The minister would then pronounce them saved and born again. This person never goes back to church, never prays, never reads God's Word, lives ungodly for forty years, dies and still goes to heaven. Once saved, always saved is a false doctrine. The lifestyle indicated is not the actions of a person with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

The seed of God's Word is sown into the heart of every born again person, and they will bear the fruits of their experience. *"But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it;*

*which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty." [Matthew 13:23]*

There are extremists who believe God predestinated some to be saved, and some to be lost. This teaching takes away free will and distorts the sovereignty of God. Some teach there is no such place as hell, and there is no punishment or penalty for sin after this life. Others teach the ultimate salvation of all mankind, suggesting that every person will eventually be saved whether they believed in Christ or not. One can certainly find all kinds of teaching!

The Truth is what we are seeking for. As far as the Word of God is concerned no one can be saved without faith in Jesus Christ. *"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." [John 14:6]* *"Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." [Acts 4:12]*

The question is concerning those already in Christ. Can a born again Christian lose their salvation?

Throughout this book we have addressed the issue of sin. Sin can and will be forgiven if one asks for forgiveness. This is a no-brainer! Please remember, Christ has already forgiven you! But can a person go so deep in sin that they cannot obtain forgiveness?

Our scripture in Hebrews chapter six is a classic example and suggests rather candidly that a person can become reprobate and forfeit their salvation.

In Hebrews we find eternal redemption and security, but when the sacrifice of Christ is voided, there isn't any

other. Jesus Christ is not going to suffer the shame and agony of the cross again. His one sacrifice was sufficient forever!

To fall away strongly suggests that a person would have to renounce their salvation. Personally, I cannot imagine a truly born again person rejecting their faith. It may be possible, but in my opinion would be very, very rare.

From what we have learned, the ability to sin is not only possible but probable in any born again person's life. Although our spirits are sealed and free from sin, our souls are subject to sin. Sin will blur your ability to perceive who you are in the spirit. If you continue long enough in sin Satan will get an advantage over you and will try to get you to renounce your faith in Christ.

I can remember years ago how the thought came to my mind that there is no God. This is after I was born again! This thought was very strong and I really had a battle casting it down. I did of course. I mention this because I want you to know your enemy will resort to anything to defeat you. Satan wanted me to accept his suggestion. If I had, I would have surrendered my salvation to him as I would have automatically renounced my faith!

Satan is the god of this world. If you allow him, he will blind you to the great salvation God has freely given to all through the Gospel of Christ. *"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."* [2Corinthians 4:4]

Another scripture that gives us more understanding on how one can be lost is found in Hebrews chapter ten:

*"For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" [Hebrews 10:26-29]*

Notice what one would have to do in order to be lost. The writer describes willful sin as when one troddens under foot (to trample down or reject) the Son of God; counts the blood of the covenant an unholy thing, and does despite to the Spirit of grace. This is all unimaginable for a born again Christian to commit.

Committing a sin doesn't cause you to lose your salvation. You are saved by grace, but you can throw away your salvation by rejecting God and renouncing your salvation. Salvation is not something you just misplace accidentally. You don't lose your salvation, you deliberately reject it! Losing something is far different than giving something away.

Please be careful! Sin can and will harden your heart and Satan can use it to blind you where you will renounce your faith in God. Once you do this, it's impossible for you to be renewed again to repentance.

In my opinion, God has made it extremely difficult for anyone to lose their salvation. The reason He has done this is because of His great love. He loves you more than you

could ever imagine. However, He will not make you love Him or believe in Him. You are a free moral agent with the God given ability to make your own decisions.

The warnings I have referred to in Hebrews is for mature Christians, not babes in Christ. As a baby in Christ I made a lot of stupid mistakes. I thought many times, "What's the use of trying to serve God." Many times I have walked in the flesh and obeyed it. Many times I have sinned and have come short of the glory of God. Yes, as a babe in Christ, we all make terrible mistakes and say things we shouldn't.

These warnings are not for those of you that have been frustrated and have backslid on God. No! You did those things ignorantly and God will graciously forgive you. However, after you are truly born again, baptized in the Holy Ghost, mature and enlightened in the knowledge of the Word, operated in the gifts of the Spirit and then openly reject the Son of God; you are accountable and the penalty is most severe as is clearly stated.

God has always given mankind a choice. Today, we still have a choice. We can live or we can die. *"I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."* [Deuteronomy 30:19]

Although I believe you must deliberately reject or forfeit your salvation to be lost, I must warn you that Satan can deceive you into renouncing your faith. You can believe a lie and be damned!

Salvation is only received and kept through faith in Christ and what He accomplished on the cross. You can make the sacrifice of Christ of none effect by turning to legalism and trusting in your own works of righteousness.

*I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. [Galatians 1:6-7]*

The Galatians were removed from Christ because they accepted a perverted gospel that demanded they keep the Old Testament laws and observe the various feasts and sabbaths.

*O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you? This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? [Galatians 3:1-3]*

They had begun in the Spirit. They had received the Spirit and had been born again, but they were trying to be perfect by the flesh. Don't be foolish my friend. Accept by faith what Jesus has already done for you! You cannot win or work for your salvation, it is the gift of God.

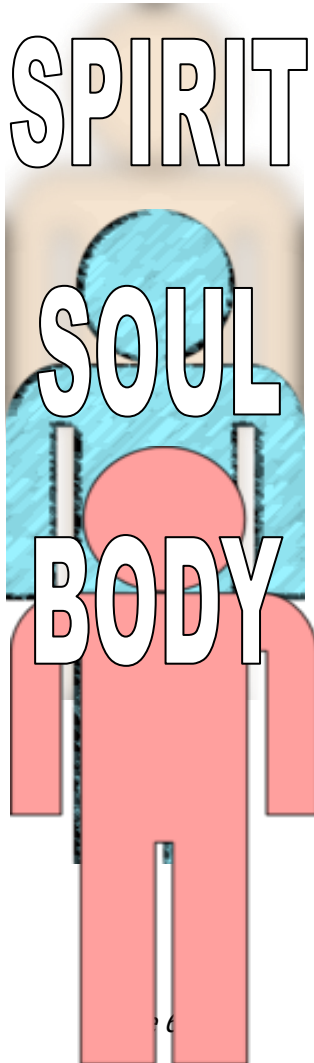
You cannot be born again, born again, born again. You cannot be saved, then lost, then saved again. You cannot go in and out of the body of Christ. You cannot be translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of God, translated back into the kingdom of darkness, and then back again into the kingdom of God. This doesn't make



sense spiritual or otherwise. Either you are saved and born again, or you are not!

I pray you will allow the Holy Spirit to open your understanding of this revelation of spirit, soul and body. It has revolutionized my life and I know it will yours.

Knowing that God has already given me everything I need to achieve the full potential He has promised me is the greatest revelation I have ever received from Him.



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