

DIVIDING THE HUMAN SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY

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Editor's Note

This summary study on God's triune creation called '*Man*' will bring you to a fuller understanding on the righteous dividing of the spirit, soul and body (**HE 4:12**). This understanding is necessary in order for you to fulfil the scriptures concerning God's intended growth, development and perfection of His Church (**HE 6:1; EP 4:15, 13; 3:19**).

It is the author's request that, as you read this foundational teaching, you keep a Bible close at hand, referring to the confirming scriptures included with each element of instruction. These scriptures have been included to validate and authenticate every point of doctrine. The author learned early on that whatever he believes to be '*Truth*' must be supported by God's Word (**2 CO 13:1b**). For you to assimilate this material *into your spirit*, you must be willing to look up and read each and every Biblical reference, asking the Spirit of God to come to you with His power of revelation workings (**EP 1:17-18**), whereby He may *impart* this teaching *to your spirit* (**JN 16:13; RO 1:11; 1 JN 2:27**). By doing this, you too will know and understand, *in the mind of your spirit*, these deep things of God that were heretofore hidden from most believers (**2 CO 2:9-10**).

Please keep in mind this is a summary or abbreviated version of the larger study entitled, '*The Human Spirit*.' Should you desire additional instruction on this topic, or are interested in other literature by the author, please visit www.viptraining.net.

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This summary study of God's triune creation called '*man*' will enable the reader to understand how to divide the human spirit, soul and body. This knowledge is absolutely necessary for any one desiring to attain to the position of '*Sonship-Brideship*.' It is God's plan for each believer to become an '*Overcomer*,' yet most do not understand what that is.

The Lord requires us to '*overcome*' our soulish ambitions and fleshly desires, growing up into Christ Jesus in all aspects. By doing this, the believer is transformed from a '*Teknon*' [Greek: "immature son; child"] into a '*Hwee-os*' [Greek: "mature son of full stature"]. This summary study is only the *beginning* of this instruction, and should be followed up by studies offered on:

- How to be Teachable, Correctable and Instructable, but not Gullible
- The Twelve Interactions of Faith
- The 1619 Prophecy
- The Distinguishing of Spirits
- The Human Spirit
- Sonship: Made Like Unto the Son of God
- Sonship: The Spirit of the Son of God I Created - The Soul of the Son of God I Formed

These studies may be available through www.viptraining.net, and are highly recommended, especially 'The Human Spirit,' for those who desire a more comprehensive explanation on this subject.

We are created in God's Image. We were created as *triune beings*, just as our Lord is a *triune* Lord. We are spirit, soul and body. God created our spirits *before the foundations of the world* (EP 1:4; RO 8:29a; PS 139:15-16; PR 8:22-31). Our souls were formed *after birth* (IS 49:5; 43:1). Our bodies were gestated in our mother's womb (LU 1:31).

Let us look closely, now, at these three entities that make up who we are. Each entity of our beings has certain *faculties*, which determine it's level of *awareness*. These faculties were designed to enable each entity of our beings to live and move in *harmony* with one other.

They are:

1. **THE SPIRIT:** Hebrew [roo'akh] - Greek [phoo'mah] '*God*' *consciousness*

It's Triune Faculties: Conscience, intuition, communion.

Spiritual Awareness: Ascertaining God's *yes* or *no* intuitively and consciously via the Holy Spirit gifts of the Word of Wisdom, Word of Knowledge and Distinguishing of Spirits, and Spirit-filled worship.

2. **THE SOUL:** Hebrew [neh' fesh] - Greek [psoo' kay] '*Self*' *consciousness*

It's Triune Faculties: Reason, emotion, volition.

Soul Awareness: Interpretation of human life by human wisdom and knowledge, through thoughts and feelings. The soul receives input from the heart. Within the soul there is functioning the subjective mind, which pertains to the natural life.

The *mind* is actually one of two central organs of the human triune being. The other is the *heart*. In order to better understand their relationships, we must take a look at both central organs:

THE MIND: Hebrew [labe'/lay-bawb'] - Greek [noos/kar-dee'ah]

It's Triune Faculties: Intellect, thoughts and memories.

Mind Awareness: The *subjective mind* [Hebrew: LABE' - Greek: NOOS] is a mind that *functions from the soul*, pertaining to the natural life (1 CO 2:14 amp). The *objective mind* [Hebrew: LAY-BAWB' - Greek: KAR-DEE'-AH] is the *mind of the Spirit* [the Mind of Christ] pertaining to the intuitive or Spirit life (1 CO 2:16).

The *subjective and objective minds* possess independent powers, functions and actions. Both are capable of simultaneous actions or activities, abiding together (JN 15:7).

THE HEART: Hebrew [labe'] - Greek [kar-dee'-ah]

It's Triune Faculties: Attitudes, motives, reactions.

Heart Awareness: The heart is actually the '*receiver*' organ of all spirit thought. It receives input from a variety of sources; God, all orders of holy angelic spirits, spirits of just men made perfect, all orders of demonic spirits and, of course, people in general (MT 12:25). Jeremiah said in Chapter 17:9, "*The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?*" From this, we have a clear picture that the heart fell with the human spirit and soul, at the fall of Adam. Now, the unregenerated human heart can not receive from God, but only from Satan, because it is dead towards God. This is why Paul admonishes us in Colossians 3:22 to have, "...*singleness of heart, fearing God.*" Paul is obviously telling us to receive input in our hearts from only one source, the Holy Spirit! "*Keep and guard your heart with all diligence, and above all that you guard, for out of it flow the springs of life.*" (PR 4:23 amp)

It is interesting to note that, in the Old Testament, the Hebrew word for *heart* and *mind* is the same - 'labe,' which means; "*the heart; also used (figuratively) very widely for the feelings, the will and even the intellect; likewise for the centre of anything.*" [Strong's #3820 (Hebrew)] Likewise, in the New Testament, the Greek word for *heart* and *mind* is 'kar-dee-'ah, which means; "*the heart, the thoughts or feelings (mind).*" [Strong's #2588 (Greek)] We have already established that the mind's triune faculties are intellect, thoughts and memories. Compare this to the heart's triune faculties of attitudes, motives and reactions, and one can see why these words are used interchangeably. In fact, the 'will' has its origins in both thought and feeling, therefore employing the same word for both origins does seem to apply. The Hebrew word for 'will' is 'reh-ooth,' which means; "*desire, pleasure; will - power of choosing one's own actions.*" The Greek word for 'will' is 'boo'-lom-ahee,' which means; "*to 'will'- to choose to be willing.*" From these definitions, it does seem as though thought and feeling work concurrently in the formation of the 'will'. It is important to understand that the heart and mind work interchangeably between both the soul and spirit. They [the heart and mind] are neither exclusive nor inclusive to either one (RO 10:4).

The most important aspect of these Hebrew and Greek words is this. The Old Testament believers were under the old covenant and their access to God was by way of the Law. In the New Testament, believers are now under a new covenant of Grace and Mercy because of Christ's provision on the Cross. Our access to God is by way of the Spirit of God. When you compare the definitions for 'will' in both the Hebrew [Old Testament] and the Greek [New Testament], it becomes apparent that the Hebrew definition is *self-oriented*, while the Greek definition is more *spirit serving oriented*. Could it be that the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in New Testament believers is responsible for the transformation of this word 'will'? (PH 2:13)

3. **THE BODY:** Hebrew [baw-sawr'] - Greek [sarx] '*Outside Sensual' consciousness, human nature with its frailties, physical or moral (RO 8:5-8 amp).*

It's Triune Faculties: Flesh, blood, bone.

Body Awareness: Physical execution, or response, from knowledge obtained intellectually, from the soul, or intuitively, from the spirit. Mainly, the execution of the heart and soul from the origins of the five outside senses, which is carnality. The body is an instrument of action used by both the soul-heart combination, or the spirit-heart combination. It's execution of intuitive rhema words from the Spirit of God is first transmitted to the heart, then outwardly to the conscious mind and finally executed by the body.

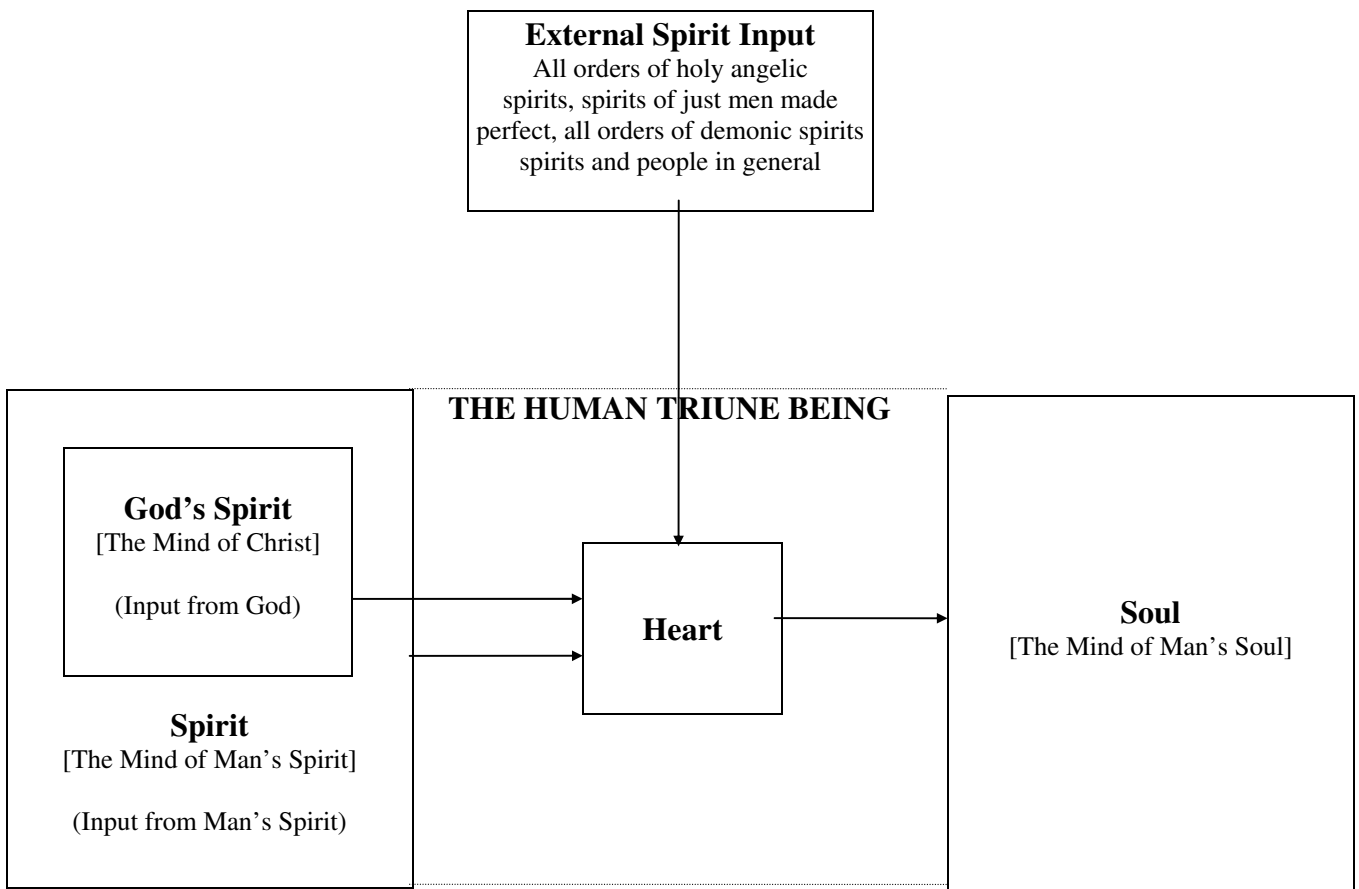
From this, we see that these three entities [spirit, soul and body] were designed to function in harmony with one another. The *spirit*, being the highest form of life, is to be the *head* of our beings and was designed by God to rule over our souls and bodies, which are lower. Yet, at the fall of Adam, this harmonious relationship was lost. Christ's provision of the Cross redeemed our fallen spirits by giving every person born upon the earth the opportunity to become regenerated, restored in their spirits - or '*born-again.*' Once born-again, each believer has the capacity to live this renewed harmonious relationship between the spirit, soul and body (GA 5:16-26). However, the

soul and body still need to be regenerated, and that is to “*work out your own salvation*” (PH 2:12) and the “*renewing of the mind.*” (RO 12:12) This enables us to gain “...*the prize of His high calling...*” (PH 3:14) which is found in Hebrews 2:10, “... *in bringing man sons to glory!*” These scriptures clearly instruct us that we *must work at* allowing our spirits to rule us, “...*bringing into captivity every thought* [with soul-mind origins] *to the obedience of Christ*” (2 CO 10:5; 7:1) - or, in other words, bringing our soul-mind and bodies into subjection to our spirit, which is occupied or filled with God’s Holy Spirit! (1 CO 9:27)

This, then, is the task handed to every person who decides to accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord. But, we are not without help! The Holy Spirit, the Comforter, abides in our spirits for this purpose; to bring the *Unity of the Spirit** within us and among us! (EP 4:3-6, esp. vs. 12, 15-16; AC 2:33, 38-39; RO 15:13; 1 CO 2:10-16; 6:19-20; EP 1:13; 4:22-32; TIT 3:5; HE 5:8-9; 6:4-6; 11:15-22; 1 PE 1:16; 2:11; JUDE 24-25).

(*For a more in-depth study on the unity of the Faith, see the study manual entitled, “Establishing Faith and Unity and Spirit.”)

The following diagram offers a graphic example of how the various entities of the human triune being function in relation to spirit influence:



THE THREE STAGES OF PERFECTION

There are three categories of existence active in mankind today. In order for us to “...grow up into Him in all things...” (EP 4:15; JN 14:12), we must come to the Lord, fully abandoning our spirits, souls and bodies, asking Him to complete the perfecting process in us. *Our work* is to yield to His work in us by *being obedient* to the Holy Spirit’s conviction and instruction (JN 14:26; 16:7-13). The three categories of existence are:

THE SPIRITUALLY DEAD

These are those who have never accepted Jesus Christ as their Saviour. They are spiritually dead since they have either rejected the Good News, or have never heard it. If they remain in that condition when their physical bodies die, they are lost, since their dead spirits were never renewed or regenerated by the ‘new birth’ experience [born-again]. When each of us descended, we took on the fallen Adamic nature, thus we ‘died’ in access to God. Unless we are born-again, our access to God has not been restored (JN 3:13; MT 18:11; LU 19:10; RO 11:22).

THE BORN-AGAIN, BUT SOUL UNRENEWED

These are spiritually re-born, but the Holy Spirit has not completed His work in renewing, regenerating or *spiritualising* their souls. Their souls are not yet totally subordinate to their spirits, thus they struggle with besetting sin, spiritual oppression and an array of other spiritual maladies, since they are still exposed to Satan’s influence by varying degrees. Ninety-nine-plus percent of all believers fall into this category. We are still in the process of *working out our salvation*, hence we vacillate back and forth between spirit-control of our triune beings and soul-control of our triune beings (GA 5:16-26). If the Holy Spirit is allowed [by us] to complete the *perfecting* process, we will arrive at the next category.

THE PERFECTED MAN

These are the perfect ones spoken of so often in scripture. They are depicted in the Old Testament as the ‘*Holy of Holies*’ believers, while all other Christians will fall into the ‘*Holy Place*’ or the ‘*Outer Court*’ believer categories. In the scriptures, they are referred to as:

His Bride (RE 19:7; 21:2, 9, 22); His Manchild (RE 12:5, 13); His Saviours standing on Mount Zion judging the Mount of Esau [depicting the flesh] (OBD 21); His Overcomers (RE 2:7, 11, 17, 26-27; 3:5, 12, 21; 21:7); His Remnant and Firstfruits (RO 9:25-27; RE 14:1; OBD 21); His Completed Sons of God (RO 8:19); those Who See Eye to Eye (IS 52:8 kj); and those Who Are One - Even as the Godhead are One! (JN 17:11, 21-23; JL 2:1-11)

Truly, these are His Brethren (RO 8:29-30; HE 2:10-11; 2 TH 2:13; RE 12:10) and will be the ones who will rule and reign with Him during the Millennial Age. These are those who gave everything to attain “*the prize off is High Calling,*” (PH 3:14) and will quite

possibly live *'life into life'* (1 CO 15:51-55) - never seeing the death of their mortal bodies! They are also referred to as *'Ee-sang-el-os'*[Greek] beings in the New Testament, possessing their glorified spirits, souls and bodies - *just like Jesus does today!* (1 JN 4:17d).

(*Ee-sang-el-os: For more understanding on this subject, see the study manual entitled *"The Study of Angels."*)

DIAGRAM OF THE HUMAN TRIUNE BEING

