

SERMON NOTES - The 3 Parts of Man #5

These notes are designed to be read along with the associated audio / video message

1Th 5:23 - "23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

God is perfect and cannot behold iniquity (Hab 1:13, Rev 21:27), but He has made a way to save and forgive frail human beings:

He has done this by saving our SPIRITS, entirely, while our souls are then being renewed over time. Our bodies will be renewed at the resurrection.

John 3:3-6 — Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." 5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit."

What is our "saved spirit" like?

- Brand new & seated in Heaven with Christ -
2Co 5:17 - "17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." (compare the description of heaven in Rev 21:1-5 - a "new creation" - "born again")
Eph 2:6 - "[He] raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,"
- "Sealed" and "Perfect Forever" -
Eph 4:30 NKJV - "30 And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." (see also Eph 1:13, 2Co 1:22)
Heb 10:14 NIV - "14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy."
- Righteous / Like God / Jesus -
2Co 5:21 - "21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."
Eph 4:24 - "24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."
1Jo 4:17 - "... as He is, so are we in this world."
1Co 6:17 - "17 But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him."
- Has The Mind of Christ -
1Co 2:16 - "16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ."
1Jo 2:20 NKJV - "20 But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things."
- Has His WILL, EMOTIONS, desires & POWER -
Phl 2:13 - "13 for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure."
Jer 31:33 NKJV - "33 "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."
Gal 5:17 NKJV - "17 For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish."
- Has His power in Prayer -
Eph 3:20 - "20 Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us,"
1Jo 5:14-15 NKJV - "14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

Rom 8:26-27 NKJV - "26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

Jde 1:20-21 NKJV - "20 But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, 21 keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

1Co 14:2, 4, 14 NKJV - "2 For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries. ... 4 He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church. ... 14 For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful."

Conclusion

Gal 5:16 NKJV - "16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh."

How?

- His WORD - Jhn 6:63 NKJV - "63 "It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life."
- WORSHIP - 2Co 3:17-18 NKJV - "17 Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."
- PRAYER - See above verses re prayer.
- REPENTANCE & BRINGING OUR THOUGHTS INTO OBEDIENCE - 2Co 10:3-5 NKJV - "3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,"

OTHER VERSES:

2Co 4:7 NKJV - "7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us."

Jhn 4:24 NKJV - "24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.""

1Co 15:50 NKJV - "50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption."

Eph 4:22-24 NKJV - "22 that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, 23 and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness."

Heb 10:39 NKJV - "39 But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul."

Jas 1:21 NKJV - "21 Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls."

Rom 12:2 NKJV - "2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

1Co 2:14-3:3 NKJV - "14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. 16 For "who has known the mind of the LORD that he may instruct Him?" But we have the mind of Christ." 3:1, 3 - "1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. ... 3 for

you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?"

Jhn 19:30 NKJV - "30 So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit."

Rom 6:1-2 NKJV - "1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? 2 Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?"

Small group discussion guidelines

Remember that the aim of the small group is to foster discussion and community, rather than for the leader or one individual to preach to everyone.

1 - Often an **Icebreaker question** is a great way to start discussion. You could ask a question like:

- What were the highs or lows of your week?
- What is your earliest memory?
- If you had to describe yourself as one animal, what would it be and why?
- What is your favourite type of holiday destination?

2 - Next, **read the passage**. You can ask various people in the group to help by each reading a portion of the passage.

3 - These are the **main questions** to ask to understand the passage:

- What is the main message of this talk / passage?
Allow discussion and even diverging from the main topic if it is helpful.
- What did you find particularly helpful or challenging?
- What did you not fully understand?
- What can we do PRACTICALLY in response to this teaching?

4 - Close by offering **prayer** for each person.

- Ask, "how can we pray for you / each other now?"
- Ask each person to pray or you, as leader, pray for each person's need

The blessing and opportunity in Small Groups is the possibility for...

- Each person to contribute and/or ask questions,
- People to pray for each other and to ask for prayer,
- People to learn to use and grow in their gifts,
- Community, friendship and intimacy in relationships.

God Bless you in this very important ministry.