

LIVING IN THE SPIRIT

After a saved person has consecrated himself, he should learn to live in the spirit and walk according to the spirit.

I. THE THREE PARTS OF MAN—SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY

“May your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” 1 Thessalonians 5:23

The above passage points out strongly that man has three distinct parts: spirit, soul, and body.

There are three different realms in the universe: physical, psychological, and spiritual. Because man has three distinct parts, he can contact the things in these three realms.

1. The body: This is our outer part, which has five senses. It is in this part that we have “world-consciousness.”

2. The soul: This is our self, which is the ego, the personality. It is between the body and the spirit, and includes our mind, emotion, and will. It is here that we have “self-consciousness.”

3. The spirit: This is the deepest part of our being, where we have “God-consciousness.” Here we can contact God.

II. THE HUMAN SPIRIT—THE KEY TO CONTACTING GOD

“But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and reality; for the Father seeks such to worship Him.” John 4:23

“In whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in spirit.” Ephesians 2:22

Today our spirit is the dwelling place of God. We must worship Him in this unique place, our spirit.

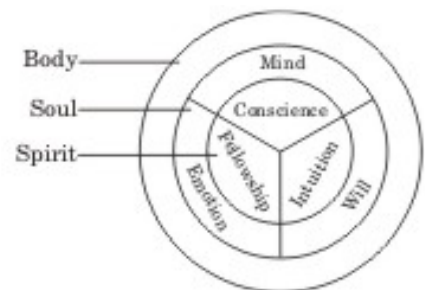
According to the teaching of the Bible, and based on the believers’ experience, there are three functions of the human spirit:

1. Conscience: This is the discerning faculty. It discerns right and wrong, and consequently condemns or justifies (Rom. 9:1).

2. Intuition: This is the faculty by which we have the direct sense of God and receive knowledge from God (1 Cor. 2:11).

3. Fellowship: This is the faculty by which we worship, contact, and communicate with God (1 Cor. 2:13).

These three parts work constantly together, and their functions are deeply related.

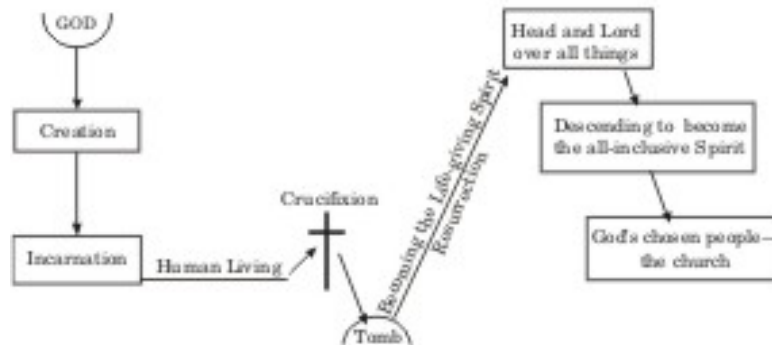


III. THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT—THE ALL-INCLUSIVE SPIRIT

“The last Adam [Christ] became a life-giving Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 15:45b

“And the Lord is the Spirit.” 2 Corinthians 3:17

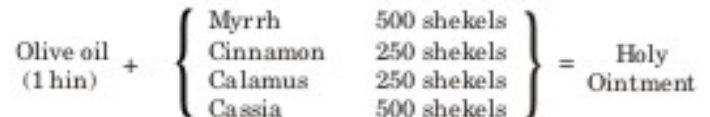
The Spirit is the coming of the Triune God to His chosen people. In order to accomplish this divine economy, Christ passed through four major steps: incarnation, human living, crucifixion, and resurrection.



Through such a process, the Spirit of God, who formerly possessed only divinity, is now compounded with the elements of Christ’s humanity, His human living, the effectiveness and fragrance of His death, and the power and effectiveness of His resurrection, to become an all-inclusive Spirit.

IV. THE HOLY OINTMENT—A TYPE OF THE ALL-INCLUSIVE SPIRIT

The holy ointment in Exodus 30:23-25, as a compound of pure olive oil and four kinds of spices, is a full type of the compound Spirit of God.



1. Myrrh: signifies the death of Christ.
2. Cinnamon: signifies the sweetness and effectiveness of Christ’s death.
3. Calamus: signifies the resurrection of Christ.
4. Cassia: signifies the power and effectiveness of Christ’s resurrection.

“But this He said concerning the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were about to receive; for the Spirit was not yet, because Jesus was not yet glorified.” John 7:39

This means that before the Lord was glorified, the compound Spirit was not yet in existence. It was after His resurrection that the compound Spirit was completed and entered into the believers to become one spirit with them.

“But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit.” 1 Corinthians 6:17

All I have in Adam

- 1 All I have in Adam is but sin and death,
I in Christ inherit life and righteousness;
When in flesh abiding, Adam I express,
But when in the spirit Christ is manifest.
- 2 When I am in Adam, though I may not sin,
Unto death, a sinner, sentenced I have been;
When in Christ I need not righteously to act,
I'm already righteous, justified in fact.
- 3 In the flesh I need no effort to express
Marks of Adam's nature and its sinfulness;
In the spirit I need not to strive or strain,
I can live as He is and in spirit reign.
- 4 Thru my death with Christ, from Adam I am free,
Thru my life with Christ, new life is given me!
Minding not the flesh, old Adam cannot move,
Minding just the spirit, life divine I prove.
- 5 Minding just the spirit is God's saving way,
Minding just the spirit, Christ we will display;
Minding just the spirit, we can overcome,
Minding just the spirit, we the race may run.
- 6 Minding just the spirit, we the cross will know,
And His resurrection pow'r thru us will flow;
Minding just the spirit, Christ will live thru me,
And His life within will reach maturity.
- 7 In the spirit Christ is life and all to me,
Strengthening and blessing all-inclusively;
Living in the spirit, holiness I prove,
And the triune God within my heart doth move.
- 5 We will all stir up this gift that's deep within
As the wonderful Spirit in us.
When we call "Lord Jesus" how our spirits spring
With this life-giving Spirit in us!

Our God Is Living

- 1 Our God is living—say, Hallelujah!
He's living in us—say, Hallelujah!
We taste His riches,
He is our portion.
Just say 'O Lord' to taste and see.
- 2 We come together—there's nothing
better—
For in the Spirit we are His family,
His living Body!

We just express Him.
Jesus is our reality.

- 3 In all the churches we're being filled now
For the saturation throughout the nation,
To spread our Jesus
To every city—
This land will see the living Christ.

Now the Triune God

- 1 Now the Triune God has come to dwell within
As the wonderful Spirit in us.
We are mingled with the Lord, we're one with Him
As the life-giving Spirit in us.

Oh, He's the wonderful Spirit in us,
He's the wonderful Spirit in us!
God is in the Son, the Son's the Spirit now—
He's the wonderful Spirit in us!

- 2 "Abba Father" is the cry from deep within
From the wonderful Spirit in us.
'Tis the Spirit of the Son who cries to Him
As the life-giving Spirit in us.
- 3 Jesus Christ the Lord is living now in us
As the wonderful Spirit within.
He has been transfigured, we enjoy Him thus,
As the life-giving Spirit within.
- 4 Now the Spirit of reality is here
As the wonderful Spirit within.
Now the things of Christ are all so real and clear
By the life-giving Spirit within.

Christ has put on...

- 1 Christ has put on human nature and become
a man like me,
He has died upon the cross that I from Adam
might be free,
He has risen and as Spirit He has come
to live in me
That He might be my life.

Chorus

Glory! glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! glory! Hallelujah!
For Christ is now my life!

Chorus

Vict'ry! vict'ry! Hallelujah!
Vict'ry! vict'ry! Hallelujah!
Vict'ry! vict'ry! Hallelujah!
For Christ is now my all!