

Living by His word



Before we can understand how the Holy Spirit works in us (in our soul) we need to look at how and why God communicated with man in the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. He spoke through types and shadows of the tabernacle, outstanding miracles of nature, through the fathers and the Prophets, angels, dreams, visions and gifts of the Spirit. But on the Day of Pentecost, something was added. **Hebrews 1:2** says; "has in these last days spoken to us "in a Son" (Greek translation) What's so special for our time period is we now have "Christ in us, the hope of His glory". (**Col 1: 27**) In the Old Testament, God communicated from the outside to reach the inside "inner man".

As a result of the Fall of Adam, man had no way of connecting to God spiritually until Christ came to Earth. God could only reach man's understanding on a physical plane. So overtime, man lost spiritual identity; cutting God off completely. Notice what it says in Gen 6:3. "My spirit shall not **strive** with man forever for he is indeed flesh". The specific word I would like you to take notice of is the word "strive". It means to rule, to govern, sway, judge, regulate. Notice, God still communicated not with Adam and Eve only, but to their children

also. Apparently after the road of time, God could no longer communicate on a spiritual plane, only from the physical. Why? Man became one with his flesh, losing his spiritual identity.

Before the fall in the Garden of Eden, Adam only knew God according to spiritual identity. That's why Paul said in **1 Cor 15:45** the first man Adam became a living soul. This means to live forever, he was never meant to die. His soul was spiritually in control of the mind of his senses. **Genesis 2:7** in the Hebrew says: "man became a speaking spirit". In **Gen 2:7** the phrase BREATHE OF LIFE in the Hebrew language actually means "spirit of lives or living one's". This referred to the life of the spirit and the life of the physical body/senses within his one soul. They worked together perfectly. The mind of his senses did not have any knowledge in it that would speak against God. This mind was there only to assist the mind of the spirit through the sense "gates".

After they took the fruit of the tree of knowledge, their sensual mind received knowledge from the fruit of that tree to separate the mind of the senses from the mind of the spirit. (**Genesis 3:6, 7**) **Satan's goal** was to join man's spirit to his flesh, thus separating man spiritually from God; making him one with his flesh. Read **Genesis 6:3, 12, 13**. This is where we see Mankind losing spiritual identity. This is called spiritual death. Man died spiritually over time, not instantly as we may have been taught. Man went out of

God, now man must come back into God. **The Lords goal** is now to separate man's spirit from his flesh so he can once again communicate with him through his spirit. **Romans 2:29** describe the circumcision of the heart, in the spirit; the cutting away from the flesh from that which is mans spirit. This is why Jesus said to Nicodemus "You must be born again." (**John 3:6,7**)

The reason this had to be done is to bring humanity back to the original position God held with mankind; to communicate with him spiritually. **2 COR 5:17** "new creation" means **original formation**. The first way God communicated with man was through his spirit, not the natural mind. The Bible is very clear we only have one soul but it is also clear that it houses two mind processes. Without the mind of the senses and the mind of the spirit, our soul is not complete to serve the body or spirit. (**Romans 8:5-8**) **Amos 3:3** says "Can two walk together unless they are agreed?" I encourage you to read the last several letters again since they all work off one another in understanding! We will continue next month on this subject.

Love,

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BASIC INFO

SERVICE TIMES

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Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM

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Men's Breakfast | Saturday, October 13th @ 8:30 AM in GRC

Women's Bible Study | Tuesday mornings @ 10 AM in GRC

Corporate Prayer | Tuesday, October 23rd @ 6:30 PM

\$5 - Family Harvest Gathering | In the GRC Saturday, October 20th @ 3-7 PM

Water Baptism | During Sunday Service, October 28th

SERVICE CANCELLED - Family Night | Wed., October 31st



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