

Living by His word



There is an outward man and an inward man. The inward man is the soul and spirit. The outward man or the physical body has a physical mind that contains the soul of the inward man. That's why when a person dies the physical body and physical mind dies, but his soul continues to abide with his spirit. Even

though we are a tri-part being, when we die we become two parts, "spirit & soul" which continues to live eternally. The soul abides in the spiritual realm (yet housed in the physical).

I can remember when I was real little watching a cartoon on television where this cat was trying to decide what to do with the Little Tweetie Bird he caught. Should I eat him or let him go. When all of a sudden a little red devil with a pitchfork appeared on his shoulder speaking into his ear saying, "Eat him". Then all of a sudden an angel with wings appeared on the other shoulder speaking into his other ear, "No, don't eat him!" Each trying to persuade the cat, over the other. I never forgot that illustration.

When I received the understanding of how the Spirit speaks to us, God used this illustration to help me understand. I receive input from both minds, speaking to me through the word of God. First of all being born again is referred to as

"circumcision" in the Bible. **Romans 2:25-29.** Circumcision means the cutting away of the flesh. It was an Old Testament symbol of what was to come in the New Testament. Notice **vs 29** "he is a Jew who is one inwardly, and circumcision is that of the heart in the spirit." The natural Jew did not understand the meaning of circumcision through the law. When the Holy Spirit enters into a man, He separates man's spirit from his outward man (by imparting spiritual identity in his soul) from his physical identity. (natural existence) He now has a revelation of spiritual identity (Spiritual mind) in his soul. "This is circumcision". Now that your spirit has made contact with the Holy Spirit, you're now back to the original position where we contact God through our spiritual mind, not the physical mind of the senses or intellect.

The problem we are faced with is our "outer man" holds the authority on planet earth until we die. The flesh controls everything in our life until we get a revelation that we must put it in a crucified state. Our "outer man" governs not only our natural life but also our spiritual position we have in Christ. The voice of our spirit comes through the word of God illuminated by the Holy Spirit.

Let's look at **Hebrews 3:7** "Today, if you will hear his voice", **vs 15** "Today, if you will hear his voice", and **chapter 4:7** "Today, if you will hear his voice". Old Testament or New Testament it was an important signal for them to hear His voice when they needed to. **Hebrews 4:12** the writer goes on to tell us we are able to

discriminate successfully between what is "spiritual" in man and what is merely "soul-ish or natural".

Heb 4:12 in the Greek is "For the Word of God is living and operative and Sharper beyond every **two-mouthed** (edged) sword and passing through as far as division of soul and of spirit, both of joints (plural) and of marrows (plural) and able to judge of thoughts and intentions of a heart". Now let's paraphrase the meaning of this verse according to the Greek. "For the word God speaks, is living supplying the power to penetrate between two voices by dividing the soul, natural mind and spirit. Both act as joints, one connects to the body and one connects to the spirit, and marrows (plural). One produces its life and the other produces its life so we are able to discern the thoughts and intentions of the person's heart. Also, **verse 13:** nothing escaped God's ability to see everything a person needs, therefore we must give accountability to His word." Glory to God His word supplies His voice, with the Holy Spirit's ability to rightly divide it.

Love,
Pastor Jann



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'All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look!

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Isaiah 7:14

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

Women's Bible Study | Tue. mornings 4th & 11th @ 10 AM in GRC

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PROGRAM | Sunday, December 16th

CANDELIGHT SERVICE | Wednesday, December 19th -
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