

## “Spirit Conscious”

1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:23

(ICB) “We pray that God himself, the God of peace, will make you pure, belonging only to him. We pray that your whole self--spirit, soul, and body--will be kept safe and be without wrong when our Lord Jesus Christ comes.”

(KJV) “And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and [I pray God] your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Because we live in the flesh, *a body designed to operate in this world*, most of our decisions are made, based on that flesh.

With God, it is different.

He is **SPIRIT**.

His decisions are not based on the flesh nor the limits of this world.

**Note our text:** God *starts* with the spirit, then *moves* to the soul, and *finally*, the body! With God, the body **IS DEAD LAST!**

He starts from the inside, the innermost part, **THE HEART OF OUR BEING**, and comes to the outside, **THE LEAST OF OUR BEING!**

Since we are **FLESH RULED**, we quote our text: **BODY, SOUL and SPIRIT!**

Satan has made us more **BODY CONSCIOUS** than **SPIRIT CONSCIOUS!**

Is it any wonder then, that we have such difficulty hearing the voice of God?

So, if we are going to be led by the Spirit of God, — *and we know that God leads us is by His Spirit* — then we **MUST** become more **SPIRIT CONSCIOUS** — or miss God completely!

It is **OUR RESPONSIBILITY** to change, not God’s.

He is already perfect!

Watch this:

**Proverbs 20:27** (NIV) “The lamp of the LORD searches the spirit of a man; it searches out his inmost being.”

**Romans 8:16** (NIV) “The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children.”

**Romans 8:14** (KJV) “For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.”

## **I. TO COMMUNICATE WITH GOD, WE MUST PUT SPIRIT FIRST!**

A. Preacher, I see that, but **HOW?** How do we put our spirit first?

1. We must realize we are **SPIRIT BEINGS!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17** (WEY) “So that if any one is in Christ, he is a new creature: the old state of things has passed away; a new state of things has come into existence.”

**Note:** Not *someday* at the Rapture, but now, **AT THE TIME OF SALVATION!**

2. God is Spirit — **AND HE IS OUR FATHER!**

3. The “*New creation*” therefore, **IS SPIRIT!**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 4:16** (NIV) “Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.”

B. Again, the “*New Creation*” is like God. While our flesh gets old and will eventually die, the “*new creation*” is renewed day by day!  
**WE NEVER GET OLDER SPIRITUALLY!**

1. Age has **NO DOMINION** over us!

C. It is the “*new creation*” that God leads, not our “*soul*” or our “*body*.”

1. A Father provides for **HIS** children! His children **ARE SPIRIT BEINGS!**

## **II. A SAVED PERSON IS A TRIUNE BEING!**

A. (Text) (Three in one)

1. Spirit
2. Soul
3. Body

B. With our **SPIRIT**, we fellowship with God. With our **FLESH**, we operate in the earth realm. With our **SOUL**, we make the decisions of life.

**John 6:63** (ICB) “**It is not the flesh that gives a person life. It is the spirit that gives life. The words I told you are spirit, and so they give life.**”

C. This is why we are to have **NO CONFIDENCE** in the flesh!

1. We cannot go by “*reason,*” or “*education.*” Satan **HAS ACCESS** to our flesh, therefore, in making decisions in life, we must **BYPASS** the flesh!

2. The Bible puts it like this:

**Proverbs 3:5-6** (KJV) “**Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. (6) In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.**”

**Philippians 3:3** (KJV) “**For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh.**”

D. Our problems stem from trying to read **A SPIRITUAL BOOK** from a **FLESHY VIEWPOINT**, and utter confusion is the result!

1. We get out our slide rules and calculators and if it doesn't compute, we say, “*It can't be done,*” when all the time the Word is saying, “*Through Christ, ALL THINGS are possible!*”

2. On one hand we have **THE SPIRIT**, and on the other hand we have **THE FLESH**.

**Our victory or defeat depends on which we follow!**

**Romans 8:13** (KJV) “**For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**”