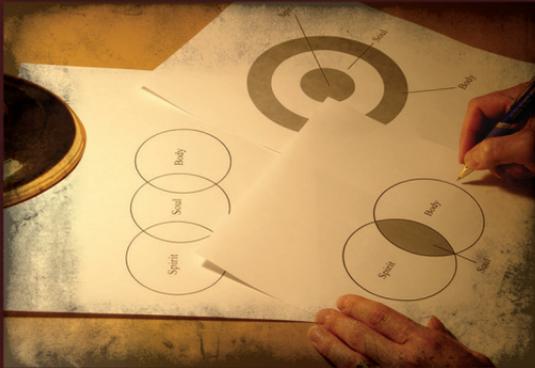


Introduction to

Spirit, Soul & Body



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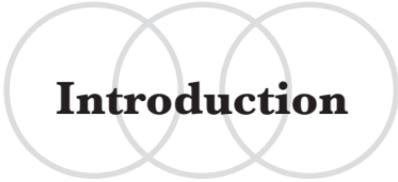
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Introduction

What really happened inside of you when you were born again? Most Christians aren't able to answer this question, and it's the main reason they experience so many problems: sickness, poverty, depression. But if you understand what you received in your spirit when you got saved, it takes the struggle out of the Christian life.

Once you know what you have, then the challenge becomes learning how to access what you have. That can only be done by understanding how your spirit works with your soul and your body. You may not have known that you are a three-part being, but that's exactly what it says in 1 Thessalonians 5:23—

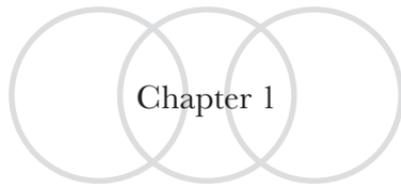
*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole **spirit and soul and body** be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Discovering what is true in my born-again spirit is the greatest revelation the Lord has ever given me. It's the foundation for almost everything the Lord has shown me since

and has eliminated the frustration and confusion I once had. I believe that apart from understanding this basic revelation, no one can ever truly thrive as a Christian. It is an absolute essential.

If you find your Christian life to be hard and lacking power, it's because you don't have this revelation of distinguishing your spirit from your soul and your body. They work together, but they are separate (Heb. 4:12). When you understand this, you'll see love, joy, peace (Gal. 5:22–23a), healing, and prosperity begin to manifest!

I tell you, today I'm just as excited about this understanding of spirit, soul, and body as when God first showed it to me many years ago. In fact, I've seen the Lord set more people free through this one teaching than almost anything else I've ever ministered. I believe that it can do the same for you.



Chapter 1

Three-part Beings

Even though God's Word teaches that we are three-part beings, very few Christians understand how their spirit, soul, and body work together. Many people believe that they just have a body and a soul. They confuse their soul and spirit as being the same thing. Therefore, on a day-to-day level, they only acknowledge a physical part and an emotional/mental inner part.

But 1 Thessalonians 5:23 clearly tells us we are three-part beings—

*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.*

Obviously, your body is the physical part of you that can be seen in a mirror. If you were talking to me face to face, you'd be seeing my body. However, you'd be speaking to my soul, which is my mental/emotional part.

Some people define *soul* as being your mind, will, and emotions. While that's certainly true, it's incomplete because your conscience should also be included. The soul is what most people call their *personality*.

Many people don't understand they have a spirit, but Jesus said that it's the spiritual inner man that is most important.

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:63

Prior to salvation, a lost person has a dead spirit (Eph. 2:1). It doesn't matter if they attain great wealth or influence in the flesh; their spirit is dead and separated from God. As Jesus said,

For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?

Mark 8:36

Upon salvation, a total change takes place—not in the flesh or soul, but in the spirit. Your body doesn't change when you get born again. If you were short before you got saved, you're going to be short after you're saved (unless you're young and still growing). If you were tall, you're going to be

tall. Your body doesn't change. However, your spirit becomes totally new.

Ephesians 1:11 says, *"In whom also you have obtained an inheritance ..."*

This is talking about your born-again spirit. So, in the spirit, you have obtained an inheritance. You aren't waiting for pie in the sky by and by, but it's steak on the plate while you wait. You—right now—have the power of God living on the inside of you.

A New Creature

When I discovered that it was my spirit that got born again, I was excited because I knew that God was real. I knew that God had power, and I knew that scripture says I'm a new creature.

If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

But I couldn't see it in my life. I couldn't see it in the mirror. That caused confusion because I wanted to see this transformation, but I was only looking in the mirror at my

physical body that was unchanged. When I looked at my mental/emotional part, I could see some changes, but I couldn't see what 2 Corinthians 5:17 was describing.

I got a revelation that there were three parts to me (1 Thess. 5:23). Not just the physical and mental/emotional parts that I see and feel. But there was a third part, the spirit. Then I put that together with what Jesus said,

God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:24

I began to see that God is not looking at my actions or my mental/emotional part. He's aware of those things but God is a Spirit and God relates to us Spirit to spirit.

This revelation transformed me, and it transformed my understanding of the Word of God. I began to realize that when the scripture says I have the same power in me that raised Jesus Christ from the dead (Eph. 1:18-19), I can't feel it in my physical body. I can't see it in my mental/emotional part. But in the spirit, I have the resurrection power of Jesus in me. This just opened up a brand-new world to me of understanding the Word of God.

I realized that it's not my body or my soul that got saved, but it's my spirit. And the only way I can contact my spirit is

through believing what God's Word says about me. This was the key that unlocked everything for me, and it can do the same for you.

A Perfect Reflection

If you want to see what your physical face looks like, you look in a physical mirror. You can't see your face directly. No one has ever seen their own face directly with their physical eyes. You see reflections or pictures of your face, but you have never looked directly at your face with your eyes. It can't be done. You look at the image or reflection and take appropriate action.

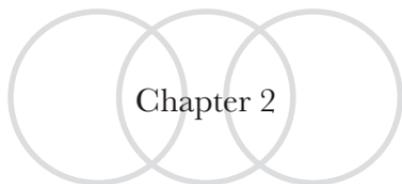
Likewise, you can't see your spiritual self, but you can look in the mirror of God's Word and see who you are in Christ. God's Word is spiritual and reveals your spiritual self (John 6:63). You need to become as sure of your spiritual image as you are of your physical image. After all, you can't directly see either one; you look at something else and take what you see by faith.

For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty

[God's Word— New Testament], and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

James 1:23-25

God's Word is a mirror that perfectly shows you who you are and what you have in your spirit!



Chapter 2

Release What You've Already Got

Your spirit totally changed at salvation. It underwent an instant and complete transformation. Your body and soul may have been impacted when you were born again, but it was not total or complete.

In order to see the change that took place in your spirit, it has to work its way into your soul and body. If you don't understand this process, you'll get into unbelief saying, "I thought I'd become a brand-new person and that Jesus was going to change everything." You might even doubt whether you were actually saved. At the very least, if you don't understand that it was your spirit that got saved, you'll not experience and enjoy all God has for you here in this life.

But the truth is, in your spirit, you have everything you'll ever need in the Christian life. Your born-again spirit is as perfect and complete as it'll ever be throughout all eternity. As I will explain, that makes all the difference.

The Pivot Point

After being born again, the rest of your Christian life consists of bringing your soul into alignment with what it sees in God's spiritual mirror—His Word. Then what's already in your spirit will be released into your soul and body. That's how you experience the benefits of your salvation!

When your spirit and soul agree, that's "two against one"—two parts of your being against one (your body). Since the majority always rules, your soul and body will experience the life, victory, and power that is in your spirit. On the other hand, when your soul agrees with your body, the supernatural flow of life from your spirit to the physical realm stops. You'll cut yourself off from experiencing God's life within you when your soul aligns with your five senses instead of what you perceive in the Word.

The Real You

Take a look at the functional diagrams I've included here. I call them "functional" because there's no inspiration or reality to the fact that I've depicted spirit, soul, and body as circles. These diagrams are just an effort to communicate with you the relationship between spirit, soul, and body by means of illustration.



Consider the first diagram above. The outer circle is your body. It's the part you can see and feel. Then you have an inner part that can't be seen but can be felt. That's your soul. Notice how your soul touches both your body and spirit. Your spirit is a second inner part. Although it's the center of who you are, it can't be seen or felt.

Most people function primarily out of their soulish realm, believing that what they think and feel is reality. They may think their soul is the core of who they are, but God's Word says differently.

Your born-again spirit is the real you!

For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

James 2:26

After God formed Adam, He breathed into him the breath of life (Gen. 2:7). The Hebrew word for *breath* is rendered "spirit" not only here but also in Job 26:4 and Proverbs

20:27.¹ Adam's body and soul had no life in them until "spirit" was imparted. Your spirit is your life-giving part!

Since life comes from your spirit, it's the innermost circle of the three. Notice also how your spirit is completely surrounded by your soul. It has no direct access to your physical body. That's why everything that comes out from your spirit to your body must go through the mental/emotional part of your soul.

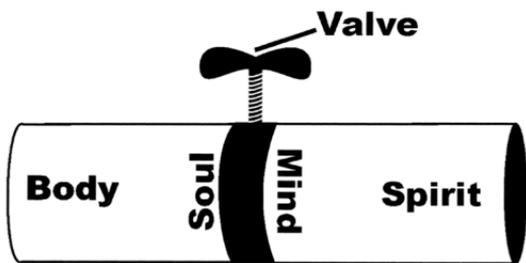
This is where the heart comes in. The heart is the combination of the soul and spirit and can include all of the inner man: spirit, soul, and any portion thereof. Now, a lot of people have been taught that the words *spirit* and *heart* are interchangeable in the Bible. But that's just not the case.

The word *heart* is used 830 times in the King James Version of the Bible.² If you read those verses in context, I believe you'll find that there are many things that come out of the heart—including fear, doubt, and unbelief—that are not products of a born-again spirit. Your heart is the core of who you are. God designed your spirit and soul to work together, and that is how we are supposed to walk out the Christian life.

Is Your Valve Open?

With the pipe diagram, one side represents your spirit and the other your body. Your soul acts as a valve in between

the two. When you open the valve, what's in your spirit can flow through to your body. Depending upon how open the valve is, the flow of life could be just a trickle, a small stream, or rivers (John 7:38). When the valve is closed, the flow from spirit to body shuts off. This is a great illustration of how a born-again believer functions!



Remember, in your spirit, you've got the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead (Eph. 1:18–20). Yet it's possible to have this power and never manifest it. If your soul, like a valve, stays closed to this truth, you won't experience it. All that resurrection life and power will stay locked up inside.

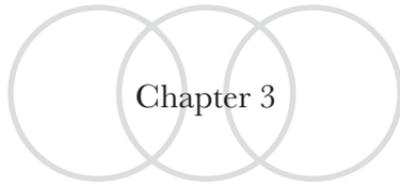
Even if you have love, joy, and peace in your spirit (Gal. 5:22), you can be experiencing depression, anger, and bitterness. You could actually die with all of the power that raised Jesus from the dead sitting untapped within you. It would be like dying of thirst while leaning against a well full of life-giving water. If you are dominated by what you feel, your soul is making it so that not one drop of life-giving power

ever touches your emotions or your physical body. Since this applies to every area of your life, can you see how pivotal your soul is?

Now, your body doesn't really control anything. It just goes with the flow of your soul. It's basically the caboose and amoral—neither good nor bad. Left to itself, your body just reacts to and goes along with what's happening in the physical realm.

When your soul agrees with your spirit, the life of God in you will manifest itself in your physical body. You'll experience healing, deliverance, anointing, victory, power, joy, prosperity, and all things of God (2 Cor. 5:18).

My attitude completely changed after I discovered these truths. When problems came, I used to feel inadequate. I'd cry out, "O God, I know You've got power, but I'm just a man. I don't have any power at my disposal." Then I realized I'm not just a man anymore. One-third of me is brand new. One-third of me is complete. One-third of me is wall-to-wall Holy Spirit! Because of the confidence, security, and faith this has given me, I can confront and overcome problems now that I wasn't able to before. These truths will do the same for you.



Conformed or Transformed —It’s Your Choice

Do not be conformed to this world!

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:1–2

Conformed means to be poured into the mold of.³ In life, you will encounter pressures—from the flesh, the world, and the devil. Although you can’t avoid being melted, you can be poured into whichever mold you choose. When pressure comes, will you become bitter or better? As difficult circumstances arise, will you stand victorious or give in to defeat? The choice is yours, but you will be changed!

Now, *transformed* in the Greek is the same word from which we derive *metamorphosis*.⁴ It’s the picture of a caterpillar

spinning a cocoon and then coming out as a butterfly. The way you are transformed is through the renewing of your mind to the Word. This begins by sowing the Word in your heart. The seed of the Word is what facilitates this transformation.

Enlightenment or Ignorance

In Ephesians 1:18, the apostle Paul prays that the eyes of our understanding would be enlightened. This word *understanding*, is translated from the Greek word *dianoia*, and it means “thought.”⁵ But it’s more than just thought—it’s deep thought. In other words, there are surface thoughts, like when people say, “Jesus loves me,” but they never give it a second thought. They don’t plumb the depths of it. But then there are others who have taken the truth that Jesus loves them, and it becomes a deep, heartfelt thought and not just a piece of information. It becomes the experiential knowledge that Paul describes in Ephesians 3.

That ye, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God.

Ephesians 3:17b-19

The opposite happens when a believer's understanding is darkened, and they are:

alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.

Ephesians 4:18b

In other words, the life of God is still there, but they are alienated from it due to ignorance and a hardened heart.

For they considered not the miracle of the loaves: for their heart was hardened.

Mark 6:52

Whatever you consider, your heart becomes softened toward. Conversely, whatever you fail to consider, your heart becomes hardened to. Among other things, the word *consider* means to study, ponder, deliberate, examine, or think upon. A scriptural term related to consider would be the word *meditate*. Or we could substitute the word *focus* for *consider*.

When the disciples saw Jesus walking on the water, they were amazed. Their hearts were hardened to the things of God because they didn't consider the miracle of Jesus feeding the five thousand earlier that same day. It wasn't sin that caused the disciples' hearts to be hardened; it was their focus on things other than the miracle Jesus had just performed.

The Spiritual Approach

But ye have not so learned Christ; if so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind; and that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

Ephesians 4:20–24

This passage plainly reveals that your born-again spirit—the new man—was created after God in righteousness and true holiness. The degree of holiness you live outwardly may vary, but the nature of your born-again spirit is righteousness and true holiness.

That’s why we worship God in spirit and truth (John 4:24). Your spirit is the part of you that completely changed at salvation. Old things passed away, and all things became new (2 Cor. 5:17). You cannot approach God unless you come to Him through the righteousness and true holiness of who you are in the spirit.

You aren’t worthy to come into His presence based on the righteousness and holiness of your thoughts and actions. Even at your best, you still fall short of doing everything you

should (Rom. 3:23). No matter how hard you try, you'll never measure up to God's perfection through your own efforts in the physical, emotional, and mental realms.

Then how does God, in His holiness, fellowship with you if you still fall short of His standards? He communes with you Spirit to spirit! In your born-again spirit, you're as pure as Christ is because His righteousness has been given to you.

But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us ... righteousness.

1 Corinthians 1:30

Jesus Himself literally became your righteousness!

Seed, Time, and Harvest

As Jesus is, so are you—right now—in this world.

Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world.

1 John 4:17

Notice how it's *this* world, not the next. The Word says now—presently—here on earth. It's not talking about heaven in the future. As Jesus is, so *are* you!

When you truly believe that it revolutionizes your life! However, believing is just the first step. You must also learn how to release this reality from within. It's a process. As the seed of this truth becomes firmly rooted and established in your heart, a process of understanding, growing, and maturing begins in your soulish realm. Then, over time, you'll see radical changes manifest as you continue believing this truth and releasing God's corresponding power from within your born-again spirit.

Remember that your spirit and soul work together in your heart; they make up the core of who you are. You bring your soul into agreement with your born-again spirit through the renewing of your mind. That's how you serve God with your whole heart (Mark 12:30).

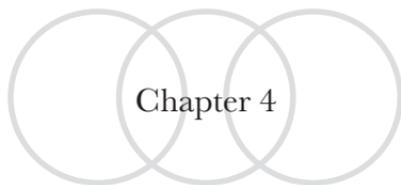
When the Bible talks about serving the Lord with your whole heart, that means you can get to the place where your spirit man serves God *with* your mind, will, emotions, conscience, mental capacity, and all the things that are part of your soul. That's when you'll truly see God's best operating in your life because you will be drawing out the things God placed in your born-again spirit through your soul.

There's probably nowhere else in Scripture where this is better illustrated than in the parable of the growing seed. This is where Jesus explained this process of seed, time, and harvest:

And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knoweth not how. For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Mark 4:26–29

In order for you to renew your mind and begin experiencing all the things that were deposited in you at salvation, you need to apply the principle in this passage in your life. The seed—God’s Word, needs to be planted and cultivated in the ground—your heart. When this happens over a period of time, you will have a harvest of love, joy, peace, healing, and prosperity. It’ll be automatic. It’s really that simple!



Chapter 4

Sealed!

If you've received the revelation thus far, you can say, "I see it! I'm a brand-new person in my spirit. Old things have passed away, and all things have become new. As Jesus is right now, so am I in this world. My spirit, the real me, is righteous and holy."

Many people who have seen these truths find themselves back in some of the same negative situations or patterns they were in before being born again. Due to this, they think, *Maybe I was changed once, but I've blown it.* Despite everything they once knew to be true, they argue, "That may have been so before, but I've messed things up. It can't possibly be true of me now!"

Well, I have good news for you: What God did in your spirit at salvation always remains constant and unchanging, regardless of fluctuations in your performance.

Imprisoned

Newly born-again prisoners often fall prey to discouragement, doubt, and unbelief because they don't understand

that the change took place in their spirits. They also don't understand that the rest of the Christian life is all about renewing their minds to believe and release what God has already put inside of them. The next morning, they wake up to find themselves in the same cell, facing the same trials and the same penalties. Looking only in the physical realm, it's easy for them to conclude, "It didn't work. The Word isn't true. God didn't change me because everything's still the same!"

This also happens to those not in jail. After being born again, many Christians will wake up the next morning and find themselves in the same circumstances they were in before they were saved. As a matter of fact, many times their problems are even greater once they're born again because Satan has started fighting them more aggressively and throwing everything he can at them. Jesus said these things come for the Word's sake (Mark 4:17). The devil wants to throw them into discouragement and fear in an attempt to get them to turn back on their faith. If they're not careful, they'll become confused, thinking, *Well, I'm not sure anything really happened!*

But, as I'll explain in the next section, you need to understand that the change in your spirit is sealed by the Holy Spirit, and just like you couldn't earn anything to get it, you can't do anything to nullify it.

Preserved and Protected

Once you believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit.

In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise.

Ephesians 1:13

Your born-again spirit became one with the Lord (1 Cor. 6:17). Then all of this goodness was immediately sealed tight with the Holy Spirit.

That means it was vacuum-packed for the purpose of preservation. In other words, when you fail in any area of your life after being saved, the uncleanness and defilement that come to your body and soul don't penetrate your spirit. This Holy Spirit seal keeps the good in and the bad out.

This information might be hard to grasp if you don't understand that the Holy Spirit encased your born-again spirit. Your conscience will eventually condemn you into thinking you've lost your salvation or that you've at least broken fellowship with God. The awareness of your failures will begin to affect you. Many Christians think, *Well, when I was born again, I believe God gave me a new start, but that was*

a long time ago. I've failed since then. Even if they confessed their sins and tried hard to get back to where they felt clean, it wasn't long before their consciences made them feel rotten again. If you go up and down like this day after day, year after year, after a while, you'll think, *What's the use?*

Born of God

The truth is that your spirit was sealed. Sin and its effects cannot enter into your spirit. When you sin, your spirit does not participate. It retains its original holiness and purity—and will for all eternity. This means you are as righteous and holy now, in your spirit, as you will ever be!

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

1 John 3:9

Many people struggle to understand 1 John 3:9 because its context clearly shows that Christians do sin:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, these things write I unto you, that

ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

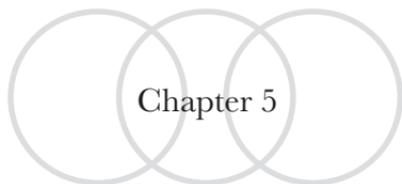
1 John 1:8,10; 2:1

These are three instances from the same letter where the writer, the apostle John, talks about sinning. The first two communicate that if you say you haven't sinned, you're a liar. He adds, "I'm writing to you so that you will not (future tense) sin. But if you do sin, you have an advocate with the Father." Then, in 1 John 3:9 he declares that if you're born of God, you cannot sin. That sounds very contradictory.

Both Scripture and experience reveal that Christians can sin. The context of 1 John 3:9 is not saying that it's impossible for a born-again believer to do something that's sin. Yet it also clearly says that if you're born of God, you cannot sin. How can this be?

If you understand the relationship between spirit, soul, and body, the interpretation of 1 John 3:9 is obvious. Your spirit is the only part of you that's been born of God. Your soul and body have been purchased but not yet redeemed. Therefore, your spirit cannot sin even though your body and soul can. This means your performance doesn't affect the purity and holiness of your spirit.

This truth is pivotal to your relationship with God. When you understand the spirit, soul, and body, you know that it was your spirit that changed. It's been sealed by the Holy Spirit so that no sin can penetrate it. The righteousness you received when you were born again stays pure. God, who is a Spirit, always deals with you Spirit to spirit. No matter how you're performing, you can always approach Him in your born-again spirit. That's awesome!



Chapter 5

The Importance of Living a Holy Life

Maybe by now, you're asking questions like: "What are you saying? God will love me, and I won't lose my right standing with Him no matter what? Do you mean I can just go live in sin?" The apostle Paul dealt with this same thing.

What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?

Romans 6:1

His answer, of course, was, "*God forbid*" (Rom. 6:2).

Today, nobody interprets most preachers' words as, "You can just go live in sin" because they're busy preaching so hard against it. This question never even comes up! You'll typically hear that God ties love and acceptance to your performance. Therefore, these messages—given "in the name of the Lord"—produce a works-righteousness in most believers. The Bible doesn't teach that God accepts or rejects you because of your actions; it teaches that your actions can never be good enough.

God's Word says His acceptance is based on whether your spirit is righteous or not, which is not dependent on your performance. Righteousness comes by faith through confessing Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. When you are born again, God gives you this brand-new spirit.

The next question you might be asking is, "Are you saying it doesn't matter how I live?" No, that's not what I'm saying. Paul continues in Romans 6 with two reasons why a Christian should live holy: Your new nature desires it, and you don't want to give the devil access to your soul and body through sin (Rom. 6:1–2, 15–16).

How you live doesn't affect your spirit's righteousness, but it greatly affects every other aspect of your life!

Sin's Strength

If you are truly born again, God has changed your nature. As Paul continues in Romans 6:2–3,

How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

The truth is, you are no longer a child of the devil who loves to sin. You do still sin, but it's not your nature anymore.

Your spirit—the real you—has been changed and no longer enjoys sin. Every born-again believer has a built-in desire to live holy (1 John 3:3). You might not be fulfilling it, but it's there.

The Lord's purpose in sending the Law was to make you bow your knee and confess, "God have mercy on me. I can't do it. I can't break this sin!" The Law wasn't given to help you overcome sin; it was to show you that sin had already overcome you. The Law actually strengthened sin (1 Cor. 15:56) and gave it so much power that it would effectively remove the deception that you could ever be holy on your own. Religion, however, turns it around and says, "The Law was given to help you overcome sin." That's just not true.

If you're truly born again, you have a desire to live for God.

Every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

1 John 3:3

There will be varying degrees of this purity manifest in your actions and thoughts, but every born-again person seeks to purify themselves.

When you sin, you give Satan an inroad into your life.

Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness.

Romans 6:16

The devil wants to bring death into your life any way he can—sickness, disease, poverty, depression, and other nasty things. Why give your enemy an opportunity to come against you?

As a Christian, you don't have to live holy in order for God to accept and be pleased with you. However, your actions and attitudes do determine how you get along with other people. That's why it's still to your advantage to live a holy life.

Come Boldly

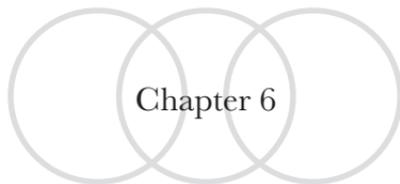
Sin is never a wise choice, but it's also never an issue between you and God. He dealt with your sin—past, present, and future—when you were born again. You can come boldly before the Lord at any time—even when you've fallen short, even when you're displeased with yourself, and even when you've given Satan an inroad into your life. You can still come boldly into the very presence of God your Father and receive from Him because your spirit didn't lose any of its right standing with Him!

The Word encourages you to come before the Lord when you need mercy and help:

Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16

Don't come before Him when you think you've done everything "right." You'll only be self-righteous if you think you've done so. It's only because of Jesus that you can draw near. Now, as a born-again believer, you have the right to come right into the holy of holies of your heavenly Father.



Chapter 6

God's Supernatural Faith

In your spirit, you have the complete measure of faith (Rom. 12:3). Your faith isn't small, immature, or in the process of growing; it's already as perfect and complete as the faith of Jesus. You just need to renew your mind and learn to release it.

When I first became serious about God, I wanted to see in my life what I saw in the lives of Bible characters. I read things in the Word that I knew weren't just for the people back then. Even though I hadn't seen any of those things manifest prior to that time, I knew in my heart they were for me too. Since faith is what releases the supernatural ability of God, I began a journey to start operating in His kind of faith.

Of course, I misunderstood a number of things at first. I thought faith was something to be obtained. I believed that I had to do something to make God give me more faith. Because of this, I felt my faith was inadequate every time I came up against a problem. I embraced such recurring thoughts as, *Faith works, but I just don't have enough of it*; and, *What I've got is too puny!* That was my attitude. However, through this revelation of spirit, soul, and body, the Lord cleared up my

misunderstandings about faith and revolutionized my life and ministry.

Faith Was a Gift!

The way you were born again is the same way you receive everything in the Christian life—by grace through faith.

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Ephesians 2:8–9

Salvation includes everything God provided through Christ's atonement; it's not just the forgiveness of your sins and a brand-new spirit. It's healing, deliverance, prosperity, joy, peace, love—anything you need in this life. All these salvation benefits come the same way you were born again—by grace through faith.

Colossians 2:6 declares,

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him.

How did you receive Christ? By grace through faith. How, then, do you walk in Him and enjoy all the benefits of His salvation package? By grace through faith!

Many people interpret Ephesians 2:8 too narrowly by limiting the word *saved* to mean only the initial born-again experience. However, the Greek word for *salvation* here is *sozo*, which includes every aspect of salvation.⁶ Therefore, Ephesians 2:8 really says, “For by grace are ye *sozo*—*forgiven of sins, born again, made righteous, healed, delivered, prospered, and so on*—through faith.”

Others miss the fact that it’s not only salvation that is “*the gift of God*” (Eph. 2:8–9); it’s also faith as well. God not only provides the salvation you need, but He also supplies the very faith you use to appropriate His grace. Both salvation and the faith to receive it are gifts from God.

Like Precious Faith

Peter had this faith.

Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:1

Peter wrote this letter to a group of believers who had already obtained this “*like precious faith*.” It wasn’t something they were searching for or seeking after; they already had it. Did they receive this faith by being holy and doing things?

No, it came “*through the righteousness of God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.*” When you became born again, you also received this “*like precious faith.*”

You were justified by the very faith of Christ:

*Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by **the faith of Jesus Christ**, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by **the faith of Christ**, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.*

Galatians 2:16

Not only were you born again through the faith of Christ, but you are also supposed to live your entire Christian life by it.

*I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh **I live by the faith of the Son of God**, who loved me, and gave himself for me.*

Galatians 2:20

It doesn't say, “I'm living by faith *in* the Son of God” but rather “I'm living by *the faith of* the Son of God.” (I am aware that several modern translations render it “I live by faith in the Son of God,” but that's not accurate according to the original Greek wording.) Just a few verses earlier in verse 16, Paul

stated twice that you are justified by the faith of Christ. It's very clear that it's not human faith that receives from God but His own supernatural faith.

I've Left!

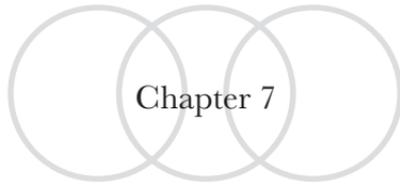
You have the same faith as Jesus! You might not have all of it operating the way He did, but it's there. It'll become effective by the acknowledging of every good thing in you in Christ (Philem. 6). Your soul, like a filter, screens what flows out from your spirit into the physical realm. All of your thoughts and concepts that are contrary to the revelation of God's Word block the flow. The fact is, if your thoughts are really messed up, very little of what's in your spirit will be able to pass through your soul and manifest. That's why you may not be seeing many results.

The Word of God is "*a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*" (Heb. 4:12). The spirit and the soul function together. "Thoughts" refers to the soul, while "intents of the heart" refers to the spirit.

The spirit is where your intents—your desires—arise from. Your thoughts come out of your mental capabilities. Your spirit operates in faith because all things in it are of God (2 Cor. 5:18). The intent of your heart is always toward faith—not fear (2 Tim. 1:7). You realize victory when you get your thoughts in line with your intents.

I've experienced great manifestations of God's faith in my life. Although I'm not a perfect example, I've seen people rise from the dead. Blind eyes and deaf ears have literally opened right before my eyes. The gifts of the Holy Spirit have been able to flow through me far beyond anything I could have ever perceived in the natural realm. I've also accurately perceived in my spirit different people's sicknesses and diseases, what's going on in their marriages, and other information I couldn't normally know. I'm not saying all of these things because I'm anyone special, but it's all happened because I believed that I already have God's supernatural faith. I'm just releasing what I've got. That doesn't mean I've arrived; I've just left! I'm not trying to get more faith—I'm just learning to release what I already have.

If you weren't previously aware of this revelation, it will make a big difference in your life! You can now honestly and boldly declare, "I was given *the* measure of faith from Jesus at salvation. The faith of Christ is in me—no more and no less than any other born-again believer. The same faith Jesus used to raise Lazarus from the dead is available to me right now. It's just a matter of renewing my mind because in my spirit, I've got the same power, anointing, and potential. From this day forward, I expect to see an increase of manifestation in my life to the glory to God! Amen."



Chapter 7

Your Spirit Knows All Things

Your born-again spirit came with the mind of Christ:

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:16

In your spirit, there's a mind that already knows all things. The rest of the Christian life is learning how to draw it out into the physical realm. When that happens, you experience what's called *revelation knowledge*.

You were born with a natural mind. It operates both in the soulish realm and in the physical realm as your brain. When you came into this world, you didn't know anything. Your brain had some automatic functions that kicked in, like breathing, pumping blood, and so on, but your mind had to be educated. You had to learn how to walk and talk. You had to train yourself to coordinate your muscles. It required a lot of input!

When you were born again, you received the mind of Christ in your spirit. However, your spirit mind doesn't have to be developed, trained, or taught; it was born again in perfect knowledge. As I've said in a variety of ways throughout this booklet, you have to renew your physical mind to align with your spiritual mind, which knows all things.

You Know All Things

If you are easily pushed into defeat, whining, "I know God can do it, but I just don't understand the things of God!" that's a good indication that you really don't believe you have the mind of Christ. You even may embrace your ignorance, singing songs about someday it'll be better, but now "I'm just a poor wayfaring pilgrim." Wailing and travailing, you glorify your infirmities, taking comfort in the fact that "I'm just so inadequate. I can't experience victory until I go to be with the Lord." That's not true! If this describes you, you just don't realize that in your spirit, you're already a brand-new person!

In your spirit, you know all things.

Ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

1 John 2:20

Unction simply means an anointing, a special endowment with power, or an ability.⁷ The Holy One is Jesus.

People who don't understand the difference between spirit, soul, and body read a verse like this and throw up their hands saying, "The Bible is so hard to understand! I can prove by my last test score that I don't know all things. I even forgot where I put my keys this morning. After walking into the room, I couldn't remember why I was there. That proves I don't know all things." But those who only acknowledge their physical brain and soulish realm will never be able to embrace this truth from God's Word.

However, 1 John 2:20 plainly reveals that you know all things. How can this be? In your spirit, you have the mind of Christ. That means that in your spiritual mind, you know everything Jesus knows.

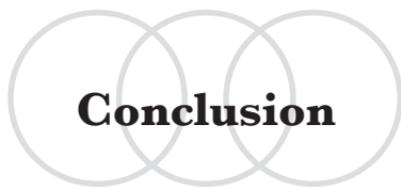
The Road to Manifestation

You're probably asking, "That's great, but what good does it do me? How do I get it into the physical realm where I need it?"

First and foremost, you must believe you've already got it. You can't release something you don't really believe you have. If you waver regarding the truth that your born-again

spirit has the mind of Christ and knows all things, then as you put forth effort in the process of releasing this, the devil will tempt you to think, *What that guy said isn't true. The Word doesn't mean that. This just doesn't work!* Unless you're absolutely convinced, you'll get frustrated and quit before you see the manifestation. You must believe you have the mind of Christ in your born-again spirit, even though you can't perceive it with your five senses.

Once you truly believe, you're on the road to manifestation!

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Conclusion

If you want to experience God's best, you must understand these truths concerning the spirit, soul, and body. You have unlimited potential, but it's all in the spirit. The victory God's given you isn't in your flesh, it's in the part of you that's been born again. As you mature in the Christian life, you don't become less carnal; you just let less carnality dominate and manifest because you're yielded to the spirit.

I encourage you to spend less time feeding the flesh and focus on who you are in the spirit instead. As I've said multiple times—though it bears repeating—it's only through the mirror of God's Word that you can do that. You can also surround yourself with people of like faith who will speak the Word instead of griping and complaining. You'll begin to develop a mindset based on your identity in Christ.

You're constantly being fed information and drawn in one of two directions—the flesh or the spirit (Gal. 5:17). Your flesh and spirit constantly fight each other in your mind. God proclaims, "You can do all things through Christ." The world answers, "No, you can't. You're just a failure!" On and on, the

daily battle rages. That's why this life-changing truth isn't just something you learn one time and conclude, "I've got it!" This understanding of spirit, soul, and body should motivate you to aggressively pursue renewing your mind to God's Word—a process that will continue for the rest of your life.

Soak Your Mind

Soak your mind in these truths I've been sharing with you. Look up scriptures on sowing the Word in your heart or renewing your mind. Whatever you do, meditate on this revelation until it comes alive to you.

God spoke these truths to me decades ago, but I'm still in the process of renewing my mind to them. Over time, He's been expanding, developing, and giving me even more understanding on this. I feel like the apostle Paul, who after twenty or more years of knowing and serving God, said,

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:13–14

Don't be discouraged! I'm not saying you have to wait a long time before you see any results. I just want you to know that until you see Christ face to face, you never arrive; you just leave and start applying the truths of what you've learned here. Turn from carnal-mindedness, and start being spiritually minded instead (Rom. 8:6). Discover who you are in the spirit, and let that revelation dominate you. When you do, you'll experience life and peace. It really is that simple.

However, it's not easy. In fact, changing your focus from the flesh to the spirit is one of the hardest things you'll ever do. It's a gradual, but total, reprogramming of your natural mind to agree with your spirit. Through renewing your mind to God's Word, you can become spiritually minded.

What God has spoken to you through this teaching has the potential of radically changing your life forever. God wants you to fully understand and walk in the truth even more than you do. He'll faithfully do His part if you'll just head in that direction, acknowledging that "God, it's going to take a miracle to renew my mind! It's so used to being dominated by the flesh. I'm really going to need Your help." The Holy Spirit will reveal to you who you are in Christ. He'll lead you into all truth (John 16:13). It just takes commitment and effort on your part to focus on the Word and the spirit.

Begin Now

In light of what you've read, I encourage you to pray out loud the following prayer from your heart:

Father, I open my heart to the Holy Spirit to continue revealing these truths to me. I recognize that this is a process and not just a one-time thing. I ask You to give me greater revelation of the spirit, soul, and body throughout the rest of my life. As I apply what You've shown me, please encourage me with some quick results. I want to establish new patterns of walking by the spirit so I can live a full and effective life in You. Thank You for bringing these truths to my remembrance when I need them. Thank You for helping me share them with others so they too can know the truth and be free. Thank You for setting me free! I love You, Father. Amen.

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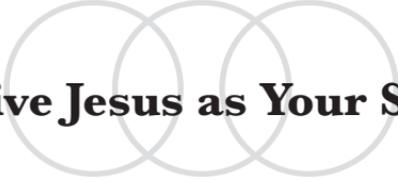
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Receive Jesus as Your Savior

Choosing to receive Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior is the most important decision you'll ever make!

God's Word promises, *"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation"* (Rom. 10:9–10). *"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved"* (Rom. 10:13). By His grace, God has already done everything to provide salvation. Your part is simply to believe and receive.

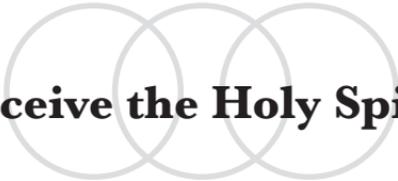
Pray out loud: "Jesus, I confess that You are my Lord and Savior. I believe in my heart that God raised You from the dead. By faith in Your Word, I receive salvation now. Thank You for saving me."

The very moment you commit your life to Jesus Christ, the truth of His Word instantly comes to pass in your spirit. Now that you're born again, there's a brand-new you!

Please contact us and let us know that you've prayed to receive Jesus as your Savior. We'd like to send you some free

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Welcome to your new life!



Receive the Holy Spirit

As His child, your loving heavenly Father wants to give you the supernatural power you need to live a new life. *“For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened...how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?”* (Luke 11:10–13).

All you have to do is ask, believe, and receive!

Pray this: “Father, I recognize my need for Your power to live a new life. Please fill me with Your Holy Spirit. By faith, I receive it right now. Thank You for baptizing me. Holy Spirit, You are welcome in my life.”

Congratulations! Now you’re filled with God’s supernatural power.

Some syllables from a language you don’t recognize will rise up from your heart to your mouth (1 Cor. 14:14). As you speak them out loud by faith, you’re releasing God’s power from within and building yourself up in the spirit (1 Cor. 14:4). You can do this whenever and wherever you like.

It doesn't really matter whether you felt anything or not when you prayed to receive the Lord and His Spirit. If you believed in your heart that you received, then God's Word promises you did. *"Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them"* (Mark 11:24). God always honors His Word—believe it!

We would like to rejoice with you and help you understand more fully what has taken place in your life! Please contact us to let us know that you've prayed to be filled with the Holy Spirit and to receive some free materials we have for you. Call our Helpline: **719-635-1111** (available 24 hours a day, seven days a week).

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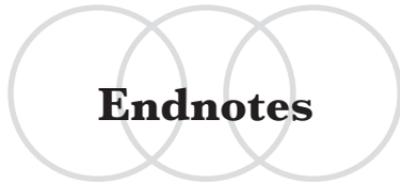


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