

A silhouette of a person stands centrally, facing forward. A bright, circular glow emanates from behind their head and shoulders, creating a halo effect. The background is a dark, deep blue or black, densely populated with numerous small, bright white stars of varying sizes. Some stars exhibit a soft, out-of-focus glow, while others are sharper points of light. The overall composition is symmetrical and evokes a sense of cosmic or spiritual presence.

The SALVATION Series

Part 10 – Spirit & spirit

Introduction

- In the last session we had an introduction to Chapter Eight.
- This was done to educate everyone about the spirit of man.
- This is the part of us which is transformed when we became a Follower of Christ.
- When you truly believed in Christ, your spirit man came ALIVE!



Introduction

- **John 3:5-6** Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.
- **Ezekiel 11:19 19** Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within [e]them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh,
- **Ephesians 4:24 23** and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness
- **Colossians 3:10 10** and have put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who created him.

Introduction

- Alive in Christ means “MOVED” from one realm into another one.
- Moved from a dimension cutoff from God into a realm connected to God.
- ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love. Colossians 1:13
- This is what BORN AGAIN means.



Introduction

- Also for the sake of Chapter 8, we looked at the word “SPIRIT”
- This word means PNEUMA in Greek. This word is the same for Spirit of Man and SPIRIT of God.
- However the translators in some places took the liberty of writing PNEUMA with a capital (Spirit) in some places.
- This slight change has given the impression of the Holy Spirit in some places where it is actually the “spirit of Man”

πνεῦμα

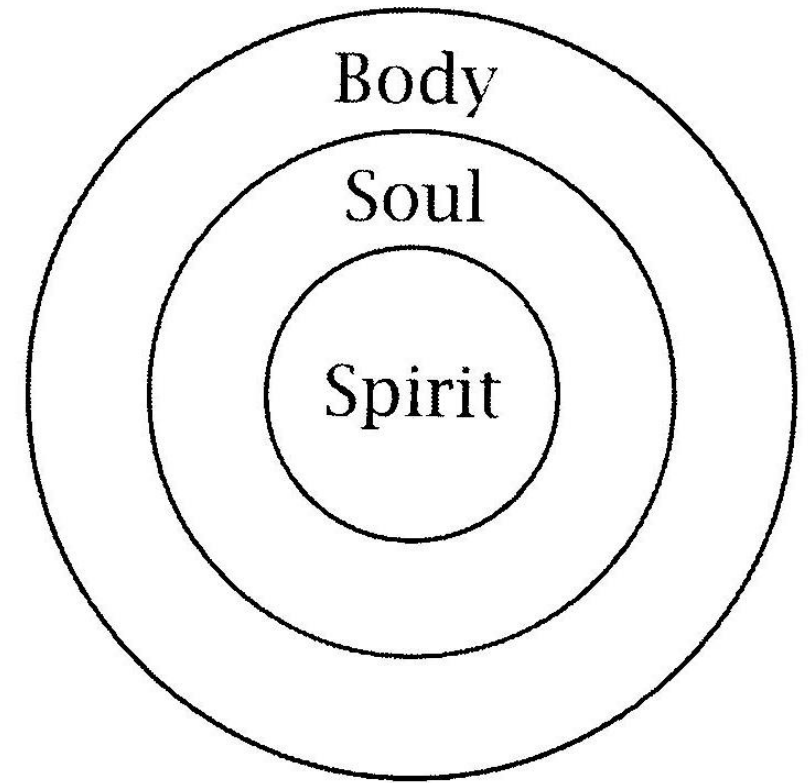
pneuma / breath; spirit

Erasmian Pronunciation

 LOGOS

Introduction

- We learnt that man consists of three parts – spirit, soul & body
- That part of us which got transformed instantly when we truly believed was our spirit.
- The other parts of us – soul and body are playing ‘catch up’
- Our bodies need to be tamed whilst our soul or minds need to be renewed.
- *I beseech^[a] you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your ^[b]reasonable service. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,... Romans 12:1-2*
- Let us now start Romans 8...



ACQUITTED!

- *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
- ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
- ³For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,
- ⁴that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit
- Romans 8:1-4



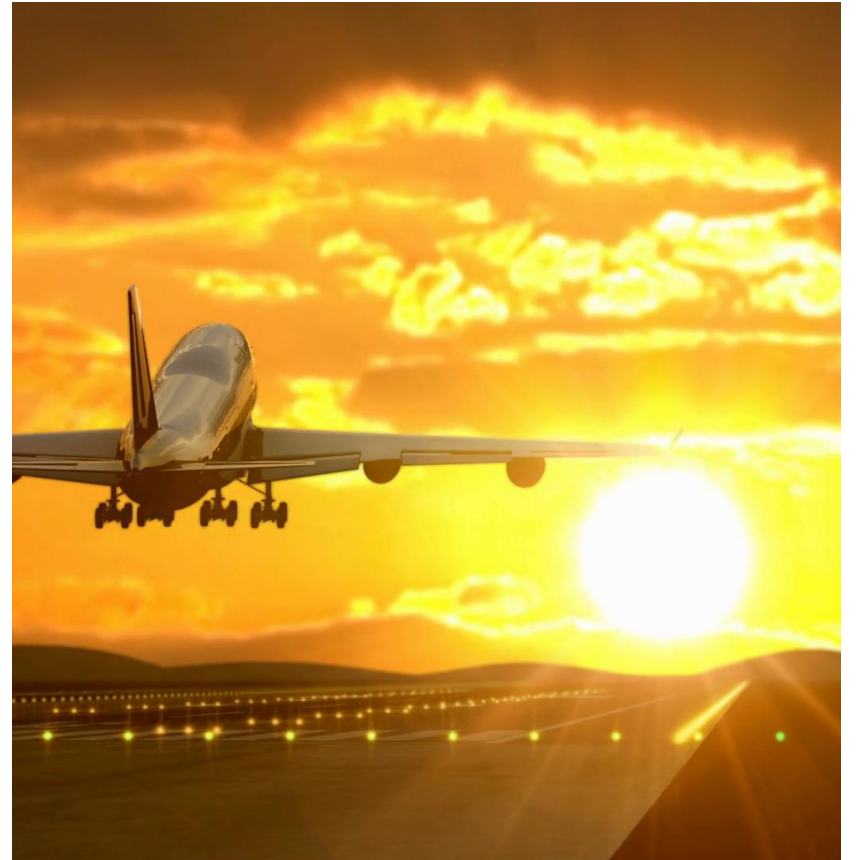


...To the spirit

- *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according **to the Spirit**.
- In the original manuscript, this is NOT capitalized.
- So it should read “according to spirit”
- The way this actually reads is like this:
- ***There is no condemnation to those who are now born again who are now spiritual***

FLY...!

- *² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*
- When you became Born Again, a new spiritual law kicked in.
- Like the law of aerodynamics negates the law of gravity; this law of LIFE in CHRIST negates the law of sin and death.
- You are now spiritually alive so you are FREE!
- One could write this verse like this:
- **“The reality of being spiritually alive in Christ has totally freed me from the death grip of sin!”**



DONE!

- *³For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,*
- All through Bible history, we see man struggle to obey God's commandments.
- To address this issue, God came Himself as Jesus Christ and as a Man
- By living sinless and dying in our place, God dealt death a death blow and defeated sin forever!
- ***God came Himself to address the crux of the matter – sin. He delivered us totally and showed us a way to live ABOVE sin in the flesh.***



New-Man

- *⁴ that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit*
- That which the Law of the Old Testament was trying to teach us, the New Birth forges it IN us.
- The new spirit man automatically comes fully loaded with the nature of Christ!
- **Ephesians 4:24 and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness**



Bible Reading...

- ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
- ⁶ For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
- ⁷ Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.
- ⁸ So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. Romans 8:5-8



Choose...

- *⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.*
- Lets read this again but slowly bearing in mind spirit should be small letters.
- Paul is contrasting the things your born again spirit wants with things your fallen nature wants.
- You could read it like this:
- ***Those who are in the flesh, have their minds set on carnal things of the flesh. While those who are spiritually alive set their minds on things spiritual.***



PEACE...!

- *⁶For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*
- I really want you to meditate on these scriptures knowing Paul is referring to your born again spirit.
- If you read these verses putting all the work on the Holy Spirit, you may miss the fact that YOU have changed.
- The Holy Spirit of God works with your spirit.
- There is now a part of you that is seamlessly in sync with God.
- It is a tremendous boost to your mind that you have a part of you that is now beyond the grip of sin and the law of death. You can write this verse like this
- ***To be Born Again is so different from being an unregenerated unbeliever or living like one: in the grip of sin and death. This newness is full of the abundant LIFE of God and so much PEACE!***



Impossible...!

- *⁷Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God*
- When you are not saved, you will inevitably behave as an enemy of God; knowingly or ignorantly.
- As a carnal Christian you are the same as an unbeliever; allowing your fallen nature to dominate your life. Read these verses like this:
- ***The unregenerated mind and soul cannot be in sync with God – impossible! When you are in the flesh or carnal, you are basically fighting against God!***





In YOU....

- *⁹ But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you.*
Romans 8:9
- This is the FIRST time in this chapter that the Holy Spirit is mentioned!
- Notice Paul doesn't say spirit or in the spirit, he says THE SPIRIT OF GOD.
- This is important as we read this chapter to distinguish between the spirit of man and the SPIRIT of GOD.
- You could read this verse like this:
- ***If God's Spirit is in you than you ARE Born Again and no longer controlled by your flesh but by your spirit!***



Reflection

- Let us meditate on these verses over the next one week.
- Think on what they are saying and how this impacts your own spiritual life.
- Which besetting sins keep springing up in your life and how does this revelation deal with them?
- Do not rush to complete the chapter. The destination is IN the journey and not the finish line.
- Stay with the first set of verses read and write up your own journal or notes. Do your own Bible study too.



FAMILY TIME

- Watch a video on drones flying.
- Teach your child(ren) about the law of gravity and the law of aerodynamics.
- Teach them how Christ in us and being Born Again empowers us to say NO to temptations and sins.
- Teach them to ask God to help them be strong when they are tempted and how they can behave differently BY CHOICE