

The Mystery of The Triunity of Man

Luke 8:10 NKJV “And He said, “To you it has been given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God, but to the rest it is given in parables, that ‘Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.’”

1 Thessalonians 5:23 “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Mark 12:30 “‘And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.”

Galatians 5:16 ESV “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.”

I. Man is a tripartite being—having a spirit, soul and body.

A. All three parts of our being need to be sanctified, or to be submitted to God.

*Strength is the body.

*Heart is the spirit.

*Soul/mind is the soul.

Proverbs 20:27 The spirit of a man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all the inner depths of his heart.

1. At Pentecost the Spirit of God entered into man for the first time since Adam.

a. When you are born again, it's the first time your spirit breaks free of your soul and is made alive and can rule over your soul.

2. Ezekiel also prophesied that God would give, or place inside man a new spirit and that Spirit would teach us to walk in the ways of God.

Ezekiel 36:26–27 “I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.”

3. Jesus said it is necessary, or to our advantage, that He leaves and goes to the Father so the Holy Spirit can come and dwell in us.

John 16:7 “Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.”

4. Paul often called the spirit of a man the “inward” man.

2 Corinthians 4:16 “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.” (emphasis added)

a. The ‘outward man’ is your physical body.

b. The ‘inner man’ Paul refers to is your spirit.

c. God, who is Spirit, is daily renewing your spirit.

5. What Paul calls the “inner” man, Peter calls the “hidden” man.

1 Peter 3:4 “Rather let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the incorruptible beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is very precious in the sight of God.”

a. From this verse we learn that in the New Testament the word “heart” and “spirit” are interchangeable.

6. There is a clear distinction and an undeniable connection between the Spirit of God and the spirit of man.

John 4:24 “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”

a. Only spirit can wholly worship Spirit.

Romans 8:5–6 “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.”

b. Only your spirit can know what the Spirit of God wants.

John 3:6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

c. Because the spirit of man is born of, or regenerated by the Spirit of God, it can receive knowledge and revelation from the Holy Spirit.

d. And what the Holy Spirit will speak to man’s spirit will be only what God wants to communicate and it will come only from the deepest part of God.

John 16:13 “However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.” (emphasis added)

7. Paul understood the reality of the everlasting nature of the spirit of man so much so that he indicates man must be at home in the body; but the greater home of the spirit is with God.

2 Corinthians 5:6–8 “So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7 For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8 We are

confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.”

a. Your spirit is the real you—not your body which is temporary.

B. There are three primary functions of the spirit:

1. *Wisdom*

2. *Communion*

3. *Conscience*

II. The function of *wisdom* in man's spirit:

A. “The spirit indeed is willing. . . .” *Matthew 26:41*

B. “Jesus perceived in His spirit. . . .” *Mark 2:8*

C. “He sighed deeply in His spirit. . . .” *Mark 8:12*

D. “He groaned in the spirit. . . .” *John 11:33*

E. “Paul was compelled [pressed] by the Spirit. . . .” *Acts 18:5*

- F. "Being fervent in spirit. . . ." *Acts 18:25*
- G. "I go bound in the spirit. . . ." *Acts 20:22*
- H. "For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?" *1 Corinthians 2:11*
- I. "For they refreshed my spirit as well as yours." *1 Corinthians 16:18*
- J. "His spirit has been refreshed by you all." *2 Corinthians 7:13*

III. The function of *communion* in man's spirit:

- A. "My spirit rejoices in God my Savior." *Luke 1:47*
- B. "The true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth. . . ." *John 4:23b*
- C. "Whom I serve with my spirit. . . ." *Romans 1:9*
- D. "We serve . . . in the new life of the Spirit." *Romans 7:6 RSV*

E. “You received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”
Romans 8:15

F. “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit. . . .” *Romans 8:16*

G. “He who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him.” *1 Corinthians 6:17*

H. “I will pray with the spirit. . . .” *1 Corinthians 14:15*

I. “I will sing with the spirit. . . .” *1 Corinthians 14:15*

J. “If you bless with the spirit. . . .” *1 Corinthians 14:16*

K. “And He carried me away in the Spirit. . . .” *Revelation 21:10*

IV. The function of *conscience* in man’s spirit:

A. “The LORD your God hardened his spirit. . . .” *Deuteronomy 2:30*

B. “Saves such as have a contrite spirit.” *Psalms 34:18*

C. “And renew a steadfast spirit within me.” *Psalms 51:10*

- D. “When Jesus had said these things, He was troubled in spirit. . . .” [John 13:21](#)
- E. “His spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was given over to idols.” [Acts 17:16](#)
- F. “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. . . .” [Romans 8:16](#)
- G. “I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged as though I were present. . . .” [1 Corinthians 5:3](#)
- H. “I had no rest in my spirit. . . .” [2 Corinthians 2:13](#)
- I. “For God has not given us a spirit of fear. . . .” [2 Timothy](#).
- J. “For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins?”
[Hebrews 10:1-2 ESV](#)
- K. “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through

the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.” [Hebrews 10:19-22 ESV](#)