

Body, Soul and Spirit

Text: **1 Thess 5:23**

- I. **1 Thess 5:16-24**- The context is sanctification
 - A) “Whole” also “entire” in **James 1:4**
 - B) Preserved = *tereo*- to guard against loss or injury by keeping an eye on
 - C) Blameless= *amemptos*- deserving no censure, faultless, free from defects
 - 1) **Luke 1:7**- Zacharias and Elizabeth were “blameless”
 - 2) **Phil 2:12-16**- Paul desires the Philippians to be blameless and without rebuke at the Day of Christ (Judgment Seat of Christ)
 - 3) **1 Thess 3:13**- Same desire for Thessalonians
- II. How can one possibly be found blameless in Body? Soul? Spirit?
 - A) Sanctified= “set apart, consecrated to His service”
 - 1) What Paul is truly saying is that he prays each believer be found fully submitted and walking in the Lord at His coming. In other words, he is desiring a full sanctification be performed on each believer, and that each know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor.
 - i. **1 Thess 4:1-7**- Same statement repeated
 - 2) This has nothing to do with the believer’s imputed position but is instead dealing with the his practical walk
- III. What are Body, Soul and Spirit?
 - A) **Gen 2:7**- Adam formed (body) and God breathed into him the breath of life (spirit) and he became a living soul
 - 1) **Gen 6:3**- My Spirit shall not always strive (remain) with man
 - i. **James 2:26**- Body without the spirit is dead
 - B) Heb 4:12- Spirit and Soul are not synonymous, although they are so thoroughly mixed in lost man as to a point that he himself cannot discern, and the discernment only begins to be reversed at salvation
 - C) Spirit= power and life
 - 1) **John 6:63**- The spirit that quickeneth
 - i. Think about the energy that makes an atom of almost zero atomic weight actually have mass, stop the energy, and the atom no longer exists
 - a) Take away the spirit and the physical ceases to be “life”
 - 1. **Luke 23:46**- Father into Thy hands I commend My Spirit
 - 2. **Acts 7:59**- Lord Jesus receive my spirit
 - b) If the spirit returns, so also does the life (soul attached)
 - 1. **Luke 8:55**- Her spirit came again

2. **1 Kings 17:21-22**- The child's soul came again and he revived
3. **Rom 14:9**- Christ revived
 - (a) **Rom 8:11**- Christ raised by the power of the Spirit
4. **Rev 11:11**- Spirit of life from God enters 2 witnesses

D) **John 4:24**- God is a Spirit

- 1) **Luke 24:39**- A spirit hath not flesh and bones
 - i. A spirit can exist without a body, but a body cannot exist without a spirit

E) Soul= conscience awareness, experience, thought, emotion (human data)

- 1) A soul never goes out of existence one it is connected to the spirit
 - i. **Rev 6:9**- Souls under the altar
 - ii. **Heb 10:39**- The saving of the soul
 - iii. **James 1:21**- Save your souls (in 3 tenses) (**1 Pet 1:22**)
 - a) **1 Cor 5:5**- The saving of the spirit

IV. Computer (Man's imitation)

A) A computer exists in 3 realms:

- 1) Physical components (including hard drive)
- 2) Electricity/power (life)
- 3) Data entered (data can only be input after power is connected)
 - i. Once a computer chassis (body) is energized (spirit)for the first time, it begins recording and storing data (soul)
 - ii. Put the computer in sleep mode, and it continues storing data
 - iii. Kill the power and the computer no longer functions
 - iv. Return the power and the computer comes back alive
 - v. The data still remains even though the power is removed, and it can actually be transferred to another chassis at any time, but never apart from power.

V. **1 Cor 15:45**- The two races in bodies, natural and spiritual

A) Living soul (Adam)

B) Quickening Spirit (Christ)

- 1) **Rom 8:23**- Spirit groans in this body wanting the new body
 - i. **Matt 14:38**- Because the Spirit is willing but the flesh is weak
 - a) **Psa 97:10**- God preserves the souls of His saints
 1. This is done first in imputation, then in experience and finally in fact
 - (a) To eternally "preserve" (Paul probably had **Psa 97** in mind when he wrote **1 Thess 5:23**) the soul, it must be transferred to an "immortal" chassis