

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

TAKING CONTROL OF YOUR LIFE

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PART 1: MAN IS TRIUNE

There are three places we can exist right now in this universe: earth, hell and heaven. A physical body is required for us to stay on the planet earth, and once we lose it, we cannot stay any longer on earth. The Bible says we are made up of three different parts that are physical and spiritual:

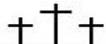
1. The physical body
2. The soul
3. The spirit

THE PHYSICAL BODY

- This part of the human being is in the physical dimension and its components are taken from the earth and at death will return to the earth. **Genesis 2:7; 1 Corinthians 15:45-54**
- The physical body is a vehicle for the soul and spirit of a man. Just like a car does not have any personality until a driver takes control and moves it down the road, so the physical body in itself does not have any personality.
- The brain of a human being is the most sophisticated computer God has created in the physical world, but it has no personality in itself just like a computer made by man has no personality until it has been loaded with programs designed by human beings. **Romans 12:1-2**

THE SOUL

- The soul is made of spiritual matter and belongs in the spirit world. Once a soul is created at conception, it will exist forever. When the human body breaks down and dies, the soul has only two places where it can be escorted by God's holy angels: hell or heaven. **Luke 16:19-31**
- The soul is really the person you see as it expresses itself through the body. It has the capacity to think and reason, store data, express emotions and the ability to love or hate. When the soul is created, it is soiled with the Adamic sin. The soul will learn to speak and understand the language of the parents and accept the value system of the parents and society into which it is born. As a result, the soul is molded by the various people it contacts as the body grows up. **Jeremiah 17:9-10; Proverbs 23:7; Hebrews 4:12**
- The soul is connected to the physical body and is wired to the brain with senses in the body that can bring pleasure and pain. The five senses are sight, touch, smell, taste, and hearing.



- ❑ Hence, when the Bible speaks of the lust of the flesh, it is referring to the soul craving stimulation from the five senses. **Romans 6:11-23**
- ❑ Satan and his fallen angels are limited when it comes to seducing and controlling a human soul. They can only move through the five senses but not attack the soul head-on. Therefore, the soul can shield itself by refusing the signals coming in from the five senses, just like people are shielding themselves from spam on their computers. **Proverbs 7:1-27; James 1:13-16**
- ❑ The bad news is that from the moment of conception, each human being automatically becomes a citizen in the kingdom of Satan; they will remain so for the rest of their life unless they are presented with the Gospel, repent of their sins and cry out to God to save them in the name of Jesus. **Ephesians 2:1-22**

THE SPIRIT

- ❑ This is the component that was destroyed when Adam and Eve fell in sin.
- ❑ At the moment of salvation, this component is made alive, or as Jesus stated, it is born again. It is important to distinguish what happens between soul and spirit at the time of salvation: the soul is **redeemed** but the dead spirit is made **alive**. **John 3:1-12**
- ❑ An unsaved person does not have access to the dead spirit, so they are not able to understand spiritual matters **1 Corinthians 2:9-16**
- ❑ God cannot be worshipped in the flesh; He must be worshipped in spirit and in truth. **John 4:21-24**
- ❑ It is with the spirit that a saved person communicates with God and gives the saved person a new personality. The goal for a born again Christian is to have his spirit rule over the soul and body. **2 Corinthians 5:16-17**

SUMMARY

- ❑ God is a spirit and lives in a different dimension from the physical world. The spirit world is just as real as the physical world. The physical world was created by God as a temporary dwelling place for the human race, where the legal issues between God and Satan are hammered out.
- ❑ Flesh to flesh is solid; God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the angels have spiritual bodies, which are just as solid as bodies in the physical world. Spirit to spirit is solid, but the physical body cannot enter into the spirit world. **1 Corinthians 15:47-53**
- ❑ The new creation will not be a physical world but a spiritual one with no limitations. God will be able operate in His fully glory and use a technology that man can only dream about. **Revelation 21:1-8**

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?