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THE INNER MAN

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PART 1: THE SOUL IN THE BODY

SOUL'S ORIGIN

The description of Adam's creation is brief. Jesus formed Adam's physical body from the dust of the ground and then breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. At that moment, Adam became a living soul.

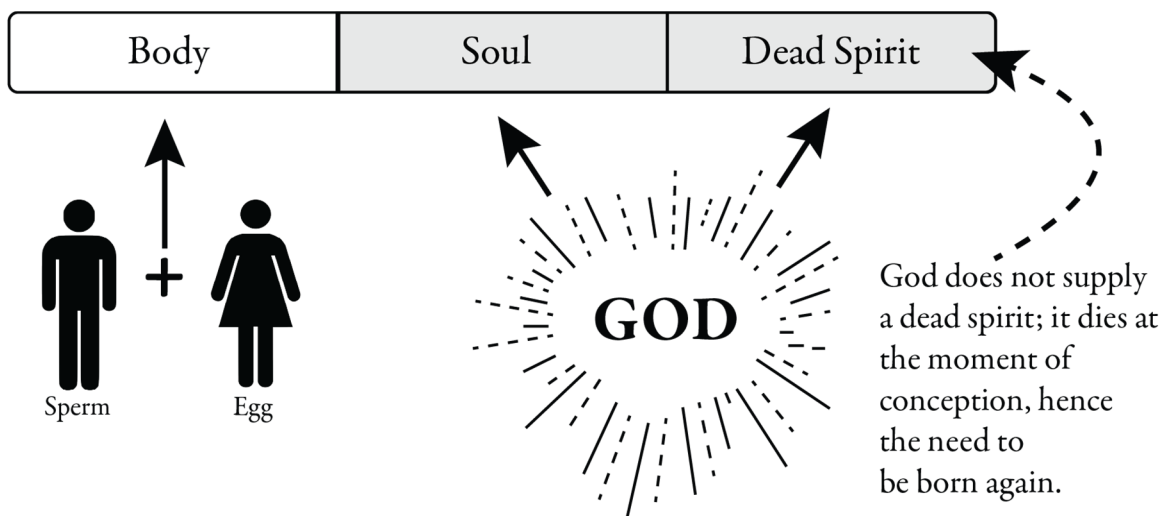
"And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." (Genesis 2:7)

After Adam and Eve sinned, Adam was informed that he had been taken from the dust of the ground and that his body – in death – would return to the dust from which it came.

*"In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return."
(Genesis 3:19)*

Jesus stated Adam had the freedom to eat from any tree in the garden, but he would die if he ate from the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.

*"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."
(Genesis 2:16-17)*



Adam and Eve disregarded the warning and ate the forbidden fruit, leading to the death promised by Jesus. It wasn't an immediate physical death – that would come later – but the death of their spirits was instantaneous.

They were still physically alive in fourth chapter of Genesis as Eve conceives twice and gives birth to Cain and Abel and the ugly effects of sin are revealed with the introduction of sacrifices, murder, and lies.

The issue of what died would not be revealed until Jesus was incarnated to pay for the sins of mankind on the cross and resurrected three days later. The apostle Paul explained humanity is triune with a body, soul, and spirit.

“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.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

It was the spirits of Adam and Eve that died that fateful day. The consequence of that action resulted in every subsequent human being born with a dead spirit.

“And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.” (Ephesians 2:1)

“And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses.” (Colossians 2:13)

BEING BORN AGAIN

Jesus introduced the need to be born again in His conversation with Nicodemus. The physical body of Nicodemus was alive, as was his soul, but his spirit was dead, and this was the core of the words spoken by Jesus.

“There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

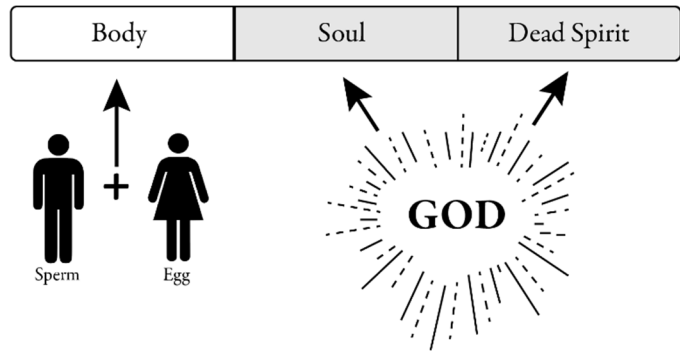
Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the

flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.” (John 3:1-7)

The first two humans were created in the image of God, meaning they were triune just like God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. With this understanding, we can conclude the spirits of Adam and Eve died when they sinned and they dragged the entire human race into sin also because every person born since then has a dead spirit.



“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.” (Genesis 1:26-27)

The dead spirit is born again when a person repents and asks Jesus to save them.

“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.

For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.” (Romans 10:9-13)

THE PHYSICAL BODY

The human body is a masterpiece of engineering, showing the superiority of God’s intelligence, who has infinite wisdom in the spirit realm and the physical world.

The technology of mankind is crude compared to what exists in the spirit world. What we have on earth is merely a scaled down version what exists in the spirit world.

Mankind has not invented anything; all we have done is discover what God has created. Electricity existed 6,000 years ago, but Adam and Eve were simply ignorant of its existence.

All the modern items we have today like airplanes, automobiles, smartphones, computers, television etc. could also have been built by the offspring of Adam and Eve

but they were kept in the dark for a purpose. It was not until the mid-17th century that God finally allowed humanity to discover electricity.

We are currently on an accelerating curve of increased knowledge that continues to propel the human race to higher levels that will ultimately be used by the Antichrist to develop and rule earthly kingdom. God told the prophet Daniel around 550 B.C. about the coming knowledge explosion.

“But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.” (Daniel 12:4)

The physical body is a cell-based system where each cell is like a mini-factory capable of reproducing itself. The average lifespan of cells is seven to ten years, but some last much longer, even up to a person’s lifetime. An adult body boasts between 30-40 trillion cells.

Jesus set a limit of 120 years which can vary depending upon what a person eats and their lifestyle.

“And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.” (Genesis 6:3)

The physical body has a brain that is used to govern the five senses, automatic functions, hormone regulation, coordination and balance, voluntary movement, etc.

The body decomposes when it dies – and this includes the brain. Eventually, it all turns to dust.

THE SOUL

The Book of Revelation provides a better understanding of the soul.

- ❖ Souls are conscious after physical death.
- ❖ They remember what happened to them on earth.
- ❖ They can speak and reason.
- ❖ They are aware justice has not been carried out on earth.
- ❖ They are comforted and honored by Jesus.
- ❖ They are told wait for a while because events on earth are not yet finished.

“And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held: And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?”

And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellowservants also and their

brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.” (Revelation 6:9-11)

These people lived on earth and were born again. They were killed and their bodies were buried in a grave, but their souls went to heaven.

1. They had a voice and they wanted justice.
2. They had their memory from life on earth.
3. They had bodies since they were clothed in white robes.

“After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.

And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, Saying, Amen: Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.” (Revelation 7:9-17)

The second group are believers in Christ who emerged from the Great Tribulation and went to heaven when their physical bodies died. Their bodies went to the grave, but their souls went to heaven.

The souls of believers who die for their testimony are alive, conscious, and remembered by God. They are able to speak, clothed in honor, and resting in heaven while waiting for God’s final justice.

I am a soul living in a physical body on the earth. My physical body is a replica of my soul body. I have a soul brain and all my gifts and talents are stored in it. All my

emotions are located in the soul brain. I am from the spirit world, and when my physical body dies, my soul will continue to exist in heaven.

I must reside in a physical body in order to exist on earth just like Jesus when He was incarnated to pay for the sins of mankind.

JESUS WAS INCARNATED

Jesus was incarnated into a physical body produced by Mary. She furnished the flesh and bones while the Holy Spirit provided the sinless blood.

“And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, To a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favoured, the Lord is with thee: blessed art thou among women.

And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be.

And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?

And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.” (Luke 1:26-35)

Mary furnished the egg, but it was the Holy Spirit that fertilized it. Jesus traveled from heaven to earth and entered the embryo in Mary's womb. The physical body that developed contained sinless blood. Jesus lived inside that physical body for 33 years. When He was crucified, He felt all the pain inflicted on the physical body.

Jesus lived in a physical body so that He could be tempted like the rest of humanity, overcome temptation, and live a sinless life on earth.

“Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.” (Hebrews 4:14-15)

When God the Father started to lay all the sins of the human race upon Jesus, it did not affect His physical body, but the pain and the agony was laid directly on Jesus.

Jesus suffered two pains:

1. The pain from the nervous system in the physical body of Jesus
2. The spiritual pain, when God laid all the sins of the human race from

The physical pain included the scourging, the crown of thorns, the nails, the hanging of His body, thirst, and suffocation. He also bore the sin of the world and endured the judgment of God against sin. The suffering was not only in His body. His soul was involved in the atonement.

“Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin...” (Isaiah 53:10a)

God the Father took the initiative to reconcile sinners to Himself by Jesus Christ. Man did not repair the broken relationship; God provided the way.

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:18-19)

Jesus became the sin-bearer, the substitute, and the offering for sin. Our sin was placed upon Him, and through Him, believers receive “the righteousness of God.”

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” (verse 21)

After hanging for three hours on the cross, Jesus left His body and went to Paradise for three days and three nights. All the Old Testament people who repented and toward the future Messiah could see Jesus and talk to Him because their souls were from the spirit world. It was a great time of rejoicing when Jesus informed the saints that He had paid for the sins of humanity and shortly would return to heaven and take them with Him.

And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us.

But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise. (Luke 23:39-43)

SUMMARY

My soul must remain in my physical body for as long as God keeps me on earth. My physical brain is a computer used to communicate and process information.

My soul is where all my talents and skills are located; this is where my memories are stored and this is where my emotions reside.

My physical body is merely the vehicle that my soul must use as long as I am alive. Jesus did not die for my physical body; He died to redeem my soul.

The redemption of my soul also sanctifies my physical body to become a living temple for God on earth.

“Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.” (1 Corinthians 3:16-17)

My soul is connected to the physical brain and its five senses of sight, hearing, touch, taste, and smell. The nervous system of the body send signals to my brain, which in turn are passed on to my soul for processing.

When my physical body was born of my mother, my soul was empty of knowledge and experience. I did not yet know who I was, where I was, or how to understand the world around me.

The soul was designed in heaven, but my soul did not come to life until conception in my mother’s womb.

My soul had to wait for the physical body to develop in order to begin interacting with my environment. As time progressed, I took in information and my soul began to make use of the data and develop responses. There is no thinking or reasoning in the physical brain, it is all carried out in the soul.

King Solomon was undoubtedly one of the wisest men in the world. He was given an understanding of the connection between the soul and the physical body. He called it a silver chord, a golden bowl, a pitcher, or a broken wheel. When the connection is severed between the soul and the physical body, it signifies death for the body and the soul is released.

*“Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.”
(Ecclesiastes 12:6-7)*

Remember, it’s not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?