



The Inner Man Reveal

What You Should Do

- Acts 17:10–11 (NASB 95)
- **10 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for *they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.***



One Word Of Advice

- **Context is KING!**
- **Words do NOT stand alone. Neither in English or any other language.**
- **You cannot pull a word out of a verse and understand what the author meant without its surrounding context, even the time frame it was written.**
- **When doing a Word study, look at EVERY instance it occurs in scripture to get better context.**

John 3:1–15 Recap

- *The New Birth*


- **1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; 2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.*” 3 Jesus answered and said to him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”**

John 3:1–15 Recap

- **4 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?” 5 Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

John 3:1–15 Recap

- **7 Do not be amazed that I said to you, ‘You must be born again.’ 8 The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.”**
- **9 Nicodemus said to Him, “How can these things be?”**
10 Jesus answered and said to him, “Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things? 11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony.

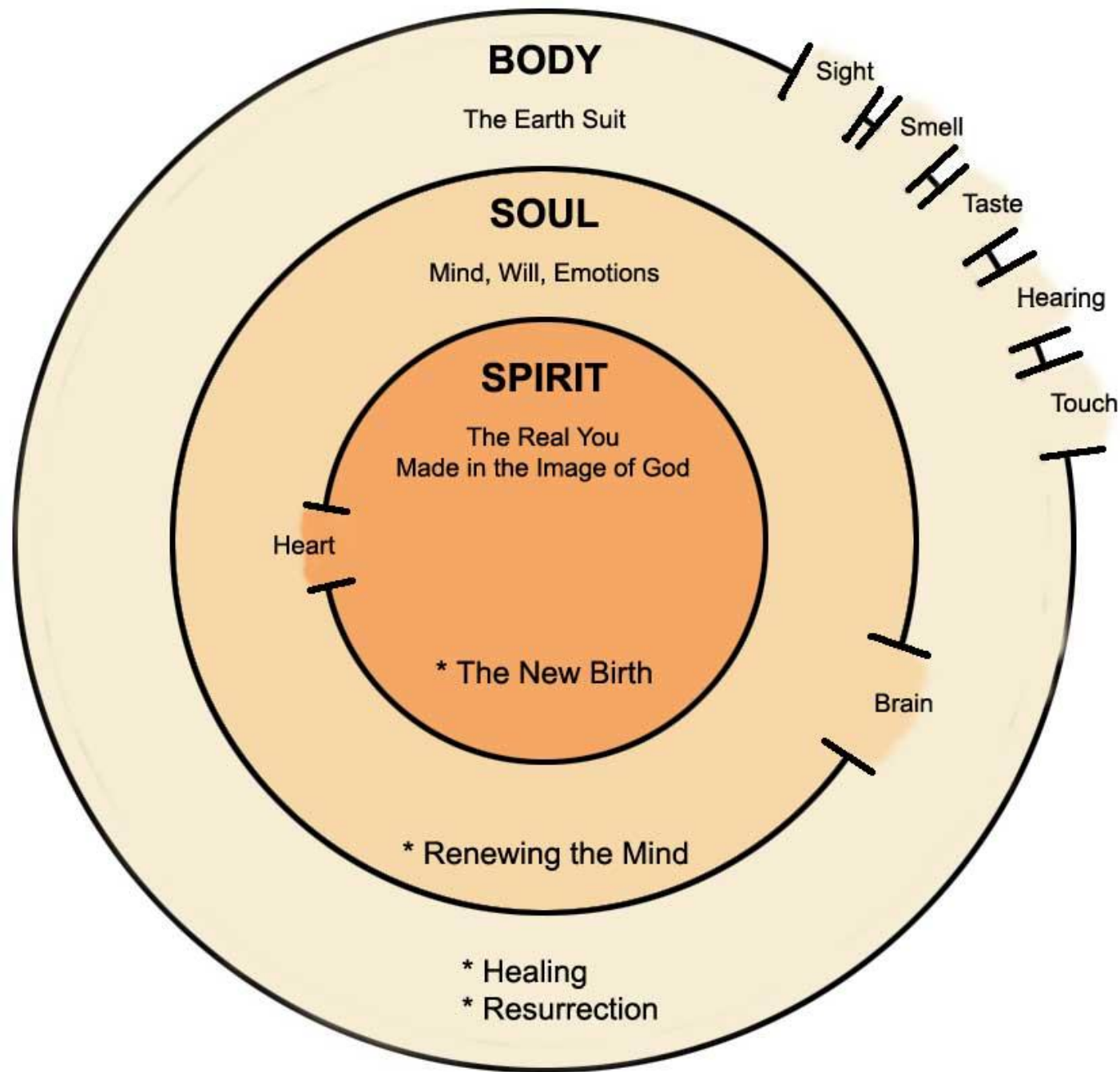


John 3:1–15 Recap

12 If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven, but He who descended from heaven: the Son of Man. 14 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; 15 so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.

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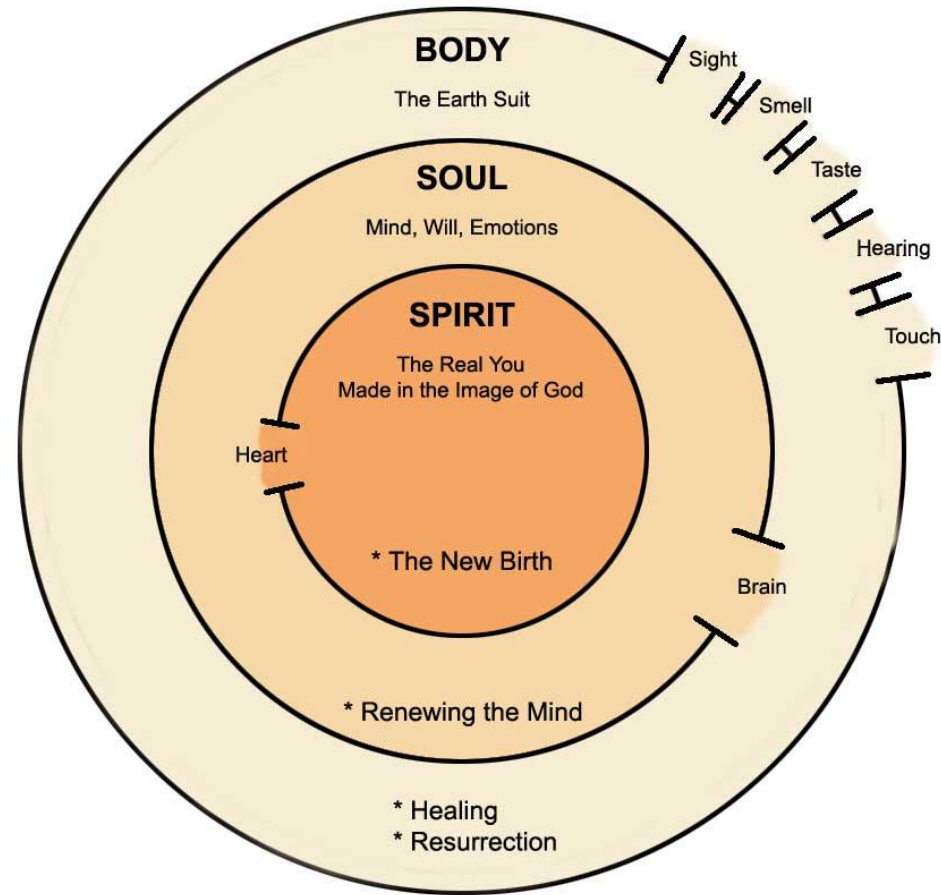
Stands To Reason...

- If our spirit is recreated by God and He speaks through our spirit, isn't it important that we understand its function?**

Body Equals Outermost Man

Soul Equals Outer Man

Spirit Equals Inner Man



Different Terms For The Same Thing

- **Body Equals Outer Man**
- **Soul Equals Outer Man**
- **Spirit Equals Inner Man**

The Release Of The Spirit

- **Got my first copy in 1975.**
- **At that point over a million copies were already sold.**
- **It is one of many ways God deals with people.**
- **But it is revealing the fact God DOES deal with people. He works, refined, crucifies... you name it.**

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- **What would be considered normal in the Ancient world, His dealings, we often misintpret, ignored or even rebuke in this age.**
- **“What is good is God, what is bad is the Devil” Is the ultimate in reductionism. As very famous Pastor is saying that, now.**
- **Define good? Define bad?**

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2 Co 4:7-12. (NASB 95)

- But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; we are afflicted in **every way**, but not crushed; **perplexed**, but not despairing; **persecuted**, but not forsaken; **struck down**, but not destroyed; **always** carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be **manifested in our body**. For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. So death works in us, but life in you.

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- **How do we get around these verses:**
- **Applied only to Apostles?**
- **It was a specific calling?**
- **And this is me meddling in verse 13-14**
- **13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, “I believed, therefore I spoke,” we also believe, therefore we also speak, 14 knowing that He who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus and will present us with you.”**



The Release Of The Spirit

- **How then we do align our walk to cooperate with His work?**
- **In The Release of the Spirit, Watchman Nee explores the concept of spiritual growth through the "breaking of the outer man" to release the inner spirit. He teaches that the outer man, consisting of the soul and body, often hinders the spirit, which is the core of a believer's connection with God. This outer man must be broken through trials, hardships, and surrender to God's will, allowing the inner spirit, guided by the Holy Spirit, to dominate and flow freely.**

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- **Nee emphasizes that this process is essential for authentic Christian service and spiritual maturity, as it shifts control from fleshly desires and self-reliance to a spirit-led life. The breaking process fosters humility, empathy, and patience, enabling believers to reflect Christ's character and minister effectively. He illustrates this with biblical analogies, like the seed dying to produce life or the alabaster box breaking to release its fragrance, underscoring that true spiritual impact comes from a surrendered, broken life. The book challenges readers to embrace this ongoing transformative journey for a deeper walk with God.**

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- **A surrendered and broken life.**
- **1 Cor 15:31-32: I affirm, brethren, by the boasting in you which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily.**
- **Luke 9:23: “And He was saying to them all, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.'”**



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- **Can you see how the way the Gospel is presented in America in particular, how it can conflict with this?**
- **Have you wondered why so many prominent Pastor, Teachers, Evangelists have failed so spectacularly?**



The Release Of The Spirit

- **Now to the book.**
- **Chapter 1. The importance of Brokenness.**
- **The outer man often dominates, hindering the spirit's expression and limiting the flow of God's life through the believer.**
- **Nee emphasizes that God's purpose is to break the outer man through trials, discipline, and surrender to His will. This breaking is not destruction but a process to remove the barriers of self-reliance and fleshly strength, allowing the spirit to shine forth. He uses the biblical analogy of the alabaster box (Mark 14:3), which must be broken to release the precious ointment, to illustrate that the spirit's fragrance is released only when the outer man is broken.**

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- **He stresses that unbroken believers, no matter how gifted, cannot fully minister life to others because their outer man obstructs the spirit's flow. Brokenness produces humility, sensitivity, and dependence on God, enabling authentic spiritual ministry. Nee connects this to the "word of the cross" (1 Corinthians 1:18, NASB 1995), where the cross's work in a believer's life crucifies the flesh, aligning with the daily dying Paul describes in 1 Corinthians 15:31 and the call to take up the cross daily in Luke 9:23.**



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- The chapter sets the stage for the book's teaching that brokenness is a continuous, God-ordained process essential for spiritual maturity and effective service, urging believers to embrace it willingly.**

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- **“Do we impress people with ourselves, or with the Lord? Do we draw people to our teaching, or to the Lord? This is genuinely vital. It determines the value of all our work and labor.”
— Watchman Nee**



Time For A Full Surrender

- **Luke 9:23 (NASB)**
- **“If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.”**
- **Full Surrender and Death to Self**
Kuhlman taught that following Jesus requires a complete surrender of one’s life – body, soul, and spirit – to Him.



Time For A Full Surrender

- She referenced Luke 9:23, stating, ***“When I made a full and complete surrender of everything to Jesus, the Holy Spirit took the empty vessel, and that’s all that He asks. ‘If any man will follow me, let him take his cross.’”***
- ***“I had nothing to give you but my love. I give you my body, a living sacrifice. If you can take nothing and use it, then here is nothing. Take it.”***







Living And Active

- Hebrews 4:12 (NASB 95)

- **12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of *soul and spirit*, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.**



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Ephesians 1:18-19a (NASB 95)

I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.