



The Inner Man

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 (NASB 1995)

- *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

- **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

- **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

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.



John 3:1–15

- **10 Jesus answered and said to him,
“Are you the teacher of Israel and *do not understand* these things?**



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- Psalm 51:6 (NASB 95)

- **6 Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, And in the hidden part You will make me know wisdom.**

- 1 Samuel 16:7 (NASB 95)

- **7 But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God *sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.*”**



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- Proverbs 20:27 (NASB 95)

- **27 The spirit of man is the lamp of the Lord, Searching all the innermost parts of his being.**

- Proverbs 4:23 (NASB 95)

- **23 Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it *flow the springs of life.***



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- Ecclesiastes 12:7 (NASB 95)
- **7 then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.**
- Job 32:8 (NASB 95)
- **8 “But it is a spirit in man, And the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding.**



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- Ezekiel 36:26, 27 (NASB 95)

•26 Moreover, I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; and I will remove the heart of stone from 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 be careful to observe My ordinances.

Born Of Spirit Is Spirit

- John 3:6 (NASB 1995)

.6 That which has been born of the flesh is flesh, and that which has been born of the Spirit is spirit.

What Gets “Born Again?”

- Your Soul?
- Your Mind?
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NASB 95)
 - **23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

What Gets “Born Again?”

- Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NASB 95)

31 “Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. 33 “But this is the covenant which I *will make with the house of Israel after those days,*” declares the Lord, “*I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 They will not teach again, each man his neighbor and each man his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them,*” declares the Lord, “for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.:

Inner Man In The New Testament

- Probably one of the clearest passage on the subject:
- 1 Corinthians 2:11–16 (NASB 95)
- **11 For who among men knows the *thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God. 12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may know the things freely given to us by God, 13 which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in those taught by the Spirit, combining spiritual thoughts with spiritual words.***

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- 1 Corinthians 2:11–16 (NASB 95)
 - **14 But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised.**
 - 15 But he who is spiritual appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. 16 For who has known the mind of the Lord, that he will instruct Him? But we have the mind of Christ.**

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- 1 Corinthians 6:17 (NASB 95)
- **17 But the one who joins himself to the Lord is one spirit *with Him*.**
- James 2:26 (NASB 95)
- **26 For just as the body without *the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.***
- (Let not many of you become teachers, my brethren, knowing that as such we *will incur a stricter judgment.*)



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- Romans 7:22 (NASB 95)
- **22 For I joyfully agree with the law of God in the inner man,**
- 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NASB 95)
- **16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day.**

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- 1 Peter 3:3–4 (NASB 95)
- **3 Your adornment must not be *merely external—braiding the hair, and wearing gold jewelry, or putting on dresses; 4 but let it be the hidden person of the heart, with the imperishable quality of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is precious in the sight of God.***



Inner Man In The New Testament

- Ephesians 3:16 (NASB 95)

•16 that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man,

To The Sword!

- 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.**



Dividing Between Soul and Spirit?

- **Why is the necessary?**
- **How does it happen?**
- **When does it happen?**
- **Time to delve further?...**

Andrew Murray on the Tripartite Man

- In Chapter 24, The Temple of the Holy Spirit Of His Book, The Spirit of Christ,
- **‘Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?’ – I Cor.3:16 ‘(KJV)’**
- “In using the illustration of the Temple as the type of God’s dwelling in us by the Holy Spirit, Scripture invites us to study the analogy. The Temple was made in all things according to a pattern seen by Moses on the Mount, a shadow cast by the Eternal Spiritual Realities which it was to symbolize. One of these realities-for Divine Truth is exceeding rich and full and has many and very diverse applications – One of these realities shadowed forth by the Temple, is man’s threefold nature. Because man was created in the image of God, the Temple is not only the setting forth of the mystery of man’s approach into the presence of God, but equally of God’s way of entering into man, to take up His abode with him.”

Watchman Nee on the Innermost Spirit

“Take this as the secret of Christ's life in you: His Spirit dwells in your innermost spirit. Meditate on it, believe in it, and remember it until this glorious truth produces within you a holy fear and wonderment that the Holy Spirit indeed abides in you.

“The cross grants us position, the Holy Spirit gives us experience.”