# THE **THIRD** SALVATION

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### INTRODUCTION

You are a spirity, you have a soul, and you live in a body. The Bible will make more sense when you find the difference.

This book gets better as you read along because the first part contains many definitions. Skip around if you want.

IF GOD DOES NOT CHANGE THINGS PRETTY QUICK -

I AM GOING TO DIE -AND SO WILL YOU!



# SPIRIT-SOUL DIFFERENCE

In order to understand the words of Jesus, and many of the parables which he taught, it is necessary to understand the difference between our spirity, and our soul. We have found that there is quite a bit of misunderstanding regarding what Jesus taught, because most people do not separate spirity from soul. It is easy to identify the scriptures which refer to the body, but it is harder to see the difference between the scriptures which refer to spirity and the scriptures which refer to the soul.

### **Bible Alone**

The Bible says of itself "For the Word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirity." (Heb. 4:12) From this particular scripture we see that the authority for dividing spirity from soul rests in the Bible (Word of God) alone. This is a very important fact in understanding the difference. We should use the Word of God alone to make this division.

# Dictionary Definitions Interchangeable

In other words, the dictionary is not good

enough. We noticed that the dictionary definitions cannot fully be used to see a difference. In fact, some of the definitions for spirit and soul use the same words and the same terms and phrases in the dictionary. The dictionary uses the words "spirit and soul" synonymously and unfortunately we have found that many Christians still use the words "spirit and soul" interchangeably. We have also noticed that the song writers use the words "spirit and soul" interchangeably according to the way they rhyme and not according to their biblical meaning.

### **Common vs Biblical**

This is not to find fault with the dictionary, or its writers or publishers. After all, they catalog words and describe their meaning according to common usage. So in that way they are right. The point is that common usage is wrong as far as biblical usage is concerned.

# **Soul and Body Destruction**

Another scripture which helps us to see a little more concerning this division is in Matthew 10:28 where Jesus said, "And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is

able to destroy both soul and body in hell." This indicates that the soul and the body (not spirit) have the possibility of destruction. Jesus' warning concerning the possibility of destruction of both the soul and the body indicates that they are common, in a way, and that both of these parts of the person are able to be destroyed (not spirit).)



# **Body and Spirit Are God's**

Another scripture which should shed light on the difference between spirit, soul and body is in I Corinthians 6:20 where we find, "For ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." This indicates that both the body and the spirit are possessed by God, but it leaves out the soul as being possessed.

# **Body To Dust—Spirit To God**

Another scripture which should shed light on the difference is in Ecclesiastes 12:7 which reads, "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was, and the spirit shall return to God, who gave it." Most of us have been to funerals where it is said, "From dust thou art to dust thou returnest." This is obviously speaking of the body, for the body was formed of the dust of the earth. At death the body returns back to dust or back to the earth, but the spirit returns unto God who gave the spirit in the first place.

# **Spirit Is Eternal**

From these three scriptures, Hebrews 4:12, Ecclesiastes 12:1 and Matthew 10:28, we see that the spirit is eternal: it came from God in the first place.

These scriptures are examples of the fact that our spirit is the real eternal part of us: John 3:5 and 6, 4:24, Acts 7:59, Romans 1:9, Romans 8:16, I Cor. 2:11, I Cor. 3:16, I Cor. 5:3, 4, 5, I Cor. 14:14, II Cor. 2:13, Eph. 4:4, Eph. 4:23, I Thes. 5:23, II Tim. 4:22, I Peter 3:19, I John 5:6.

We also see that the body is quite temporal and that is no surprise to any of us. The body is formed of dust, (things that we eat) then grows up, finally dies and returns back to dust. The soul, also, is not eternal, but the soul can be destroyed. Soul and body can be destroyed; the spirit cannot. We can define man as really being a spirit.

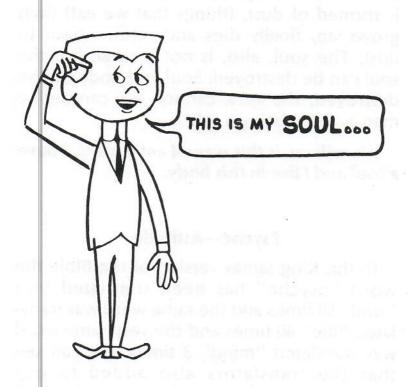
We will say it this way—I am a spirit, I have a soul and I live in this body.

# Psyche—Attitude

In the King James version of the Bible the word "psyche" has been translated into "soul" 58 times and the same word was translated "life" 40 times and the very same word was translated "mind" 3 times. We can see that the translators also added to our confusion regarding the definition of a soul. In translating the Greek into "soul, life and mind," the translators were not consistent.

When we read our Bibles we often do not realize when we come across one of these words that the thought is really speaking of the same thing—our attitudes.

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### **Obtain Salvation**

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ." (I Thes. 5:9). Even though the Thessalonians were in the church and were already saved, they were still to obtain (in the future) a salvation, or to obtain a further salvation than they already possessed. We will further consider this future salvation and amplify on it.

### Past, Present, Future Salvation

In II Corinthians 1:10 we find regarding Jesus Christ "Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver; in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us."

We find in this one verse a past deliverance, a present deliverance and yet a future deliverance, all through Jesus Christ. The concept of a past deliverance, a present deliverance and a future deliverance is not normally taught.

### **Future Salvation**

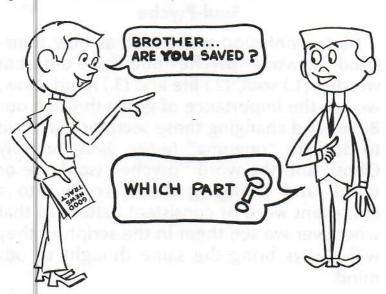
Some Christians believe that when they went to the altar and received Jesus Christ into their hearts, then their relationship with God was completed and finished at that particular point, but we believe that the holy

scriptures have many concepts and ideas which indicate progressive deliverance, a progressive salvation and a progressive sanctification. One such scripture is in Romans 5:9, "Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." This indicates that because of the past shedding of His blood we are presently justified, but it further indicates that in the future we shall be saved from wrath through Him. Yet, the Romans, to whom Paul was writing, were already saved in the past, but the scripture further indicates they shall be saved (future). How then is it possible to be already saved and yet to have further salvation ready for us in the future wherein we shall be saved? Verse 10 continues the thought, "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life."

# **Spirit Salvation Past**

Those of us who have already accepted the blood of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of our past sins, have already in the past been reconciled to God. We are already saved, yet we find these scriptures indicating that those who are already saved shall also be saved in the future.

Scriptures in the Bible which refer to a past tense salvation or deliverance always refer to the fact that in the past Jesus Christ has saved the spirit of man. The blood of Jesus Christ has become a covering for the past sins of men. Jesus is the savior of our spirit. "There is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" and our spirits return to God who gave them in the first place through Jesus Christ the mediator. As an example of the fact that Jesus Christ acts upon sporo, notice Acts 7:59 "Stephen saying, Lord Jesus receive my spirity," when he was dying. Also notice I Peter 3:18-19 "Christ . . quickened by the (Holy) Spirit went and preached to the spirits in prison." In the event of death the spirit returns to God, not the soul.



# Spirit-Pneuma

The word "Spirit" is the Greek word "pneuma". This word "pneuma" was translated by the King James translators into the word "spirit" 151 times but it was translated into the word "Spirit" with a capital "S" 137 times and it was also translated into the word "Holy Ghost" 89 times. We see again from our study of the word "pneuma" that the translators have not helped us to untangle this misunderstanding about spirit and soul. In handling the word "pneuma" and translating it in three different ways, they have added to the confusion.

# Soul-Psyche

More confusion was added as they translated the word "psyche" into three different words—(1.) soul, (2.) life and (3.) mind. Now, we see the importance of going through our Bibles and changing those sections that have to do with "pneuma" (spirit), Spirit or Holy Ghost) and the word "psyche" (soul, life or mind) and changing those words into a consistent word or consistent pattern so that whenever we see them in the scripture they will always bring the same thought to our mind.

# **God Is Spirit**

In the study of eastern religions we have noticed that those religions refer to God as a soul or an infinite mind or they bring forth the concept that God is that great eternal giant mind. But our Bible teaches us that God is a spirit, not a mind (soul) (John 4:24). It is for this reason that those people who participate in eastern, or what we call occult religions, develop such tremendous soul (mind) powers in the name of religion. But the Christian religion is the only religion we have found that recognizes the difference between soul and spirit. God cannot be seen, heard, felt, touched or smelled, with the natural senses. The soul senses cannot receive the sense of God because God must be felt in the innermost parts of man, in his වෙරීම්වර්මුම







### THERE IS A DIFFERENCE

HEBREWS 4:12 I THESSALONIANS 5:23 (5:8-9) II CORINTHIANS 1:10 HOPE, OBTAIN SALVATION

# SOUL, MIND, HOLY SPIRIT, PRESENT, PENTECOST, WORKS



Rest Matt. 11:29 Sorrowful Matt. 26:38 (John 12:27) Magnify Luke 1:46 Fear Acts 2:43 Subvert Acts 15:24 Purify I Peter 1:22 Lust I Peter 2:11 Kill Matt. 10:28

### SPIRIT, HEART, JESUS, PAST, PASSOVER, FAITH



Ecclesiastes 12:7 Spirit is Heart John 7:37-39 Heart Speak Matt. 12:34 Heart Speak Luke 6:45 Heart, Mouth Romans 10:9-10 Word Cast Out Spirits Matt. 8:16 Preach Saying Matt. 10:7 Speak Matt. 10:20 Cry Voice Matt. 12:18-19

### BODY, FLESH, GOD, FUTURE, TABERNACLES, HOPE

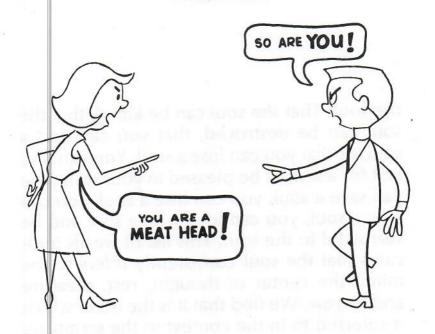
To Become John 1:12
Not Yet Appear I John 3:1-2
Waiting, Body, Hope Romans 8:23-24
Time Appointed of The Father Galations 4:1-7
Future I Peter 1:3,4,5,9,10,11,13,21
Shall Be Saved Romans 5:9-10
Body, Spirit Are God's I Corinthians 6:20
Past, Present, Future II Corinthians 1:10

# **SOUL-MIND**

We have noticed that the salvation of our soul is present tense (not past), in fact is present progressive tense. The salvation of our soul is being worked out. Even though the salvation of the spirit has been through the work of Jesus Christ, we will discover in reading further scriptures that the salvation of the soul (not spirit) is through the work of the Holy Spirit. In Hebrews 10:39 we find "But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition, but of them that believe to the saving of the soul." Here we see the saving of the soul is present progressive tense and that it has not already been accomplished but it is being completed.

### **Carnal Mind**

That part of our mind which is not yet changed is our carnal mind. We have read in the scriptures that men are carnal. Carnal is taken from the word "carne." The word "carne" in Italian, Spanish and Greek means "flesh or meat." A carnal man is a "meat head!"



### Soul Is The Mind

In further finding the difference between the words spirit and soul, we went through the book of Matthew and took some references to the word soul throughout the chapters to see if there was some common idea or common thought in this word soul (psyche). We found it used many times but I have pulled out a few scriptures to help see a common pattern. These scriptures are in Matthew 2:20, 6:25, 10:28, 10:39, 11:29, 12:18, 16:25, 16:26, 20:28, 22:37 and 26:38. We see that the soul can be sought, that you can give thoughts with the soul or have no thought in

the soul. That the soul can be killed, that the soul can be destroyed, that you can find a soul, or that you can lose a soul. You can find rest for a soul or be pleased in your soul. You can save a soul, you can lose a soul, you can give a soul, you can love with a soul and be sorrowful in the soul. This list of words indicates that the soul consistently refers to the mind, the center of thought, rest, pleasure and sorrow. We find that it is the mind which is referred to in the context in the scriptures just quoted in the book of Matthew. All of these scriptures show us that the soul has to do with man's mind.

# **Psyche Is Soulmind**

The word "psyche" in the Greek further indicates the word "mind" because from the word psyche we get our word psychiatrist, a psychiatric or a psycho and all of these words refer to the mind of man or the treatment of mind.

Thus, we see that the word for the soul has to do with our thinking, our remembering processes in the mind.



A further breakdown in study of the word "soul" (psyche) finds that the soul has rest in Matthew 11:29. In Matthew 26:38 we find that the soul is the center of our sorrow. In Mark 12:30 we discover that we can love with the soul and in Luke 1:46 we find that we can magnify with our soul. The soul can be pierced according to Luke 2:35. We can say to our soul, "Take ease, eat, drink and be merry." Luke 12:19 describes our talking to our soul. We can fear in our soul. The soul can be subverted. According to Romans 2:9 the soul has anguish, unrighteousness, indignation, wrath, tribulation, glory, honor and peace. The soul can be purified according to I Peter 1:22. The soul has fleshly lusts according to I Peter 2:11.

# **Soul Thinks And Remembers**

Thus, we see that the soul is common to thinking, to all the acts of the brain, to teaching and rememberance. You have rest in your soul (mind), you can be sorrowful in the soul (mind), love with your soul (mind), you can magnify with your soul (mind). You can pierce your soul (mind). You can say to your soul (mind). You can be merry or happy in your soul (mind). You can fear, or subvert or have anguish in your soul (mind). You can have unrighteousness, indignation, wrath, tribulation, anguish or have glory, honor and peace all in the soul (mind) realm. You can purify but you can also have fleshly lust in the soul (mind). All these concepts have to do with the "psyche" soul, mind or brain, and are taken from the scriptures listed above.

# **Spirit Used To Lead**

In the garden, originally, man was built so that he was led of the spirit. The spirit which is the inner man, or the real true man, then led the mind or the soul of man and his body followed. In other words he was a spirit, soul and body in that order. First a spirit, for God is spirit and he was created in his image and likeness. Then when man got the double-cross from the serpent it was man's soul that

came into preeminence. At the first his spliring had the sensitivity to commune with God. Later, after the fall, his soul became preeminent and his soul became the leader. His spliring became a wee small voice from deep down inside. This is the way most people are built today.

### **Now The Soul Leads**

Nowadays most people are led by their mind, their will, their intellect, their emotion, and attitude; but a wee small voice deep from within their spirit cries out for truth.

# **Tree Of Knowledge**

Originally the spirit was in charge and originally the spirit was leading. Originally the spirit had communion with God but man made a mistake and ate of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

### Sin In The Mind

The center of knowledge is in the soul (mind) and this implies that the original sin involved the mind. And in eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil the soul became preeminent and important decisions

were not made on the basis of what God would say through the spirit of man but on the basis of what man would decide because of what he could see, hear, taste, smell and feel. This is the reason it is so very hard for people who have received formal training to be led by the Holy Spirit. They are naturally led by the soul (mind).

# **Objective Decisions**

In my own instance as an engineer I was trained to make objective decisions based on what I could see, hear, smell, taste and feel and never to make subjective decisions based on how I felt in the heart or from deep within. Decisions had to be made on observable facts. This is the natural training of the natural man. This kind of decision making will eventually disappear because the Holy Spirit will lead those who are alive and remain at the time of the coming of the Lord.

Those people will be led of the spirit and will no longer be led by and/or make decisions on what they can see, hear, smell, taste and feel. They will be led by God's Spirit speaking from deep within. From their innermost parts will flow a river of living water; this is speaking of the spirit.

# **Word of God Divides Soul From Spirit**

According to Hebrews 4:12 the Word of God is able to show the difference between the spirit and the soul. And we look toward the Word of God to make this division and no other source. When we looked at the dictionary we saw that the definitions did not show a difference. Therefore, our definitions, as Christians, should come from the Bible and not from the dictionary. The Bible shows that the soul is that part of man which is his mind, intellect, will or emotion. The best word we can find is "attitude" to describe the soul of man. The spirit of man is in his heart, his innermost parts, bowels or inner organ which describes the inner man, which is the real true man. The spirit of man according to Ecc. 12:7 came from God in the first place and is going back to God in the event that the body should die.

We have discovered according to the words of Jesus Christ that the soul and body can be destroyed; that the soul and the body are not eternal. It is the spirit which is eternal and the spirit part of man is that eternal part of man which goes back to God who gave the spirit in the first place. In I Thess. 5:23 Paul said, "Now I pray your whole spirit and soul

and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord." And, of course, this indicates that there is a difference between a sport, a soul and a body.

A translation difficulty should be mentioned. The word "psyche" was translated "heart" only once in the King James. Eph. 6:6 says, "doing the will of God from the heart" and it should say "from the mind". The reason that the translator varied from the pattern of using a mind related term to a spirit related term is beyond me—but there it is. I cannot help but wonder if the translators knew the difference between spirit and soul.

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# **SOUL—HOLY SPIRIT**

The method of the salvation of the soul is given in I Peter 1:22, "Seeing that ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit." Peter says that the purification of the soul is through the spirit by obeying the truth. The Bible tells us that "Thy word is Truth," so obeying the truth is obeying the Word of God. We also notice that the Word or the truth of God must be through the spirit. The letter kills but the spirit gives life, and in obeying the Word or the truth it must be through the spirit and not through our own understanding. The Word (Bible) should be anointed by the Holy Spirit.

### **Save Your Soul**

James 1:21 amplifies the thought and says, "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word which is able to save your souls."

Here is a scripture written to people who were already saved, but it adds that they are to be even more saved. This scripture written by James was written unto the brethren who were in the church and who had received Jesus Christ into their hearts (into their

spirius) and yet he further tells these brethren that the engrafted Word is able to further save their souls. This indicates that their souls were not already saved but were being saved as they received the engrafted Word.

# **Holy Spirit Engrafts The Word**

Now we see the great importance of having the Word of God engrafted into our minds (souls). This engrafting process takes place by an act of the Holy Spirit. Most of us have had experiences where we have read a certain passage of the Bible perhaps 19 times and had not noticed a certain truth, but when it was moved upon by the Holy Spirit we saw it. We received benefit from a passage which we had gone over and over again in the past and had not noticed. This explains the engrafting process. The Holy Spirit takes the very same words that we had gone over and over and on occasion the Holy Spirit chisels those words, engrafts, burns those words into our minds. Then our attitudes change and we are never the same. This is the engrafting of the Word of God into our minds (souls) by the Holy Spirit. The result is a changed attitude, a new way of looking at things and a changed life. Most all Christians have had similar experiences. Now we see that the instrument to change our souls (attitudes, minds) is the engrafted Word of God.

# **Change Your Mind**

The engrafted Word of God is moved upon by the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit then changes our mind, always with the Word of God. This is a very important concept and we must see that the next step in our salvation after our initial experience of receiving Jesus Christ into our heart (spirit) is that we receive the Holy Spirit into our mind (soul, intellect, will or attitudes).

# **Holy Spirit Teaches**

The references to the Holy Spirit always refer to moving upon man's mind or "psyche". When Jesus Christ introduced the fact that the Holy Spirit would be coming, He said in John 14:26 "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatever I have said unto you." The teaching process has to do with the mind, the intellect, the emotion, the will and the attitude. Likewise, the center for our remembrance is in our mind (psyche). Jesus, in introducing the Holy Spirit, introduced Him to our minds through a teaching process and guaranteed

that the remembrance section of our mind will be anointed or moved upon by the Holy Spirit.

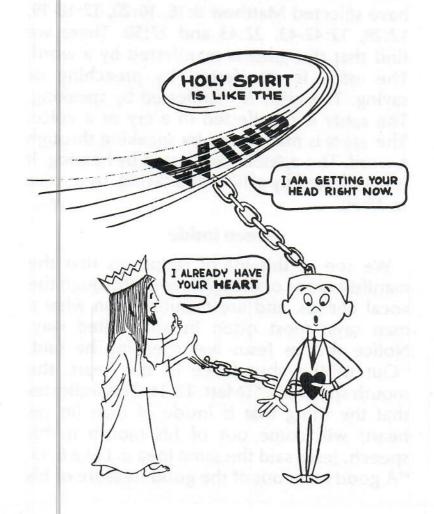
Remembering that Jesus acts upon the heart (១១៤៧) of man and that the Holy Spirit acts upon the head (mind) of man, we now see the extreme importance of first receiving Jesus Christ into our hearts and secondly receiving the Holy Spirit into our minds. As an example of the fact that the heart is involved in the salvation which Jesus brought see Romans 10:9-10 "Believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, and thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth."

Heart belief brings Jesus Christ into our spiring first, and then head belief brings the Holy Ghost to our minds.

### Gifts Of The Holy Spirit Are For The Mind

That is why the Holy Spirit gives "mind" gifts. Gifts of the Holy Spirit listed in I Cor. 12 are all for the mind. They are: tongues, interpretation, prophecy, wisdom, knowledge, discerning of spirits, faith, miracles and healings. These gifts of the Holy Spirit are to change our mind or our attitudes toward life,

toward each other and toward the World of God. Now we see that the first salvation or the one that has already occurred (the past tense salvation) was when Jesus Christ entered our spirits (hearts) and that the second major work is when the Holy Spirit enters our souls (minds).



# SPIRIT—HEART

The manifestation of the spirit however, comes from a different place than the mind. We will use the same process of looking in the book of Matthew at certain passages which use the word spirit "pneuma". We have selected Matthew 8:16, 10:20, 12:18-19, 12:28, 12:42-43, 22:43 and 27:50. There we find that the spirit is manifested by a word. The spirit is manifested by preaching or saying. The spirit is manifested by speaking. The spirit is manifested by speaking through a word. The spirit is manifested by speaking through a word. The spirit is manifested by hearing. It is manifested by calling and saying, by a voice in 27:50.

### **Deep Inside**

We see in this list of scriptures that the manifestations of the spirit come through the vocal chords, and are manifested in what a man says, most often in an excited way. Notice that as Jesus was speaking he said, "Out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." (Matt. 12:34) This indicates that the thing that is inside of man (in his heart) will come out of his mouth in his speech. Jesus said the same idea in Luke 6:45. "A good man, out of the good treasure of his

heart, bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man, out of the evil treasure of his heart, bringeth forth that which is evil; for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh." Paul amplifies the thought further in Romans 10:9-10. "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."

# Inner Organs—Spirit

Believing in Jesus Christ is believing with the heart, not with the mind (soul). Thus, mental consent to the fact that Jesus is the Christ is not sufficient, for the confession must come up from deeply within a man (from his heart) and not just out of his mind. When Jesus was referring to the inner organs of man He said, "If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water, but this spake he of the spirit, whom they that believe on him should receive, for the Holy Ghost was not yet given, because Jesus was not yet glorified." (John 7:37) When the Bible refers to the heart, the innermost parts, the

bowels, belly or any of the inner organs of man, it uses these expressions as symbols for the spirit of man. Symbols are used because the spirit of man cannot be seen, cannot be measured, weighed or touched. In this case referring to the Holy Spirit flowing out from the inner organs of man, Jesus used the term 'belly". The spirit is the real inner man, and dwells symbolically inside the body (in the inner organs).

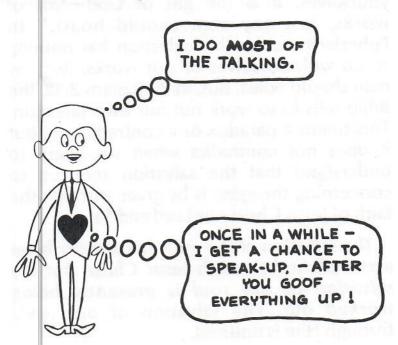
So we see that the real you is really on the inside. Some people speak from deeply within themselves. At times, most people are deeply moved, but not always. Most of the time, most of the people are led by what they can see, hear, touch, taste and feel from their five senses.

# Foolishness To Natural Man

A person who is led from his outside influences is a soulish person but a person who is led from deep within is a spiritual person. We have seen that a soulish man thinks that a spiritual man is crazy because a person who is led of the spirit does not react to what he can see, hear, smell, taste and feel. He is led by what he knows to be right from the Word of God. But a person who is led of the five senses is a natural (carnal) person.

### **Natural Programming**

The words that a natural man speaks are words that have been programmed in the mind. Because of our training we usually say the right things or the socially acceptable trite answers (not what we really feel). Most people, at times, have spoken with their natural programming out of the way. Instead of giving a trite answer they speak deeply, moved from within. When you speak deeply, moved from within and not mainly directed by your mind, you are expressing what your real spirit (heart) is saying, not what your mind is thinking.



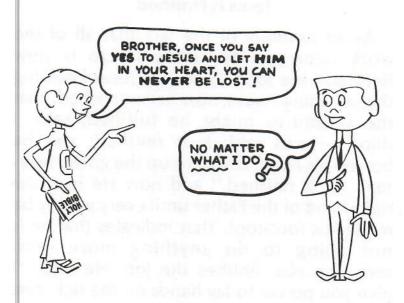
# **ETERNAL SALVATION**

We will now look at two scriptures which seem to be in direct contradiction; but with our new understanding of spirit and soul we will see that these scriptures do not conflict at all. The first is in Philippians 2:12. Here we read, "Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling." Paul told the Philippians to work out their own salvation, and yet the same author writing to the Ephesians told them that they cannot work out their salvation. Ephesians 2:8 and 9, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of vourselves, it is the gift of God-Not of works, lest any man should boast." In Ephesians we see that salvation has nothing to do with ourselves or our works, lest any man should boast. But, in Phillipians 2:12, the Bible tells us to work out our own salvation. This seems a paradox or a contradiction, but it does not contradict when we begin to understand that the salvation referred to concerning the spirit is by grace through the faith of lesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

The salvation of the spirit has already been accomplished through Jesus Christ, but the salvation of our soul is presently being worked out. The salvation of our spirit through Him is finished.

### **Jesus Is Finished**

As an example of the fact that all of the work necessary for Jesus to do is now finished—see John 19:28-30. "Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scriptures might be fulfilled, said, I thirst."—Jesus said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost. Jesus said, "it is finished," and now He is at the right hand of the Father until every enemy be made His footstool. That indicates that he is not going to do anything more until someone else finishes the job. He said, "I give you power to lay hands on the sick, cast out devils, and over all the power of the enemy" (Luke 10:19, Mark 16:18). He is not going to do any more work here on the earth until after all kingdoms are made subject to Him.



## **Christians Argue**

Some people believe in Eternal Salvation and some do not. Some people say that what God has in his hand — He will never let go. Others say, but a man can return to his vomit like a dog and lose his own soul. Some believe that once you are in grace you are always in grace. Others believe you can fall from grace and lose your salvation. If you have been around Christians for a while you know that this is a big argument. I listened to both sides and could not make up my mind because each had many scriptures to prove their point. Now I think I have the answer.

### **Eternal Security For The Spirit**

The people who believe in Eternal Security use scriptures which deal with the spirit of man—but the people who do not believe in Eternal Security use scriptures which deal with man's soul. Since none of these people saw the difference between spirit and soul—they argued. Now that I see the difference, I believe that Eternal Security is for the spirit, but that man definitely can fall from grace in his soul. Therefore, I now believe that both are right, but they both are also wrong, because they apply their doctrines to the whole man—not the appropriate part.

We now see that the Calvinists (Baptists) are right, in a way, when they say that we are saved by grace through faith, and that once God has a person in His hand He can never let them go, but we also see that the Wesleyan (Methodist-Armenian) doctrine is right when we see that they say, "But you must work out your own salvation with fear and trembling," for these Wesleyans (Methodists) are referring to the soul of man, but the Calvinists are referring to the spirit of man.

Baptist churches are Calvinistic in their basic doctrine and they believe in Eternal Se-

curity whereas most Methodist churches were originally Wesleyan (Armenian) in their doctrine and they do not. Holiness and Pentecostal denominations are Wesleyan (Armenian) in that they teach a second or a progressive work of God upon the person, subsequent to and after their initial salvation experience, and they believe that it is possible to lose your soul after you are saved.

#### **Work Out Soul Salvation**

We see from Philippians 2:12 that it is possible to work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, because this salvation refers to a second work, a further (Wesleyan) salvation. But the worked out (soul) salvation is after the salvation of the splith (Calvinistic). And the soul salvation is worked out by knowing the Word of God, becoming familiar with what Jesus said. Because remember that the Holy Spirit usually only works on our remembrance. The Holy Spirit takes the words of Jesus and brings them to our memory.

Thus, we see the extreme importance of familiarity with the Bible (words of Jesus) because the Holy Spirit usually only acts upon that which we already have heard in the first place. This is a very important point.

#### **Teachers**

The scriptures teach us that God gave Apostles, Prophets, Evangelists, Pastors and Teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the unity of the faith until we come to the perfect man. The Bible teaches that God gave teachers to the Body of Christ. Yet the same Bible says that you have no need that any man teach you for the Holy Spirit will teach you all things. How is it that teachers are given to the Body of Christ and yet the scriptures tell us that we have no need that any man teach us, for the Holy Spirit will do the teaching? The answer lies in the fact that the Body of Christ must first hear the Word of God through our testimony. "For faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. And how shall they hear without a preacher?" But real learning occurs later on after that person has heard the Word of God. Through a divine act of the Holy Spirit that same word is brought to the remembrance because of a situation of life, or some activity of the day. Then that person remembers the Word of God that he has formerly heard, and then it is worked upon by the Holy Spirit. That is when that person really learns the

lesson through the experience of his own life (not learning a lesson by hearing a preacher preach or a teacher teach).

#### Remember

However, it is important to understand that without having first heard the preacher or the teacher, it is not possible for the Holy Spirit to bring anything to our remembrance. For how can we remember anything unless we have first heard it? That is how we work out our own salvation with fear and trembling, by becoming familiar with the Word of God, by becoming familiar with what Jesus taught, and then going through a subsequent and further act in living out our lives. The Holy Spirit then brings these thoughts and words to our remembrance and then the words become engrafted (anointed) by the Holy Spirit. They become chiseled into us, and they become a part of us so that our attitudes change and then we change our actions.

# **Holy Spirit Is Not Finished**

Further, we also find that some of the things we once loved, we now hate because of the changes of our attitudes as the Holy Spirit engrafts the Word of God.

It should not be discouraging to find that the Holy Spirit is not finished with us. In fact, that should bring encouragement and comfort.

You see, the only thing wrong with us is that the Holy Spirit is not finished. That explains why we sometimes find that we have thoughts and desires that we should not have.

## **Stupid Thoughts?**

often go to churches and ask the question, "How many here are saved?" And usually get a large response by a show of hands. Then I ask, "How many get stupid thoughts?" And the same hands go up! That only means the Holy Spirit is not finished. Yes-the church folks who have given their hearts to Jesus Christ are saved. But they still need more head (soul) changes to be saved there, too. Once that this truth is engrafted in your mind you will become satisfied with yourself just the way you are because you realize that the sovereign God has brought about the changes to make you what you are right now, so you are what he wants you to be right now—but in the future you intend to shape up into what you ought to be. That way you can live with yourself today and change into what you ought to be tomorrow. That is a healthy mental attitude.

"Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Phil. 1:6)

## Soul Sins, Not Spirit

Another paradox of scripture begins to make sense after we see the difference between soul and spirit. I John 1:8 tells us, "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." But the opposite seems to be true when we read I John 5:18 which says, "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not." The answer is the fact that the first quote is regarding the soul but the second relates to the spirit of man.

Sometimes when you come to a new way to think—you may react against the thought just because it is new, or it might challenge our old tradition which has been firmly entrenched. A natural tendency then is to throw out the new idea because it is easier to stay with the old pattern. If this should happen to you while seeing many new ideas in

this book—I plead with you to just set the idea aside on the shelf—do not throw it away. That way as you keep on going you can get it down again later if you want it. If you throw it away—you can not.



## **BECOME PERFECT**

Out of the vast population of the world not very many receive Jesus into their heart. Evangelicals are able to convince some people of the extreme importance of Jesus coming into the heart (spirit) and receiving Him as their savior; yet fewer people go ahead to the next step and receive the Holy Spirit to work out further changes in their mind (soul), intellect, will or attitudes. Fewer people then make the second step toward salvation of the soul. And of those who have received the Holy Spirit, only a small proportion allow the Holy Spirit to continue to change their minds. Some people have received the Holy Spirit in their mind with some of the accompanying gifts of the spirits but stop there having somehow received the idea that it was the end of their search and that they were then complete.

### **Progress**

The Bible does not teach this but it teaches a progressive walk with the Holy Spirit as the Holy Spirit progressively changes our mind,

changes our will or attitude or emotion as he continues to engraft the Word of God into our attitudes, changing us daily from the way we presently are to the way we ought to be. This is referred to in the Bible as putting on the mind of Christ, and conforming to His own image.

## **Put On The Mind Of Christ**

The Bible tells us to put on the mind of Christ, and if it were not possible to put on the mind of Christ then the Bible would not tell us to do it. Some people may say, "well nobody is perfect and no one can ever become perfect." But the Bible tells us to become perfect. (Matt. 5:48, I Pet. 5:10) The method of becoming perfect is explained as receiving more and more of the engrafted Word of God which is anointed or moved upon by the Holy Spirit which changes our attitudes from what we are, to what we ought to be. Thus, we can see that many people are really, genuinely saved in spirit but that they are being saved in their souls. This explains why people can be saved and still get dumb or stupid thoughts. For the soul (thought life) is being moved upon progressively by the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit is changing us from what we are to what we ought to be.

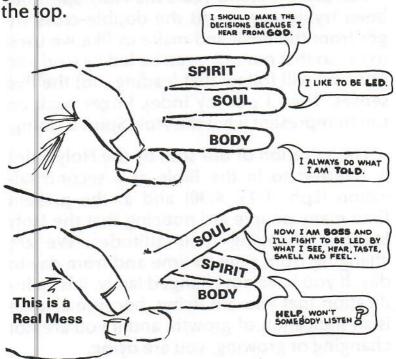
We cannot find any scripture which indicates that the Holy Spirit has finished his job, but all the scriptures indicate that the Holy Spirit is progressively moving us on, from what we are, to what we ought to be.

# **Attitude Change**

The Holy Spirit then changes your attitudes (changes your mind) based on the Word of God. You no longer do the things that you once did and you start doing other things that at one time you thought you would never find yourself doing. This is the change that takes place when the Holy Spirit comes upon the Word of God. The Word of God then comes to your mind. It is engrafted into your mind. Then your attitudes change and you become more perfect.

## **Spirit Should Control**

When we were in the garden with Grandfather Adam we were built with our spirit on top. The spirit controlled our soul (mind) and this in turn caused our body to function and move. In a symbolic way I hold my hand horizontally across my chest and let the top index finger represent the leading spirit. Then the next middle finger represents the soul and finally the bottom ring finger represents the body. I hold the little finger back with my thumb so that only three fingers show. The control rests with the one on



#### **Double—Cross**

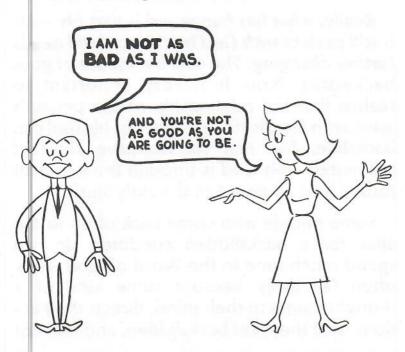
Then the serpent (devil) gave us the double-cross and I cross my index finger with my middle finger, leaving the ring finger alone. This shows that the soul is now on top and it leads. The spirit is hidden way down deep as a wee small voice calling to be heard. But the soul does not respond to the voice of the spirit. The soul responds to the five senses, what you can (1.) see (2.) smell (3.) hear (4.) taste and (5.) feel.

For two thousand years the Holy Spirit has been trying to uncross the double-cross we got from the devil and make us like we used to be, so that our spirit can be led by God and our soul will follow that leading, not the five senses. Then I put my index finger back on top to represent what the Holy Spirit is doing.

The salvation of our soul by the Holy Spirit is referred to in the Bible as a second salvation (Eph. 1:13, 4:30) and at the present time many people are noticing that the Holy Spirit is changing their attitudes. We are changing from time to time and from day to day. If you have not changed lately, it is an indication that you are dying, because change is an indication of growth, and if you are not changing or growing, you are dying.

#### Change

We notice a general pattern in plant life that as long as there is change being noted then there is growth and multiplication. But as soon as the change stops, then we notice a retrograde action and the plant begins to die. In a parallel way, in your own personal experience and especially in the realm of your religious experience, if you are changing, then there is a good indication that you are alive, strong and healthy. That is when the Holy Spirit comes upon the Word of God. The Holy Spirit engrafts the Word of God and a change takes place.



# **BACKSLIDER**

Some people believe that when they get a carnal thought they have backslidden. They fear that they have lost their salvation if they do something that they should not do.

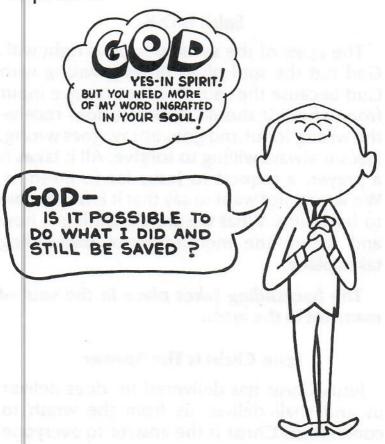
## **Soul Backslides**

The spirit of the person was given over to God through Jesus Christ and he was saved. Later on, bad thoughts entered his mind. Perhaps he followed through with body action and then he felt that he had lost his salvation.

Really, what has happened is that his spiritis is still perfect with God but his soul still needs further changing. The soul backslides or goes backwards. Now it is very important to realize that the relationship of the person's spiritis with God is still perfect, but his soul can backslide. The real way to have constant fellowship with God is through the words of Jesus Christ anointed by the Holy Spirit.

Some people who come back often to the altar for a backslidden condition do not spend much time in the Word of God. They often fall away because some kind of a thought comes to their mind, directs their actions, and they feel backslidden, and feel not

worthy to continue in church. They would be stronger and much better Christians if they would spend more time with the words of Jesus Christ. Then, the Holy Spirit could bring those words to remembrance in the time of a test. Not wanting to be hypocrites, many backsliders stop their Christian activities altogether. It is a tragedy that sometimes the "church" condemns backsliders rather than helps them.



But by receiving more and more of the truth (the words of Jesus Christ anointed by the Holy Spirit) then the soul continues to change its attitudes and little by little becomes stronger and stronger. This is called a progressive salvation and it is when the Holy Spirit comes into play bringing all things to the "remembrance". Of course the "remembrance" is in the realm of the soul.

### Spirit Is O.K.

The spirit of the saved person is right with God but the soul often times is wrong with God because the soul does not receive input from where it should. When it does receive the wrong input and goes astray, goes wrong, Jesus is always willing to forgive. All it takes is a prayer, a request to Jesus for forgiveness. We would not want to say that it is impossible to backslide. What we are explaining is how and where the mechanism of backsliding takes place.

The backsliding takes place in the soul of man, not in the spirit.

#### **Jesus Christ Is The Answer**

Jesus Christ has delivered us, does deliver us and shall deliver us from the wrath to come. Jesus Christ is the answer to everyone of our problems. Jesus Christ in the past has already delivered my spirit. Jesus Christ right now is delivering my soul through the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the baptizer into the Holy Spirit, I am the candidate and the Holy Spirit is the medium. As Jesus baptizes me into more and more of the Holy Spirit I receive more and more of the Holy Spirit which then engrafts more and more of the Word of God. My mind changes, my attitude changes, and I become more and more like Him.

### **Words Of Jesus Christ**

Our objective of course is to put on the mind of Christ, be conformed to His own image and to be perfect. This requires study of the Bible and paying attention to the words of Jesus Christ. This is not to say however that a person has to be literate, or brilliant in order to come to this realm. We have discovered that people who hear the words of Jesus through voices of missionaries, without being able to read the Bible, are able to change their attitudes. We are not saying that a person has to spend a whole hour a day in Bible reading in order to come to this change. But the point is that the person must receive the words of Jesus Christ.

#### **Not Tradition**

We must receive His words and not the words of someone else. We must be doing what Jesus said and not what some commandment or tradition of men says.

Some people can not accept something new because of the fear of criticism of what they have done or said in the past. Tragic to be bound to the past!

Study this book! Mark it up! Check it out in the Bible! Pray about it! This is the most important message the world has ever heard. Make it your message.



## **BODY SALVATION**

There is one other part of a person that is left, and that is his body. Also, there is one other part of the Godhead that is left, and that is the presence or glory of the Father.

The scriptures teach that in the future the glory of the Father will inhabit these physical bodies. We see now a three-part salvation. We see the first salvation having already taken place in the past for our spiring through Jesus Christ. We see the second salvation taking place in the present in the soul through the Holy Ghost, and we see the third salvation in the future for the body through the glory of the presence of the Father.

Thus, we see three full complete salvations. This is "full salvation".

### **Peter's Body Not Saved**

Peter was referring to this salvation in the future when he said that Jesus told him his body will not be saved. Peter was speaking of the salvation of his body when he said "I will be taken where I would not even as the Lord hath shown me" speaking of the fact that his body would go the way of all flesh in death. Peter's body did die; tradition says he was

crucified up-side-down. Peter referred to the salvation of his body in that he himself would not be able to go through final things. In I Peter 1:9 he told us "To receive the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls."

#### **End Of Your Faith**

We know that salvation is by faith but this says to come to the end of our faith. I thought that without faith it would be sin. This would indicate that little by little, more and more, through faith, and through the work of the Holy Spirit engrafting of the Word of God changing our attitudes, we finally come to the end of our faith—the complete salvation of our soul. Just prior to that he talked about a salvation that is yet in the future and this salvation is for the body.

### **Hope Not Faith**

We will start reading in I Peter 1:3. "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who, according to his abundant mercy, hast begotten us again unto a lively hope." The word here is "H O P E" not "F A I T H". We saw that we should receive the end of our faith, the salvation of our soul. But here is a lively hope that we are coming into. It is an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled that fadeth not a way which is

reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the *last day*.

### **Last Day Salvation**

Here is a further revelation of a (third) salvation which will be revealed in the last day. Notice that salvation is going to be revealed in the last day, not earlier days. We remember that Peter had the keys of the Kingdom. One key was salvation for his soul; he knew that he was changing in that realm. But the last key would not work for him. Peter said that his body would not be saved but that sometime in the future there would be a further (third) salvation revealed in the last time.

#### **Last Generation**

We believe that this salvation is being revealed now in this generation. We believe that this is part of the last and final generation; that there are people here who will be alive and remain to the coming of the Lord. These people will have gone through all three major changes. Their spirit will have been changed through Jesus Christ because His precious blood was shed for the remission of sin. Their souls will be saved as they receive more and more of the engrafted

Word of God which changes their minds and attitudes, and furthermore we believe that this last great company of people will come into the third salvation which will change their physical bodies from the corruption and from the mortality which are now present and that they will put on incorruption and immortality and these physical bodies will be saved in the last time.

### **Transfiguration For Everyone**

The transfiguration of Jesus Christ described in Matt. 17:1-8 gives us a wonderful pattern of how to come into the glory of God by being changed. But, here again, the translators have brought a difficulty. The word "transfigured" was used to describe the change which came to Jesus' body. This is the only place in the Bible that the word is used. So naturally, we have concluded in the past that the transfiguration is for Jesus only. We thought that no one else could ever expect to have such an experience.

However, we found that the word "transfigured" is from the Greek "metamophoo" which was also translated into the word "changed" and transformed" in II Cor. 3:18 and Rom. 12:1-2. It is from these scriptures we get the idea that the "transfiguration"

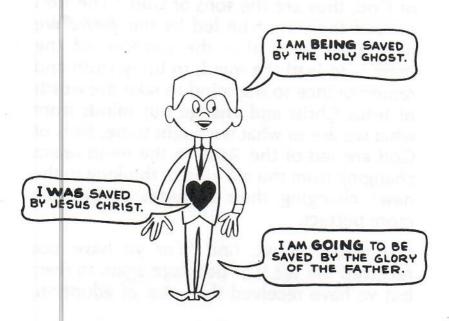
(metamorphoo) is to be attained unto by us, and that it is not just for Jesus only.

Jesus was transfigured (metamorphoo) before them; and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him (Matt. 17:3, 5).

But we all . . . are changed (metamorphoo) into the same image from glory to glory (II Cor. 3:18).

Be ye transformed (metamorphoo) by the renewing of your mind (Rom. 12:2).

Thus we see that we should all expect to be transfigured.



#### HOPE

We must come to the end of our faith even the salvation of our souls (I Peter 1:9). Then we can come into hope and every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as he is pure (I John 3:3). This same "hope" is referred to in Romans 8. We will start reading in verse 14 and develop this concept of "hope". "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." The sons of God then must be led by the Spirit. We have discovered that the purpose of the Spirit is to lead the mind, to bring truth and remembrance to the mind to take the words of Jesus Christ and change our minds from what we are to what we ought to be, Sons of God are led of the Spirit in the mind realm changing from the old kind of thinking to the new; changing their attitudes to become more perfect.

In verse 15 we find "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption,

whereby we cry, Abba, Father, (Daddy). The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit, we are the children of God. And if children, then heirs—heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ—if so be that we suffer with Him that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

#### **Manifestation Of The Sons Of God**

That means to think (reckon) that the present problems of life will result in our change—until we manifest the glory (of the Father). In verse 19 we read "For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God." The word "creature" here is not a "grasshopper" but the word creature has to do with our physical body. The body is waiting, groaning so that it can come out of suffering of the physical realm and the whole physical realm is waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God.

This connects the thought that the manifestation of the sons of God will be in timely connection with physical body salvation. "For the creature was made subject to vanity not willingly but by reason of him who has subjected the same in hope." The word

here is hope and hope has to do with a physical body salvation of the creature. Verse 21, "The creature (physical body) itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

## **Redemption Of The Body**

In other words this physical body shall be delivered from that which is corruptible and subject to vanity and it is changing into the glorious liberty of the manifestation of the children (or sons) of God. "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and traveileth in pain together unto now. Not only they but ourselves also, who have the first fruits of the spirit (the changing of the soul realm) even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, that is, the redemption of our body." The scripture here refers to the redemption of the body in a future tense and adds that we are saved by HOPE.

Most of us were taught that we were saved by faith, but here we find that the body salvation is by HOPE. "Hope that is seen is not hope, for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that which we see not, then do we with patience wait for it." In other words, the salvation of the body is by hope, the salvation of the soul is by faith and works and the salvation of the spirit is by grace through faith.

Thus, we find that all three salvations are extremely important to the last group of people who will be alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord. For the whole creation, every part of the world, is groaning waiting for the manifestation of those who will come into the full salvation of splirly, soul and body. We expect the manifestation at the time appointed of the Father to be in our lifetime.

This will bring forth a manifestation in the physical body which can be seen. Those people will be recognized as sons of God, joint heirs with Christ. They will rule and reign with Him for 1000 years.

## Sit With Jesus In The Father's Throne

Jesus promised "To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne even as I have overcome and am sitting in my Father's throne." There are seven states of overcoming spoken of in Revelation chapters 2 and 3. Jesus gave the promise by saying that the overcomer in all seven of these areas is the person who will sit with him in his throne. Since Jesus is sitting in the Father's

throne, those who overcome in all seven areas will sit with him in the Father's throne. That person who has been saved in spirin, in soul and in body will have entered into the throne position or the throne room of God and be a part of the Godhead. But remember of course, that this manifestation is by hope. The hope part of our salvation is for the body and presently we expect a future manifestation of the sons of God, and we expect it soon. Peter referred to this manifestation, and this hope always in the future tense.

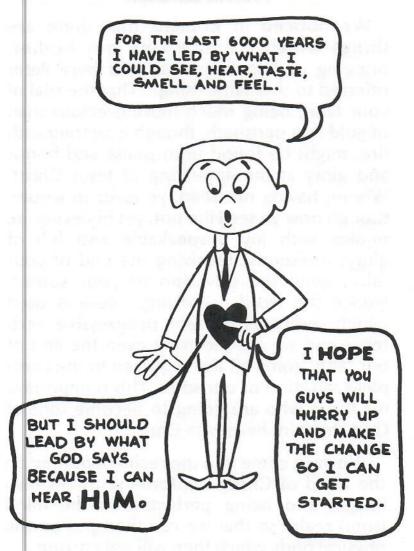
#### **Future Salvation**

In I Peter 1:3 we find "To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you." "Reserved in heaven" means that it had not yet been attained unto but was set back in heaven and going to be revealed in the future. Verse 5 says "To you who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." Peter goes on to define this salvation which is to be revealed in the last time. This is a salvation that is by hope. "In this ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptation."

#### **Present Salvation**

We noticed in Romans that there are things which are attacking our bodies, bringing us into heaviness, and here Peter referred to that same thing. "That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ, Whom, having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see Him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory, (presently) receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls." Notice the word "receiving" here is used which indicates present progressive verb tense and we are receiving even the end of our faith, going all the way even to the complete salvation of our souls. This is important for those who are going to become sons of God and joint heirs with Christ.

We must come into the realm of putting on the mind of Christ, conforming to His own image, and being perfected in the mind (soul) realm so that we can then put on the physical body which then will not corrupt. Some people cannot accept something new because of the fear of criticism of what they have done or said in the past. Tragic to be bound by what others say or think!



## **PROGRESS NOW**

Salvation comes by grace through faith to our spirit, but it comes to our soul by a combination of faith and works. Salvation is always referred to in the body realm as the "HOPE" of a future salvation. The difference between faith and hope is that faith is something we can reach for, appropriate now and live in, but hope is something for the future, something that we do not have the opportunity or the power to make happen right now. This is referred to in Galatians 4:1, "Now I say that the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all, but is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the Father."

friends, now we are sons of God but it does not yet appear what we shall be. We know that as children we are differing nothing from servants. But each one of us are under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the Father.

## **Father's Timing**

In other words, the manifestation of the Sons of God is not within the hands of the son; the manifestation is in the hands of the

Father. The timing of this manifestation is in the hands of the Father, but the progression is in the hands of the son. The son can present himself to the tutors and governors and they can then teach that son how to become a manifested son of the Father. But that son can also rebell and go his own way and Father will not manifest him until he has learned the lessons that the tutor and governors must teach.

## **Hope Not Faith**

It is for this reason that some folks have misunderstood concerning the manifestation of the Sons of God. They have seen the truth of the changes that are yet to take place and seeing in the Bible that there will be such a manifestation, they have claimed by faith that they were already manifested. However, this is a sad mistake because the Bible teaches that the manifestation of the Sons of God is by hope (future) and not by faith (now).

## **Candidates For Manifestation**

Therefore, we should not declare by faith that we are already manifested. We should declare by faith that we are candidates and progressing and seeking immortality. We can stand as candidates for that great and wonderful manifestation recognizing that even right now we are as sons under tutors and governors and we are changing from what we are to what we ought to be. Yet we can find no scriptural authority to claim by faith that we have come all the way and are now manifested. In John 1:12 we read, "But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the Sons of God, even to them that believe on His name." This is an indication of a progressive believing, a progressive receiving of power, to become Sons of God. We have received the power to progressively become sons.

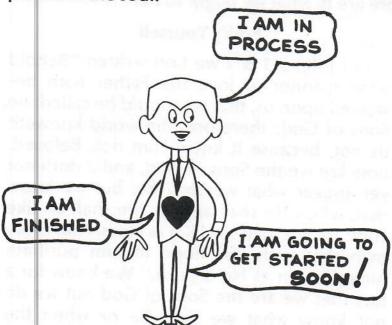
This power is changing us now from what we are to what we ought to be.

#### **Purify Yourself**

In I John 3:1 & 2 we find written "Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the Sons of God; therefore, the world knoweth us not, because it knew Him not. Beloved, now are we the Sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like Him; for we shall see Him as He is. And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as He is pure." We know for a fact that we are the Sons of God but we do not know what we shall be or when the

manifestation shall occur. This is in the hands of the Father.

All that we know is that by faith we continue to purify ourselves reaching for the hope of a change of our physical bodies. The purification takes place by faith and works as we continue to change our minds through the engrafting of the Word of God. Now we are reaching out in faith for a continuation of the change and finally we hope the change will be in our body. We are expecting this corruptible body to put on incorruption, this mortal body to put on immortality, but we notice that the change first must be completed in the soul.



### **IMMORTALITY**

It would be very dangerous right now for Jesus to come and set up His Kingdom and take the present day Christians and establish us on the thrones, because then we would have immortal bodies and we are not ready. No offense to any church or group, but we have not met the group yet that is ready to rule and reign with Christ in the throne of God. For these people must have completed the changing of the attitudes (mind-soul) realm in order to get ready for the salvation of their bodies. If Jesus came tonight and the body put on incorruption, that is, this which is mortal put on immortality and this which is corruptible put on incorruption, then these bodies would be an eternal home for our souls which presently have not yet been fully changed. Considering the present condition of our souls, it would be dangerous for God to grant immortality to the body of any Christians we presently know.

## Soul, Then Body

The only way to come into immortality in the body realm is to have first completed the end of our faith even the salvation of our souls. With changed minds (souls-attitudes) we will be able to rule and reign with Christ. But until we have put on the full mind of Christ we are not ready to receive an immortal or a glorified body. Some people think that when Jesus comes He is going to bring this all about with an instantaneous change, but we think not because the Bible teaches us to continue progressing by changing the soul and we find no scriptural indication of an instantaneous soul change wherein Jesus would bring the whole kingdom to us on a silver platter. This is what I call "silver platter" theology.

### **Take The Kingdom**

Some people believe that when Jesus comes back He will bring the Kingdom to us. They believe that all we need to do is to get saved and then get a rocking chair and wait for Jesus to come and make everything right. This is not what Daniel saw for he says, "I beheld until the saints prevailed and took the kingdom" and Jesus said, "violently and with force."

### **Further Salvation**

Peter progressively shows us that in the future (ready to be revealed) there will be a further salvation. Progressively the soul is to change and to put on more and more of the mind of Christ. Peter goes on to say in I Pet.

1:10, "Of which salvation the prophets have inquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should (future tense) come unto you." Probably referring to those that shall be alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord. These prophets "Searching what, or what matter of time the Spirit of Christ who was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ and the glory that should follow." Whenever we find the word "glory" it always refers to the glory of the Father in the physical body which follows soul suffering. "Unto whom it was revealed that, not unto themselves but unto us they did minister the things which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven which things the angels desire to look into."

# **More Than Spirit Salvation**

We are suggesting now that prophets and angels desire to look into more than just the salvation of the spirit because they also prophesied concerning the salvation of the soul, and the body. Verse 13 goes on, "Wherefore, gird up the loins of your mind, (soul) be sober, and hope to the end (future) for the grace that is to be (future) brought

unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ".

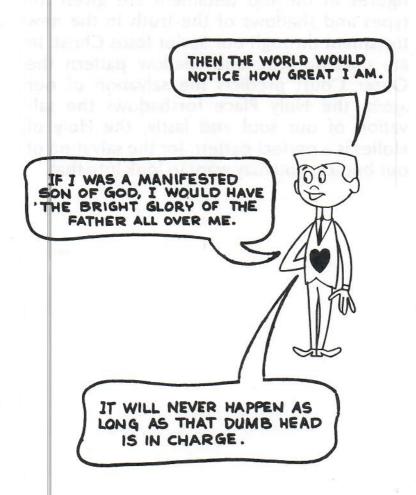
### **Future Time Of The Father**

Thus, we find that the revelation of Jesus Christ will be a revelation that will be accompanied by the change of our physical bodies. Hoping to the end (future) is for the body salvation because soul salvation is by faith (present) through works, and spirit salvation is by grace (past) through faith. Body salvation is always by hope (future) at the revelation of Jesus Christ. Remembering, of course, that this manifestation will be at the time appointed by the Father, Gal. 4.

#### Remember

We remember that Romans 5:9-10 teaches us that we shall be saved (in the future). We remember in I Cor. 6:20 that the body and the spirit are possessed by God. Remember that the spirit is God's, that the body is God's and God's glory is to inhabit these physical bodies. We remember that Jesus Christ delivered (past) doth deliver (present) and will yet deliver (future) us from the wrath to come (II Cor. 1:10). In other words, Jesus Christ was the Savior of our spirit. Jesus Christ is our baptizer into the Holy Spirit for the (present) salvation of our soul. Jesus Christ,

by opening the way into the Holy of Holies, has become the waymaker as the pattern son so that we might enter into the very presence of the Father and the glory which Jesus promised will be upon us in the future.



In our book KEY TO THE PRIESTHOOD we point to another amazing fact that should be touched on here. The tabernacle built by Moses in the wilderness was in three major parts: (1.) Outer Court, (2.) Holy Place and the (3.) Holy of Holies. We know that the figures in the old testament are given for types and shadows of the truth in the new testament through our Savior Jesus Christ. In an amazing type and shadow pattern the Outer Court predicts the salvation of our spling, the Holy Place forshadows the salvation of our soul and lastly, the Holy of Holies is a perfect pattern for the salvation of our bodies. You may want to look into that.

### INCORRUPTION

We notice that our bodies are falling apart, and if something does not happen quickly by the time we have had 70 or 80 years we will crumble all the way because of the bondage of corruption. This "bondage of corruption" referred to in Romans 8:21 is the reason that our hair turns gray. But we are going to be saved by hope even in the physical body realm. We are hoping for the fountain of youth, hoping and looking for the change of our physical bodies when these physical bodies shall put on the full and last final step of salvation, the presence and glory of the Father.

## **Waiting For Redemption Of The Body**

In verse 22 it says the whole creation groans, travails in pain together until now and not only they, but ourselves also which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves, groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption to wit (that is) the redemption of our body. The manifestation of a change from corruption into incorruption is when the physical body is changed.

# **Body Salvation Is By Hope**

In verse 24 it says we are saved by hope and

the word hope is connected to verse 23, the body salvation. For body salvation is by hope. Thus, we see that this bondage of corruption which is making the whole world gray and feeble is going to be reversed when we put on incorruption and immortality.

# Corruption

The word "corruption" has to do with the fact that the hair turns gray, the gall bladder goes bad, the joints stop working and the body turns old and feeble, and finally dies, and we have noticed that the world has been following this process for as long as we have been here on earth. Unless a change takes place our body will finally fall apart and die. But there is coming a day, when even these physical bodies, which are corruptible, will put on incorruption. These bodies which are mortal—and that means having the ability to die—will put on immortality and that means not possessing the ability to die. These bodies will not die in that day.

# **Three Changes**

But in order to come into this last and final major change it is absolutely necessary to have gone through the first change of receiving Jesus Christ into our spirily, (heart) and to have gone through the second change

which is to undergo attitude changes that are necessary by receiving more and more of the engrafted Word in our souls (minds) as the Holy Spirit changes our attitudes through the Word of God.

### **Death Is An Enemy**

Immortality was referred to by the apostle Paul in I Cor. 15:51, "Behold, I show you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed." In other words the word "sleep" has to do with the death of the physical body. It says in verse 52, "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So, when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put in immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory." And the scriptures teach us that death is an enemy to be overcome for the last enemy to be overcome is death.

### Overcome Physical Body Death

There will be a group of people alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord who will

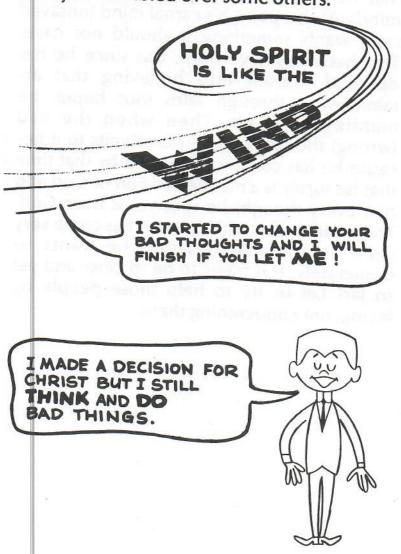
overcome physical death in their bodies, but who will first have gone through subjection of their own minds (souls). These people will have subjected themselves in the soul (mind) realm and live for others so that their bodies can put on incorruption and immortality. They will then have the ability to rule and reign on the throne with Christ for one thousand years. Their souls then will be led by the spirit instead of what they see, hear, smell, taste and feel. They will be led by the Word of God and the eternal truths of God and not how they feel.

### **Hope Not Faith**

Some Christians, having seen the wonderful future of the Sons of God decided to claim the manifestation by faith. They did not notice that all the scriptures show that the manifestation is by hope, not faith. This has brought disrepute upon the "Sons of God" truth and in some places speakers are forbidden to mention the words "Sons of God". This is a real tragedy because it keeps Christians from hearing preaching and testimonies on this wonderful Bible subject. Once a person mistakenly claims by faith to be manifested as a Son of God he feels that he must make himself start acting like it. But really that person is being (presently)

changed in soul (mind) by the Holy Spirit but the change is not yet complete. But the person mistakenly says he has been manifested by faith (completed)—so he feels that he must now be perfect (in his own mind). At this point his carnal mind (unsaved soul) wants something it should not have. This has many diversions. But since he has deluded himself into believing that attainment is through faith (not hope), he manifests himself. Then when the bad (wrong) thought comes, he submits to it because he has convinced himself by that time that he surely is a manifested Son of God and that every thought he receives is from God. This is sad, because the person has come very close to the manifestation he wants so desperately. It is tragic to be so close and yet so far! Let us try to help those people by loving, not condemning them.

Do not throw out the baby with the bath water. Suppose there are some things in the book hard to be understood. It would be a shame to reject all the good new ideas because you stumbled over some others.



### RESURRECTION

In I Corinthians 15:35 we find the passage "But some man will say, How are the dead raised up? and with what body do they come?" In other words, those people who have died and gone to heaven, when they come back, what kind of body will they have? Verse 36 says "Thou fool, that which thou sowest is not made alive or quickened except it die." In other words those people who are coming back from heaven must have first died and, "that which thou sowest, thou sowest not the body that shall be but bear grain, it may by chance be wheat or someother grain." That body which comes back is not the body which is sown.

### **Natural Body**

In other words, we have been taught that the body which comes back from heaven (future) at the resurrection will be the body which went (past) into the ground, but the Bible says that is not so in verse 37. It is not the body that shall be (future). Verse 38 says, "But God giveth it a body as it pleased him, and to every seed its own body. All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one kind of flesh of men, another flesh of beasts, another of fish, and another of birds. There are also

celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial; but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for one star differeth from another star in glory. So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption." (In other words, those people who have died are sown or buried being corruptible and their bodies will corrupt in the grave but they will be raised in incorruption.) "It is sown in dishonor; but is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body." Let's stop.

# **Spiritual Body**

In verse 44 it says there is a natural body that is sown into the ground when a person dies, but the thing that comes back is a spiritional body, not the natural body. In verse 44 it goes on and says, "There is a natural body and there is a spiritional body."

There is a difference between a natural body and a spirifuel body. The Bible has just gone through all of these verses to show that there is a difference between two kinds of bodies. That which comes back is not a

natural body, but a spiritual body. Those who come back with Jesus at the time of the resurrection will have spiritual bodies, not natural bodies. But the people who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord will have put on incorruption and immortality in the natural body.

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# **PERFECTION**

Referring to the desire of the departed spirits to be perfect, we read, "These all having obtained a good report through faith received not the promise, God having provided some better thing for us that they without us should not be made perfect" (Heb. 11:39). In other words, those who have gone on before (in death) cannot come into perfection until we who are alive and remain come into the perfection of spirit and soul and body. I think we should revert a bit back into the book of Hebrews to pick up the concept showing how important it is to the departed spirit realm for those of us who are living in the natural realm to come into perfection.

# **They Received Not The Promise**

We remember Hebrews II as the great chapter of faith. Remember by faith Abraham and by faith Isaac and by faith Joseph and all the great champions of faith did wonderful works. In verse 32 we find "and what shall I more say? For the time would fail me to tell of Gideon, and of Barak, and of Samson and of Jephthae; of David also, and Samuel, and of the prophets, who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped

the mouths of lions" and so forth. Verse 39 "And these all, (19 champions of faith) having obtained a good report through faith received not the promise. "This is so important; they have not yet received the promise.

"God having provided some better thing for us (who are alive and remain) that they (the ones who have died and gone to heaven) without us (those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord) should not be made perfect." The importance of coming into perfection can never be overemphasized because the whole creation is groaning and waiting for this manifestation. Even those who have died and gone on to heaven and are destined to come back in spiritual bodies cannot enter into perfection (become complete), cannot even come back until we enter perfection ourselves.

# Compassed With A Cloud Of Witnesses

Hebrews 12:1 says, "Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which does so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us." Who are those in that great cloud of witnesses that surround us? They are

the great champions of faith—those who have gone on to heaven before us but have not entered into perfection (completion) yet. But those of us who are alive and remain (who are here at the coming of the Lord) who already have our spirity saved by Jesus, our soul having finished being saved by the Holy Spirit, and our body having received the complete glory of the Father, are the ones who must lay aside every weight and the sin that does so easily beset us and run with patience the race that is set before us.

### When We Win-They Win

This brings to mind the concept of a stadium full of witnesses watching the performance of players, a great ball game, and that stadium is full of the spirits of all the people who have died and gone on before. They are cheering us on right now into winning the game; for friend, when we make the touchdown they get the point. In other words, their perfection (completion) depends on our perfection. Their receiving the promise depends on our entering fully into the promise. The extreme importance of entering into the third and final salvation can never be overemphasized because all of creation (everything in the world) even Abraham, Moses and Adam are waiting for the

wonderful time of the manifestation of the sons of God. Hebrews 12:22, "Ye are come unto Mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, who are written in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect." We saw that according to 11:40 they were not made perfect (without us) but according to 12:23 they are going to enter into perfection.

### **Many Saviors**

Thus, we see that something is going to occur on Mount Zion to bring perfection to the whole world. Obadiah 21 refers to this change, "And saviours (plural) shall come up on Mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau and the kingdom shall be the Lord's." (future).

This indicates that saviors (plural) shall come up on Mount Zion and yet we know that there is one savior begotten of the Father full of grace and truth and that His name is Jesus Christ the Anointed Savior. But the scriptures also refer to saviors (plural) coming up on Mount Zion. Now the question is, "Who are these saviors of Zion who bring the whole world into perfection?"

In I Timothy 4:16 we discover,,"Take heed unto thyself and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself and them that hear thee."

# **Save Yourself And Someone Else**

In other words, the saviors include far more than just the original Savior Jesus Christ, but include those who take heed to themselves and to the doctrine of Jesus Christ and continue to make the changes necessary and save themselves and those that hear them. In other words, it is possible to save yourself and to also save someone else. The possibility of saving someone else is also referred to in James 5:20, where he says, "Let him know that he who convertest the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins." In other words, to testify to the soul realm (give the Word of God to the mind of someone so that the Holy Spirit can engraft that Word) will actually save that soul from death and the one who gives that word is a savior. Hebrews refers to these saviors on Mount Zion as those who have brought men into perfection.

We are suggesting for your analysis that those saviors will have gone through, first the salvation of their own spirit, secondly, their

souls will have had attitude change after attitude change until they will have put on the mind of Christ and conformed completely unto His image. Putting on the mind of Christ they will then come to the end of their faith, even the salvation of their souls. Then having stood as candidates they will come to the third wonderful and marvelous change—the change of the physical body wherein the glory of the Father shall inhabit the natural bodies.

### **Get Saved**

If you have not been saved, then repent, turn from your ways, to the Lord Jesus Christ and receive Him. Believe on the Lord Iesus Christ for the remission or past sin and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Believe on His name. The name of the Jesus Christ is more than issuing a certain pronunciation of syllables because believing on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ refers to the fact that you believe on His nature and that you copy His nature and that His name (nature) becomes your name (nature) and that you change from the way you are to the way you ought to be. Then Jesus Christ changes you as you take on His name which is to take on His nature. The name and nature of Jesus Christ must be a part of us. Then, receive Jesus Christ as your baptizer into the Holy Spirit.

The scriptures teach that now (presently) we have the earnest of our inheritance. We have the Holy Spirit as a down payment or an earnest of what we shall receive in the future. We have the spirit in measure. The time is coming when we no longer will have the down payment, we will no longer have the spirit in measure, but we will have the spirit in completeness and fullness and at that time our minds will have put on the mind of Christ. Our bodies will conform to His own image.

### **Perfect Spirit, Soul And Body**

We will be perfect in spirity, soul and body. Then the spirity will be no longer just a portion or a small amount or a little down payment, but it will be in fullness and completeness. Then we can be trusted with such an anointing. At the present time with our minds in the condition that they are in, God cannot trust us with complete anointing of the Holy Spirit. The world is not ready to receive such a person.

#### **Feast Of Tabernacles**

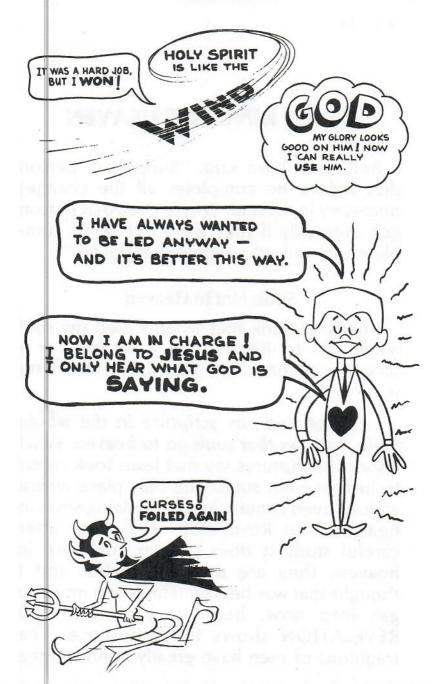
Let me take just a short moment and point

to an amazing fact for the deep Bible students. There are three major feasts in the Jewish year. They are (1.) Passover (2.) Pentecost and (3.) Feast of Tabernacles. The scriptures show that the Passover feast was a type or shadow for the salvation that Jesus Christ (Lamb of God) brought to us-and he did it at the Passover feast (John 13:1). In like manner the Holy Spirit started His work in our souls at the Feast of Pentecost (Acts 2:1). We now assume from the established pattern that the glory of the Father will be manifested in our bodies at the time of the Feast of Tabernacles. This is in the fall of the year. We should study the Feast of Tabernacles to see if we should anticipate any of the events or changes from the standpoint that it is a type or shadow of what we are coming into. But, that study would be longer than this book, so we will have to come back to it later.

### **Did John Die?**

There was a rumor that went around the first Christian church that the Apostle John would not die. Even tradition says that the Romans tried to execute John various ways and he did not die. Tradition holds stories of the death of all the Apostles except John. What if John never died? Where would he be? What would he look like?

I think that he would live an ordinary life, look and dress like us and look like he was 30 years old. If he ever told anyone who he was, he would die. He could not live because the act of revealing his identity would involve pride and perhaps Apostle worship, and knowing this, if he chose to tell who he really was—he would commit sin by that act and—he would die.



# **SEVEN RINGS OF HEAVEN**

But some have said, "Suppose a person dies before he completes all the changes necessary in his soul. Where does that person go? Especially if they were not saved completely in soul, where does the soul go?"

### Souls Not In Heaven

used to think that when I died my soul would go to heaven. So, I looked for a scripture to back this up. Guess what—no scripture!

cannot find any scripture in the whole Bible that says that souls go to heaven. What a shock! Scriptures say that Jesus took spliritis to heaven—not souls. The only place where an idea even comes close to showing souls in heaven is in Revelation, and there after careful study it does not say souls are in heaven, they are under the altar and I thought that was heaven. This is too much to get into now, but our book KEY TO REVELATION shows the difference. The traditions of men have greatly confused the

truth of God. I was willing to look deeper-are you?

#### You Are Not A Soul

Souls are not things—they are forces. The spirit is the real you. Your soul is your thought life. Thoughts are forces—not things. Souls are used up like energy.

### You Have A Soul (Mind)

A soul is something you possess;—it is not you. Your soul is like a tankful of gasoline. What shall a man profit if he gains the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? The man is the thing; the soul is something he owns.

Can you imagine a very rich man who buys a beautiful car, completely equips it with every option and then refuses to fill the gas tank? That is the way most people are—they are occupied completely with their body but leave their soul (gas tank) empty.

Occult groups refer to the soul as—soul force—soul power, etc. Eastern religions are completely devoted to development of the soul powers. Ours is the only religion we know of to show the difference between soul and spirit. Jesus taught us to get our spirit taken care of first and then to work on the

soul. But eastern religions develop the soul because they do not know that God is spirinnot soul. They refer to God as the great eternal mind. As an example, because the eastern mind (soul) has been wonderfully disciplined over thousands of years and developed to a very high degree we notice that scholastic achievements in our universities come relatively easy to oriental students. They are able to look over our transistor radios, then go home and duplicate them for a lower price. That is because they are smart-brainy. But development of brain (soul) power is a counterfeit direction. It takes attention off the real fact that the spirit must first come into right relationship, then the soul must completely change.

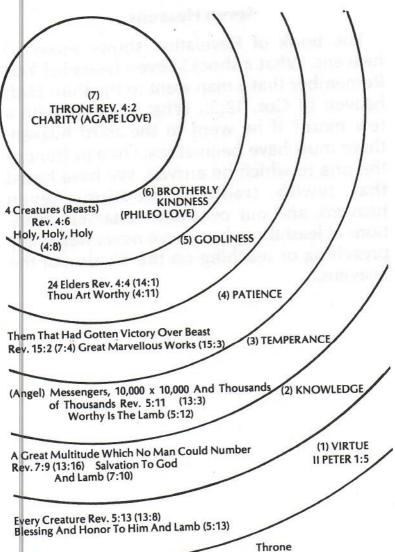
To change the soul is not to make the brain smarter. God wants us to put on the mind of Christ and that means to be led by the Holy Spirit into doing the things that God wants, not what we want. We want things that we can see, hear, smell, taste and feel. Man is sensual. He responds to his senses (which are soulish).

When a man responds to his senses that is natural—nothing wrong with him—but he will never amount to anything more than a natural person until he starts to respond to the spirit.

#### **Seven Heavens**

The book of Revelation shows seven (7) heavens. What a shock! Seven heavens? Yes. Remember that a man went to the third (3rd) heaven (II Cor. 12:2). What is wrong with a few more? If he went to the third heaven, there must have been at least two in front of the one to which he arrived. We have heard that Jewish tradition mentions seven heavens, and our own new testament mentions at least three but I have never heard any preaching or teaching on the division of the heavens.

### THE THIRD SALVATION



sit with me in my throne Rev. 3:21 They sat on thrones, reigned 1000 years Rev. 20:4 Add To Your Faith (Foundation).

> II Cor. 12:2 **Many Heavens**

### **Target**

I picture the whole heaven as a kind of target with a bulls eye and six wider bands around it. The bulls eye is the seventh heaven, the throne of God (Rev. 4:2). The sixth band contains four creatures close to and surrounding the throne (Rev. 4:6). The fifth band contains 24 elders (Rev. 4:4, 14:1). The fourth band is made of them that had gotten the victory over the beast (Rev. 15:2,  $\overline{7}$ :4). The third band contains 10,000 x 10,000 and thousands of thousands in an ever widening circle (Rev. 5:11, 13:3). The second band is made of a great multitude which no man could number (Rev. 7:9, 13:16). And finally, in the outer band is every creature (Rev. 5:13, 13:8).

do not know if the bands of heaven are counted from inside out, or from outside in, but I suspect that the reference to the third (3rd) heaven is counted from outside in, because counting from inside out would put the man with 24 elders. Who knows? It may be that is where he belongs! Besides all that—has anyone ever told you, "Honey, when I'm with you I'm in seventh heaven"? If they have not, I hope they do. That is enough out of Jewish tradition, Gentile tradition, and Bible study to show why we think that heaven is seven concentric rings or bands.

#### **Closeness To The Father**

I was taught that when I died and went to heaven I would be given a bag full of jewels. I might receive 37 rubies, a few pearls etc. and I would enjoy myself throughout eternity while I observe and count my jewels! What trash! No wonder it is hard to interest people in Jesus Christ with that kind of talk.

Really, my friend, now I see that our heavenly reward is our closeness to the Father—and that makes more sense!

If you die your spiriti (not soul) will end up in one of those rings. Now, I am not satisfied to make it in by the skin of my teeth—I want to be in the throne of God. Jesus said, "To him that overcometh (in all seven areas) will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne." (Rev. 3:21).

### **Cry In Heaven**

In fact, when it is all over for me, if I end up any less than the seventh heaven throne, I will break down and cry buckets full of tears. Why would anyone cry when they get to heaven? Well, Revelation says twice that God will wipe tears from their eyes (Rev. 7:17, 21:4). And that indicates that there will be crying in heaven. Men will cry when they see

what they could have been. They will cry when they realize that the possibility of sitting on the throne belonged to them—but they muffed it. They had the potential to go all the way with God but they dropped the ball! That would make anybody cry! And then God, in His great mercy, love and kindness will wipe away their tears. That means their face will remain dry—they will stop crying! God will make them perfectly happy and content with the realm in which they find themselves. The scriptures indicate that they will sing and praise God and be blissfully happy where they are. That sounds like God, doesn't it?

### If I Die

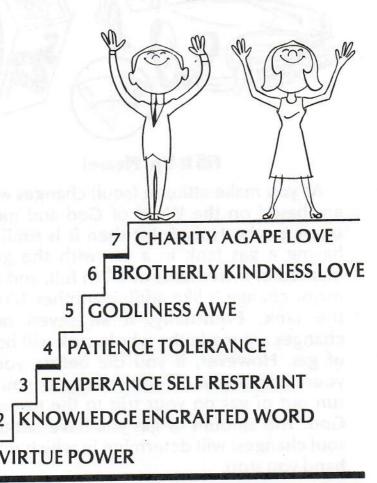
If I die, my body will go back to the dust where it came from, my spirit will go back to God where I came from and my soul (force) will determine the ring or band of heaven in which I will abide. As I continue to change my attitude here on earth, the effect is to change bands in heaven. We all have the potential of going all the way. But we must keep on saving our souls (changing our minds)—coming into new right attitudes—by patiently receiving the engrafted word of God (James 1:21).

### **Seven Steps**

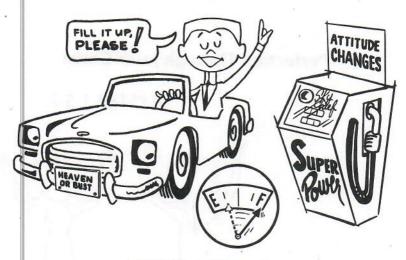
Peter mentioned seven specific attitude changes which must be made in order to enter into perfection. They must be entered one after another. You cannot really learn one without having first learned the basic. "Add to your faith (1.) virtue; and to virtue (2.) knowledge; and to knowledge (3.) temperance; and to temperance (4.) patience; and to patience (5.) godliness; and godliness (6.) brotherly kindness (brotherly love) and to brotherly kindness (7.) charity (agape love). It would be wonderful to spend two hours and many more pages on the subject of the seven steps to perfection—but we cannot. That will take the separate treatment and another time together. For this purpose at least, let it be sufficient to notice that there are seven major attitude changes which must take place. They are the same as soul changes. Your present attitude (or state of mind or soul) determines where your spirit ends up if you die. It is your spirit which goes to heaven, not your soul. Your soul is the force that is used up to take your sports through the rings, after your ticket was purchased by Jesus Christ.

# **Perfection Through Jesus Christ**

**II PETER 1:5-7** 



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Fill It Up, Please!

As you make attitude (soul) changes which are based on the Word of God and moved upon by the Holy Spirit then it is similar to having a gas tank in a car with the gauge marked in increments of 1/7th full, and each major change is like adding another 1/7th to the tank. Eventually, if all seven major changes are made the whole tank will be full of gas. However, if you die before you fill your tank (make all soul changes) you will run out of gas on your trip to the throne of God. The amount of gas you have (attitude-soul changes) will determine in which ring or band you stop.

Your goal, obviously, is the throne of God and it is a sad thing to run out of gas on such an important trip.

### **Seven Parable Steps**

Our book KEY TO THE PRIESTHOOD describes seven steps to perfection which Jesus Christ took as an example for us to follow. Jesus gave us a coded message, teaching and living one parable after another. These parables were not disconnected thoughts, but formed a complete symbolic picture of Moses' Tabernacle in the wilderness. The tabernacle contained seven steps to the Holy of Holies—the presence of God. Further, Jesus taught seven parallel parables in Matthew 13 which are a complete duplication in symbols of each of the other seven step patterns we have discussed. Perhaps when we have more time we can get into that, too. The following chart can help you start on that study.

#### **PARALLEL PARABLES**

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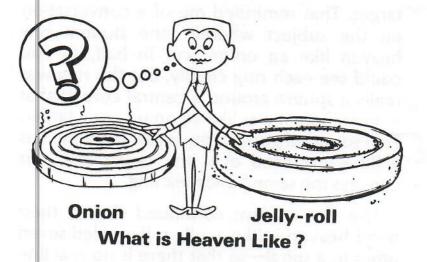
## **Onion Or Jelly-Roll?**

Recently someone told me that they could follow the idea that there were seven rings in heaven but that they did not like the idea that there were definite finite lines marking the boundaries between each band—like a target. That reminded me of a conversation on the subject wherein one student saw heaven like an onion, cut in half, so you could see each ring clearly, but the ring was really a sphere around a central core so that in the whole it was like an onion not a target. That sounded good to my understanding. It is a little advanced over the target idea but conveys the same basic meaning.

The first student continued that in their mind heaven is like a jelly roll—rolled seven times in a spiral—so that there is no real line between attitude changes (or circles). Thus, the idea was that you could advance to the next circle without really knowing when you did it. I like that, too.

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The following chart will probably excite the minds of Bible students because it shows three major changes or steps which have led to perfection in Bible stories. If you stop and study it you will probably be able to add some more three step patterns that come to your mind.

JESUS	HOLY SPIRIT	GOD	
PASSOVER	PENTECOST	TABERNACLES	
SPIRIT	SOUL	BODY	
DOOR	OUTER VAIL	INNER VAIL	
COURT	HOLY PLACE	HOLY OF HOLIES	
RIGHTEOUSNESS	PEACE	JOY	
BLOOD	ANOINTING	FRUIT	
BLOOD	OIL	WINE	
CIRCUMCISION	BAR MITZVAH	MARRIAGE	
EGYPT	WILDERNESS	PROMISED LAND	
LEEKS GARLICK	MANNA	FRUIT OF LAND	
WAY	TRUTH	LIFE	
FAITH	FAITH & WORKS	HOPE	

## **NO DEATH**

The whole world has been subject to the fear of death, but should be no longer. "That through death (Jesus) might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage" (Hebrews 2:14-15).

Now we Christians should be delivered from the fear of death and from the devil who has the power of death—but are we?

Jesus Christ told us that our God was the God of the living to bring abundant life (John 10:10), that we would never perish (John 10:28), never die (John 11:26) and never see death (John 8:51) if we would believe on Him.

Jesus brought immortality to light (II Tim. 1:10) and we are told to seek immortality in Romans 2:7.

## **Death Is An Enemy**

The Bible says that death is an enemy (I Cor. 15:26) and that the devil has the power of death.

There will be a group of people that will be alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord

who will go through all three changes. They will be caught up and be met by the Christ but those who come back from heaven with Christ will have spiritual bodies. Those spiritus will join with the souls of those who have put on incorruption and immortality and corporately they will become that group who will rule and reign with Christ for the thousand years of peace and glory upon the earth.

## **Everybody's Doing It**

For many thousands of years people have planned on dying and if you plan on dying that is all right with me. I am not mad at you. I would not try to hurt you or change you in any way. Just go ahead and die, everybody's doing it! It is quite popular you know, and I am not mad at you for it. However, why should you be mad at me if I want to be alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord? Why be upset with me if I want to present myself as a candidate for the changes that are necessary in soul and body. My spirit has been saved and my spirit is perfect. My soul is being saved, and one of these days I believe that by the faith and words God has given me, my soul will put on the mind of Christ. Then I will come into the full and complete hope of the salvation of the body. I am not saving that I am not going to die. I am saying that I am a candidate for those great changes that are to take place. Some people get upset when they hear this kind of teaching and when they read these kind of truths because they plan to die and if you plan on dying the only comfort I can give is that the world has made its whole economy based on the idea that we are born to die, so you have a lot of company!

#### Some Christians Will Not Die

But there is a group of people who will be alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord! These people will not die. These people will come into perfection and will put on immortality and that means that they will not possess the ability to die. For this mortal shall put on immortality. Their bodies shall shine forth with the glory of God, the glory of the Father in their physical bodies. They will put on the mind of Christ and they will be perfect.

## **Seek Immortality**

Now for those who must seek relief by dying, then of course they will have to do that. But the scriptures do not teach us to do that. The scriptures teach "To them who by patient continuance in well-doing seek for glory, and honor and immortality," He will grant eternal life (Rom. 2:7). Thus, we see

that we are to actually seek glory, seek honor and seek immortality, but I was taught to not seek glory. I never heard anyone teach me to seek honor, and never in my whole life have I ever heard anyone even suggest that we can come into immortality or incorruption. But it is a condition worth seeking, worth reaching out to achieve.

## **Seek By Patient Continuance**

The scriptures teach that by patient continuance in well-doing we are to seek these things, to reach out for them and the Bible would not give us a vision which is unattainable. God will make every vision He gives to us attainable. Incorruption, immortality, glory and honor are attainable. You can come into these changes. The Bible teaches us to actually look for and expect to put on immortality for the physical body. In Matthew 22:32 we find that God is the God of the living. Jesus came to give abundant life and not death (John 10:10). If we believe in Jesus Christ and do what He says we shall never perish (John 10:28). Jesus said, "and I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand." Some people believe that this refers to the fact that when we die we will go to heaven and never perish there. That may

have been all right to believe, in the past, but we believe that is not what He is talking about.

## **Jesus Brought Immortality To Light**

In John 11:26 Jesus said, "And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die, believeth thou this?" And she said, O yes, Lord, I understand that in the ressurrection, and He said, no, no we are not talking about the resurrection in the last day. I am the resurrection, I am the truth and the life (right now)! He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this? In John 8:51 Jesus said, Verily, verily, I say unto you, if a man keep my words he shall never see death." Now the question is, are we talking about death of the ສຸກທິກີທີ່, soul or the body? In II Tim. 1:10 we find "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

In other words, the light is shining on immortality because Jesus brought immortality to light. Thus, we notice that it is something that can be seen, something to reach for, to search for, to work for, to come into. But immortality is by hope, not by faith, not by

works but by hope because it is brought to light and not entered into, only hoped for.

#### **Death Is The Last Enemy**

But some say, "I want to die." Some say, "I do not want immortality. I want to die and go on and be with Jesus." All right, in Hebrews 2:14 this is what it says, "Forasmuch, then, as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same, that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, this is, the devil." The scriptures teach that it is the devil who has the power of death and the last enemy to be overcome is death. (I Cor. 15:26).

Romans 2:7 says, by patient continuance in well-doing seek (reach out for, try to attain unto) glory, honor and immortality, and that means—never die. The greatest way to live is to plan on being alive. The greatest way to live is to not to plan on dying. The whole world has been planning on dying, but it is really great and wonderful to plan on living, not dying. Now if you die there is nothing wrong with you, it only means that you were not that final generation. You were not of that group who will be alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord. Those who are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord

actually enter into this last final form of perfection. They, then, by virtue of the fact that they have entered into the third salvation will then bring others in. The Body of Christ will enter into that final perfection and salvation, because of Jesus Christ leading the way.

The Body of Christ will come into perfection and because of that they will bring perfection to that great cloud of witnesses which surround us right now as spectators in a great stadium. Though they can no longer play the game because they have been set on the bench through death, they can still cheer our team on to victory.

# **Read The Last Chapter**

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