

The Economy of God

The Inward and the Hidden Parts

The Three Parts of Man—Spirit, Soul, Body

- **1 Thes. 5:23** - ... and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Heb. 4:12** tells us that if we would know Christ in an experiential way, we must discern our human **spirit** from our **soul**, know the difference between the **joints** and **marrow** of the body, and even the **thoughts** and **intentions** of the **heart**.
- Of all our parts, the spirit is the most **hidden** on within us.
 - It is not only hidden **within the body** but is even hidden **within the soul**.
- There are the **outward** parts of the body, the **inward** parts of the soul, and the **hidden** part of the spirit.

The Three Parts of the Soul – Mind, Will, and Emotion

- There are three parts to the soul and three parts to the spirit.
- God's Word proves clearly and definitely that the soul is of three parts—the **mind**, the **will**, and the **emotion**.
 - **Psalm 139:14**, **Psalm 13:2**, and **Lamentations 3:20** show us that there is a part in the soul that knows, considers, and remembers. This part is called the mind.
 - **Job 7:15** and **6:7** proves that the will is a part of the soul.
 - **1 Sam. 18:1**, **S.S. 1:7**, and **Psa. 42:1** shows that the emotion is in the realm of the soul.

The Three Parts of the Spirit – Conscience, Fellowship, Intuition

- The spirit is composed of three parts or functions: **conscience**, **fellowship**, and **intuition**.
- To perceive **right from wrong**, to **condemn or justify**, are functions of the **conscience**.
- **Fellowship** is our **communion with God**. It is to touch God.
- Intuition means to have a direct sense or knowledge.
 - There is a **direct** sense in our spirit, regardless of reason, circumstances, or background.
 - It is a sense without reason, a sense that is not “reasonable”
- These three parts are supported by **Rom. 9:1**, **John 4:24**, and **Rom. 8:16**.

The Four Parts of the Heart – Mind, Will, Emotion, Conscience

- The heart is **not a separate part** in addition to the soul and the spirit.
- It is a **composition** of all the parts of the soul and the first part of the spirit.
 - **Matt. 9:4** asks “Why are you thinking...in your hearts?”
 - **Acts 11:23** speaks of “purpose of heart”
 - Emotion is found in **John 16:22**, which says “Your heart will rejoice.”
 - **Heb. 10:22** says “Having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience.”
 - If we are going to have a pure heart, we must have a conscience that is without offense.

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