

Soul, Spirit, The Necessity of the New Birth

I. Theological Prologue (1:1-18) (The LOGOS !!)

II. Presentation of Jesus (1:19-4:54)

- A. By John the Baptist (1:19-34) (dialogue with the Pharisees)
- B. By the first Disciples of Jesus (1:35-51) (Andrew, John, Peter, Philip, Nathaneal)
- C. At The Wedding in Cana. (The supernatural juice factory)
- D. At the Temple in Jerusalem (Righteous indignation of Christ, shallow believers)
- E. To Nicodemus, John Chapter 3, Necessity of The New Birth

1. Read John 3:1-21

- a. The necessity of the New Birth 1-10;
 - b. How to acquire the New Birth: "BELIEVE" 11-21
2. **Something is BROKE!** It BROKE in the Garden! (Ro. 5:12)
3. It requires the **New Birth**, (Regeneration, (Titus 3:5) to fix it.
4. Let's look at the **Constitution** of MAN.
- a. I Thess. 5:23 - body, soul and spirit
 - b. Hebrew 4:12 – "...dividing of soul and spirit..." (the body is a given)
 - c. **Trichotomus** (three parts, body, soul, spirit); or **Dichotomus** (2 parts, body and soul/spirit. Soul and spirit is one substance with different functional distinctions)

5. What is the function of the soul and of the spirit in man?

"The immaterial part of man, viewed as an individual and conscious life, capable of possessing and animating a physical organism is called **ψυχή (PSYCHE) SOUL**; viewed as a rational and moral agent susceptible of divine influence and indwelling, this same immaterial part is called **πνεῦμα (PNEUMA), SPIRIT**. The PNEUMA, then, is man's nature **looking GOD-ward**, and capable of receiving and manifesting the HOLY SPIRIT; the **PSYCHE (soul)** is man's nature **looking earthward**, and touching the world of **sense**. The **PNEUMA is man's higher part**, as related to spiritual realities or as capable of such relation." (Henry Thiessen, Lectures in Systematic Theology, Eerdmans, 1990, p-160)

6. Scriptural Proof of the above

- a. Romans 8:16. The Holy Spirit **witnesses** to our spirit (believers' spirit)
- b. I Cor. 2:14 "...the NATURAL **ψυχικός (PSYCHIKOS)** man, (or **SOULISH** man) receives not the things of the Spirit of God, because they are **spiritually (πνευματικῶς)** discerned.

7. "...**dead** in trespasses and sins..." (Eph. 2:1) It simply affirms a fact--that in relation to real spiritual life they were, in consequence of sin, like a dead man in regard to the objects which are around him. A corpse is insensible. It sees not, and hears not, and feels not. (Albert Barnes)

8. When Adam sinned in the Garden he first of all experienced “spiritual death.” That means separation from God. Adam’s nature became corrupt. Now, there is a spiritual “DNA flaw.” This sinful nature has been passed on through the ages. (Ge, 5:3. Ro.5:12)

9. Adam Before The Fall



10. Adam After The Fall



11. **Man’s inability to seek God.** (Ro. 3:10-12, “...there is non that seeketh after God.”) Man, in this condition, cannot see the “Kingdom of God.” Man can walk and swim. Man cannot fly. It is not in his nature to fly. Therefore, Natural man can only think and act within the realm of his nature. (Bible Encyclopedia). The natural man **cannot** discern spiritual matters. I Cor. 2:14. It takes God to initialize man’s spiritual regeneration.
12. **Regeneration corrects the above fatal flaw.** **παλιγγενεσία** (PALIN GENESIS) “**Again Beginning.**” The New Birth. The New Birth resurrects the dead spirit of man, giving man the “spiritual connection to God” (umbilical cord) that Adam lost. **New Life in Christ.!!!**
13. There is another Regeneration in the New Testament Mat. 19:28.
And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in **the regeneration** (**παλιγγενεσία**) (Messianic Age) when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.
14. Description of the Messianic Age (Kingdom of God) Isaiah 11. The 1000 year reign of Christ will be characterized by NEW THINGS, Regenerated conditions on earth. Only regenerated people will get access to this Kingdom!
15. Let’s live in light of His Presence. “Walking in the Light.”