

In Christ  
From a Spiritual Perspective  
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**INTRO.**

Humanly – I don't know how to stress the importance – of grasping this essential truth that –

**You Are What You Believe**

**Proverbs 23:11 Literal Standard Version**

For as he has thought in his soul, ... so he [is]. ... "Eat and drink," he says to you," ... And his heart [is] not with you.

**Proverbs 4:23 International Children's Bible**

Be very careful about what you think. ... Your thoughts run your life.

Mankind is a programable being ... Your programming – belief system – mindset – will determine your lot in life ... Your soul man – your intellect – your emotions – your will – determines how you will function in this natural realm.

**Spiritual Nugget**

**Romans 12:2 New Living Translation**

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, ... but let God transform you into a new person ... by changing the way you think. ... Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Remember – This natural realm – influenced by the "god of this world" – is blinding you to the realities of the spiritual realm ... All of this is programming your soul for spiritual failure ... Religious ideology is also part of this programming which is causing spiritual failure in your life.

I received a letter in the mail last week – signed a friend – who obviously watched last week’s sermon – but must have forgot this following point I made ... But first – let me share with you the letter – which I believe validates what I just said.

### **Always Remember**

You are a sovereign being ... You have the freedom and ability to believe – whatever you choose to believe ... As a sovereign being – you are also responsible for what you believe ... As a sovereign being – you have the freedom to live life as you choose {within the confines of the law} ... Thus, the saying - - You do you!

But a problem arises – when you decide – that you have the responsibility – or authority – to tell someone else what they need to believe ... **For example** – our society is telling us to believe there is more than two genders ... Free speech means ... Foolish people – in this country – have the right to say foolish things ... But foolish people do not have the authority to force another person to believe their foolishness ... Are you understanding what I’m saying?

Now catch this please – I am not up here telling you what to believe ... I am sharing with you: **First** – what I believe the Spirit wants to say to His ekklesia ... **Second**: I am sharing with you my present revelatory understanding of what the Spirit is telling me to share with you ... I will also share any direct word that I hear from the Spirit while preaching ... **Third**: I am sharing these truths in order to equip the saints for the work of the ministry.

### **Spiritual Nugget**

In the Spirit – there are various realms and dimensions – which contain their own levels or expressions of truth ... There are truths of this realm – that are not truths in the spirit realm ... **For example** – this realm does not believe you can lay hands on the sick as a means of healing ... This realm has its own system of healing ... Where the spirit realm has its own system of healing.

**John 16:12 New International Reader's Version**

“I have much more to say to you. ... It is more than you can handle right now. *(but right now it would be more than you could understand ... but it is too much for you to accept now ... You are not strong enough to understand them now.)*

### **1 Corinthians 8:1-3 The Voice**

As to the concern of eating food dedicated to idols: (Or whatever other biblical topic you believe you have an understanding of) we know that all of us have knowledge, - but knowledge can be risky. ... Knowledge promotes overconfidence - and worse - arrogance, ... but charity of the heart (love, that is) - - looks to build up others. ... 2 Just because a person presumes to have some bit of knowledge, - that person doesn't necessarily have the right kind of knowledge. ... 3 But if someone loves God, - it is certain that God has already known that one.

### **James 3:15 The Voice**

The wisdom of this world - should never be mistaken for heavenly wisdom; - it originates below in the earthly realms, - with the demons

So – let's sum up this piece ... Sorry to have to reiterate what I shared last week ... But this letter brings to light a reality in the body of Christ ... As a sovereign being – You Do You ... It is not your responsibility to make sure – others do what you believe to be true.

### **Man is a Tri-part Being**

#### **Man IS Spirit**

I'm not going to re-preach what I shared last week ... But I will add – as I'm not sure I shared this last week ... Every person born of a woman – is born as a spirit being ... You didn't receive a spirit after you were born again ... We are all from God – some have used the phrase that we are all the children of God – which is true – if you mean we all proceeded from God ... Are you catching this? ... Man is Spirit – as we all came from God ... And our spiritual DNA can be traced back to Him – much like our natural DNA can be traced back to our parents from which our flesh came from.

## **Ecclesiastes 12:7 New Century Version**

You will turn back into the dust of the earth again, - - but your spirit will return to God who gave it.

### **Man possesses a Soul**

I'm not going to get really deep with this right now ... What we need to grasp – as our goal is to have a spiritual understanding – of who we are in Christ is this:

Our soul – is what makes you - you ... Our soul contains our personality – likes and dislikes – how we think and how we act ... Our soul is made up of our thinker - - feeler - - chooser ... Or our intellect – emotions – and will

This natural realm has programmed us to believe that we are mere human beings ... And this natural realm in which we live is absolute truth ... After we become born again – religion began to program us with religious ideology – which keeps us at an extremely low level of spiritual truth

### **Spiritual Nugget**

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Look – I get I'm not sharing any earth-shattering revelations right now ... I'm laying out these foundational truths so that you may go back and use these scriptures to meditate upon ... With the goal of spiritual transformation ... Or let me put it this way ... So that your soul man may be expanded – for the purpose of carrying the weightier things of the spirit

### **Man lives in a Body of Flesh**

This body is our earth suit – that allows us to interact with this natural realm ... To physically display the spirit man to this natural realm ... If we are truly a new creation in Christ – that new creation ought to be on display – for all to see ... Let me share with you a couple of examples:

### **Luke 4:29-30 New Living Translation**

Jumping up, - they mobbed him and forced him to the edge of the hill on which the town was built. ... They intended to push Him over the cliff, ... 30 but **HE passed right through the crowd** and went on His way.

### **Acts 8:39-40 New Living Translation**

When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away. ... The eunuch never saw him again but went on his way rejoicing. ... 40 Meanwhile, **Philip found himself farther north at the town of Azotus.** {34 miles away} ... He preached the Good News there and in every town along the way until he came to Caesarea.

Apostle John was boiled in a pot of oil – and could not be killed

### **TAKE AWAY**

To the degree – that you are willing – to be teachable to the things of the spirit ... Is the degree – that your soul man may be expanded – strengthened – in order to display the spirit realm – here on earth

### **Proverbs 14:6 Amplified Bible**

A scoffer seeks wisdom and finds none [for his ears are closed to wisdom],  
But knowledge is easy for one who understands [because he is willing to learn].