

**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Souliness****Souliness - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/11/18 21:33**

Is there anyone out there aware of when this became a term? Or whether the early church fathers spoke of it with a different wording or phraseology? I am not interested in opinions on the legitimacy or lack thereof of the doctrine. I am just curious on the history of its teaching. The furthest back brother I know of that spoke of it was Watchman Nee, are there more ancient brothers who spoke of it?

I will greatly appreciate any help in this area brothers and sisters.

Re: Souliness - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2010/11/18 21:38

The Latent Power of the Soul by Watchman Nee is a classic small volume that deals biblically with this topic! I believe it is quite important. Many other godly saints addressed and shunned it.

That is a great question to know if this is something that has been taught and recognized in the early church. I believe Paul spoke of it when he addressed the false apostles in 1 Corinthians and talks about the power that comes from the word of God and not from the wisdom and power of men.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/11/18 22:02

That is just it, I loved that book, and was even really blessed by a Zac Poonen sermon on it today, I guess I am just baffled by not hearing this much, and not seeing other teachings on it historically.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/11/18 22:08

Brother Greg, do you happen to know why it was resisted as a teaching?

Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/11/18 22:30

Areadymind,
Zac Poonen teaches on souliness a lot. He may have even gotten the teaching from Watchman Nee for starters then went with it. Because I know Zac Poonen refers to a lot of Watchman Nee's teachings. You should email Zac and see where else this is taught. I'd be interested to know as well. :)

Unless Greg knows too.

I believe, souliness is more present in the church than we can even begin to realize.

Could pietism be similar to souliness? One article I read, said there were similarities. But I do not know enough about pietism to make an accurate judgment.

Re: - posted by knitefall, on: 2010/11/18 22:40

Yes, I couldn't agree more. The longer I live for Him (very short compared to most of you) the more I recognize the flesh (soul) in myself and in preaching. Not much preaching contents me anymore because of this.

With Bro Zac, I know of some of his teachings and that's great. But I do know he quoted the mess bible. I do have issues with that. It has direct word for word quotes from the Druids and other occult like groups. It holds much much vulgarity in the sexual area and diminishes the Deity of Jesus a lot. And I have problems with that.

But the topic of souliness is a key in end time conditions of the Church. We are in no way spotless when we operate in our own ability to please God. In fact, God hates it and calls it sin.

I am not going to argue about the mess bible but only tell you to watch out. I say that with care. Shawn.

Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/11/18 23:14

Ez 13:3 also talks about the false prophets who depended upon their own "spirits" which I think would be the same the "soul."

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/11/19 1:20

Interesting Michelle, that is a good point about piety. Although piety is a bit of a difficult word to pin down a definition on. People have used it in both positive and negative connotations. It is kind of one of those words that acts like a mercenary.

Although I think I can see what you are getting at. There may be some ways to tie the two ideas together to get a bit of a picture of souliness through another commonly used verbage...historically.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/11/19 1:45

I found this online earlier tonight. You can read, "The Spiritual Man" by Nee here for free.

http://www.theoldtimegospel.org/men/spirit_index.html

Re: Souliness - posted by Heydave (), on: 2010/11/19 4:55

By Areadymind:

Quote:
-----I am not interested in opinions on the legitimacy or lack thereof of the doctrine. I am just curious on the history of its teaching.

I'm not sure why else you may be interested in this subject, but surely it should be of interest to us if it is a biblically correct doctrine.

I think the fact that you cannot find much teaching on 'souliness' before Watchman Nee should raise a red light of concern. Why not do a bible word study on 'Soul' and see what you find. I like a lot a lot of Watchman Nee's teaching, such as 'The Normal Christian Life' book (which is good bible exegesis), but I am very cautious of his teaching on the Soul.

I personally think that most of the teaching that has built up around 'souliness' has very little (if any) biblical support. When you look at the scriptures people quote to support the various aspects of 'Souliness' or 'soul ties' etc, they are either taken out of context or taken to say something they were never intended to mean. Mostly the teaching is very subjective (if that's the right word). I mean it is based on opinion and personal conclusions, rather than clear biblical teaching (and I mean clear).

As Christians we do tend to repeat things we are taught and so certain teachings become ingrained into our theology and we just accept them as being correct.....until we take a fresh un-biased look at what does the bible 'actually' say about this!

For me, the word of God tells us that we either 'walk in the Spirit or the flesh'. So it's only a matter of the Spirit of God or the flesh. Now our soul (life) can be controlled by either. You have to have a 'soul life', but it has to die to the flesh and be controlled by the Spirit.

So in reality what they call being 'soulish' is really 'FLESH' or 'FLESHY'. It's the same thing and not another dimension. I don't mind if someone calls it 'soulish' or 'fleshy' as it amounts to the same thing, ie. not Spiritual. I just don't agree with building a whole teaching around something not clearly taught in the bible.

Enough from me anyway.

Re: Souliness - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/11/19 6:30

Ok, I am grossly ignorant: exactly what do you mean by "souliness"? I could guess but how do you define it? I do not find its use in the WORD.

ginnyrose

EDIT: I did not see Dave's post until I had posted my question. Still, I wonder about its practical aspects.

Re: Souliness, on: 2010/11/19 8:08

HeyDave said

Quote:

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I agree - because I was brought into a lot of bondage by the teaching that we have to 'lay down our soul life'.

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-----You have to have a 'soul life', but it has to die to the flesh and be controlled by the Spirit. So in reality what they call being 'souliness' is really 'FLESH' or 'FLESHY'.

Yes, as it relates to sin. There are many sinful urges from the flesh, ALL of which must be mortified. But, there are many pursuits which involve the use of the body, which are God-given and legitimate. Only if those latter become the focus of undue attention or affection, are we in trouble.

Paul in Romans 6 expresses the spiritual reality of our death in Christ. Peter in 1:4:1 refers to its effects. While 1 John 2 brings context:

15 Love not the world, neither the things in the world.

If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

16 For all that in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

Romans 8, Tyndale's New Testament

For what the law could not do in as much as it was weak because of the flesh: that performed God, and sent his son in the similitude of sinful flesh, and by sin damned sin in the flesh: that the righteousness required of the law, might be fulfilled in us, which walk not after the flesh: but after the spirit.

¶ For they that are carnal, are carnally minded. and they that are spiritual are ghostly minded. To be carnally minded is death. and to be spiritually minded is life, and peace: because that the fleshly mind is enmity against God: For it is not obedient to the law of God, neither can be. So then they that are given to the flesh, cannot please God.

¶ But ye are not given to the flesh, But to the spirit: If so be that the spirit of God dwell in you.

http://faithofgod.net/WTNT/romans_8.html

From Tyndale's 1 Cor 14:32

For the spirits of the prophets are in the power of the prophets.

In this verse we see that even a gift such as prophesy, is under the control of the person through whom it is operating.

How much more our choices about those activities to which we give the engagement of our real inner hearts, our minds, our bodies? Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness

, and the end everlasting life.

Regarding the bondage of constantly trying to kill off legitimate parts of my 'soul', in which I found myself, I was released when I heard a testimony on the radio one day, of a ex-convict who'd eventually come to the Lord in his last of many times in prison, and now, was training for full time ministry. He had overheard from his cell, some Christmas carolers singing 'The Lord's my Shepherd', and one line got stuck in his mind 'My soul He doth restore again'. He said, I kept thinking, 'He restores my soul! He restores my soul!' And that moved him to seek God for himself.

As I listened, I realised I'd been drawn into an attitude of mind by which I was colluding in the DESTRUCTION of my soul. (In my case, this was definitely true, even if it doesn't apply to readers.) Immediately, I started to revise how I understood 'my soul'. I was struck that David had written this hundreds of years before Christ, and how much more should that 'he hath purchased with his own blood' MY SOUL, (Acts 20:28) make me value it as highly as He did?

Now, all of my difficulty could be a reflection of my ignorance of scripture in the days when I first heard about 'laying down my soul life', but scripture itself does not lead one into that confusion, imho.

Re: , on: 2010/11/19 8:18

Walking by the soul (mind, will and emotions) is souliness. Leaning upon your own understanding. It is walking in the flesh, being unspiritual, yet thinking you are spiritual.

It is essentially walking after the flesh with a religious spirit.

Just like there is no mention of the words "sin nature" in the Word (except new versions), there is no mention of the word "souliness", yet the Word speaks of "souliness" if you will all over the place. Just like it talks about the Trinity in many places.

Jessie Penn-Lewis spoke of the counterfeits of the Holy Spirit by Satan. Satan uses our flesh to counterfeit spiritual things. Watchman Nee referenced Jessie Penn-Lewis extensively.

Don't get hung up on the word "souliness", because the early church taught about it, it is all over Romans, Galatians, James, etc and the Church has always taught about it, but I believe Jessie or Watchman coined the phrase "souliness".

Watchman Nee's work, The Spiritual Man, deals with souliness.

The danger of the power of darkness taking advantage. The Letter of James, written to believers, distinctly delineates the relation between soul life and satanic work:

Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good life let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This wisdom is not such as comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual (literally soulish), devilish. (3.13-15)

Here is an excerpt from the Spiritual Man.

<http://www3.telus.net/trbrooks/dangersofsoulish.htm>

Re: Souliness, on: 2010/11/19 10:16

Hi Pilgrim

Quote:

-----Walking by the soul (mind, will and emotions) is souliness

If 'mind, will and emotions' are exclusively of our soul, how do you distinguish those thoughts, desires and emotions which are God-glorifying and therefore permissible expressions of 'soul', from those which are not?

You may think you've answered this, but I would like more detail, if you would, particularly as 'will' is not separable from the person. What a person does is what they willed. Or, might a person 'do' differently from their inner heart's desires (that is, their honest, internally perceived will), so as to conceal sin?

What I'm asking is, how can we 'love the Lord our God with all our heart and mind and soul and strength', without sinning?

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/11/19 10:19

HeyDave, I am not particularly interested in seeing yet another debate. I also do not particularly buy into the idea that it had to be a taught doctrine prior to Nee. The manner of scripture is that it is living and active and I have discovered over my life that there are times where God opens my eyes to things in Scripture that I never would have seen had I been in sin.

Secondarily, I just don't have the time to manage a debate on a forum thread about the concept. Which is why I am asking my brothers and sisters for any information about it so that I may take the time personally to evaluate the truth or lack thereof. Thank you for your interest brother.

Re: - posted by Heydave (), on: 2010/11/19 10:28

Alive to God - Yes I agree with your conclusion.

Just to clarify what I was saying, we definitely do have and need a Soul life, but it dies to the flesh in the sense that the flesh should no longer control it, but it is under the control of the Spirit and therefore being restored.

Pilgrim: I have disagree with you here (I normally agree with most of your posts:-)).

I think that The spiritual Man by Nee is much too subjective and experiential. Jesse Penn-Lewis' book again is highly regarded by a lot, but is almost totally based on experiences and conclusions not found in scripture, but ideas which 'seem logical'. You could say souliness :-).

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You see the issue here. One person quotes another to validate the teaching.

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-----The danger of the power of darkness taking advantage. The Letter of James, written to believers, distinctly delineates the relationship between soul life and satanic work:

So are you saying that 'bitter jealousy' and 'selfish ambition' are not works of the flesh, but something else... 'souliness'?? Does not make sense to me and that's why I think it causes such confusion as Alive to God pointed out.

Re: , on: 2010/11/19 12:02

Don't get freaked out by the term "souliness".

You yield your mind, will, emotions (soul), to the Spirit or to the Flesh.

Can you get any simpler than that? We have been here before.

Your mind, will and emotions are yielded to the Holy Spirit or to the Flesh.

Anything you yield to the flesh you are yielding to Satan.

Works of the flesh are those things that the soul has yielded to the flesh (some call it sinful nature).

By your mind, will and emotions you yield to God or to Satan (via flesh).

What Watchman and Jessie Penn-Lewis talk about and really tried to zero in on, is how subtle the flesh can be in looking holy, righteous, spiritual. When they talk about the fallen soul life, or souliness they are talking about how very clever and subtle one can be in their souliness life to masquerade as being "spiritual".

The early church always knew about this because they were taught it by the Holy Spirit. You can see that in Heb 4:12.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

Only the Spirit and the Word can divide (tell the difference, expose, pinpoint, motives of the heart) even between SOUL and SPIRIT.

You don't need a book for this. We have one (God's Word). This is where the rubber meets the road in our walk, when we determine to come to the Lord with all our heart and not be joined to any idols AT ALL, in our heart, but Him.

By His Word and Spirit He then "divides" for us what is Spirit and what is Soul in our lives.

You will see as you press in further and further into the Lord, things that you never thought existed in your life. You will go through depression and discouragement when you see that nothing AT ALL good, dwells within you. That is a good place to come to.

Selfish ambition, desire to be thought well of, pride, greed, impure motives, wanting a little glory and admiration, etc, etc.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/11/20 12:16

I got to thinking about all the Christian books I have read over the years to try to rack my brain if any other brothers addressed souliness without using that terminology, and I realized that Spurgeon addressed it and called ministers on the carpet for it in his book, "Lectures to my Students." He just had not labeled it as such.

He was talking about how foolish it was that there was a fad from many ministers who would replace the "R's" in their words with "W's." In essence this is the exact same kind of pseudo spirituality that Zac Poonen was calling preachers on the carpet for in his sermon on it.

I bet there are many more people who have addressed it, just in a different way of wording it.

Good admonition Pilgrim.

Re: - posted by Areadymind (), on: 2010/11/20 12:23

As a matter of fact, there is an entire section in that book about an interview Spurgeon had with a man who wanted to enroll in his school of ministry, who Spurgeon completely rejected from service into the ministry because the man exhibited nothing but what Nee or Poonen, or anyone else who taught souliness would call exactly that.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2010/11/20 12:47

Thanks for the answer.

In reading this thread I get the sense that one gets into trouble when you focus on the mechanics of how God deals with people and man's response to it. Or, did I misunderstand?

Anyhow, I would say: Keep it simple like God does - then you will never go wrong.

My opinion...:-)

ginnyrose

Re: - posted by StarofGOD (), on: 2010/11/20 13:27

Spurgeon mentions it here as well. And actually kind of "coins" the word, so he says, in this article. However, he says the souliness is unconverted.

Sensual is kind of like souliness is it not?

II. Thus, I have tried to help you to answer the first question—the inquiry, Have we received the Spirit? And this brings me to the CAUTION. He that has not received the Spirit is said to be sensual. Oh, what a gulf there is between the least Christian and the greatest moralist! What a wide distinction there is between the greatest professor destitute of grace, and the least of God's believers who has grace in his heart. As great a difference as there is between light and darkness between death and life, between heaven and hell, is there between a saint and a sinner; for mark, my text says, in no very polite phrase, that if we have not the Spirit we are sensual. "Sensual!" says one; "well, I am not converted man—I don't pretend to be; but I am not sensual." Well, friend, and it is very likely that you are not—not in the common acceptance of the term sensual; but understand that this word, in the Greek, really means what an English word like this would mean, if we had such a one—souliness. We have not such a word—we want such a one. There is a great distinction between mere animals and men, because man hath a soul, and the mere animal hath none. There is another distinction between mere men and a converted man. The converted man hath the Spirit—the unconverted man hath none; he is a souliness man—not a spiritual man; he has got no further than mere nature and has no inheritance in the spiritual kingdom of grace. Strange it is that souliness and sensual should after all mean the same! Friend, thou hast not the Spirit. Then thou art nothing better—be thou what thou art, or whatsoever thou mayest be—than the fall of Adam left thee. That is to say, thou art a fallen creature, having only capacities to live here in sin, and to live for ever in torment; but thou hast not the capacity to live in heaven at all, for thou hast no Spirit; and therefore thou art unable to know or enjoy spiritual things. And mark you, a man may be in this state, and be a sensual man, and yet he may have all the virtues that could grace a Christian; but with all these, if he has not the Spirit, he has got not an inch further than where Adam's fall left him—that is, condemned and under the curse. Ay, and he may attend to religion with all his might—he may take the sacrament, and be baptized, and may be the most devout professor; but if he hath not the Spirit he hath not started a solitary inch from where he was, for he is still in "the bonds of iniquity," a lost soul. Nay, further, he may pick up religious phrases till he may talk very fast about religion; he may read biographies till he seems to be a deep taught child of God; he may be able to write an article upon the deep experience of a believer; but if this experience be not his own, if he hath not received it by the Spirit of the living God, he is still nothing more than a carnal man, and heaven is to him a place to which there is no entrance. Nay, further, he might go so far as to become a minister of the gospel, and a successful minister too, and God may bless the word that he preaches to the salvation of sinners, but unless he has received the Spirit, be he as eloquent as Apollos, and as earnest as Paul, he is nothing more than a mere souliness man, without capacity for spiritual things.

<http://www.ccel.org/ccel/spurgeon/sermons04.iii.html?highlight=souliness#highlight>

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I agree, Pilgrim, it's all over the place.

Re: - posted by TrueWitness, on: 2010/11/20 15:34

Here is an example of what I believe to be souliness found in the Gospels:

Mat 17:1 And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,
Mat 17:2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.
Mat 17:3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.
Mat 17:4 Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias.
Mat 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him.

Where did Peter get the idea of building three tabernacles from? He got it from his own mind (soul). His intentions were probably real good. However, his plan was not from God and he was basically told to shut up. There are countless church committees that cook up all sorts of good works, but in the end, is God in it? I am not asking if it being done FOR God. I am asking is it being done by God's Spirit. The whole What Would Jesus Do campaign is the epitome of souliness. I am not saying that what they do is wrong or sinful and I know they have the best of intentions. They could do a whole lot worse than WWJD. But they are doing what they think Jesus would do. In other words, they are imitating what they think Jesus is like. I will say again: what they are doing is not the problem so much as their method. The Bible say we are to walk after the Spirit and be led by the Spirit. First off, it has nothing to do with being led by emotions. Secondly, it is not done mindlessly but it is not purely a mental function. It comes from the heart and of course it is in agreement with the Bible. But I see too many people making the mistake of thinking that if they read the Bible and memorize all the do's and don'ts and practice them, that they are "walking in the Spirit". Instead of trying to imitate Christ (which frankly isn't that bad of an idea) we need the LIFE of Christ. Christianity to me is about Christ living in and through me instead of me cramming a bunch of doctrine and head knowledge in me and trying my best by sheer will power to steer a straight course. (I am not anti-doctrine by the way. It is absolutely essential we be grounded in Biblically sound doctrine.) But I will say it again: we need sound doctrine PLUS the Spirit and Life of Christ to live the Christian life.

-Daniel

Re: , on: 2010/11/20 17:20

Souliness is more the non-obvious works of the flesh that masquerade as "spirituality". Such as souliness dreams and visions that are attributed to the Holy Spirit and "God talking to me" yet generated by yourself.

Souliness is "highly spiritual" leadings that are generated from our own selves and attributed to God and used to lead (manipulate) us or others into a certain direction which is not towards God but yet not immediately discernable.

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Re: Souliness, on: 2010/11/20 18:38

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I think the problem with calling this 'souliness', is that the soul who has been born again, in an honest position with God, may well receive meaningful dreams, visions, prophecy, interpretation, and these are legitimate expressions of their relationship, and that person's relationship with other members of the body of Christ.

What you've described is a person operating not by the Holy Spirit, but by a mediumistic spirit. The not-so-subtle difference, is that God will have nothing to do with that, because they have yielded to sin.

There is no witness of the Holy Spirit in those who hear such 'ministry', and there is no life-giving effect either. It does not break bondage, it creates it. It has none of the hallmarks of the liberating word of God.

Re: - posted by Christinyou (), on: 2010/11/21 20:01

What does the Word of God, (Christ) divide, even to the deepest part of man?

"Even to the dividing of the soul and spirit".

Soulish is not spirit. What is born again in us? The spirit, not the soul. That is why we must renew our soul-mind to the mind of Christ who is not our spirit and Life.

The soul-mind controls the body, (flesh). The Spirit controls the soul. We don't have the soul of Christ, we have the Spirit of Christ, which is the Word of God being the Incorruptable Seed of The Father which is Jesus Christ.

Soulish is where the old man must learn the new man, which is Christ centered not self and Satan centered which is the soul of man and the spirit of the old man. The Spirit of the new man is the Spirit of Christ and the soul-mind is now the Mind of Christ which we now have. What are we to renew? What has the Father renewed? We must renew the mind, by the teaching of the Holy Spirit where He does His work, renewed to the mind of Christ which is Spirit where He has completed His work. We now have the Spirit of Christ, if not, we are none of His.

Romans 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again

1 Peter 1:22-23 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

This is our soulish part that has been purified through the Spirit, We learn unfeigned love of the brethren.

The Spirit of Christ now is our nature and we are learning this nature by the Holy Spirit teaching what Christ has said.

Romans 8:9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

We must separate the Holy Spirit, the Another Comforter, Teacher of New Life in Christ, from the Life Himself, even though they are One, in essence of the God Head, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, One God. We see not separate from each other

her but separate in the work of the tripartite man in John 14,15,16,17.

Who is our Teacher? John 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

John 14:16-17 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you.

John 14:26-27 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, whatsoever I have said unto you. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

The Holy Spirit teach us in our soulish part, the Spirit of Christ is our Life in the Spirit of God our Father who is all in all and all things will be returned to the Father, even by the Son that we will see God who is our total and all that we come to be by God the Father having son's in His house, which is total of all that has happened from Genesis 1 to the End of Revelations.

Life in Christ and by His Spirit and change in soul-mind by the Holy Spirit Comforter Teacher (Parakleet).

PHillip

Re: , on: 2010/11/22 12:31

Very well put!

The battle is in the "mind" part of the soul, in order to control it, along with the will and the emotions.

The soul:

Our mind must be renewed by God's Word, so that we are not led around by our "own understanding" or manipulated by words that are smooth and believable, but yet lies, nevertheless.

Our emotions must come into subjection to our spirit which must be controlled by the Holy Spirit. We are controlled by the Holy Spirit when we are in agreement with the Holy Spirit. We are not to be led by our emotions. The Holy Spirit stabilizes our emotions by the renewing of the mind. Emotions can be manipulated, and we must have full control of our emotions in order to do His will. No man or demon must be allowed to manipulate or control our emotions.

Our will must come into subjection to His will. No man or demon must control our will. No man or demon must be allowed to violate our will.

When you are born-again your soul has not changed. Your spirit which was dead in trespasses and sins has been made alive in Christ Jesus. Ephesians 2.

But our soul needs to be renewed, sanctified and purified. This is a walk that all must walk. It is an experiential walk. You must possess the land of your mind, will and emotions. You will need deliverance from different enemies. And the Lord is your Deliverer as you look to Him.

The Lord does not want any enemies left in the land of your mind or will or emotions. You go from glory to glory and faith to faith as you walk with Christ and experience victory, little by little in your soul.

There are so many things that control and manipulate us before we are saved and after we are saved, and God has moved in, it is time to move the enemies of our soul, out.