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LESSONS NINETEEN

...ABOUT THE SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY

INTRODUCTION

In Lesson 5 of Book 1 under the topic of the Nature of Man we learned that man as created by God is a triune being having a SPIRIT, a SOUL, and a BODY.

In the lesson before us we will take a closer look at the SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY as to the distinction between, or the dividing of the Spirit and Soul; and as to the practical application to the believer's life and walk with God as derived from an understanding of the SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY TRUTHS.

THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE SPIRIT AND THE SOUL

1. That the Spirit and Soul are not the same is seen in the fact that both in the Hebrew and in the Greek, they come from entirely different words and have different meanings.

The words for "spirit" (ruach, Hebrew and pneuma, Greek) has the meaning of a strong blast of wind.

The words for "soul"(nephesh, Hebrew and psuche, Greek) has the meaning of a gentle breath.

2. This distinction and difference is also seen in the following Scriptures where the SPIRIT AND SOUL are in contrast to one another.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

Hebrews 4:12

Luke 1:46,47

1 Corinthians 15:44

3. This difference is seen in Christ's own ministry, particularly in His death, where we see His Spirit, Soul, and Body divided.

Luke 23:46

Luke 23:50-53

Isaiah 53:10,11

Psalms 88:3-7

Psalms 16:10

Acts 2:27,31

Leviticus 16:5, 7-10

THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF DIVIDING THE SPIRIT AND SOUL

The practical application of the dividing of the Spirit, Soul and Body is seen in giving understanding to the Word of God, which then, makes it possible for us to rightly divide the Word of Truth, as the Apostle Paul instructs us to do in 2 Timothy 2:15.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman, RIGHTLY DIVIDING THE WORD OF TRUTH."

Rightly divide 2 Corinthians 1:10 according to the Spirit, Soul and Body Truths.

2 Corinthians 1:10a

Titus 3:5-7

Proverbs 20:27

2 Corinthians 1:10b

James 1:1

2 Corinthians 1:10c

1 Corinthians 15:52

Job 19:25-27

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that past tense deliverance/salvation is in reference to the Spirit, present tense deliverance/salvation is in reference to the soul, and that future tense deliverance/salvation is in reference to the Body. (In lessons 21-23 we will discuss this in more detail.)

Apply the above true to the following passages.

1 John 4:17

1 John 3:3

1 John 3:2

1 John 3:9

1 John 1:8-10

Ephesians 2:8-9

Philippians 2:12

Colossians 2:10

Matthew 5:48

1 Corinthians 5:1-5

James 5:19-20

Hebrews 10:14

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Matthew 11:28-30

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that rightly dividing/applying seemingly conflicting Scriptures between the SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY:

(1) Gives understanding and assurance to the Child of God that his salvation in Jesus Christ is eternally secure.

1 John 5:11-13, And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

(2) Understanding with its by-product of "full assurance", as we see the overall picture revealed in these Spirit, Soul And Body Truths, makes us understanding of one another. The legalistic believer will lose, not his convictions but his condemnation when grace gives him a gracious attitude toward the weak one in faith. Nor will Satan keep him under condemnation, although He still will be subject to the Spirit's conviction.

Colossians 2:2 That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgment of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ.

(3) Understanding in the Word is like roots that will tide you thru the storm and cause you to grow, maybe for the first time in your life, instead of being always a babe,

...tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning, whereby they lie in wait to deceive.' (Ephesians 4:14)

XX. WHAT THE BIBLE SAY

LESSON TWENTY

... ABOUT THE SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY TRUTHS (CONTINUED)

INTRODUCTION

In this lesson we want to see the Spirit, Soul and Body truths in the Tabernacle, so that, we might deepen our understanding and appreciation of these wonderful truths.

TABERNACLE/BELIEVER/DWELLING PLACE OF GOD

Exodus 25:8,9

John 2:21

1 Corinthians 3:16

1 Corinthians 6:19

2 Corinthians 5:1-4

2 Corinthians 6:16

2 Peter 1:14

John 14:23

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that the believer is compared to the Tabernacle, which was and is the dwelling place of God.

The Tabernacle is a trinity. There is the oblong outer court. Within this outer court is the tabernacle building itself with its two rooms. The first room (twice as large as the second or inner room) is called the "sanctuary" or holy place. The second room, or inner room, which is four square is the "holy of holies (Hebrews 9:2,3)

The outer, earthly court would compare to our "outer man", THE BODY.

The tabernacle building itself, being in the "heart" of the outer court would, roughly speaking, compare to our "heart", which then has two rooms. Room one of the heart, the holy place or sanctuary, is the SOUL. Room two, or the inner room of the heart, the holy of holies, is the SPIRIT.

WHAT IS THE PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF THIS TRUTH?

A. The practical application of the dividing of the Spirit, Soul and Body is most readily seen in the comparison of the triune nature of the Believer, with the Tabernacle, with its outer court, holy place and holy of holies and the furnishings of each room.

1. The "Holy of Holies" is a picture of the SPIRIT.

Once a year the High Priest went into the most Holy Place with the blood of the sacrificial lamb. Here he sprinkled the blood of the lamb upon the Mercy Seat which covered the Ark of the Covenant, and in so doing the people's sins were covered by the blood of the lamb shed for them.

This is a perfect picture of what happens in salvation, or Justification.

Romans 5:9

Hebrews 6:20

Hebrews 10:10

Hebrews 8:12

Jesus, the High Priest, entered into your spirit when you by faith received Him as your Savior, sprinkling the blood of the Sacrificial Lamb of God, who died once for all, and for all time, and when the blood of Calvary was applied to you, the sinner's spirit, all your sins (past, present and future) were forgiven, never to be remembered against you ever again.

Three things in the holy of holies picture Christ in our spirit.

First, we see that the High Priest on the Day of Atonement pictures Christ our High Priest in our "holy of holies", that is to say, in our spirit giving us "once and for all" a **positional relationship** with God our Father

John 1:12,13

Second, the Ark of the Covenant, with its valuables pictures Christ in us and His riches available to us, giving us a **provisional heir-ship**. Our soul will have no lack if it will appropriate the hidden riches of Christ's wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, pictured by the manna, Aaron's rod, the law, and the mercy seat.

1 Corinthians 1:30

Third, Jesus in us, is pictured by the angel of God (Christ in the O.T.) within the pillar of the Holy Spirit cloud giving us a **personal relationship**.

Leviticus 16:2

Exodus 14:19

Acts 27:23

1 Corinthians 10:4

2. The "Holy Place" or sanctuary pictures the SOUL and the soul life of the believer.

As the Priests ministered daily in the holy place, so the soul of the believer needs daily ministry. This daily ministry in the soul of the believer is seen in the articles of furniture in the holy place.

THE TABLE OF SHEW BREAD is a picture of the Word of life and the ministry of the Holy Spirit through the Word. The believer "Eats the Word." Fresh bread a must, yesterdays bread (Bible study, meditation on the Word) will not do for today. We are to continually partake of God's Bread (Word) to have a healthy, sanctified, set apart, holy soul life. Many believers are starving themselves to death spiritually because they are being disobedient to this truth.

John 6:35, 41, 48-51

John 5:39

Romans 10:17

John 15:26

THE INCENSE ALTAR speaks of the need to have continual prayer as part of our soul life, as the fire was never to be allowed to go out on the incense altar, so to have a healthy soul life, the believer is to pray without ceasing.

1 Thessalonians 5:17

Revelation 5:8

Psalms 141:1-2

Jude 20

THE GOLDEN CANDLE STICK with its seven branches speaks of doctrines of sanctification, that is to say, the doctrines of Christ, which light up the way. This is the life of walking in Christ. The candle stick branches had to have fresh oil morning and night, even so, the soul life of the believer needs to be filled with the Spirit. The oil, anointing of the Spirit supplies the fuel to give light to the soul life. If the light was not on in the Holy Place, the children of Israel would backslide, so it is with believers who do not have the oil of God's Spirit in their lives, the light in their soul has gone out and their life is out of control.

John 8:12

Hebrews 6:1

Ephesians 5:18

1 John 2:20,27

1 Timothy 1:10

1 Timothy 4:1,6,13,16

3. The "Outer-court" pictures the BODY.

Our Bodies have a ministry of sacrifice.

2 Corinthians 5:1

2 Peter 1:14

Romans 12:1

Ephesians 5:26

Exodus 30:18-21 (20)

Job 22:30

Conclusions: We would note from the above Scriptures that our bodies as the dwelling place of God/tabernacle of God are to be holy (pure) without sin, being cleansed by the washing/laver of the Word, that we might minister life, instead of death.

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XXI. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

LESSONS TWENTY-ONE

... ABOUT SALVATION

INTRODUCTION

God, through the sinless, impeccable life, death on the Cross of Calvary as the sin bearer (propitiation for the sins of the world), and resurrection of Jesus Christ has provided eternal salvation for every man, woman and child who ever was or will ever be born into the human race. Which salvation becomes a fact, a reality when the sinner, by God's grace through God's gift of faith to him, believes and receives Jesus Christ as his personal Savior from sin, death and hell.

Now, since, man is a triune being having a spirit, soul and a body (as we talked about in lessons 19 & 20) the salvation which God has provided in Christ Jesus is a THREEFOLD SALVATION. This threefold salvation is seen in 2 Corinthians 1:10 (note the three verb tenses in the passage):

God "who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver; in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us"

Also refer to 1 John 4:17; 3:3 & 3:2

1 John 4:17, "...as He Jesus, is, so are we in this world.";

1 John 3:3, "...every man...purifieth himself, even as he (Jesus) is pure."

1 John 3:2, "...now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he (Jesus) shall appear, we shall be like him (Jesus) as he (Jesus) is."

As we study WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THREEFOLD SALVATION we will apply the Apostle Paul's instructions in 2 Timothy 2:15,

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth,"

letting the Word of the living God rightly divide between salvation finished, completed once and for all time; salvation which is in the process of being accomplished, progressive salvation; and salvation which is yet to come.

We, also want to see that salvation in the past tense has to do with the spirit; where salvation in the present tense is in the soul, and salvation in the future tense is for the body. Threefold Salvation for a Triune Creation.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT SALVATION ACCOMPLISHED

According to the following Scripture passages what has already been accomplished once and for all time through believing in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior.

Hebrews 10:14

Ecclesiastes 3:14

Ephesians 2:5,8-10

Romans 3:28

Romans 4:5

Titus 3:5-7

John 5:24

John 3:16

Romans 6:23

2 Corinthians 1:10a

John 1:12,13

Galatians 4:6,7

2 Peter 2:4

2 Corinthians 5:17

1 Corinthians 12:13

Romans 6:3-7

1 John 3:9

Romans 8:1

SALVATION ONCE OBTAINED CANNOT BE LOST

From the following Scripture passages we want to see that once salvation has been obtained through faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior, that it CANNOT BE LOST.

John 3:16

Romans 6:23

Hebrews 10:14

Ecclesiastes 3:14

John 10:28,29

Romans 8:35-39

Ephesians 1:4

Ephesians 1:13

Ephesians 4:30

Philippians 1:6

SPIRITUAL RE -BIRTH

The entrance of sin into the world brought spiritual darkness. Proverbs 20:27 says, "The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord..." Thus the man who is dead spiritually is one in whom the candle of the Lord has been put out. His spirit is darkened leaving him with no spiritual understanding. From the following verses of Scripture we see that the new-birth in Jesus is a re-lighting of the candle of the Lord, a spiritual re-birth.

John 3:5-8

Titus 3:5

Ephesians 4:24

Galatians 4:6

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XXII. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

LESSON TWENTY-TWO

...ABOUT SALVATION (CONTINUED)

In this phase of salvation, we want to see that Father God has made in Christ Jesus provision for the salvation of our soul. which salvation is both progressive and conditional. whereas, in the previous lesson, we saw that when we were born again we were, once and for all time, delivered from the guilt and punishment of sin, in the lesson before us we want to see that we are being delivered from the power and control which sin has over our life; being delivered from the habit and dominion of sin.

2 Corinthians 1:10 says, **God, "doth deliver..."**

This is present tense salvation. Salvation which is in the process of being accomplished. From the following Scripture passages determine:

1. What area of our threefold being is being delivered?

James 1:21

2. What is being accomplished in the SOUL through this present tense salvation?

1 Corinthians 1:30

1 Peter 1:22

Ephesians 4:22-24

Colossians 3:10

2 Timothy 2:2

Matthew 5:48

Ephesians 4:1

Hebrews 6:1

Hebrews 13:21

1 Peter 5:10

1 John 3:3

2 Timothy 3:17

Romans 8:29

2 Corinthians 3:18

Galatians 2:19

2 Corinthians 7:1

3. Of what is the soul being delivered?

Romans 6:14

Romans 7:17,20

Romans 8:22

Corinthians 10:5

Colossians 3:12

Hebrews 9:14

4. With whom does the responsibility of accomplishing the salvation of the soul, lie?

Philippians 1:6

Philippians 2:13

1 Corinthians 3:9

Philippians 2:12

Ephesians 3:20

1 John 3:3

1 Peter 1:5

Colossians 1:29

John 11:44

James 5:16

Ephesians 4:11-13

5. What is the means of soul salvation?

James 1:21

2 Timothy 3:17

Acts 15:9

Romans 10:17

Galatians 5:6

CONCLUSIONS

Progressive salvation has the purpose of the growth and development of the new man. This growth and development comes through progressive enlightenment of the understanding toward a more extensive and intensive knowledge of divine truth, a continued renewal of the will toward its original moral integrity and energy for good, and an increasing cleansing of the appetites and affections toward their primeval purity.

RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH

Why "work your salvation" since eternal salvation is already finished, complete, accomplished?

Hebrews 12:6

3 John 2

John 10:10

2 Corinthians 5:10

1 Corinthians 3:11-15

Hebrews 11:35

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XXIII. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS

LESSON TWENTY-THREE

... ABOUT SALVATION (CONTINUED)

INTRODUCTION

The third phase of our threefold salvation, 2 Corinthians 1:10c, "... **in whom we trust that He will yet deliver us**" speaks of GLORIFICATION. In this phase of our salvation we will be delivered for all eternity from the presence of sin and its consequences (effects) on our lives.

From the following Scriptures determine what God's children are yet to experience in the way of being made safe. Salvation in both the Old and New testament means to "be set in a safe place".

Romans 13:11

1 Peter 1:5

Philippians 1:6

Philippians 2:13

Ephesians 1:13,14

Ephesians 4:30

Luke 21:28

Romans 8:23

1 Corinthians 15:22

1 John 3:2

Romans 8,29

2 Corinthians 3:18

1 Corinthians 13:12

1 Corinthians 15:42-44

1 Corinthians 15:53-54

Job 19:25-27

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Revelations 7:16,17

RESPONSE TO THE TRUTH

Let us have the confidence of the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:6 that He (God) who has begun in us through the new birth in Jesus Christ the good work of salvation will continue to bring that good work of salvation to completion and in the day of Jesus Christ will complete it.