

# The 3 Parts To A Man

*1 Thessalonians 5:23* “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Paul understood that for a man to be completely at peace with himself in the Lord, that he needed to be whole, or, in agreement within himself in all areas of a man’s being. We are going to break these areas down and show their individual purposes and their agreements and disagreements.

MORTAL MAN →

SOUL MAN →

HOLY SPIRIT



Mortal Man = Flesh = “I” = The Natural Man

- \*Control the 5 senses; smell. Touch, taste, hear, see
- \*Desires what it sees
- \*Subject to death or separation



When the Flesh and the Soul are working together apart from the Spirit of God, it has it’s own peace and truth. Freewill is very strong and produces it’s own understanding of love and hates.

*Galatians 5:16-26* reflects some of those outcomes



Soul Man = Inner Man = The Spirit of A Man

- \*Controls feelings, emotions, freewill, passions, knowledge, intellect, the intangible part of the natural man
- \*Knows right from wrong
- \*Adds a reaction to what the fleshly man senses

Holy Spirit = The God in you = Christ likeness

- \*Controls all aspects of a man when submitted to the truths, by freewill, of God.

*2 Corinthians 10:3-6*

- v.3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.
- v.4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,
- v.5 Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,
- v.6 And being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.

What Paul is saying, even though he was talking to those who were being persuaded by the arguments that was being forced upon the people because of those who thought they were wiser about the gospel than others, it is also talking about us individually who, within ourselves have this warfare going on. We become double minded when emotions and intellect start to rise up and cause us to question our trust and faith in God. We start to look outwardly instead of the inward and hence war with ourselves.

Paul is saying that only when you acknowledge the move of God in our life will we be able to distinguish the difference between the flesh/soul man and the Spirit of God in you and who is in control. When that happens you can start to put into check the very thoughts and questions that caused you to become double-minded in the first place. The intellect of a man starts to submit to the truth of God in you hence putting it into captivity into the obedience of who Christ is in you.

When that is accomplished then repentance comes willingly because of the disobedience that we followed. When this happens, you start to change and can now help others because of the example you have become in Christ. Pointing out their disobedience when you, yourself have come into obedience to God.

Being in obedience to God in all area’s of a man, causes God to be in control and brings forth the true peace in body, spirit, and soul!