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Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5v23-24

The Soul

Man is a tripartite being, a trinity. We have a spirit, soul and body.

Some time ago, the speaker had people calling at his gate. When he asked about their soul, they said that they did not believe they had one. He showed them where their own Bible referred to the soul but they would not even believe their own translation.

The spirit of man is capable of God consciousness.

The soul is capable of self consciousness.

The body is capable of world consciousness.

The Bible speaks about the spirit of man:

In Proverbs 20:27, "The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD"

In Psalm 18:28, David writes, "For thou wilt light my candle"

In Job 32:8, Elihu says, "But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding"

Regarding the soul of man, David writes:-

"How long shall I take counsel in my soul" (Psalm 13:22)

"Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance" (Psalm 42:5)

"I will praise thee for I am fearfully and wonderfully made." (Psalm 139:4)

We can see body but not soul and spirit, but just because we cannot see them, it does not mean that we do not have them. We do not see so man is overwhelmed by thought of it.

When visiting Norway, in a rebuilt Norwegian church that had been destroyed by fire by satanists, according to guide, the speaker was told that there was only room for 30 souls in the building. In this case, the word "souls" referred to the people sitting listening in the pews.

In Genesis 2, when God created man, He "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." The body was inert until God breathed into him. God had formed him from the very dust of earth.

We all have a soul. It gives us a consciousness of what we are. We have a soul that needs to be saved.

“I’ve a soul to be saved
May this truth be engraved
On my mind and my heart while I’m young
Oh how awful the cost
If my soul should be lost
And in hell if I die as I am”

We all need eternal life, need to have Christ as Saviour and Lord.

Isaiah 53 teaches what God was prepared to do to save a soul, “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand”

Isaiah speaks prophetically about Jesus saying it pleased the Lord to bruise Him at Calvary. On the cross of Calvary the Lord Jesus gave Himself an offering for sin.

Paul said, “I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Gal 2:20)

He realised that even if there was no other sinner in world, the Son of God must give Himself. Have we all reached that?

The Lord Jesus died on Calvary's cross that our souls might be saved for all eternity, so that I might know Him and be with Him through all eternity.

We all need to know Lord Jesus as personal Saviour.

The Thessalonians “turned to God from idols...to wait for His Son from heaven” (1:10)

Salvation's day has started but one day the Lord will come and take us to be with Himself.

In Hebrews, the Spirit of God is speaking to us (Heb. 3:7).

The Bible is the word of God and is “quick powerful, sharper than any two edged sword” (Heb.4:12)

The Lord Jesus asked, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? (Mark 8:36)

A young lady was lying in bed with sickness taking her down. She called for mother to bring a dress, a ball gown. The girl said, “That has cost me heaven”. She had loved the dancing.

“What shall a man give in exchange for His soul?” (Mark 8:37)

What are we giving in exchange for our soul, for trusting Christ.

In Hebrews 10:39, the writer says, “But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul”. The Christians could look back knowing that He had saved their soul for all eternity.

“Jesus I will trust thee, trust thee with my soul
Guilty, lost and helpless thou canst make me whole”

When a sinner comes they put their trust in a living Saviour, Who has left an empty tomb and fills the throne above.

In Hebrews 7:25, we read “Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”

He wants us to be saved but we must come.

Peter in boat, went to Lord Jesus on water, took eyes off Lord and started to sink, called out “Lord save me”

What a prayer for those who don't know the Saviour.

“As soon as your all you venture,
On Christ's atoning blood,
The Holy Spirit enters
And you have peace with God.

The Lord will come. Are you ready?

“Jesus is coming sing the glad word,
Coming for those He redeemed by His blood.”

We need to be ready when the Lord comes.

In Psalm 65:4, we read of a satisfied soul, “Blessed is the man whom thou chooseth, and causeth to approach unto thee, that he may dwell in thy courts: we shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, even of thy holy temple.”

In Psalm 17:15, David says, “As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.”

Memory will not be obliterated in eternity. People will remember for all eternity opportunity

spurned. Those not saved will die in their sins and wake up in a lost eternity.

Is it well with your soul?

Why not trust the Lord Jesus tonight and know the truth that it is well with your soul?