

Three parts – Spirit – Soul - Body



Let's look at each of these three parts and their corresponding functions.

**BODY**

Through the five senses we contact the visible, touchable, tangible things of the material world. It's the most outward and visible part of our being, and through our senses we experience the physical realm. But we're more than just a physical body.

**SOUL**

Our soul, which is unseen, is just as real as our body. Through our soul, we experience the psychological realm. The Greek word for soul in the Bible is psuche, which is also the root word of psychology. Our soul is made up of our mind, which enables us to do things like think, reason, consider, remember, and wonder; our emotions, which enable us to have feelings like happiness, sorrow, anger, relief, and compassion; and our will, which enables us to choose and make decisions. Our mind, emotion, and will make up our soul, which is our personality, who we are within our body.

**SPIRIT**

Our spirit, is the deepest and most hidden part of our being. Through our spirit we can contact the spiritual realm. No other creature was created with this third part, the spirit, within. It is through our spirit we know that God is real, that we can contact Him, receive Him, contain Him, and fellowship with Him.

**Why do you believe God gave mankind a spirit?**

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**Which scripture lead you to this belief?**

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We have a spirit because when God created us He wanted to know us, have a relationship with us, and even live in us.

Not only was our spirit made for God, but also has the ability to contact, receive, and worship God. As John 4:24 says, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truthfulness."

John 3:6 tells us that we are born of the Spirit in our spirit. After we are born of God, we continue to contact and worship Him by our spirit.

**What do you believe was the reason God created mankind with three parts?**

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God's desire for us is that we human beings with all three parts would be vessels to contain and express Him.

- God's purpose is to come into our spirit to fill it with Himself. When we believe in Jesus Christ, He comes to live in us as our new life. He is in our spirit as the new Person in us so that He would be expressed through our entire being: spirit, soul, and body. This all begins when we receive Him into our spirit and are regenerated, or born again.
- Our soul was leading us before we were born again. We pretty much did everything by the thoughts and desires of our soul. We made decisions with our soul based on our own thoughts and considerations, our own feelings, and our own discernment. Whether we lived a good life or a bad life, a moral life or an immoral life, we lived a life in the soul. God's desire is that once we're saved, with a new life and with Christ as our new person living in us, our spirit would **become the leading part of our being, not our soul.**

When we live by our spirit, our soul begins to express God's life instead of our own.

**We have a choice every day**, to live by the old, independent life of our soul, or we can live by Christ as the new life and Person in our spirit. We can choose to allow our spirit to be our leading part, Romans 8:14-15 "For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to son ship".

By using our will, we turn our mind to our spirit and to take in God's living Word, allowing our emotions to be awakened and stirred to love God, and presenting our body to live a proper human life. The truth is—your spirit has totally changed! **You aren't in the process of trying to get anything from God.** Everything you'll ever need in the Christian life is already present in its entirety in your spirit! At this very moment, your born-again spirit is as perfect and complete as it'll ever be throughout all eternity.

You won't get a new one when you arrive in heaven, and nor will it need to be matured, completed, or cleaned up from any defilement down here on earth.

Your spirit is—right now—as perfect, mature, and complete as Jesus Himself!  
1 John 4:17 "This is how love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment: In this world we are like Jesus.

We are not like Jesus was, but because of grace, we are like he is now: pure and holy, seated in heaven, and glorified. See Rom. 8:30; Eph. 2:6; Col. 3:1-4. Faith has transferred his righteousness to us.

**Write down how you in your daily life allow your spirit to lead you?**

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