

THE FATHER OF SPIRITS

Heb 12:9 Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

The question, "Who am I?" is very important. Some will name an occupation or a role they fill. Some will answer something that is true of their personality. These are all wrong. Who am I? I am a spirit that has a soul, which lives in a body that works at an occupation and performs different roles. The fact that we are a spirit is of utmost importance to living the victorious Christian life. The scripture plainly reveals that humans are a tri-partite person.

*1Th 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.*

Notice that the spirit is mentioned first because this is the identity of man and should have supreme authority in our being. Before Adam and Eve fell their spirit ruled their soul and body. Some people think they are a soul. They think they are what they think, feel, and desire. The soul is the personality of your spirit. However, your soul is not your identity. **We get our identity by birth.** God is the **Father of our spirit.** Nowhere does the scripture say that God is the Father of our souls or bodies! No, He is the Father of our spirit. This is our identity. When we get saved we get born again in our spirit- not our soul, or body. We get our new spiritual identity by being born again in our spirit.

I believe most Christians see themselves according to what they experience in their souls and not as a spirit. Instead of being conscious that they are a spirit, they merely think they have a spirit in which good things reside. Such Christians are soulish and carnal. We will not become spiritual until we renew our mind that we are a spirit that has a soul and lives in a body. We need to speak of ourselves as a spirit. Because we are born again with the life and nature of God in our spirit then we can rightly say we are holy, righteous, and partakers of the divine nature. This is who I am. In redemption God desires once again for our spirit to rule over our soul and our body. As a resurrected speaking spirit we should dictate to our soul

what will be accepted and rejected there. As a resurrected speaking spirit we should dictate to our body what it will do and not do. We do this with our words of faith. God is a spirit and He operates by speaking. We were created and then re-created in His image and are to operate this way. We need to regularly say, "I am a resurrected spirit. I am holy, righteous, pure, washed, clean, filled with power, wisdom, and love." If we do not like something going on in our soul we need to speak to our soul and fix it! Although David was not born again, he knew he was a spirit and could dictate to his soul.

Psa 42:5 Why are you cast down, O my soul? And *why* are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him *For* the help of His countenance.

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David commanded his soul to hope in God. We can and should command our soul to line up with our spirit. Paul knew he was a spirit that had authority over his body.

1Co 9:27 But I discipline my body and bring *it* into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.

Paul said he disciplined his body and brought it into subjection. He did not say he brought himself into subjection, but his body. He knew he was not his body. He was a spirit that had a soul, which lived in a body. He had authority over his body. He dictated to his body instead of allowing his body to dictate to him. The nature of the flesh resides in our body. Sin manifests itself through our flesh in order to bring us into bondage. Through the finished work of Christ sin in the flesh was condemned.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God *did* by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

Jesus condemned sin in our flesh. It has been legally condemned, but we must enforce that legal decree. When our flesh rises up we need to say, "Hold a minute flesh! I am a resurrected spirit and I have authority over my soul and body. You are not going to control me. Flesh, Jesus condemned you by the cross. I enforce that legal fact by calling you dead right now. Lust, passion, inordinate desire, lasciviousness, I command you to die right now! Jesus and His life rules in me because it is no longer I that live, but Christ lives in me! He is empowering me to do the right thing right now!" You don't have to use these exact words but you need to enforce what God has decreed because authority has been given to your spirit to rule your soul, body, and over the flesh! It might seem weird at first thinking and speaking of yourself as being a spirit. But over time you will start renewing your mind, and the realities of your spirit will start dominating your soul, body, and flesh. I advise you not do this in front of others because they will not understand. Do this when you are by yourself, or under your breath if you are with others. You need to become spirit conscious. When you do this you will begin to hear the voice of God more clearly because the Spirit of God dwells in our spirit. You are a speaking spirit. What God says about your spirit, you need to speak over yourself it is true of you. He is the Father of spirits. You are made in His image. Operate like Him!