

# THE TEMPLE OF GOD

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1 Corinthians 3:17, “If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.”

1 Corinthians 6:19, “What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”

Ephesians 2:21, “In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord:”

Psalms 11:4, “The LORD is in his holy temple, the LORD’S throne is in heaven: his eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.”

Psalms 65:4, “Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest 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.”

Psalms 138:2, “I will worship toward thy holy temple, and praise thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: for thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.”

Habakkuk 2:20, “But the LORD is in his holy temple: let all the earth keep silence before him.”

## **The New Birth or Being Born Again is The dead human spirit merged with God’s Holy Eternal Spirit**

This joining is the new birth. This has nothing to do with the marriage in Romans 7.

1 Corinthians 6:17, “But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit.” Not two spirits, and you did not get rid of your old spirit, your old spirit was born again by the Spirit of God. This is that eternal life you get when you receive Lord Jesus Christ.

Ephesians 4:24, “And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.” To put on the new man is to reckon in your soul what has happened to your spirit, and put on that new man in your soul. The new man is created in righteousness and true

holiness which is that spirit that became new in the merging or melding together of God's Spirit with the human spirit.

Colossians 3:10, "And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:" Putting on the new man in your soul which is renewed in knowledge in your soul after the image of him that created the new man that is your spirit now that is born again. You are the soul so then therefore YOU must PUT ON the new man, follow after the spirit: Romans 6:16, "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" The old man is the flesh while the new man is the spirit and you are in the middle between the two: you are the soul: Galatians 5:16-18, "This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law." and Galatians 5:24-15, "And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." Colossians 2:6, "As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him:" 2 Corinthians 5:7, "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)"

The marriage in Romans 7 is the relationship between this new spirit and the soul. The old spirit is one of three old men. It was slain by the law which is also what kills the body when you die, because the wages of sin is death. All death is because of sin. The body dies and is put in the ground; the carnal mind should die in a Christian's life so he can live to the spirit: Romans 6:11-12, "Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

The body and soul are stuck together (Colossians 2:8-12) in a lost man. But they are not the same (Hebrews 4:12), and not merged together as one. They are stuck so that what the body touches the soul also touches (Leviticus 5:2) and is responsible (Matthew 16:26; Mark 8:36) for everything the body does. The body is an unholy temple in a lost man, defiled by sin (John 8:24). Sin reigns (Romans 6:12) in it, and permeates it throughout (Psalms 51:5). All people born are conceived in sin and born with the death sentence on them (Romans 2:14-15), however where there is no law, sin is not imputed (Romans 5:13) and the law against us (Colossians 2:13-15) was contrary to us slew our spirit. (Romans 7:8-13). It is the LAW that brings the whole works guilty before God: (Romans 3:19) because it is by the law that we get the knowledge of SIN: (Romans 3:20) and the law works wrath but where there is no law then there would be no transgression of the law: (Romans 4:15) Then the law is our school master to bring us unto Christ: Galatians 3:21-26.

Ecclesiastes 8:11, "Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is fully set in them to do evil." Outwardly they may appear not to have the sentence passed but the wrath of God is ON THEM: (John 3:36; Romans 1:18; Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:6) The trouble is man's heart: (Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 12:35; Matthew 15:18-20; Mark 7:21-23)

Ecclesiastes 12:5-7, “Also when they shall be afraid of that which is high, and fears shall be in the way, and the almond tree shall flourish, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail: because man goeth to his long home, and the mourners go about the streets: Or ever the silver cord be loosed, or the golden bowl be broken, or the pitcher be broken at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the cistern. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.” Matthew 16:26, “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?” and Mark 8:36, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” YOU are the soul inside.

The seed is the word of God (Luke 8:11) that enters the dirt or the body; (Genesis 3:19; Isaiah 51:1) it then goes into the soul (Hebrews 10:38-39), and into the heart of the soul of man. ( It is the faith in Jesus Christ, or receiving Jesus Christ as personal saviour that is accounted by God as your personal righteousness but is in actuality the righteousness of God that is inputted to the sinner, this covers body, soul and spirit even though the body is sinful, wretched, and wicked and the soul is stuck to it and in the same condition, and the spirit is dead to God; by that act of faith God imputes His righteousness to the sinner and thereby the Holy Spirit is able now to enter inside and goes all the way into the dead spirit and joins with it in such a way as to give that dead spirit life. This is called regeneration, and being born again. Then that Holy Spirit cuts the soul from the flesh in an operation of circumcision that saves the soul from the body of the sins of the flesh. The direction of God’s work is from the inside outward.

Romans 2:28-29, “For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.” This is not saying that the location of the heart is in the spirit, but that the spiritual circumcision is cutting the heart from the soul by the spirit and not by the law (letter) or it is spiritual not physical.

Romans 4:11-12, “And he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be not circumcised; that righteousness might be imputed unto them also: And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.”

Colossians 2:8-12, “Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ. For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power: In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”

Who are you listening to?

Isaiah 30:21, “And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.”

Pay attention to the words of God in the Bible:

John 3:3, “Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

John 3:5-7, “Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.”

1 Peter 1:23-25, “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.”

If you do NOT take heed to these things:

John 8:24, “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”

Psalms 9:17, “The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.”

Mark 9:44, “Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”

Mark 9:46, “Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”

Mark 9:48, “Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched.”

Matthew 13:42, “And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth.”

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Some people talk a lot about what they know nothing about! And say little about things that needs to be said. The tendency in a prideful heart is arrogance. When a fool speaks he is known by his words: Ecclesiastes 5:3b, “...a fool's voice is known by multitude of words.”

A Tiger met a Lion  
as they sat beside a pool;  
Said the Tiger to the Lion  
why you roaring like a fool?

It's not foolish said the Lion,  
With a twinkle in his eyes;  
They call me the king of beast  
Because I advertise.

A Rabbit heard them talking  
And ran home like a streak;  
He thought he'd try the Lions plan  
But his roar was just a squeak.

A Fox came to investigate  
And had Rabbit Stew in the woods;  
And so my friend when you advertise  
Be sure you got the goods.

Psalms 73:22, “So foolish was I, and ignorant: I was as a beast before thee.”

Proverbs 1:22, “How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and the scorers delight in their scorning, and fools hate knowledge?”

Proverbs 8:5, “O ye simple, understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding heart.”

Proverbs 15:2, “The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: but the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness.”

Proverbs 17:28, “Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding.”

Proverbs 18:2, “A fool hath no delight in understanding, but that his heart may discover itself.”

Proverbs 18:6-7, “A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes. A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul.”

1 Peter 2:15-16, “For so is the will of God, that with well doing ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: As free, and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness, but as the servants of God.”

Romans 1:22-23, “Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.”

1 Corinthians 1:18, “For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.”

1 Corinthians 1:21, “For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”

1 Corinthians 2:14, “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”

Galatians 3:3, “Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?”

Matthew 10:16, “Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.”

1 Corinthians 14:20, “Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men.”

Proverbs 1:5-7, “A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings. The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.”