

Body, Soul & Spirit

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The spirit of a child. The spirit of the lost person. The spirit of a born again person. The Spirit of God. The spirit of devils (familiar spirits)

Lost Old Testament and Saved Old Testament

Job 32:8, "But there is **a spirit in man**: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth **them** understanding." God's Spirit speaks by inspiration to the person (soul) however without a spirit in man we would be dead, because the spirit of man is our life force: ergo, the breath of life - not death. So when I say that the spirit of man dies at the age of accountability: I am not saying that it ceases to function; I am saying it is no longer alive to God: or more practically, it is not connected to God. This does not mean that the Holy Spirit cannot speak to the soul of a lost man that is how the Gospel reaches them.

The spirit of man, the spirit of the world, the spirit which is of God & the Spirit of God: 1 Corinthians 2:10-13, "But God hath revealed them unto **us** by **his Spirit**: for **the Spirit** searcheth all things, yea, **the deep things of God**. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the **spirit of man** which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but **the Spirit of God**. Now **we have received**, not **the spirit of the world**, but **the spirit which is of God**; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the **Holy Ghost** teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual." Notice the caps and lower case "S" & "s" on the words Spirit and spirit. Notice that the spirit of man is the spirit that is dead; and the spirit which is of God is the born again spirit.

Exodus 35:21, "And they came, **every one whose heart stirred** him up, and **every one whom his spirit made willing**, and they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and **for all his service**, and **for the holy garments**." The soul can be made willing by the dead spirit because the spirit is only dead to God not to the soul parse; however this could be a reference to the spirit of the mind that is in the soul: (See: Ephesians 4:23, "And **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**...") The spirit of the mind is not the spirit of man. The spirit of the mind would be the workings of the mind in knowledge, wisdom and understanding. The Spirit of God in Old Testament times came upon them but did not JOIN with their spirit in the new birth. Their spirit remained dead to God; but their soul communed with God's Spirit. (Side note: Notice the holy garments in the passage which they had to make; and is a direct relationship to personal righteousness in the OT and during the tribulation. This has to do with the Aaronic priesthood and not the priesthood of Christ which is a better priesthood.)

Exodus 35:31, "And **he hath filled him with the spirit of God**, in **wisdom**, in **understanding**, and in **knowledge**, and in **all manner of workmanship**;" Notice here that this spirit of God is the same as the spirit of wisdom and the spirit of understanding and the spirit of knowledge and the spirit of all manner of workmanship. Again this spirit

from God is not God's Spirit; it is imparted wisdom, understanding, knowledge and all manner of workmanship. It is not the spirit of man either. (See above in Exodus 35:21) Remember the seven Spirits of God (Revelation 1:4; 3:1; 4:5 & 5:6) that show up in Isaiah 11:2-3, "And **the spirit of the LORD** shall rest upon him, **the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD**; And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the LORD:" Notice the lower case spirit of the LORD, and all the subsequent lower case spirit: 1. spirit of the LORD. 2. spirit of wisdom. 3. spirit of understanding. 4. spirit of counsel. 5. spirit of might. 6. spirit of knowledge. 7. spirit of the fear of the LORD.

Leviticus 20:27, "A man also or woman that hath a **familiar spirit**, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them." Notice here there is a familiar spirit; which is not the spirit of man, nor is it the spirit from God. nor is it the Spirit of God; but an unclean spirit: a devil. Numbers 5:14, "And the **spirit of jealousy** come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the **spirit of jealousy** come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled." Notice that there is a spirit of jealousy; which can come upon someone; how familiar are we with that spirit? We read about these unclean spirits: Matthew 12:43-45, "When the **unclean spirit** is gone out of a man, **he** walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my **house** from whence I came out; and when **he** is come, **he** findeth it **empty**, swept, and garnished. Then goeth **he**, and taketh with **himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself**, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation." Another very important thing about spirits shows up in King Saul's life: 1 Samuel 16:14-18, "But the **Spirit of the LORD departed** from Saul, and **an evil spirit from the LORD** troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when **the evil spirit from God** is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me. Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen **a son of Jesse** the Bethlehemite, that is cunning in playing, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and prudent in matters, and a comely person, and **the LORD is with him.**" And 1 Samuel 16:23, "And it came to pass, when **the evil spirit from God** was upon Saul, that **David** took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the **evil spirit departed** from him." So God can also send an evil spirit, and in the case of King Saul that is what happened. Notice the wording EVIL spirit; not an unclean spirit, nor a familiar spirit. Later Saul consulted with one who had a familiar spirit: 1 Samuel 28:7, "Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath **a familiar spirit**, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath **a familiar spirit** at Endor." This is a worse thing than an evil spirit; and now Saul has degenerated to the point of seeking after a person who has a familiar spirit.

Born Again Person:

1 Corinthians 6:17, "But **he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit**." I know that is a lot of stuff; but what is important to remember is that the Holy Spirit is connected to our born again spirit in such a way as to be ONE with our spirit and that same Holy Spirit is the Spirit of Christ up in the heavens which is how we are seated with him up there in heaven. But our born again spirit is in essence our dead spirit made alive again by the Spirit of God that joined to it. John 3:6-7, "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**." The born again spirit is spirit that is joined in the new birth to God by the Holy Spirit. But that same Holy Spirit is what is seated in heavenly places not our spirit. Ephesians 2:6, "And hath **raised us up together**, and **made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus**:" The connection to God is eternal because we are born of God. John 4:24, "**God is a Spirit**: and they that worship him must worship him **in spirit** and in truth." So I make a distinction between man's spirit and God's Spirit even after the new birth. So before the age of accountability there also must be a distinction between the **innocent soul and the guilty**: if **sin is not imputed** even though **the sin is there**, that would mean **the person is not charged as guilty for that sin**; which is what innocence means; then **they cannot be counted as dead to God in their spirit**. Simply as possible what was made alive when we got saved was the spirit of man: Ephesians 2:1-3, "And you hath he **quickened**, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**; Wherein in time past ye walked according to **the course of this world**, according to **the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience**: Among whom **also we all had our conversation in times past** in the lusts of **our flesh**, fulfilling the desires of **the flesh and of the mind**; and were **by nature the children of wrath**, even as others." Lost people are doing things according to the prince of the power of the air which is the spirit of disobedience and wrath wherein everyone was in times past. This spirit is the spirit of darkness; the spirit of devils: Romans 13:12, "The night is far spent, **the day is at hand**: let us therefore **cast off the works of darkness**, and let us **put on the armour of light**." 2 Corinthians 4:6 For God, who commanded **the light to shine out of darkness**, hath **shined in our hearts**, to give **the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ**." Ephesians 5:11, "And have no fellowship with the **unfruitful works of darkness**, but rather reprove them." Colossians 1:13, "Who hath **delivered us from the power of darkness**, and hath **translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son**:" 1 Thessalonians 5:5, "Ye are all **the children of light**, and **the children of the day**: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." Ephesians 2:5, "Even when we **were dead in sins**, hath **quickened us together with Christ**, (by grace ye are saved;)" Colossians 2:13-15, "And you, **being dead in your sins** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath **he quickened together** with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having **spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it**." The Cross was Christ triumph over all these things. The quickening of the spirit is because the spirit was dead; and for it to have been dead; it would have had to die. When did your spirit die? You say it died at birth. Well then if it died at birth then you had a living spirit from conception to birth? You say no, it died at conception. Ok, then if it died at conception then when was your spirit alive to have died? You say no, it died at birth... and around we go again; so you say it died at birth? When was it alive to have died at birth? You say from conception

to birth and then it died. Ok so you are settled on that? You say YES. Ok then. Whose sin killed your spirit? You say Adam's sin killed your spirit. Fine, then you believe that? And what scriptures do you have that actually SAY THAT? _____! Just one verse that says you were born dead and Adam's sin killed your spirit. Just one will do.

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I do wish it were simpler than all that. Thank God we don't need to know all that to get saved! But it sure clears up a ton of things when dealing with the lost. It also helps us to grow in the Lord in understanding. The Bible is our authority not logic or reason. If the Bible is silent on something we believe, we need to question our beliefs. Silence is not always reason to believe something. "Well it doesn't say he didn't so he must have." not a good logical premise to reckon doctrine with. It would be better to find out what it does say and go through the logic of faith in what it DOES say; not assuming anything.