

PPT Soul Care Series
“Man’s Total Personality”
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Note: Unless otherwise indicated, all Scriptures are taken from the NKJV.

God’s Word is a Mirror
We look into the perfect Law of Liberty

James 1:25 “But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does.”

Spirit, Soul and Body

1 Thessalonians 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. He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it.”

- Sanctify – G37 – To make holy, to purify or consecrate.
- Man’s total personality – Spirit, Soul and Body

What are you going to wear this week?

Ephesians 4:22-24 “Regarding your former way of life, you were taught to strip off (cast off) your old man, which is being ruined by its deceptive desires, to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to clothe yourselves with the new man, which was created according to the likeness of God in righteousness and true holiness.”

- We are created in God’s image
- We are made in God’s likeness.
- “Likeness” refers to man’s inner nature.
- The old man is ruined by deceptive desires

Our flesh is corrupted beyond repair

Romans 7:18 “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.”

- God cannot alter our flesh.
- It remains corrupt in both those who are born again and I those who are not.
- The flesh is not transformed in our new birth. It remains as is.

God does not impart his life to us to educate and train the flesh, rather is given to overcome the flesh.

John 3:6 “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

- God’s spirit enters our spirit and restores it to its original position

Greek words used in new testament

Spirit – phneuma – wind or breath – pneumatic
Soul – psychic
Body – soma

Renewed in the spirit of your Mind

Mind -G3563 -νοῦς –nous –*nooce* ; the *intellect* or understanding, **thought, feeling, or will**
“Let the spirit change your way of thinking and make you into a new person”

Romans 8:6 “For to be carnally minded *is* death; but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace.”

- To live under the influence of the carnal mind-human nature is death
- Death to your life in the spirit

The battle is fought in the spirit with spiritual weapons –

2 Corinthians 10:3 – 6

“For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

(For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds;)”

1. Stronghold = Those things in which human confidence is imposed. (Vines)

Locate the Strongholds

The Word Flesh

The Scriptures employ the word "flesh" to describe man's corrupt nature or life which embraces soul and body.

Life before Salvation

Romans 3:23 “...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

- Before we are born again sin reigns in us. Our flesh has sovereign rule over us.

Slaves to Sin

Romans 6:16-19 “Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one’s slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousness? But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness. I speak in human terms because of the weakness of your flesh. For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness.”

- Sin no longer has sovereign rule over a born-again person

Life at Salvation

In a moment, our sins are forgiven and our spirit is regenerated, made alive in Christ Jesus.

Ephesians 2:5 “even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved),”

The Worldly/Carnal Christian

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 – “Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly—mere infants in Christ. I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready. You are still worldly. For since there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not worldly? Are you not acting like mere men?”

- A saved person can act like a lost person.

Born Again by the Will of God

John 1:12-13 “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”