

Questions Posed for Study

Question: What is the difference between our spirit, and our soul?

In His Image

(I Thessalonians 5:16 – 28; Key verse is verse 23)

Intro: In this passage we find that most of the verbs are, present tense, active voice and in the imperative mood. Which for the most part means these are actions meant to be taken seriously and worked out in the daily operation of the Believer's life. Indeed, as verse 23 states that we "made in the image of God," then our text is a text revealing things that exist in God's character and if we are made in His image, then they should be taking place in our lives as well. It is called "spiritual growth." We are a tripartite being,

1. We have a _____ – it is either dead to God or alive unto God. (Pneuma)
2. We have a _____ – it is where reasoning, thought & emotions take place. (Psyche)
3. We have a fleshly _____ – This is the part that senses the world around us. (Soma)
4. **I Corinthians 2:14 – 3:3.**

To understand how each of these parts function in relation to each other, it is easier to grasp if we look at each as containers.

We will start with the outward part of us – the body.

I. The Soma – is the Greek word for _____ and can be either of man or animals.

- A. The human body is the _____ housing of our soul and our spirit.
 1. Through the body we have sight, sound, touch, smell & hearing.
 2. It is how we _____ the world in which we live by using our physical senses.
 3. Our flesh is that part of us that is a temporal _____ – **I Corinthians 15:51 – 58.**
 - a. "Sleep" – **Verse 51** - [Koy-mah-o] is a metaphor for _____.
 - b. "Changed - **Verse 51**, future tense meaning to _____ or transform.
 - c. When will our bodies be affected in this? (**I Corinthians 15:52.**)
 - d. What will take place in this event, also known as the _____?
 - (1). Whether having died or actually alive when the rapture occurs, all bodies who have come to a saving knowledge of Christ will be made _____ incorruptible and immortal – **verse 52**, "in a moment."
 - (2). Paul continues **verse 53** – note the word "_____". Not might or possibly, but "must", meaning a necessity as established by the counsel

of God.

(3). This change is _____ to fit us for eternity and to fit us to stand in His presence. (**I Corinthians 15:42 – 50; note verse 50.**)

(4). This event is again stated by the Apostle Paul in **I Thess. 4:13 – 18.**

B. To remind us that none of this will take place in anyone's life unless they have come to a saving faith in Christ.

1. Every human being is born _____ from God— **Romans 3:23 & Romans 5:12.**

2. The Apostle John also deals with this in **John 3:15 – 21.**

3. The Apostle Paul deals with this _____ between being saved and lost in **I Corinthians 2:14 – 16.**

4. Jesus gives us the insight & understanding of those _____ for heaven and those who will go out into a Christless eternity, to a place called hell – **Luke 16:19 – 31.**

5. John is told to write at the _____ of Christ – **Revelation 20:11 – 15.**

6. The warning is clear, "Know Jesus and heaven awaits; NO Jesus, no heaven!"

C. It not necessary for anyone to end-up in hell, hell like heaven is a choice.

1. **Romans 10:13** tells us, "That whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." "Call" to invoke, in this case to invoke the name of Jesus for one's salvation.

2. **Ephesians 2:8 & 9** tells us we are saved by **faith** and never, ever by *works*, and is restated in **Galatians 2:16.**

3. Faith is the only _____ basis that makes it possible for everyone to become saved.

a. If works were a means of salvation, how much is _____, what types of works would qualify for salvation seeing God has never suggested or given any?

b. If good works were to _____ any bad or evil deeds, how many good works would be necessary and qualify to outweigh one evil deed?

c. How much money would one need to buy their way into heaven? Would that mean only rich people will be able to get into heaven? Where is the equitability for the poor? Why would one even think God would need money to pardon sin in light of His Son's death? He owns all the wealth of the cosmos.

d. A _____ faith in the person of Jesus Christ is the only means by which God will allow anyone into heaven, the rich & the poor can exercise faith, faith is the only equitable means by which God allows anyone into heaven.

D. There is much more we could say about the human flesh (soma), and we will as we look to the other two parts of our being, the Psuche (soul) and Pneuma (spirit).