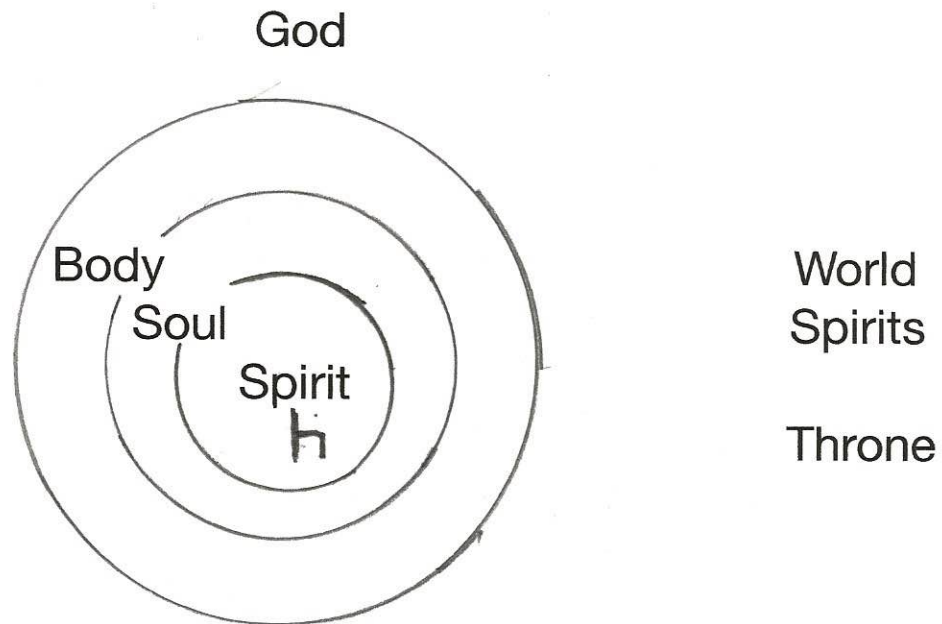


# The Anatomy of Identity

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## A. The Anatomy of Man - General Overview

1THES 5:23 Man is a Triune being made in the likeness of the triune God.



1. Body: the temples outer court. The World Center. Has five senses that connects a man to the world receiving information from outside itself. The dominant senses are seeing and hearing.
2. Soul: the temples inner court. The Self Center. Connects a man with himself. Has three functions:
  - a) Mind: accumulates information, thinks and calculates
  - b) Will: makes decisions based on information and intuition.
  - c) Emotions: feelings responding to other parts of man.
3. Spirit: the temples holy of holy's. The spirit Center. Connects a man to the spirit world, God and other spirits and has three faculties:

a) Conscience: recognizes the distinction between right and wrong based on the law of God written in the heart and therefore his status in a relationship with God.

b) Intuition: the "spiritual knower", knowing without the use of a rational process, immediate knowing, sensing i.e. revelation.

c) Worship: the reverent love and allegiance accorded to a deity, idol, or sacred object. Ardent, humble devotion.

d) It is understood that there is a "God formed vacuum" in every man, a throne, Gods dwelling place that only He can fill.

KEY: the spirit of a living being determines its nature, what it is and what it does and is its primary identity.

4. The body soul combination is "the flesh "

5. The soul and/or the spirit combination is "the heart "

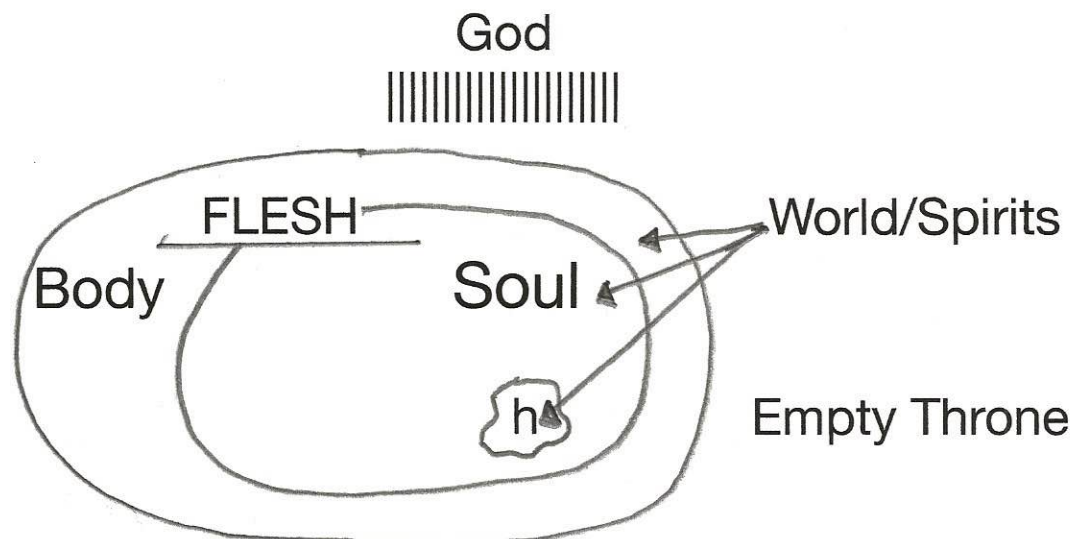
6. God created everyone with needs an appetite that demand to be filled. The five basic needs of men are love, acceptance, identity, security and recognition.

Fundamental appetites include: procreation(sexuality), protection, preservation, provision and pleasure.

7. As the body was created to be the temple of the Holy Spirit, it is also the residence of the sin nature.

## B. The Anatomy of an Un-regenerated Person

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Key issue: the **absence of God** in the spirit of a man who has not been regenerated or born again.

- This absence causes him to have a sin nature, separated from God, darkened from the light of God's presence. i.e. the absence of light produces darkness.
- His identity is Sinner: someone separated from God not because he sins but because his spirit nature is separated from God. A lifestyle of sins, acting out of his nature, is evidence of this fact i.e. thoughts, words, commission and omission against the law of God.
- A born again, regenerated persons identity is SON because his spirit nature has been born of God. He is a son even if he sins. But a son must quickly return, one John 1:9, Luke 15:11, confessing his falling short of being mature in his identity.
- The absence of God, His presence, power and purity, leaves a persons throne in his spirit empty of Gods rulership. The flesh then takes command and control, the



soul and body acting out of its sin nature commits 8d  
sins, acts of pride and rebellion. i.e. Juice-box

- The body and soul become dominant and the person becomes Self-Centered. A carnal person.
- The carnal person lives from the outside in. Influenced by the world, the flesh and the devil that seek to take the throne in a persons life.
- The five senses of the body and the fundamental appetites are defenseless against the spirit of the age. His five basic needs and appetites seek fulfillment from the outside world and puts his hope in lies from deceptive spirits.
- The mind takes a position of **pride**. The center of SIN and PRIDE is "I".
- The will takes a position of **rebellion** making decisions to be in complete control, disobeying the will of God and in a sense biting the apple of the original lie "and you will be like God" Gen3:5 and repeating the five "I wills" of Satan, Isa14:13-15. The Adamic **fallen nature** of man is fruitful and multiply's, reproducing itself in all future generations not because Eve was deceived but because Adam willed to disobey God.
- Everyone born as a son of Adam is born in the flesh with a sin nature separated from God Ps 51:5.
- The sin nature dwells in the body Rom 7:21-25
- Fallen man's emotions are in chaos responding to all of its five basic needs remaining unmet.
- The ultimate goal of Satan is to take the throne of a man's life. i.e. The abomination that brings desolation.
- The worship faculty in his spirit, despite the evidence of creation, has reverted to worshiping the created and not the creator Himself. Rom 1:21-23. Ultimately he is

deceived into thinking that he is God and worships himself.

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- 1COR4:4, the unregenerate man's spiritual eyes are darkened. He can only know *about* God through creation but does not even see that clearly. Rom1:19-20.
- His conscience is darkened. Pride and rebellion operating in his mind and will against absolute truth and the law written in his spirit his conscience becomes dull, he operates in lawlessness, leaving him in condemnation and shame. Eventually his conscience becomes seared, dead, from continuous acts of disobedience. To appease his conscience he develops religious traditions, beliefs and practices offering sacrifices to an unknown God and doing good works to keep the law written in his heart believing deceptively that he is a “good person”. While all the time his heart is far from God.
- His intuition i.e. spiritual knower is alive but without the truth of God he is susceptible to deception, the doctrine of demons, witchcraft and spiritism.
- A un-regenerated person is under the curse of the law and subject to the wrath of God, lives under condemnation and shame. Jn3:36
- An un-regenerated person separated from God who's nature is a sinner is not in the image of God and he is not a child of God. He must be born again to become a child of God and have his nature changed to Son. Jn8:43-44 “unable to hear”, “ you belong to your father, the devil” Jn1:12 “the right to become”, Jn 3:3,6 “you must be born again. ie. Is a blown lightbulb a light bulb or a dark bulb? Is a corpse a person? Is a Christmas tree we put in our house alive or dead?