1Thess #137

Is your spirit, soul and body in harmony?

I would like to open with a reminder about the November Bible Conference.

/PRB 2023 BIBLE CONFERENCE will be held November 11 & 12th.

At the Dunnellon Train Depot - located 1201 S. Williams street, Dunnellon Fla

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There may be an open room if anyone is interested. Pastor Jason is renting an Air B&B house with a possible extra bedroom.

Email me if interested.

Let us open back up in 1Thess chapter 5.

1Thes 5:20 do not utterly reject prophecies,

[1Th 5:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/21/s_1116021) but examine everything; hold firmly to that which is good,

What the Apostle Paul is teaching is the accurate handling of Eschatology. In essence he said - Do not reject the precise teaching of the rapture and 7 years of Tribulation, the return of Christ and then the 1,000 years of reign of KING JESUS.

[1Th 5:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/22/s_1116022) abstain from every form of evil.

Paul adds this statement as false doctrines lead to evil, false doctrine comes from a source of evil, meaning satanic influence.

/[1Th 5:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/23/s_1116023) Now may the God of peace **Himself sanctify you entirely**; and may **your spirit and soul and body be kept complete**, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.\

[1Th 5:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/24/s_1116024) Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will do it.

God has sanctified the person who turns to His precious SON for salvation. We are set apart at the moment of faith alone in Christ alone.

The reason the Apostle Paul states this as a hope for the Bels at Thessalonica is because we never know who truly has had faith alone in Christ alone.

/[*1Th 5:23*](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/1th/5/23/s_1116023) *Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely;*

The Apostle Paul is praying for the salvation of any and all the people of Thessalonica. To be completely set apart for the purpose of good works.\

Entirely is used as a full completion, that no blessing be left out.

*/holotelēs-* entirely or complete, only used once in the NT. A compound of *holos*, ‘whole, entire,’ and *telos*, ‘end.’ Its basic connotation is *‘wholly attaining the end, reaching the intended goal,’* Paul is hopeful they will finish the race to become spiritually mature.\

HO-LOT-AH-LACE, points to a completion. That nothing be left out.

You will see a secondary version or a part of the root word used in the next portion of the scripture.

/1Thes 5:23 - *may your spirit and soul and body be kept complete*

There is an emphasis here again on ***complete***: The Greek adjective *holoklēros*, occurring twice, here and in James 1:4 of the New Testament, where it states to be made perfect and complete. Pulling everything together to make it perfect.\

*HO-LOC-LAY-LUS*, The Apostle Paul is using these two words in similar fashion meaning he is strongly desiring spiritual growth and all the good works that come from maturity.

The difference in the root words is that this means to bring all pieces together to make a whole.

May your spiritual and natural life come together under the plan of GOD!

 REPEAT

Let us take a deeper look at body, soul and spirit.

/Notice the Apostle Paul has it listed in proper context; *your spirit and soul and body .* When you begin to head toward maturity, your natural life and spiritual life flow in a harmonious, pathway under the plan and power of GOD. The OSN no longer has greater authority over your life. Though it is still fighting for leadership, the old man is more often denied and ignored then in control. \

Within the order the Apostle Paul listed of spirit and soul first as the priority. Yet let us first look at the fleshly vehicle GOD created for the temporal walk on this earth.

The real person is not what is observed by others around you, or even by yourself when you look in the mirror, the real person is located in the soul — as noted in Genesis 2:7.

The human body is only a temporary residence for you. A flesh vehicle, designed to sustain you for 120 years or less …depending upon family genetics, and personal habits.

/Gen 2:7 Then **the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life**; and the man became a living person.

The breath of life- *nᵊšāmâ ḥay,* a breath of life from GOD, it is soul life which is imputed, it is written as a plural, absolute in the original Hebrew.\

NASH-AH-MA HI, God is the one who breaths life into a human body. The original man was created as a trichotomous being.

Body, soul and spirit.

Adam was born unique, in perfection and so the woman was also believed to be born perfect, as she was taken from the body of Adam.

 REPEAT

The Unbeliever is said to be dichotomous (body & soul).

The natural minded man, is the Unbel, he is called *“the soulish man*” (1Cor 2:14, Jud 1:19).

The vehicle God creates is called the human body, it is derived from the copulation of one man and one woman.

God ordained female pregnancy as the mechanism to bring a body into this world. It is at the moment that the new born baby comes forth from the womb that God breaths the breath of life into that body.

The formation of biological life happens right at conception – God’s process for recreating human life starts as biological life.

As is always the case, science catches up with the Bible.

/The human body is made up of materials and minerals found on the surface of the ground, and not from the core of the earth. Oxygen, being the most abundant element on the earth’s crust or on the ground, makes up 65 percent of the human body, and carbon, also abundant on the top soil of the ground, is 18 percent, and hydrogen is 10 percent. The 59 elements found in the human body are all found on the earth’s crust. \

This is amazing because what the Bible says perfectly match the scientific composition of a human body.

Most modern scientist and health experts agree, that a human body with top performance and good genetics, has the potential to live between 100 and 120 years of life.

The Bible highlights several scriptures that point to mankind after the flood, having a lifespan beyond 70 years and possibly 120 years as the maximum amount.

Jacob lasted a little over 130 years before his death. Yet it is believed the last 20 years of his life he was extremely weak and needed assistance to even move from his bed.

He was dying in those last 20 years and only the grace of GOD allowed him a little extension on life.

130 years is not the normal life span.

We are beginning a 3-part series highlighting what the Bible teaches about body, soul and spirit.

Turn to Genesis chapter one RF.

/All people are born dichotomous (body and soul). Within the soul and DNA is an old sin nature which is a spirit in the sense of an essence of the world. A spirit which can think and absorb information. The original human spirit was created pure and perfect within Adam. That spirit was corrupted and died at the original fall of the Garden. All the Unbel has is a form of cosmic consciousness in the soul, that attempts to mimic a divine spirit.\

Only the soul, not the body, was made in the image of God.

Many people have misconceptions about being created in the image of GOD and I will do my best to clarify that today.

/Gen 1:26 Then God said, “**Let Us make**(*ʿāśâ)***mankind in Our image** (*ṣelem)*, according **to Our likeness** (*dᵊmûṯ)*; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the livestock and over all the earth, and over every crawling thing that crawls on the earth.”

To create or mold and work on something that was already available. (The soil of the earth).\

AW-SAW, means to take something that is available or already created and work on it, or mold it into something new.

/*Our image* - *ṣelem,* resemblance usually formed in a picture or carved idol.

*Our likeness* - *dᵊmûṯ,* something similar or a close likeness. Not an exact replica.

Neither of these speak to a body but more of an invisible asset or essence, something that looks similar within the soul structure.\

SELL-UM, DAH-MOOTH,

The parts of GOD that are deep within mankind is first and foremost freedom of thought, free will.

Recognition of self - animals do not recognize self in the sense that they gauge how the act or how they gain viewpoint from people around them.

Animals are slaves to instinct, they have a very limited thought process.

They can possibly imitate, but do not have functioning viewpoints on self and others. Morals, values and personal viewpoints and highly tuned decision- making skills, are not available in the animal brain.

 REPEAT

/[Gen 1:27](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/1/27/s_1027) So **God created man in His own image,** in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

God gave us freedom of thought,self-consciousness, moral reasoning, self-determination. The invisible aspects of our soul structure are similar to God’s reasoning, freedom and self-determination.\

That is what GOD gave us as HIS image.

[Gen 1:28](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/gen/1/28/s_1028) God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

We were set in place in perfection, with the very nature of God’s viewpoint and reasoning and yet we corrupted it.

We were called to rule over it and we destroyed it.

/The image of God was distorted and destroyed when man first sinned. His self-consciousness was cut off from God, he was spiritually dead. His self-consciousness, as well as self-determination was limited and corruption set in, mankind no longer had any consciousness of God. His moral reasoning power was reduced and distorted. Spiritual death left a void in the soul that human viewpoint and worldly viewpoint attempts to replace.\

There was only one decision that could ever bring mankind out of it, the decision to accept the gospel which is first declared in Genesis 3:15.

/Gen 3:15 And I will make enemies
Of you and the woman, And of
your offspring and her Descendant;
**He shall bruise you on the head,
And you shall bruise Him on the heel.”**

The cross was introduced as the only solution to fallen mankind. Only the righteousness of Christ could pass through the justice system of GOD.\

This was all set and determined in eternity past.

/For the Bel once they have the new nature imputed into their soul structure they have received a second birth, a breath of life from GOD. To be born again means you are receiving a Godly righteousness and a piece of the nature of Christ. It is a permanent and eternal union which means it gives the Believer eternal security. You now have a spirit of a divine nature which is going to be with you forever (eternal).\

/The new spiritual creature inside your soul is the true, perfect YOU! The identity who God created without corruption and spiritual death; the one God intended for you to be. Therefore, the spiritual battle in the temporal is often the struggle between the old man and new man. God’s plan always has a perfect goal and comes to a perfect fruition in HIS timing under HIS power. All fallen man is responsible for is the free will decision to adjust to God’s justice system, recognizing the person and work of Jesus Christ.\

/The born-again Believer has a body, soul and spirit. They have to work in unity to advance in the plan of GOD. Eternity was secured at salvation, maturity and blessings, crowns and rewards demand harmony of body, soul and spirit. The Bel has to continual adjust to God’s justice system and harness the harmony needed for body, soul and spirit to advance as ONE inside the plan of God.\