1st Thessalonians 5:23

The Triune Nature of Mankind

Condition you were born into, separated from God

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“Boots on the Ground”

instructions on how we hear from God and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.
The human condition aligned with Christ
(Christ is your spiritual father)

1st Thessalonians 5:23-24
Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful, he will surely do it.

Galatians 5:16-18
But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

The human condition apart from Christ
(Satan is your spiritual father)

Ephesians 2:1-3
And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience—among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.”

1st Corinthians 2:14
The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.
## New Testament Words to Consider:

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*These words used in scripture are not synonyms!* They have distinct meanings and we need to understand the differences between them to fully appreciate the teachings of scripture.
Understanding the original Koine Greek language concepts in the New Testament.

spirit • (Koine Greek – pneúma – πνεῦμα #4151) The spirit of the natural man (life). The facet of the human person that is indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Your Intuition. Your Conscience. The part of you that is in communion and/or communication with God. (In the Genesis account of God breathing life into man, the Hebrew/Aramaic word used is Neshamah (נְשָׁמָה #5397) which simply means the breath of God.)

soul • (Koine Greek – psuché – ψυχή #5590) Where we derive our English word PSYCHE; it is the human mental processes which includes intellect and emotions. Your mind. The seat of your emotions and self-will. Psychological self-consciousness. The part of you that relates to others.

color • (Koine Greek – sárx – σάρξ #4561) is literally, the muscular part that covers the bones of a human or animal body. Your physiology. The physical part of you that relates to your environment.

body • (Koine Greek – sóma – σῶμα #4983) The living body of a human being or animal. The material part of man in distinction from soul and spirit. Your physiology combined with your world consciousness. The part of you that relates to environment. The world’s imprint left on you. (cause/reaction cycle) Almost a combo of flesh and soul.

Spirit • (Koine Greek – paraklétos – παράκλητος #3875) • The Holy Spirit. For the Christian, Helper / Comforter / Advocate / Encourager / Counselor. For all of mankind, Exhorter / Will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment. Is the image and likeness of God which is eternal. Part of the Triune nature of God. Part of the Godhead. i.e. God the Father • God the Son • God the Holy Spirit.

heart • (Koine Greek – kardia – καρδία #2588) Inner self. Viewed as the innermost self, the source and seat of functions of soul and spirit in the emotional life. Almost a combo of soul and spirit.

mind • (Koine Greek – noús – νοῦς #3563) Directing one’s inner sense to an object; as the faculty of intelligence and understanding. This is the process by which we think or reason thoughts through to conclusion. The God-given capacity of each person to think (reason). For the believer, (noús) is the organ of receiving God’s thoughts, through faith.

mind • (Koine Greek – phrén – φρήν #5424) As the supposed seat of intellectual activity; by metonymy, the intellectual activity itself (understanding, way of thinking, process of thinking).
What scriptures support this concept?

**Hebrews 4:12 • English Standard Version (ESV)**

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

**1st Thessalonians 5:23 • English Standard Version (ESV) Final Instructions and Benediction**

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Matthew 5:3 • English Standard Version (ESV) • The Beatitudes**

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Matthew 10:28 • English Standard Version (ESV) • Have No Fear**

And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

**Matthew 22:37 • English Standard Version (ESV) • The Great Commandment**

And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”
**Matthew 26:40-41 • English Standard Version (ESV) • Jesus Prays in Gethsemane**

And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

**Luke 11:33-35 • English Standard Version (ESV) • The Light in You**

“No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. 34 Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. 35 Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness.

**Romans 7:21-25 • English Standard Version (ESV) • The Law and Sin**

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, 23 but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.

**Romans 8:5-9 • English Standard Version (ESV) • Life in the Spirit**

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. 8 Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you.
Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, “What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him” — these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. And we impart this in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But we have the mind of Christ.

To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled. They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.
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