DELIVERANCE
Prayer Study #350
First Love Ministries of Perry, Georgia USA

Handout #3: SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be presented blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1st Thessalonians 5:23

For the word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit; and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Every person created in the image of God, a triune being, is made up of a spirit, soul and body.

SPIRIT: The eternal part of us that will continue on beyond the termination of our body's life on earth. It is the real you. It deals with right and wrong behavior and is where you most relate to the Lord. It is dead in trespasses and sin (Ephesians 2:1) until it is born again when one accepts Christ. It is the place in us from where true worship comes (John 4:23), and it is the place in us where the Holy Spirit, or *Christ in Us* (Colossians 1:27), tabernacles Himself (1st Corinthians 3:16). Where the Spirit of God is, there is liberty (2nd Corinthians 3:17), therefore, we know that Satan cannot touch a truly born again person in their spirit.

SOUL: The soul encompasses the mind (how we think), the will (how we choose), and the emotions (how we feel). It is what most keenly makes us aware of our surroundings and relationships.

BODY: The body is the package that we come in. It was originally formed from the dust of the ground and is subject to die. It is also referred to in scripture as our flesh.

HEART: Generally, the heart in scripture refers to a combination of the spirit and the soul.

To be effective Christians, we must walk in proper alignment. This means that our spirit should dominate over our soul which dominates over our body or flesh nature. The residence of the Christ in us is our born again spirit man.

This is the area that Satan cannot touch if we are truly born again. The major attack of the enemy is in the soul area, especially in the mind. That's why it is so important to renew our minds daily by reading the Word of God. Satan can also attack the body if there is an open door. We can be demonized in our soul and body areas of our beings, but not in the spirit if we are born again.