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What is a spirit?

Joh 3:1 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;

Joh 3:2 this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You have come from God *as* a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus *said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born, can he?"

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.

Joh 3:6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Joh 3:7 "Do not be amazed that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

Joh 3:8 "The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; so is everyone who is born of the Spirit."

Joh 3:9 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can these things be?"

Joh 3:10 Jesus answered and said to him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and do not understand these things?"

Joh 3:11 "Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know and testify of what we have seen, and you do not accept our testimony.

Joh 3:12 "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

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of water and spirit.

This is an obvious reference to
baptism, but how does it work?

Act 22:12 "A certain Ananias, a man who was devout by the standard of the Law, *and* well spoken of by all the Jews who lived there,

Act 22:13 came to me, and standing near said to me, 'Brother Saul, receive your sight!' And at that very time I looked up at him.

Act 22:14 "And he said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear an utterance from His mouth.

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“merely an outward sign” of
obedience.

They fail to recognize the
spiritual significance of baptism.

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Baptism is a symbol that
represents Christ's death, burial,
and resurrection.

...but is it only symbolic?

If baptism is only symbolic, how does it wash away sins?

How does baptism save us?

1Pe 3:21 Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Joh 3:12 "If I told you earthly things and you do not believe, how will you believe if I tell you heavenly things?

Baptism is much more than just symbolic.

Something happens in the spiritual realm when we are baptized. Our souls are cleansed from sin.

I don't know what a spirit is.

I don't know how baptism works.

I only know that it does. I trust that Jesus knew what He was talking about.

2Ti 1:12 ...I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him until that day.

What about other things?

Is there a spiritual significance to

The Lord's Supper?

Joh 6:51 "I am the living bread that came down out of heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread also which I will give for the life of the world is My flesh."

Joh 6:52 Then the Jews *began* to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us *His* flesh to eat?"

Joh 6:53 So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.

Joh 6:54 "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.

Mat 26:26 While they were eating, Jesus took *some* bread, and after a blessing, He broke *it* and gave *it* to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

Mat 26:27 And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;

Mat 26:28 for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Consider the doctrine of
transubstantiation.

Does it have merit?

Jesus did say, “This is My body” and
“this is My blood”

He also said that we must “eat the
flesh of the Son of Man and drink His
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Consider how Jesus described Himself.

Joh 6:48 "I am the bread of life".

Joh 8:12 ... "I am the Light of the world"...

Joh 10:9 ... "I am the door"...

Joh 10:11 ... "I am the good shepherd"...

Joh 11:25 ... "I am the resurrection and the life"...

Joh 14:6 ... "I am the way, and the truth, and the life"...

Joh 15:5 ... "I am the vine, you are the branches"...

Is Christ really the Light, or is it just symbolic?

Heb 2:9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

2Co 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight--

We see Christ through the eyes of faith. Christ is the real Light through which our spirits see.

Likewise, Christ is the real door through which our spirits can enter heaven.

And, Christ is the real vine through which we obtain spiritual sustenance.

Joh 6:54 The one who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him to life on the last day.

Joh 6:55 For my flesh is real food, and my blood is real drink.

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1Co 11:27 Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

1Co 11:28 But a man must examine himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

1Co 11:29 For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.

How could we drink judgment to ourselves if the Lord's Supper is just symbolic?

Wouldn't the judgment also be just symbolic?

I once heard a preacher say that the Lord's Supper is -

“not the body and blood of Christ. It represents the body and blood of Christ”.

This is a dangerous statement. Christ said, “This is My body” and “This is My blood”.

The bread and the fruit of the vine are symbolic. They represent Christ's body and blood, but they are much more than that.

When we partake of the Lord's Supper, something occurs in the spiritual realm. Our spirits partake of Christ.

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Is there a spiritual significance to

The Lord's Supper,
Singing?

Col 3:16 Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Col 3:17 Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.

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Eph 6:18 With all prayer and petition
pray at all times in the Spirit, ...

Rom 8:26 In the same way the Spirit
also helps our weakness; for we do not
know how to pray as we should, but
the Spirit Himself intercedes for *us*
with groanings too deep for words;

Rom 8:27 and He who searches the
hearts knows what the mind of the
Spirit is, because He intercedes for the
saints according to *the will of God*.

Is there a spiritual significance to

The Lord's Supper,
Singing,
Praying,
Giving?

2Co 9:6 Now this *I say*, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2Co 9:7 Each one *must do* just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Why does God love a cheerful giver?

Gen 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

Gen 1:27 God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

God is the greatest Giver.

He created us in His Image.

Our spirits are like His spirit.

He wants us to be like Him!

Is there a spiritual significance to

The Lord's Supper,

Singing,

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Giving,

Reading scripture or preaching?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Is there a spiritual significance to

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Singing,

Praying,

Giving,

Reading scripture or preaching,

Assembling together?

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful;

Heb 10:24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds,

Heb 10:25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Mat 18:20 "For where two or three
have gathered together in My name, I
am there in their midst."

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YES!

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Jesus said that we must be born again. We must be born of water and spirit.

Mar 16:15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.

Mar 16:16 "He who has believed and has been baptized shall be saved; but he who has disbelieved shall be condemned.