

1Thes 5:23 Now may the God of
peace Himself sanctify you
entirely; and may your spirit and
soul and body be preserved
complete, without blame at the
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Each of us are composed three
parts, body, soul and spirit.

Each of these parts have different
functions.

Our body is our acting power.

Prov 6:16 There are six things which
the LORD hates, yes, seven which
are an abomination to Him: 17

Haughty eyes, a lying tongue, and
hands that shed innocent blood, 18 A
heart that devises wicked plans, feet
that run rapidly to evil, 19 A false
witness who utters lies, and one who
spreads strife among brothers.

We will be judged for each of the
actions our body takes.

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear
before the judgment seat of
Christ, that each one may be
recompensed for his deeds in the
body, according to what he has
done, whether good or bad.

The distinction between soul and spirit is more difficult.

1 Cor 2:11 For who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man, which is in him? Even so the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

Our spirit is our knowing power

– we sometimes know better than
we determine to do.

Matt 26:41 "Keep watching and praying, that you may not enter into temptation; the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak."

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Our spirits do not come from our parents but
from God.

Zech 12:1 The burden of the word of the
LORD concerning Israel. Thus declares the
LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays
the foundation of the earth, and forms the
spirit of man within him,

spirit H7307 Heb rûach
pronunciation roo'-akh

**The body may be separated
from the spirit.**

James 2:26 For just as the body
without the spirit is dead, so also
faith without works is dead.

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Our brains are the seat of knowing and from the Scriptural standpoint, it is the tool through which our spirit acts. The spirit's knowing ability may be damaged by stroke, alcohol or trauma.

Eph 5:18 And do not get drunk
with wine, for that is dissipation,
but be filled with the Spirit,
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Notice the spirit is not destroyed. We know
even after death.

Luke 16:22 "Now it came about that the poor man died and he was carried away by the angels to Abraham's bosom; and the rich man also died and was buried. 23 "And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and saw Abraham far away, and Lazarus in his bosom.

24 "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue; for I am in agony in this flame.' 25 "But

Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.'

Ecc 9:5 For the living know they will die;
but the dead do not know anything, nor have
they any longer a reward, for their memory
is forgotten.

The subject is future events on the earth, not
a declarative statement on its own. The
dead have no future reward on earth.

We turn now to the soul

Matt 10:28 "And do not fear those who kill the body, but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Our soul is our will power

– the intent carried out by the body.

Our “life breath”

Gen 35:18 And it came about as her soul was departing (for she died),

the center of our mental activities thus, 'a hungry soul' (Psa 107:9), 'a weary soul' (Jer 31:25), 'a loathing soul' (Lev 26:11), 'a thirsty soul' (Psa 42:2), 'a grieved soul' (Job 30:25), 'a loving soul' (SoS1:7),

In 10.15 Jesus gave up His “*psuchē* [soul]
for the sheep,” KJV, NAS, NIV – life

in Mat 20:28 He gave His *psuchē* [soul]
(not His *pneuma*) [spirit] as a ransom

The “soul” (*psuchē*) is man's individual
possession, that which distinguishes one
man from another and from inanimate
nature. soul: G5590 ψυχή *psuchē*

After we die, we no longer are able to exercise our will (our power of choice). Our bodies can no longer act.

The soul can no longer will the body to do anything.

Heb 9:27 And inasmuch as it is
appointed for men to die once
and after this comes judgment,

2 Cor 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

This close relationship between the soul –
our will power – and the spirit – the knowing
power – is illustrated

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.

There is a distinction between what we know (the thoughts) and what we decide (the intentions of the heart).

Often we know what we should do but our emotions (our will) overrides our knowledge and our bodies act on that will to do things that are wrong.

Rom 7:15 For that which I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not practicing what I would like to do, but I am doing the very thing I hate.

our will overrides our knowledge

We must be guided by our spirit – our knowledge – and not by our emotions.

James 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do, and does not do it, to him it is sin.

So man may submit to the “spirit of error,” and turn away from the “spirit of truth” (1Jo 4:6). We read of the “spirit of counsel” (Isa 11:2); “of wisdom” (Eph 1:17).

As we think about Lazarus and the rich man, we recognize that neither Lazarus nor the rich man had the ability to cross over. Lk

16.26 Their bodies and wills could not function but their spirit knew what had gone before and what was occurring then.

Heb 12:9 Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?

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Our bodies will die. Our will power
will cease (souls). Our spirits
(knowing power) will live on and on.

Eccl 12:7 then the dust will return to
the earth as it was, and the spirit will
return to God who gave it.

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God's plan of salvation is there to get each of us to return to our proper place with God.

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Paul says, "I hope you are alive and living faithfully when Jesus returns." (GJC paraphrase)

2Th 1:8 dealing out retribution to those who do not know God and to those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. (9) And these will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power

Where will your spiritual body reside throughout eternity?

In a new body or in outer darkness?

1Co 15:44 it is sown a natural body, it is raised a
spiritual body.

Spiritual G4152 pneumatikos Gr soma G4983

Why not turn to Jesus now?

Eternity never ends!

Act 22:16 And now what are you waiting for? Get
up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on
his name.'