

The Soul of Man

"And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground [H127: earth], and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul." Genesis 2:7

There are those in the Church that are preaching "we are a spirit that has a soul that lives in a body"; this of course is wrong. We are a soul that has a spirit and lives in a body. Brethren, you will find there is no place in the Bible that tells us it's the "spirit of man" that goes to Hell other than the veiled symbolic meaning of Ecclesiastes 3:21 below,* and this verse should say *soul* for both usages of "spirit" in that verse. It's the *soul* that goes to Hell. It's the *soul* that needs redemption. This is proven by Ecclesiastes 12:7 also below, which actually helps to bring understanding that the spirit of a man was given as an **interface** between GOD and man's soul. The Bible says upon death the spirit of every man returns to GOD who gave it, saved and sinner alike. This is not to say born-again believers lose their spirits in Heaven, the verse is just categorically stating only two of the processes of the triune death of all mankind. This is just like how other verses only mention *soul* & *body*. So Eccl 12:7 could have said, "When one dies the body returns to dust, the soul will either go to Heaven if saved or down to Hell if not, and the spirit of everyone goes back to GOD who gave it." In the garden it was the spirit of man that "died" or was cut off/neutralized because of sin. We know this because Adam still walked the earth in a body and could still think and will to do things; he could still get emotional and have desires for things, all areas and functions of the soul. No, what happened that day in the garden was that his spirit, his communication link to GOD the Father was shut down because Adam's soul sinned. We all know or *should know*, that the Hebrew & Greek translators' interposed their own understanding of *spirit* and *soul* many times according to their prevalent understanding. We know this because the Greek and most of the Hebrew never shows the spirit of man in Hell; it's always the soul & body that are judged. The spirit of man cannot sin, but it needs to be reanimated (**G4806**), "quickened," and made alive once again so one can start to hear GOD'S still small voice through the Holy Spirit which comes to inhabit the now quickened spirit of the born-again believer. Thus, the saint's spirit is indwelt by the Holy Spirit and the soul must now learn to acquire its communication, power, and fruit from the Spirit through their own spirit.

*"Who knoweth the spirit [this should say **soul**, spirits don't go to Hell] of man that [whether] goeth upward, and the spirit [again **soul**, animals don't have spirits] of the beast [symbolically means sinners: 1-Cor 15:32] that [whether] goeth downward to the earth?" Ecclesiastes 3:21

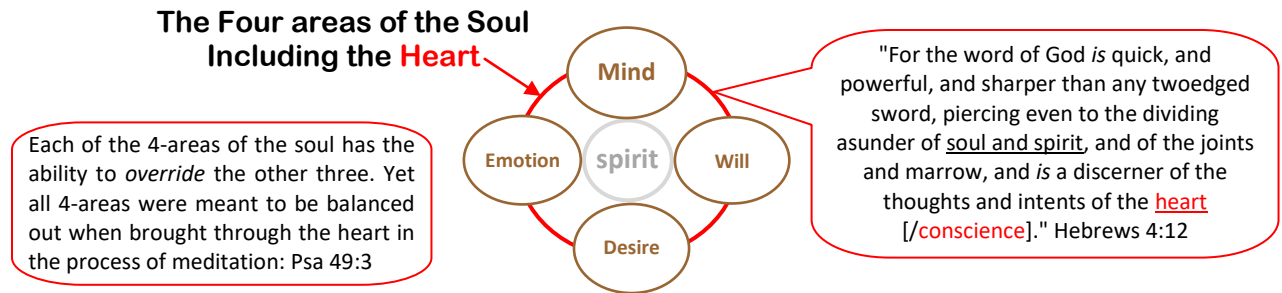
"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit [notice there is no segregation of saved and sinner] shall return unto God who gave it."
Ecclesiastes 12:7

Now in Isaiah 11:2 and Revelation 7:1 it talks about "the four corners of the earth," thus establishing a type for the earth (earthiness/carnality/souliness/the soul) relating to the number *four*. Then in Ezekiel 1 we start to see that the man is also going to be symbolically represented by, or *type* associated with the number four.

"Also out of the midst thereof *came* the likeness of four living creatures. And this *was* their appearance; they had the likeness of a man." Ezekiel 1:5

"As for the likeness of their faces, they four had the face of a man, and the face of a lion, on the right side: and they four had the face of an ox on the left side; they four also had the face of an eagle."
Ezekiel 1:10

As for these "faces," they are types for the different *areas* of the soul. I list these as I have been taught with the mind at the top.



- 1.) **Mind:** is represented by the Eagle's face. As the eagle has the ability to soar into the heavens and transport itself to faraway places, so the mind can translate itself through imaginations into past, present, and future events.
- 2.) **Will:** is represented by the Ox face. The ox is stubborn and unmovable at times. It can plant itself as an anchor and not be moved. So likewise the *will* sets itself with determination to do or not do this or that.
- 3.) **Emotion(s):** is represented by the Lion's face. The lion can be as gentle as a kitten at times, or it can rage and roar as the beast that it is. Fear, anger, sadness, and depression come from the emotions.
- 4.) **Desire(s):** is represented by the Man's face. Only man can desire Heaven and Hell; obedience to God or sin onto death. *Desire* seems to be the one most teachers seem to miss, although it's mentioned quite often in the Bible.

"Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee; the desire of *our soul is* to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee." Isaiah 26:8

"Yea also, because he transgresseth by wine, *he is* a proud man, neither keepeth at home, who enlargeth his desire as hell, and *is* as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all people:" Habakkuk 2:5

Of course by the time we get to Revelation 4 the nature of the overcomer's soul has undergone a change for the better as shown by the Ox face becoming a *calf* face. This symbolizes submission vs. unwillingness. And the eagle is now noted as a "flying eagle" which types out as having the mind of Christ (Rev 12:14).

"And the first beast *was* like a lion, and the second beast like a calf, and the third beast had a face as a man, and the fourth beast *was* like a flying eagle." Revelation 4:7

"Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water [natural birth-sack water] and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh [thus the "water" reference]; and that which is born [-again] of the Spirit is spirit." John 3:4-6

"For thou wilt not leave my **soul** [H5315] in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."
Psalms 16:10

"For great is thy mercy toward me: and thou hast delivered my **soul** from the lowest hell. O God, the proud are risen against me, and the assemblies of violent men have sought after my **soul**; and have not set thee before them." Psalms 86:13-14

"Thou shalt beat him with the rod, and shalt deliver his **soul** from hell." Proverbs 23:14

"The LORD is good unto them that wait for him, to the **soul** that seeketh him." Lamentations 3:25

"Behold, all **souls** are mine; as the **soul** of the father, so also the **soul** of the son is mine: the SOUL that sinneth, it shall die." Ezekiel 18:4

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the **soul**: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both **soul** and body in hell." Matthew 10:28

"Because thou wilt not leave my **soul** in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption." Acts 2:27

"He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his **soul** was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption." Acts 2:31

"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him [this testifies this "him" must be the soul]? even so the things of God knoweth no **man**, but the Spirit of God." 1-Corinthians 2:11

Keep in mind the Bible also says *the heart* (part of the soul) is "desperately wicked" and lacks understanding pertaining to the things of GOD vs. the spirit of man which sees things as they are.

"The heart *is* deceitful above all *things*, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" Jeremiah 17:9

"When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth *it* not, then cometh the wicked *one*, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side." Matthew 13:19

Also see: <http://www.theseventhmillennium.org/downloads/The%20Triune%20Man.pdf>

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