

## Life after Death Part 3

### The Spirit of Man

***“And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Thessalonians 5:23 KJV)***

According to **1 Thessalonians 5:23**, the third component of humans is ‘spirit.’ The Word ‘spirit’ is repeated more than 500 in the Scriptures. The spirit is different from the soul. The spirit is something that is linked with the unseen and the invisible world. We studied In the Old Testament the word ‘Ruwach’ that used for the word ‘spirit’. Now we hall go through the New Testament and study the Scriptures that contains the Word ‘spirit’.

The Greek Word for ‘spirit’ is ‘Pneuma’, and it has the following meaning:

1. The third person of the triune God, the Holy Spirit, who is equal, and eternal with the Father and the Son
2. The spirit is the vital principal by which the body is lively, active, dynamic, or vibrant, or the character or influence which fills and governs the soul of any one.
3. The normal spirit, the power by which the human being feels, thinks, decides, or the soul.
4. A spirit, devoid of all, and possessed of the power of knowing, desiring, deciding, and acting. It includes:
  - a. a life giving spirit
  - b. a human soul that has left the body
  - c. a spirit higher than man but lower than God, i.e. an angel or angels.
  - d. demons or evil spirits.
  - e. the efficient source of any power, affection, emotion, desire, etc.
5. A movement of air, wind, or the breath of nostrils or mouth.

***“Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:3 KJV)***  
***Those who are humble before God their spirits poor before the Spirit of God and submissive to God. Therefore, theirs will be the Kingdom of God.***

***“Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.” (Matthew 4:1 KJV)*** Jesus was led by the Spirit of God to the wilderness. Our spirits should be responsive and humble to be led by the Spirit of God, ***“For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” (Romans 8:14 KJV)*** ***And when we give way for the Holy Spirit to rule over our spirits then the message will come out from us, “For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father which speaketh in you.” (Matthew 10:20 KJV)*** The Jewish were not able to resist Stephen with the spirit that he was speaking with, ***“And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he spake.” (Acts 6:10 KJV)*** As we are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the spiritual gifts will be manifested in our lives. ***“Behold my servant, whom I have chosen; my beloved, in whom my soul is well pleased: I will put my spirit upon him, and he shall shew judgment to the Gentiles.” (Matthew 12:18 KJV)*** This is a prophecy about Jesus and will be also fit for us to be applied over our lives. ***Therefore, we need to be watchful and***

***awake not to oppress the Spirit with our flesh, our lust and worldliness.*** Jesus warned about that, ***“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” (Matthew 26:41 KJV)***

In the New Testament we can read more about evil spirits of demons, that cause various sicknesses, ***“When the even was come, they brought unto him many that were possessed with devils: and he cast out the spirits with his word, and healed all that were sick.” (Matthew 8:16 KJV)*** We drive all these evil spirits by the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus. ***“But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.” (Luke 11:20 KJV)*** The finger of God is the Holy Spirit that the Jewish despised, therefore Jesus told them, ***“But if I with the finger of God cast out devils, no doubt the kingdom of God is come upon you.” (Luke 12:10 KJV)***

***“5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.” (John 3:5-6, 8 KJV)*** ***To be born again is to be born by the Spirit of God. When we are born again the Holy Spirit of God will overshadow our spirits, the spirit of man.*** God wants us to worship Him and serve Him with the Spirit and truth, ***“23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.” (John 4:23-24 KJV)*** We feed our spirit with the Word of God, ***“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” (John 6:63 KJV)***

In the Book of Acts there is more about the Holy Spirit and His work in the life of the church. In the book of Romans Paul wrote the following: ***“For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I make mention of you always in my prayers.” (Romans 1:9 KJV)*** Paul served God with his spirit, in the newness of the spirit, ***“But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.” (Romans 7:6 KJV)*** that the spirit of man is superseded, controlled, outdated by the Spirit of God. That would made us spiritually minded to differentiate us from being carnally (flesh) minded, ***“5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” (Romans 8:5-6 KJV)*** Having the Spirit of God inside us, superseding the spirit of man, will make us eligible for the following:

***1. To have the redemption of our bodies when Jesus would come:*** ***“22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.” (Romans 8:22-23 KJV)*** Until that fulfilled we will be in groaning and in pain. The Spirit of God will help us to bear while we are waiting for that. Every day we wake up, ahead of us responsibilities to do and burdens to carry. The Spirit of God will help us to do that. As we are born again we have the Spirit of God to sustain our spirit, and we need to face life with

the Spirit of God and not by our flesh. *We certain times forget that we have the Spirit of God and we start to operate by the flesh. That is one of the common pitfalls. Therefore we need to always remember to work and operate with the Spirit of God.* We need to feed our spirit by the Spirit of God and that we can do daily by reading the Bible, praying and meditating on God's Word to feed our spirit and to replenish it to be sustained.

***2. Give us the privileges to pray according to the mind of God as we receive by the Spirit of God that tells us what is in the mind of God: "26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God." (Romans 8:26-27 KJV)*** Our body and soul are weak and cannot grasp what is going on around us and what are the things to come. But the spirit in us as is the same of the Spirit of God then we can receive what is in the mind of God of revelations and plans as we pray. *The Spirit of God in prayer encourages us and helps us to build up our faith and our trust in God, and makes up overcome the hardships that we are passing through, "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind."* (2 Timothy 1:7 KJV) As we pray we overcome and we will have power and the victory as the Spirit of God gives us power, give us love, to forgive and to overcome our limitations in our relationships with others. In addition to that the Spirit gives us sound mind that we will be having right and appropriate thoughts that goes along with what it is in the mind of God. When we rely on our flesh we will receive fear from the spirits of the world. But when we read the Word of God and pray we receive the Holy Spirit that will give us power, love and the correct mind to see things according to God's will.

To the contrary to the Spirit of God that is taking the place in our renewed spirit of man, there is the spirit of the error, the antichrist and the falsehood, and these we will receive when we operate by our flesh. That is why when our lives is led by the work of the flesh and when we feed our spirits with worldly TV programs, Facebook, You tube, etc., we will be inviting these antichrist spirits into our lives.

***"1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error."*** (1 John 4:1-6 KJV)

In verse 1, ***"1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world."*** (1 John 4:1 KJV) We are called to discern what kind of spirit we are dealing with. Already there are false prophets spread in the world, and upon that, evil deceiving spirits are spread. We need to ask ourselves: Are we dealing with the Spirit of God, or we are dealing with the spirit of

the false prophets, that will mislead us with plans and thoughts that comes not from God. In verses 2-3, ***"2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."*** (1 John 4:2-3 KJV) Apostle John give to His church the way how they will differentiate between them, based on the following: If the spirit confessed that Jesus Christ come by the flesh this is from God. But if the spirit confessed that Jesus did not come by the flesh, this is not from God. Apostle John put to them the outlines to differentiate between the spirits based on fact he brought from the Scripture; that Jesus born by the flesh. Even today we can differentiate between the Spirit of God and the spirit of the world based on the Scriptures, that we are daily read, meditate and receive from the Holy Spirit of God. *The spirit that contradicts the Scripture is the spirit of antichrist.* In verse 3, ***"3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."*** (1 John 4:3 KJV) The spirit of antichrist will sure come because it is already released in the world. That is why the Holy Spirit gifts give us discernment to differentiate between the different spirits as we read here, ***"to another discerning of spirits."*** (1 Corinthians 12:10 KJV) The Spirit of God that is in us is greater than that is in the world, and that is why we can overcome even we are little children as we read here: ***"4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world."*** (1 John 4:4 KJV) After we start to rely on the Spirit of God operating on our spirits, the spirit of man, to deal with life events we will be able to discern and follow the Spirit of God and go into the way that God is leading us. We will be also able to see the spirit of antichrist and error that is opposing the Spirit of God. They are of the world and that is why the worldly people hear their worldly suggestions and plans, ***"5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them. 6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error."*** (1 John 4:5-6 KJV) While we are from God; therefore those who knew God they hear us, but those who does not know God, they don't hear us, and in this way we differentiate between the spirit of truth and the spirit of error. After we differentiate between them we should not allow our flesh to connive with the spirit of error. We should be firm and steadfast not to follow the spirit of error or the antichrist. We should also not allow them to intimidate us. We will do well if we keep focus on our Bibles, reading, meditating and praying at His feet.

***My dear and beloved:*** Let us be challenged today to give way for the Holy Spirit of God to rule over our lives. Let us allow Him to change us so that we can see, hear and receive the good things that God had prepared for us. Let us be challenged to grow and become mature so that we might receive the good things that God had ordained before the world for His glory and for our own benefits. Let us totally quit sins, worldliness and our selfish ambitions and amend our ways desiring the life in the spirit, as we pray to God.

***My prayer:*** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for our sins to give us eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that gives me understanding and wisdom.

*Let us confess and renounce our sins. Lord I repent from my sins  
flesh and all your ambitions and your worldly plans.*

*Lord I surrender my life and will unto you. Lord I humble myself before you. Lord et Your Holy Spirit will rule over my spirit, Lord take me and get hold of all my life, I am willing to follow in your ways and in your good plans for me. Lord leads me with your Holy Spirit to do the very thing that you wants me to do. Lord I am willing to work with you and allow more of the Holy Spirit fruit to manifest in my life; love, joy, peace, gentleness, kindness, patience, perseverance, long-suffering, self-control, generosity, humility and righteousness. Lord refills me with the Holy Spirit and gives me the spiritual gifts that I need in my life to serve you.*

*Lord bless my brethren who came to you. Lord fills them with the Holy Spirit and give them the Holy Spirit gifts that they need in their lives in order to go and serve you. Lord bless us as a church and help us to go and evangelize reaching new people and planting new Bible studies and new congregations for the church. Lord bless us and enlarge our territory let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.*

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