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Part 3

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*Who We Were.....*



*Who We Are.....*



*Who We Are Becoming.....*



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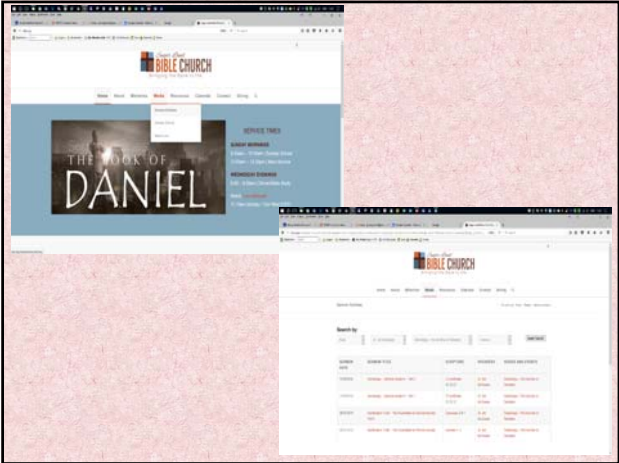
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### Identification Synonyms

The word 'identification' is a convenient 'handle' for what Scripture teaches, but the actual words used to convey this biblical truth include:

In	- being placed entirely in, so as to share an identity
With	- intimately joined in action and consequence
Together with United with (Rom. 6)	- as above, with 'together' underscoring the same identity & action - 'united' implies a oneness, so a spiritual oneness is communicated
Baptized into (Rom. 6; Col)	- 'baptized' means to be immersed or entirely placed into, so as to be permanently changed by that immersion or entire placement

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### Death is Separation

God also used the 'death is separation' principle **graciously and for our benefit**, when we were identified with Christ in His death, then with His burial and resurrection:

<b>Rom. 6:1-11</b>	dead to sin, alive to Christ
<b>Rom. 7:1-6</b>	death releases from marriage; died to the Law, joined to Christ
<b>2 Cor. 5:14-15</b>	dead to ourselves, alive to Christ
<b>Gal. 2:19- 20</b>	died to the Law, to live to God
<b>Col. 2:20</b>	died with Christ to the elementary principles of the world
<b>Col. 3:5, 20</b>	dead to sin, died with Christ to the world

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### The Key Biblical Principles Summarized

- Identification *joins us...*
- Death *separates us...*
- Our Identification with death joins us to that death; that death separates us.



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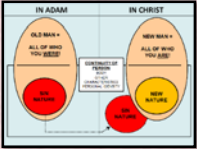
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### The Key Biblical Principles Summarized



In Adam		In Christ	
<b>Joined to</b>	Old Man, Sin Nature, Adam's History, Trio of enemies – World, Flesh, Devil, Satan's Authority	<b>Joined to</b>	New Man, New Nature, Christ's History, righteousness, Life. <b>Different Future! (Short Term Good or Bad; Long Term – Bright)</b>
<b>Separated From</b>	Separated From – Christ	<b>Separated From</b>	Old Man, Adam's History, the World, Devil. The Sin Nature no longer has the claim over us that it had.

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Why is this important?

There are at least two areas of application that touch directly upon what God is doing in the life of the believer:

1) The primary manner of dealing with the Sin Nature comes about because we were identified with Christ (Rom. 6:1-14).

Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin...



...but alive unto God in Christ Jesus (Rom. 6:11 KJV).

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Why is this important?

2)The changes in our “Continuing Person” as we walk dead to the Sin Nature and alive to God are **in the direction of Christ** (ongoing processes - conformed, transformed, growing, maturing, being sanctified, etc.).

IN ADAM

OLD MAN = ALL OF WHO YOU WERE

SIN NATURE

IN CHRIST

NEW MAN = ALL OF WHO YOU ARE

NEW NATURE

CONTINUITY OF PERSON

BODY

CHARACTERISTICS

PERSONAL IDENTITY

**CONTINUITY OF PERSON**

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OTHER CHARACTERISTICS

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**B. Physical Realm**



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**SPIRITUAL REALM**

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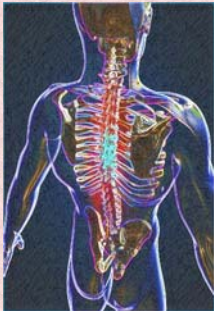
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**1. INTRODUCTION**



We have been examining what the Bible says about the 'Spiritual Anatomy' of human beings – unbelievers and believers.

Thus far, we have made little mention of the physical body focusing mostly on the general spiritual aspects of the Church Age believer (those saved from Acts 2 until the Rapture).

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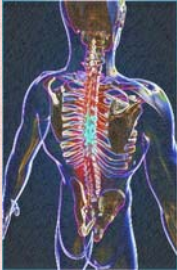
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**1. INTRODUCTION**

We will now turn our attention to a more complete discussion of the **spiritual aspects** and **physical aspects** in each individual, *believer or unbeliever*.

Correctly distinguishing these categories is essential if we hope to have a proper understanding of our topic: **'Who were we - Who we are - Who are we becoming.'**



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a) MISUNDERSTANDING TERMS



There is some theological debate regarding what constitutes the ‘physical’ and ‘spiritual’ aspects, of mankind. With some variation the two positions are:

- Man is two parts (body, and soul-spirit; *dichotomy*).
- Man is three parts (body, soul, and spirit; *trichotomy*).

This is an in-house debate and there are good, godly, men in each camp. The position from which I will be working is the later, *trichotomy* position.

The most common passage used to support the trichotomy position is 1 Thess. 5:23.

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1 Thess. 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.



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a) MISUNDERSTANDING TERMS



The primary reason for disagreement, (regarding the terms **spirit**, **soul**, and **body**), is a failure to acknowledge that they are not always employed with ‘scientific, technical, precision’ – i.e., in poetic contexts, where ‘soul’ and ‘spirit’ are often used as synonyms.

Job 7:11

I will speak in the anguish of my **spirit**, I will complain in the bitterness of my **soul**.

Isaiah 26:9

At night my **soul** longs for You, Indeed, my **spirit** within me seeks You diligently;

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a) MISUNDERSTANDING TERMS

To add to the confusion, some poetic contexts make body and soul appear as synonyms.



Psalm 44:25

For our **soul** has sunk down into the dust; Our **body** cleaves to the earth.

Syntactically, instead of synonyms, the author’s intent here may actually be:

- 1) to use ‘soul’ and ‘body’ to represent two halves of a whole, or,
- 2) that the word ‘soul’ here is to be taken to mean *living being*.

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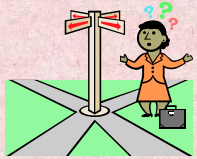
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a) MISUNDERSTANDING TERMS



It also seems that there are times when the word ‘soul’ conveys more of the idea of physical function such as possessing the breath of life in the physical sense, rather than focusing on the spiritual aspects of the soul, as in **Genesis 2:7**

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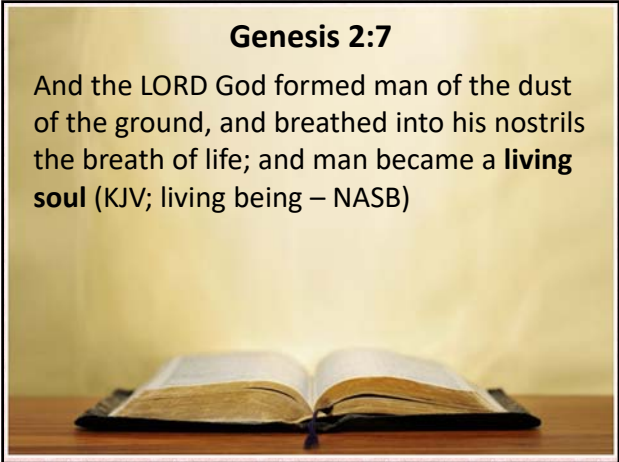
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**Genesis 2:7**

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a **living soul** (KJV; living being – NASB)



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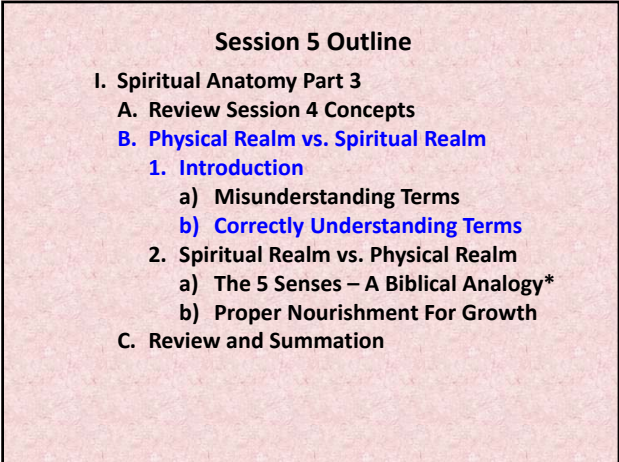
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**b) CORRECTLY UNDERSTANDING TERMS**

Biblically, the words ‘soul’ and ‘heart’ can vary in definition according to context and can embrace both spiritual and physical aspects. So there is a place in some contexts for understanding a difference in meaning between the words ‘soul’ and ‘spirit’ as already noted in 1 Thess. 5:23, but note also Heb. 4:12:



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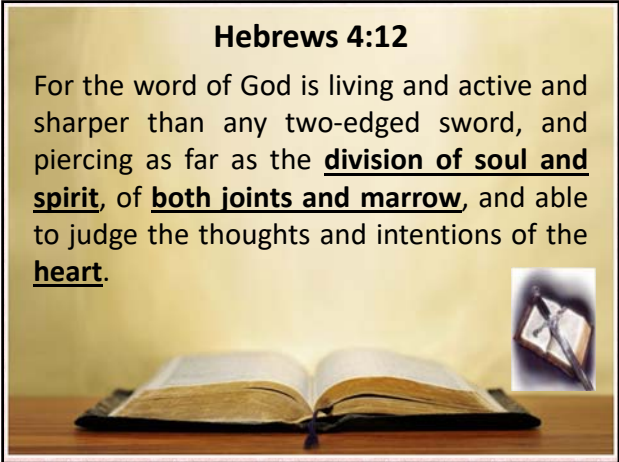
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Hebrews 4:12

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**.



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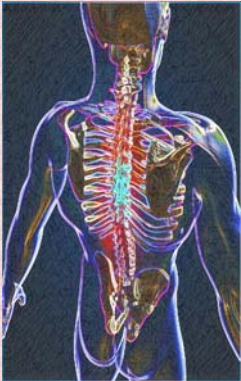
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b) CORRECTLY UNDERSTANDING TERMS

Unquestionably, Hebrews 4:12 presumes a distinction between the terms 'soul' and 'spirit,' a fact which is unmistakable given the use of the figure of speech 'joints and marrow', and 'heart', which are drawn from man's physical anatomy.



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2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

God made man as a created **physical and spiritual being** on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of creation.

Gen. 1:26; 2:7

26 And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness;...2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.



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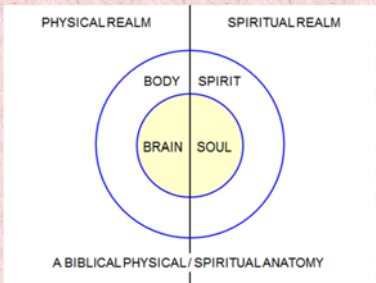
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2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

This diagram illustrates the **physical realm**, created by God (Gen. 1), and the **spiritual realm**, (*the eternal present*, the realm in which God dwells).



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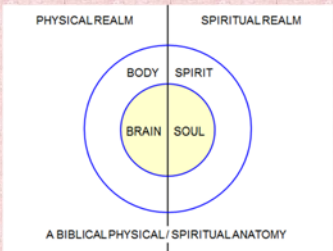
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2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

The **Brain** is a component part of the **Body** serving as the interface with the Physical.



The **Soul** is a component part of the **Spirit** serving as the interface with the Spiritual.

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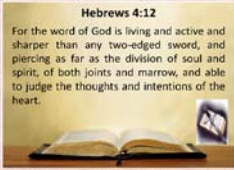
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2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

Hebrews 4:12 strongly implies a difference between the two spiritual aspects (**soul** and **spirit**) of the human being and both these aspects exists in the spiritual realm.

The **brain** and **soul** are the mutual **interfaces** of the human being, the **brain** in the physical realm, and the **soul** in the spiritual realm.

Just as the **body** interfaces with and interacts with the physical realm, the **spirit** of a person interfaces with and interacts with the spiritual realm.



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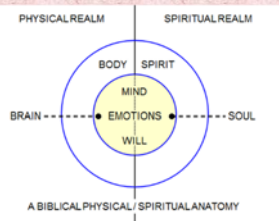
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2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

This diagram illustrates the **Brain** on the Physical Realm Side and the **Soul** on the Spiritual Realm Side.

Both the **Brain** on the Physical Realm Side and the **Soul** on the Spiritual Realm Side have aspects of **Mind, Emotions, and Will**.



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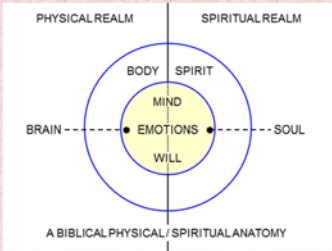
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2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

**Physical Realm Side of Mind** = Sympathetic mental thinking (subconscious – reaction to stress - trainable).

**Spiritual Realm Side of Mind** = Sympathetic mental thinking (subconscious - reaction to sin - trainable).



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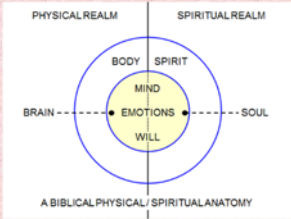
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2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

Physical Realm Side of **Emotions** = Influenced and affected by physical forces hunger, pain, hormones, blood sugar levels, etc.



Spiritual Realm Side of **Emotions** = Influenced and affected by spiritual forces – conviction of sin, meditation and reflection upon the Word, prayer, spiritual warfare, etc.

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2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

Physical Realm Side of **Will** = When we make decisions solely based upon what our physical senses tell us.



Spiritual Realm Side of **Will** = When we make decisions based upon what we understand to be the truth. What we see spiritually impacts our decisions.

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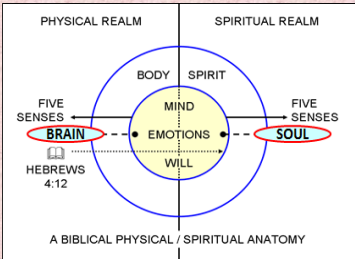
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2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm



Both the **brain** and the **soul** have aspects of mind, emotions and will. As the **mind, emotions and will** of the **brain** are impacted by things in the Physical Realm, (including the **body**), so the **mind, emotions and will** of the **soul** are impacted by things in the Spiritual Realm, (including the **spirit** of the person).

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### 2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

According to Heb. 4:12, where does God's Word **actually** touch us?

**Hebrews 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...**

HEBREWS 4:12

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### 2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

2 Tim. 3:16-17	Heb. 4:12
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- God's Word originates in the **Spiritual Realm** but He created a document (the Bible) in the **Physical Realm**.
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### 2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

**Romans 11:33**

Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways!

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### 2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

For unbelievers, that impact is **for salvation...**

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For believers, that impact is for **a number of God ordained processes** that continue until we see Christ face to face.

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### 2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm

So how's your physical side handling all this new information?



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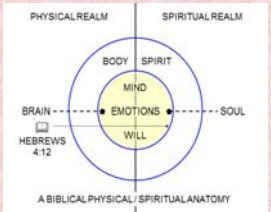
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### Have You Ever Considered...?



Physicians prescribe medications that impact people on the physical side. But, **can anything prescribed by the Physician directly impact the spiritual realm?**



Only God's Word affects the spiritual realm because **it reaches a depth that nothing else can reach.**

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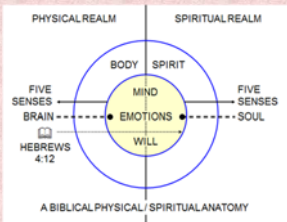
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### a) The 5 Senses – A Biblical Analogy\*

We have 5 interactive senses in the physical realm...



... but Scripture signifies that we also have the 'analog' of these 5 senses in the spiritual realm.

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a) The 5 Senses – A Biblical Analogy*	
Touch	Gen. 32:24–25: ...[God] <b>touched</b> the socket of [Jacob’s] thigh...
Taste	Psalm 34:8a: O <b>taste</b> and SEE that the LORD is good...
Smell	Amos 5:21: I hate, I despise your feast days, And I will not <b>smell</b> in your solemn assemblies. (cf. 2 Cor. 2:15–16)
Sight	2 Cor. 4:3–4: <sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> in whose case the god of this world <b>has blinded the minds of the unbelieving</b> so that they <b>might not see</b> the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (cf. Ezekiel 12:2; Matt. 23:16–20; John 9:39–41; John 12:38–41; Rom. 2:17–20; Rom. 11:7–9; 2 Cor. 3:14; Eph. 1:18)
Hearing	Rom. 11:8: just as it is written, “GOD GAVE THEM A SPIRIT OF STUPOR, EYES TO SEE NOT AND <b>EARS TO HEAR NOT</b> , DOWN TO THIS VERY DAY.”

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a) The 5 Senses – A Biblical Analogy\*



The preceding passages clearly indicate that there is an **“equivalent correlation”** between the 5 senses in the Spiritual Realm and the 5 senses in the Physical Realm.

Contextually, Scripture often uses physical body parts to refer to the deepest part of man’s being – bowels, kidneys, joint and marrow, and heart (sometimes used for the spiritual side [soul and spirit] and the physical side – brain’s activity in thinking and emotion, and will), etc.

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a) The 5 Senses – A Biblical Analogy\*



While people can be diminished, distorted or nonfunctional in one or more of their physical senses, (*my brother was born blind*),...

...Scripture reveals that **the believer’s spiritual senses** can likewise be diminished, distorted or nonfunctional in the spiritual realm.



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a) The 5 Senses – A Biblical Analogy\*



But, God’s perfect plan is for believers to operate in the **full capacity** of their spiritual senses.

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a) The 5 Senses – A Biblical Analogy\*

Deu. 18:10–12

<sup>10</sup> “There shall not be found among you ...one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, <sup>11</sup> or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

<sup>12</sup> “For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD...



*Sorry Haley, there is no sixth sense...*

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b) Proper Nourishment For Growth

Another aspect of the correlation between the Spiritual and Physical Realms relates to proper nourishment for growth.

Just as there is appropriate physical food based upon our varying levels of physical maturity; there is similarly appropriate 'spiritual food' (Scripture), based upon the believer's varying levels of spiritual maturity.



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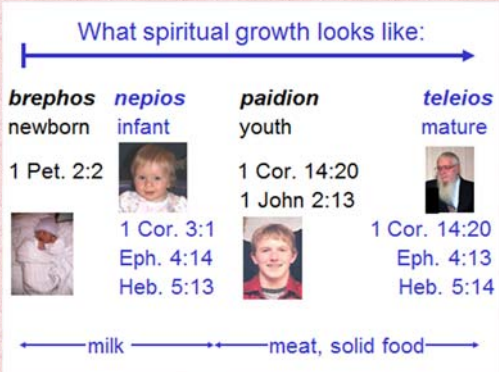
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b) Proper Nourishment For Growth



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### C. Review and Summation

In the same way that we have five senses in the physical realm...

**FIVE SENSES**

Scripture says we have the 'analog' of these five in the spiritual realm!

give the body information through

- Sight
- Hearing
- Touch
- Smell
- Taste

by using

- Eyes
- Ears
- Nose
- Mouth
- Tongue

**PHYSICAL REALM**

**SPIRITUAL REALM**

**BODY** **SPIRIT**

**MIND** **EMOTIONS**

**SOUL** **HELL**

**FIVE SENSES** **FIVE MEMBERS**

**BRAIN** **HEART**

**HEARING & EYE**

**A BIBLICAL PHYSICAL / SPIRITUAL ANATOMY**

In the same way that we have five senses in the physical realm, we have five members in the spiritual realm.

**FIVE SENSES**

**FIVE MEMBERS**

**PHYSICAL REALM**

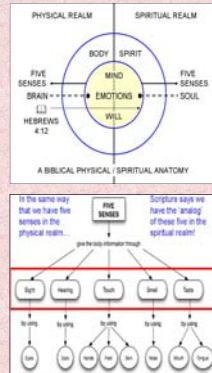
**SPIRITUAL REALM**

**HEARING & EYE** **HEART** **HAND** **FOOT** **KNEE** **ELBOW** **HEAD**

**SOUL** **HELL** **SOUL** **HELL** **SOUL** **HELL** **SOUL** **HELL**

- Dr, Jim McGowan

- When the Bible says that the unbeliever is ***spiritually dead***, it is not saying that the unbeliever has no spirit or soul, but rather that the unbeliever's spirit and soul are separated from God – **biblically, to be separated from God is spiritually death.**



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**PHYSICAL REALM** | **SPIRITUAL REALM**

**PHYSICAL REALM:** FIVE SENSES, BRAIN, HEART, 412

**SPIRITUAL REALM:** BODY, SPIRIT, MIND, EMOTIONS, WILL, SOUL

**A BIBLICAL PHYSICAL/SPIRITUAL ANATOMY**

*In the same way that we have five senses in the physical realm...*

*...God has given us the "wings" of these five in the spiritual realm!*

**PHYSICAL REALM** | **SPIRITUAL REALM**

**PHYSICAL REALM:** sight, hearing, touch, taste, smell

**SPIRITUAL REALM:** spirit, mind, emotions, will, soul

**A BIBLICAL PHYSICAL/SPIRITUAL ANATOMY**

- Physical death takes place when the physical body stops functioning and the soul and spirit are **separated from** the physical body in death.
- Ultimately, as believers, our soul and spirit are joined to a new body like Christ's resurrection body at the Rapture. **That body will not have a Sin Nature associated with it.**

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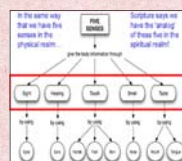
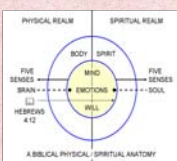
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- The New Body freed from the influence of the Sin Nature is Paul's desire for the Thessalonian believers.

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.



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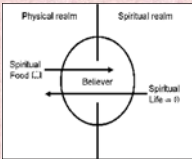
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### C. Review and Summation



- The appeal to believers is to have a **continuous ingesting of appropriate spiritual nourishment** (God's Word), so as to be impacted spiritually and then to then impact others.
- The various dietary characteristics of physical nourishment provide a **type or pattern with spiritual nourishment**; appropriateness for a specific stage of maturity, quantity, quality, timing and frequency, etc. (1 Cor. 3:1; 14:20; Eph. 4:12, 13, 14; Heb. 5:13, 14; 1 Pet. 2:2; 1 John 2:13).

What spiritual growth looks like:

brephos	nepios	paidion	teleios
newborn	infant	youth	mature
1 Pet. 2:2	1 Cor. 14:20	1 John 2:13	1 Cor. 14:20
Eph. 4:14	Heb. 5:13	Eph. 4:13	Heb. 5:14
milk ————— meat, solid food —————			

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### C. Review and Summation

- God will use the things that take place in the **physical realm** to have an impact on us in the **spiritual realm** (James 1:2; Rom. 8:28-29).

**James 1:2**

Consider it all joy, my brethren, **when you encounter various trials,**

**Romans 8:28-29**

<sup>28</sup> And we know that **God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.** <sup>29</sup> For those whom He foreknew, He also **predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son**, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren;

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### C. Review and Summation



- Our senses in the spiritual realm are intended by God to be fully functional. This is dependent upon our consistent, unbroken, fellowship with the Lord, and our intake of, and correct understanding of, God's Word.
- It is possible for one or more of our **physical senses** to be in decline or be diminished in capacity, but to have our **spiritual senses** improving in utility and function at the same time.

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C. Review and Summation



What God is doing in the life of the believer will indeed involve **physically based processes and events**, but the ultimate intent is for *spiritual impact*.

Through careful, consistent, and diligent study of Scripture, the Holy Spirit reveals what those **physically based processes** are, and how they are to impact us.

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C. Review and Summation

Ultimately all the processes that God carries out in our lives, whether originating from the physical or the spiritual realms, are intended to change the *Continuing Person of the believer* to prepare him for life in the Spiritual Realm.

**CONTINUITY OF**

**PERSON**

BODY

OTHER

CHARACTERISTICS

PERSONAL IDENTITY

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C. Review and Summation



Remember, although it will experience a thousand years of considerable release from the curse of the Fall, when all things are summed up in Christ; (Eph. 1:9-10), *this present Physical Realm is ultimately terminal*.



Scripture promises that God will exchange this present heaven and earth for a new one (cf. 2 Cor. 2:14-16; 4:4; Eph. 1:18-19a; 4:19; Heb. 5:11-14; 1 Pet. 2:1-3). *This is the reason for our spiritual preparation now!*

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**Session 5 Outline**

- I. Spiritual Anatomy Part 3
  - A. Review Session 4 Concepts
  - B. Physical Realm vs. Spiritual Realm
    - 1. Introduction
      - a) Misunderstanding Terms
      - b) Correctly Understanding Terms
    - 2. Spiritual Realm vs. Physical Realm
      - a) The 5 Senses – A Biblical Analogy
      - b) Proper Nourishment For Growth
  - C. Review and Summation

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