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MESSAGE NOTES

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Revelation on Preciousness of Souls, Pt.6

If People are Precious to God, I Must Battle for their Souls.

- The Bible teaches that humanity possesses a physical body, a soul, and a spirit.

Human Views:

1. Dichotomy - soul and spirit unified and united
2. Trichotomy - soul and spirit closely related but separate

While there are Bible verses that use the terms soul and spirit interchangeably like Luke 1:46–47, other biblical passages present a separation between the soul and spirit as we find in 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 4:12).

*May the God of peace himself make you entirely pure and devoted to God; and may your **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be kept strong and blameless until that day when our Lord Jesus Christ comes back again. (1 Thessalonians 5:23, Living Bible)*

“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit.” Hebrews 4:12 (NIV)

This verse tells us two things:

- (1) There is a dividing point between the soul and spirit
- (2) The dividing point is only discernible to God.

With all these verses in mind, neither the dichotomous nor trichotomous interpretations can be explicitly proved.

Question:

- (1) Does the immaterial aspect of the human nature involve a soul and a spirit? Yes.
- (2) Are the soul and spirit unified and united (dichotomy) or closely related but separate (trichotomy)? Unclear.

What is the soul and body?

Soul – Mind, Will, and Emotion

Body - SENSES – hearing, tasting, smelling, seeing, and feeling.



What is the role of the soul?

Your soul dictates what your spirit receives

- The soul receives from the senses and deposits into your spirit.
SENSES →→→→→→→→→→ SOUL→→→→→→→→→→ SPIRIT

So, Jesus says in Mark 4:24, “take heed of what you hear....”

- The spirit reveals through the soul to your body.
SPIRIT →→→→→→→→→→ SOUL→→→→→→→→→→ SENSES

- When your spirit wants your body to do something, it talks to the soul and your soul talks to your body.
- Your body most of time does not want to do what your spirit wants, so your soul is in a battle - **Galatians 5:17**

For we naturally love to do evil things that are just the opposite from the things that the Holy Spirit tells us to do; and the good things we want to do when the Spirit has his way with us are just the opposite of our natural desires. These two forces within us are constantly fighting each other to win control over us, and our wishes are never free from their pressures. (Galatians 5:17, Living Bible)

- The soul cannot give the spirit what the body did not receive.
- So you must control what you are hearing according to Romans 10:17
Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God

Why do we have to battle for the soul?

- The soul is the mediator between the body and the spirit.
- The soul is the most dangerous part of you because of the role it plays.
- The soul is the primary focus of Satan bombarding it through all forms of MEDIA.
- What is MEDIA? Means of mass communication

The development of Medium of Communication

Let us look at the trend over the last 3000 years.

1. Oral tradition – 1000 years and we moved into the
2. Scribal tradition - when the alphabet was discovered in around 1.5 B.C. After that we moved into the
3. Printing tradition – when printing was discovered in the 1456. Then after that we moved into what is called the
4. Image tradition – when photography was discovered in 1839. In 1873 when they discovered that light ray could be transferred over an electromagnetic media coupled with sound we move into the.
5. Electronic media tradition – where there is the combination of the scribal, printing, image traditions with sound. We now have TV's, computers, mobile phones, video games, internet etc.

Types of Media

- a. Print media (books, magazines, newspapers),
- b. Television
- c. Movies
- d. Video games
- e. Music
- f. Software's, and the Internet
- g. Cell phones

The devil uses media to alter our ideals, attitudes, and experiences in areas such as family, relationship, communication etc. - Ephesians 2:1-2

*1 Once you were under God's curse, doomed forever for your sins.
(Ephesians 2:1, Living Bible)*

*2 You went along with the crowd and were just like all the others, full of sin, obeying Satan, the mighty prince of the power of the air, who is at work right now in the hearts of those who are against the Lord.
(Ephesians 2:21, Living Bible)*

How does Satan use MEDIA?

Satan uses media to deceive us by making what is wrong and evil look normal, humorous, or exciting.

Conclusion

How do we battle for the souls of human? Galatians 5:16

I advise you to obey only the Holy Spirit's instructions. He will tell you where to go and what to do, and then you won't always be doing the wrong things your evil nature wants you to. (Galatians 5:16, Living Bible)

Next Steps:

- Did you pray and give your life to Jesus for the first time today? Email us at pastorneil@covenantfamilychapel.org
- Help Covenant Family Chapel reach more people by sending this message and the notes to someone.
- Visit <https://covenantfamilychapel.org> to listen to another message or listen on WFMD 930AM Radio station in Frederick on Sundays Mornings at 9:30 am and WWNL 1080AM & 103.9FM on Fridays at 3 pm in Pittsburg (PA, OHIO, MD, and WEST VIRGINIA).

Thank You

Group Study Questions

For the week of May 29, 2022

REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

YOUR STORY

1. Reflect on your use of cell phones and how it has impacted you positively or negatively.

DIGGING DEEPER INTO THE LESSON

2. Briefly discuss how all forms of MEDIA affects the
 - a. **Attention**
 - b. **Control of our minds**
 - c. **Memory**
 - d. **Thought**
 - e. **Empathy**
 - f. **Attitude**
3. How is Satan battling for the soul?
4. How should the Christian wage this battle for the soul?

TAKING IT HOME

5. This week what can you do to wage the battle for the soul?