

Heart Mind and Soul

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Matthew 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

I. There is no subject in the Bible that is mentioned more and dealt with more than the matter of the spirit.

A. The basic word for “spirit” is used 350 times in the New Testament

Strong's Greek Dictionary

4151. πνεῦμα pneuma (pneûma)

a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, vital principle, mental disposition, or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit:—ghost, life, spirit(-ual, -ually), mind.

1. Human spirits and supernatural spirits.
2. Both are alive and are the essence of the life, both of men, angels, and God himself.
3. Mentioned or referred to in this sense 350 times in the New Testament.
4. The basic word for spirit in the Old Testament is used 348 times.

Strong's Hebrew Dictionary

7307. רוּחַ ruwach (rûwach)

wind; by resemblance breath, a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figuratively, life, anger; by resemblance spirit, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions):

5. If we add to the list the other words related to the spirit and breath, the number is much higher.

B. So simply the amount of text devoted to dealing with this subject in the Word of God should be incentive enough for us to take it very seriously and to study and pray for understanding in the matter.

C. One of the side benefits to studying the Word of God in this matter is that we get a better understanding of the Word of God itself and we see some things in a new light. For example:

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden **in the cool** of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

Genesis 6:17 And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, **wherein is the breath of life**, from under heaven; and every thing that is in the earth shall die.

Exodus 10:13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and the LORD brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all that night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts.

Exodus 10:19 And the LORD turned a mighty strong west wind, which took away the locusts, and cast them into the Red sea; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt.

- D. The effects of the spirits of other people, and of devils, and of God on our spirit is the unseen force that controls what happens on this earth.
- E. We sin against God and others, or we honor God and serve others, according to the spiritual powers to which we submit mind and heart.
- F. In the same respect, our life is a blessing to God and others, or it is a problem, a heartache, or a disaster.

II. The moral law of God was summed up in just a few words by Jesus himself:

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- A. The moral law of God defines what is right and wrong for living moral beings between one another and between them and the God who created them.
- B. We know that our heart is the seat of our emotions and passions; it is that part of us that feels; feels love, joy, hatred, anger, sadness, grief, and all other feelings.
- C. We know that our mind is that faculty where we conceive, reason, and judge according to what we perceive to be truth. It is the intellectual or intelligent power in man; the understanding.
- D. Until we are truly born again of the Spirit the law of the mind is at odds much of the time with the law that is in our members, which is our heart and what we feel.
 - 1. This is due to the fact that our spirit is not dominant in our life – we are not spiritual beings, but carnal and walking after the flesh, earthly, worldly.
 - 2. We mind the things of the flesh, of this earth, and not the things of God and eternity.
- E. We must love God, not just with all our heart, and all our mind, but also with all our soul.
 - 1. The word “soul” here means “life,” which we have seen is what “spirit” means, also.

2 Corinthians 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

Romans 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

- 2. We are to love the Lord with all our “life.”

Strong's Greek Dictionary

5590. ψυχή psyche (psyché)

breath, spirit, (the animal sentient principle only; thus distinguished on the one hand from the rational and immortal soul; and on the other from mere vitality, even of plants: these terms thus

exactly correspond respectively to the Hebrew [H5315](#), [H7307](#) and [H2416](#)):—heart, life, mind, soul.

- F. So what we understand here is that when we are “quickened” by the Spirit, our spirit becomes one with God’s Spirit and the life we live after that is spiritual and not carnal.
- G. The ruling power in our life ceases to be our carnal lusts and desires, and is instead the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus.
- H. We are made alive to Christ and at the same time we are made aware of the spiritual evil that is also working in the world in the sons of men.
- I. This is the promise of power from on high that Jesus told the disciples to wait for.
- J. That is why that they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

[Romans 8:8](#) So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

[Romans 8:6](#) For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

- K. To be spiritually-minded is to have the mind under the guidance and control of the Spirit of God.

[Romans 8:13-14](#) For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

- L. When we are resurrected from the “spiritual death” that we talked about a few weeks ago we are made alive to spiritual things.
 - 1. We look for knowledge, wisdom, guidance, and answers and solutions to our problems in the spiritual realm and not in carnal, humanistic wisdom, knowledge, or people.
 - 2. To be more “spiritual” is to be more aware of what really causes the problems in life, and between people, and affects our knowledge and relationship with God, as well as what brings joy, peace, and blessings.
- M. To love the Lord with all our soul is to give our very life to his control and submit to his will for your life, whatever it may be.
- N. When we truly love God with all our soul, we will love him with all our heart and all our mind.
- O. So that is the most important business of life – to make sure that your life belongs to God and that you have held no reserve – ALL means ALL; all your soul, all your heart, and all your mind.
- P. This is what a true born again child of God is like; nothing less can be called regeneration, a new birth, or redemption.

[Galatians 2:19-20](#) For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.