

Spirinatomy 101
Part II
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Last week here at Lighthouse we shared with you the invention of a new word; this new word is “spirinatomy”. It is taken from “anatomy” which is the structure of animals, plants and particularly the human body; and your spirit which is the invisible and eternal real you. Thus, “spirinatomy”, the structure of the entire being we call man.

Last week we learned some of the basic anatomical aspects of our spiritual side. We learned that our within our spirit - however it is that God has arranged it within us - we have; we are, a living soul. Within our soul resides the heart of man; not the muscle that pumps our blood, but the deepest aspects of our thought processes. The heart is that with which we think and reason and love and believe and more.

We know and understand that we are all sinners. We even understand that we inherited our sin nature from Adam.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

We learned also last week what sin has done to our spirit:

I. Sin has destroyed our spirit.

A. God tells in no uncertain terms the spiritual condition of man in his natural state:

1. Dead in sins:

Ephesians 2:1 And you *hath he quickened*, who were **dead in trespasses and sins**;

Ephesians 2:5 Even when we were **dead in sins**, hath quickened us together with Christ, by (grace ye are saved;)

2. Unrighteous:

1Corinthians 6:9 Know ye not that the **unrighteous** shall not inherit the kingdom of God?

Romans 3:10 As it is written, There is **none righteous**, no, not one:

3. Condemned:

John 3:18 ...he that believeth not is **condemned** already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

4. Without Strength:

Romans 5:6 For when we were yet **without strength**, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.

5. Ignorant and blind:

Ephesians 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the **ignorance** that is in them, because of the **blindness** of their heart:

6. Evil:

Matthew 12:34 O generation of vipers, how can ye, being **evil**, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

7. This list is indeed much longer, but I think you get the picture.

B. Our spirit being dead in sins does not mean that it no longer exists or functions;

1. Our spirit being dead in sins is unlike our understanding of a body being dead as lifeless and inanimate.

2. What sin does to our spirit is to render it [us] corrupted and thus leave our minds and hearts unable to rightly influence our flesh.

3. Instead the lusts of the flesh become the driving influence upon our minds and hearts

with no inner spiritual influence to countermand it.

4. We read the description of this state in

Ephesians 2:2-3

2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Last week we promised that today we would look at:

II. What actually occurs when we get saved?

A. A whole host of things occur when we become saved or spiritually born again:

1. We get to go to heaven when we die.
2. Jesus brings us to God; we now have access to the very throne of God.
3. God now hears us when we pray and promises to act upon what we ask.
4. We are no longer in any danger of going to hell.

5. We become the actual children of God; spiritually and eternally.
6. We experience a new and unexplainable peace in our lives that could not be experienced before.
7. There are so many benefits and changes for the better that come with being saved we could never list them all; but again, I think you get the picture.

Now let's look at one very critical aspect of our salvation:

B. Upon what action on our part does God cause this new birth take place?

1. Preachers are often very confusing when they try to tell you how to be saved.
2. One of our newer Christians has set out to compile a document listing what various major religions and/or Christian denominations state as to how to be saved or go to heaven. He has discovered like others before him that virtually everyone out there tells you something different.
3. All of that would leave you pretty hopeless except that the Bible itself is very clear about how to be saved!

4. The Bible says the action on your part is that you “believe!”

5. In **Acts 16:30-32** A Roman jailer asked the Apostle Paul: **Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**

31 **And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.**

32 **And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house.**

6. The word “believe” is God’s condition of salvation.

a. It is found in the New Testament 220 times.

b. The word means “to entrust” or “to put in trust with”. *pisteuō*

pist-yoo'-o

From [G4102](#); to *have faith* (in, upon, or with respect to, a person or thing), that is, *credit*, by implication to *entrust* (especially one’s spiritual well being to Christ): - believe (-r), commit (to trust), put in trust with.

c. Of the 220 times “pisteuo” is used in the New Testament, 110 of those times the word is used to tell us directly what to do to be saved –or- what someone did in order to be saved.

7. Upon our meeting this simple but extremely important condition, God Himself saves us, all by Himself without any help from us.

C. There are important things to know about this condition that we believe:

1. It is not the same term as the usual way we commonly use the word “believe”.

a. We “believe” we will win the game; we “believe” it is going to rain. We “believe” we will get home safely.

b. All those usages have question marks on them; maybe we will get home safely and maybe we won’t!

c. There are however, no question marks on God’s promises to save you: **John 3:36** He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: Simply because it is not the same term.

2. Since this word really does mean “to trust”, an important question immediately arises: “How can you genuinely trust something you are not sure about?”

a. The answer is simple; you can’t!

b. The Bible is the only resource from which we can know about the salvation that is in Christ Jesus.

c. Can you be sure about Jesus unless first you are sure about the Bible?
Same answer; you can't!

3. There are two sides to even the Biblical term "believe"; you must exercise both.

a. First there is a general trusting in Jesus that He is who and what He says He is.

b. This is like what is described in

Hebrews 11:6 ...for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

c. There is also a point of trust that takes place; after we understand that we can really trust the Bible; after we learn Who Jesus really is [God] and what He did on the cross for us; upon which then and only then can we personally and individually place or put our trust in Him to actually save us from our sins.

d. **Ephesians 1:12-13**

12 That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

13 In whom ye also *trusted*, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed [trusted], ye were sealed with that Holy Spirit of promise,

e. It is upon this placing of our trust in Jesus to actually save us that God responds by quickening our spirit.

4. But pastor, didn't Jesus command us to repent?

Mark 1:15 And saying, ...repent ye, and believe the gospel.

a. Yes He did; however, the Bible does not say to a lost man, "repent of your sins"; you won't have the strength to do that until after you are saved.

b. **Hebrews 6:1** Tells us the foundation of our salvation is: ...repentance from dead works, and of faith [trust] toward God,

c. When you place your trust completely in Jesus, the trust you once had in your dead works or in anything else for that matter becomes a thing of the past!

d. Repentance takes place completely and automatically when from the heart we indeed trust Jesus to save us from our sins.

Now let's look at:

III. What happens from a spirinatomical standpoint when we get saved?

A. God actually changes us on the inside; it is this transformation that makes us forever different than before?

1. Before we are saved, our spirit is dead in sins.

2. When we place our trust in Jesus to save us, our spirit is born again; made alive, quickened, regenerated and a host of other terms that all mean we got saved!

John 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

John 3:5-6

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.

3. Just like the incredible mystery of how our flesh is made alive in the water of the womb; our dead spirit is made alive by the Spirit of God.

4. "Born" is made alive, regenerated; "again", Gr. *anōthen* literally means "from above".

an'-o-then

From [G507](#); *from above*; by analogy *from the first*; by implication *anew*: - from above, again, from the beginning (very first), the top.

5. When we place our trust in Jesus to save us, God by His Spirit regenerates us **from above** and gives us life eternal.

B. Here are some of the ways the scriptures describe the effect:

1. **John 5:24** Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is **passed from death unto life.**

2. **1Peter 1:23** **Being born again**, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever.

3. **1John 3:9** Whosoever is **born of God** doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

4. **Ephesians 4:21-24**

21 If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:

22 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;

23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

24 And that ye put on **the new man**, which after God **is created in righteousness and true holiness.**

5. **Ephesians 3:16** That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be **strengthened** with might by his Spirit **in the inner [spirit] man**;

6. **1John 5:18** We know that whosoever is **born of God** sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.

In Conclusion: Here are some observations worth pointing out:

Salvation takes place here, not after we die.

Salvation is something God does; like Ephesians 2:8 says; it is “not of ourselves”.

Meeting God’s condition to believe/trust is a spiritual event; it is an action of the heart. Romans 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; ...

Trusting and asking is not the same thing!

You can ask God to save you a hundred times without ever placing your trust in Him; some of you asked this many times before you finally understood and placed your trust once and for all in Jesus.

Because trusting Jesus to save you is a matter of the heart, you can trust Jesus to save you and become born again without saying a single word!

**Trusting in Jesus and the blood He shed to
pay for your sins just once lasts forever
because the life to which God regenerates
our spirit is eternal life!**

Will you place your trust in Jesus?