

The Structure of Man Fundamentals

Overview: Since the greatest commandment in the Law is to love God with all your heart and soul and mind, it behooves us to know what they are.

A. Problems with the Dichotomy

1. Man is a body with a spirit/soul.
2. Using spirit/soul interchangeably creates contradictions.
3. You are made in the image of God, Who is a spirit. Gen 1:26; John 4:24
4. You are a spirit which can die, Gen 2:17
but you have a soul which you can lose. Matt 16:26
5. You are a spirit which must be born again, John 3:3
but you have a soul which must be restored. Psalm 23:3
6. In your patience, you must possess your soul; Luke 21:19
therefore, you must be different from your soul.
7. You are the inner man, the spirit man. Eph 3:16; 2Co 4:16; Ro 7:22
8. God dwells in you Rom 8:11; 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19
because you are sin-free, the righteousness of God. 2 Cor 5:21
9. But your soul has sin. Ps 41:4; Prov 19:15

B. Problems with the Trichotomy

1. Spirit/soul/body ignores the heart and mind.
2. Using spirit/heart interchangeably creates contradictions.
3. Spirit is sin-free but, Psalm 66:18; 1 John 3:20
if iniquity in heart, God can't hear you.
4. Spirit speaks to God and your mind but, Matt 12:34
out of the abundance of heart, the mouth speaks.
5. Assuming the mind is part of the soul Matt 22:37
creates contradictions.
6. The Lord can deliver/restore your soul but Psalm 6:4; 19:7; 23:3
you must renew your mind. Rom 12:2
7. The soul can be delivered by God through the Word, Ps 120:2; Jam 1:21
but the mind must be trained to think on good things. Phil 4:8

C. The Temple of God

1. As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. Prov 23:7
2. A merry heart doeth good like a medicine. Prov 17:22
3. Out of the abundance of the heart. Matt 12:34
4. Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Romans 12:2
5. Love God with whole heart, soul and mind. Matt 22:37
6. Peace of God shall keep your heart and mind. Phil 4:7
7. Spirit, heart and soul. Heb 4:12
8. You are the temple of God. 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19

D. Luke 4:18 and the Structure of Man

1. Preach the good new to the poor – The poor in spirit must be born again. Matt 5:3
2. Heal the brokenhearted – Heart purified, set on God. Ps 51:10
3. Deliverance to the captives – Soul restored, free of the of the bondages of the evil one. Ps 23:3
As the soul prospers, so do our health and finances. 3 John 2
4. Recovery of sight to the blind – The mind is renewed to the Word so that we have eyes that see by faith and not blinded by circumstances. Matt 13:14
5. Set at liberty them that are bruised – Body healed.

Conclusion: The temple has 5 parts. It has been patterned after man, so man has 5 parts. To the Trichotomy above we must add heart and mind.