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## Spirit, Soul and Body #4

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The presence of God in our services will enable us to do what we are not able to do in our own strength and ability, but God's grace will give us that ability. We will rise up out of the circumstances that try to keep us captive. The greater one is in us and He is for us and not against us. We are in a training period of our lives in order that we will be victorious. Training doesn't happen overnight, it is a process a period of time. The secret of overcoming all things enabling us to step up to a higher power. We can overcome any difficulty. We are beginning to understand that man is a three part being as shown in the following scriptures. These scriptures are a review of the teachings we have had the last few weeks.

2 Peter 1:4 "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." KJV

Phil 4:12 "I know what it means to lack, and I know what it means to experience overwhelming abundance. For I'm trained in the secret of overcoming all things, whether in fullness or in hunger. And I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty." TPT

1 Thess 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." KJV

We are set apart and sanctified by the peace given by God.

Heb 4:12 "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discernor of the thoughts and intents of the heart." KJV

It is easy to divide the body from the soul and spirit, but it more challenging to divide

the soul and spirit.

James 1:21 "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls." KJV

2 Cor 5:17 "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." KJV

Rom 12:2 "And be not \*conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the \*renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God." KJV

The renewing of our minds allows us to begin to live in our spirit. We have learned that our spirit man never dies because it is eternal, our bodies or flesh will disappear but not our spirit. Everything that we would ever have need of in this life is contained in the spirit of man. Outward appearance doesn't always show what is on the inside of man, but by renewing our minds these things begin to appear; joy, happiness, peace and we begin to understand what this spirit man on the inside of us is all about and we begin to walk after the spirit.

\*conformed means being shaped by pressure from the outside

\*renewing is a process it is something that goes on and on, continual upkeep

Phil 1:21-22 "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not." KJV

Paul is making the statement that he is living in the flesh, but he having a desire to go on to live with Christ.

1 Cor 14:14 "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful." KJV

Paul is speaking again about praying in tongues, that by praying in tongues our spirit is praying and our understanding is unfruitful.

The following scriptures are an example of how one moment we can be living out of our spirit and the next out of our flesh or the soulish part of us. Jesus has just finished ministering to the multitudes, there had been over 5,000 men that had been fed plus the women and children, He had gone aside to pray and during the night came to His disciples on the lake, they saw Him but didn't realize that it was really Him, then Peter asked if he could walk on the water to where Jesus was, he was acting on the

spirit man but as he begin to see all the waves and wind, he began to loose sight of Jesus and to sink. Jesus immediately caught him, asked why did he doubt. His spirit man was willing to step forth, but his soulish man began to fear and sink. His divinity or spirit man changed to humanity, the soulish part of him, when he realized where he was at and what was happening he let doubt in. Jesus did not forsake him when he begin to doubt.

Matt 14:25-31 "And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for \*fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28 And Peter answered him and said, Lord, if it be thou, bid me come unto thee on the water. 29 And he said, Come. And when Peter was come down out of the ship, he walked on the water, to go to Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me. 31 And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" KJV

Matt 14: 31 "Jesus immediately stretched out his hand and lifted him up and said, "What little faith you have! Why would you let doubt win?" TPT

\*fear is not in the spirit of a new creature, one that has been born again, there is faith, peace, joy and love

This is how most believers are, they start out in the spirit but as they begin to see all the bad things happening around them, they begin to doubt, living out of their human side, and they get out of their spirit, but in their spirit is everything that they have need of, however, because they have not renewed their mind to the word of God, for the circumstances surrounding them, they have the inability to have the God kind of faith. Faith is a spiritual force, we walk by faith not by sight. It is almost impossible to walk by faith if we don't have the knowledge of the will of God.

The following scriptures are teaching how to be walking in the spirit man, our divinity, not in our flesh the humanity side of man. When we feel like we have missed the mark and are coming back to get things right, these scriptures tell us there is no condemnation because of Jesus and the price He paid for our sins. We have been made free from the law of sin and death. When we accepted Jesus as our personal Savior, we accepted that sacrifice of Jesus becoming sin in the flesh and we were empowered to live out of the spirit man. That is the importance of believers renewing their minds and the principles there.

Rom 8:1-3 "There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:" KJV

Rom 8:1-3 "With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. A new power is in operation. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air, freeing you from a fated lifetime of brutal tyranny at the hands of sin and death. God went for the jugular when he sent his own Son. He didn't deal with the problem as something remote and unimportant. In his Son, Jesus, he personally took on the human condition, entered the disordered mess of struggling humanity in order to set it right once and for all. The law code, weakened as it always was by fractured human nature, could never have done that."

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Rom 8:1-3 "So now the case is closed. There remains no accusing voice of condemnation against those who are joined in life-union with Jesus, the Anointed One. 2 For the "law" of the Spirit of life flowing through the anointing of Jesus has liberated us from the "law" of sin and death. 3 For God achieved what the law was unable to accomplish, because the law was limited by the weakness of human nature. Yet God sent us his Son in human form to identify with human weakness. Clothed with humanity, God's Son gave his body to be the sin-offering so that God could once and for all condemn the guilt and power of sin." TPT

Rom 8:1-2 "Therefore there is now no condemnation [no guilty verdict, no punishment] for those who are in Christ Jesus [who believe in Him as personal Lord and Savior]. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has set you free from the law of sin and of death."AMP

Rom 8:3-4 "For what the Law could not do [that is, overcome sin and remove its penalty, its power] being weakened by the flesh [man's nature without the Holy Spirit], God did: He sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful man as an offering for sin. And He condemned sin in the flesh [subdued it and overcame it in the person of His own Son], 4 so that the [righteous and just] requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us who do not live our lives in the ways of the flesh [guided by worldliness and our sinful nature], but [live our lives] in the ways of the Spirit [guided by His power]. " AMP

Phil 4:12 "For I'm trained in the secret of overcoming all things, whether in fullness or in hunger. And I find that the strength of Christ's explosive power infuses me to conquer every difficulty." TPT

As we begin to train ourselves to live out of our spirits and not out of our flesh. We

cannot let the flesh dictate to us how we are going to live, but be controlled by the Holy Spirit. We will never walk by faith if we allow the flesh to control us, we will always be defeated, never have a measure of victory or any victory at all in our lives. How do we live and walk and be controlled by the spirit? by putting down the flesh not allowing it to be dominate or dictate in our lives. We will encounter difficulties that will try to pull us down into the flesh. We are not failures, we are only in a training mode, but we can't stay there, we have to step up, start listening to the Holy Spirit and start living in our spirit. We have a choice to make, are we going to be led by the things of the flesh or are we going to be led by our spirit?

Rom 8:1-7 "Therefore there is now no condemnation [no guilty verdict, no punishment] for those who are in Christ Jesus [who believe in Him as personal Lord and Savior]. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being] has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the Law could not do [that is, overcome sin and remove its penalty, its power] being weakened by the flesh [man's nature without the Holy Spirit], God did: He sent His own Son in the likeness of sinful man as an offering for sin. And He condemned sin in the flesh [subdued it and overcame it in the person of His own Son], 4 so that the [righteous and just] requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us who do not live our lives in the ways of the flesh [guided by worldliness and our sinful nature], but [live our lives] in the ways of the Spirit [guided by His power]. 5 For those who are living according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh [which gratify the body], but those who are living according to the Spirit, [set their minds on] the things of the Spirit [His will and purpose]. 6 Now the mind of the flesh is death [both now and forever—because it pursues sin]; but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace [the spiritual well-being that comes from walking with God—both now and forever]; 7 the mind of the flesh [with its sinful pursuits] is actively hostile to God. It does not submit itself to God's law, since it cannot, " AMP

If we are going to be pleasing to God we cannot live in the flesh. By reading all these scriptures in different translations we will see and understand what the word is saying regarding living out of the flesh or living in the spirit. God never planned for people to walk around with guilt and shame, having all the bad feelings that come with that. Living under the law will cause this to happen, but God has blotted out those feelings. Jesus fulfilled all the requirement of the law, or living out of the soulish part. As we begin to walk with Jesus in the spirit we will grow, even though it will be slow at first it will begin to widen. Jesus wants to live His life in us and through us.

Rom 12:2 "Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what

he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you." MESSAGE

Rom 8:3-8 "For God achieved what the law was unable to accomplish, because the law was limited by the weakness of human nature. Yet God sent us his Son in human form to identify with human weakness. Clothed with humanity, God's Son gave his body to be the sin-offering so that God could once and for all condemn the guilt and power of sin. 4 So now every righteous requirement of the law can be fulfilled through the Anointed One living his life in us. And we are free to live, not according to our flesh, but by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit! 5 Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities. 6 For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set controlled by the Spirit finds life and peace. 7 In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God's plan and refuses to submit to his direction, because it cannot! 8 For no matter how hard they try, God finds no pleasure with those who are controlled by the flesh." TPT

This scripture is an example from the Old Testament regarding seeing events from the spirit man and from the soulish man. Reading these scriptures in 2nd Kings will tell the true story of what was going on. The servant with Elisha was living out of his soulish part, but Elisha, the man of God was living in the spirit. God had already prepared the provision for them. God has already provided for us, our eyes need to be open to see that.

2 Kings 6:14-18 "Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. 15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. 18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the Lord, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha" KJV

Peter is telling of the suffering that Christ did for us in the flesh and that because of what Jesus has done our flesh has ceased from sin. We shouldn't be living after the flesh or selfishness, but he wants our heart to be right, to pursue His plan and purpose.

1 Peter 4:1-2 "Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; 2 That he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God." KJV

I am going to live out of my spirit by the power of the Holy Spirit and bless God, I am infused with power from on high which enables me to conquer every difficulty that comes my way.