

Soul, Body & Spirit

Gen 1:26-27, John 3:1-8

**River Outreach Church
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Holy Trinity

Matt 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the **Father** and the **Son** and the **Holy Spirit**,

2Cor 13:14

The grace of the **Lord Jesus Christ**, and the love of **God**, and the fellowship of the **Holy Spirit**, be with you all.

Holy Trinity

God ↔ Jesus

John 10:30 I and the Father are one.

God ↔ Holy Spirit

John 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Jesus ↔ Holy Spirit

2Cor 3:17 Now the Lord (Jesus) is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty.

Holy Trinity

Holy Spirit

God is spirit,
(John 4:24)

**Now the Lord is
the Spirit,**
(2Cor 3:17)

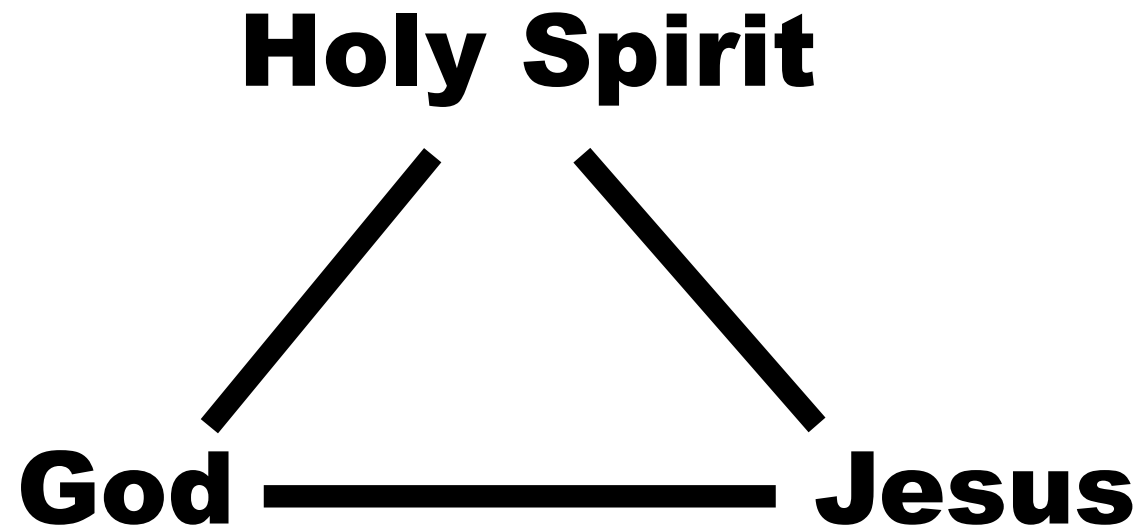
God ————— **Jesus**

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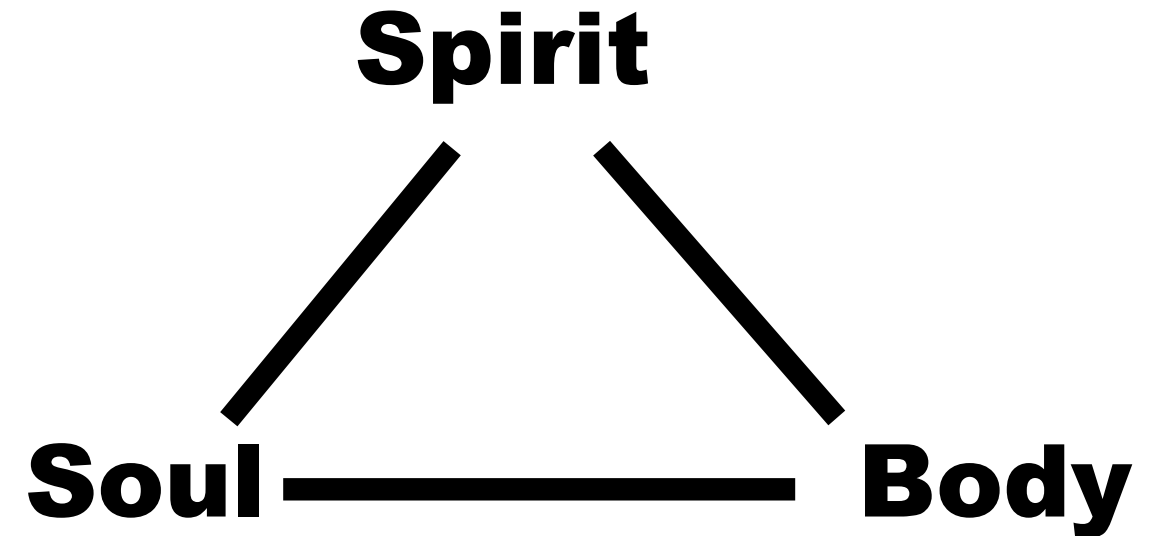
Made in Our Image

Gen 1:26	<p><u>Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”</u></p>
Gen 1:27	<p><u>God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.</u></p>
1 Th 5:23	<p>...and may <u>your spirit and soul and body</u> be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>

Holy Trinity



Human Trinity



Human Trinity

Heb 4:12	For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and <u>piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow</u> , and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
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“Piercing as far as the division” implies distinctions...

1. are small
2. require God's word to find
3. are differences (soul, spirit, body)

1. Soul (Human Trinity)

Matt 10:28

Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

14 verses about SOUL in the Bible reference either hell, Sheol or the pit

Mortal = subject to death

Immortal = not subject to death

Soul is the immortal part of our trinity

1. Soul (Human Trinity)

Mark 12:30

AND **YOU** SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.’

Mark 14:34

And He said to them, “My soul is deeply grieved to the point of death; remain here and keep watch.”

Soul is most often associated with emotions

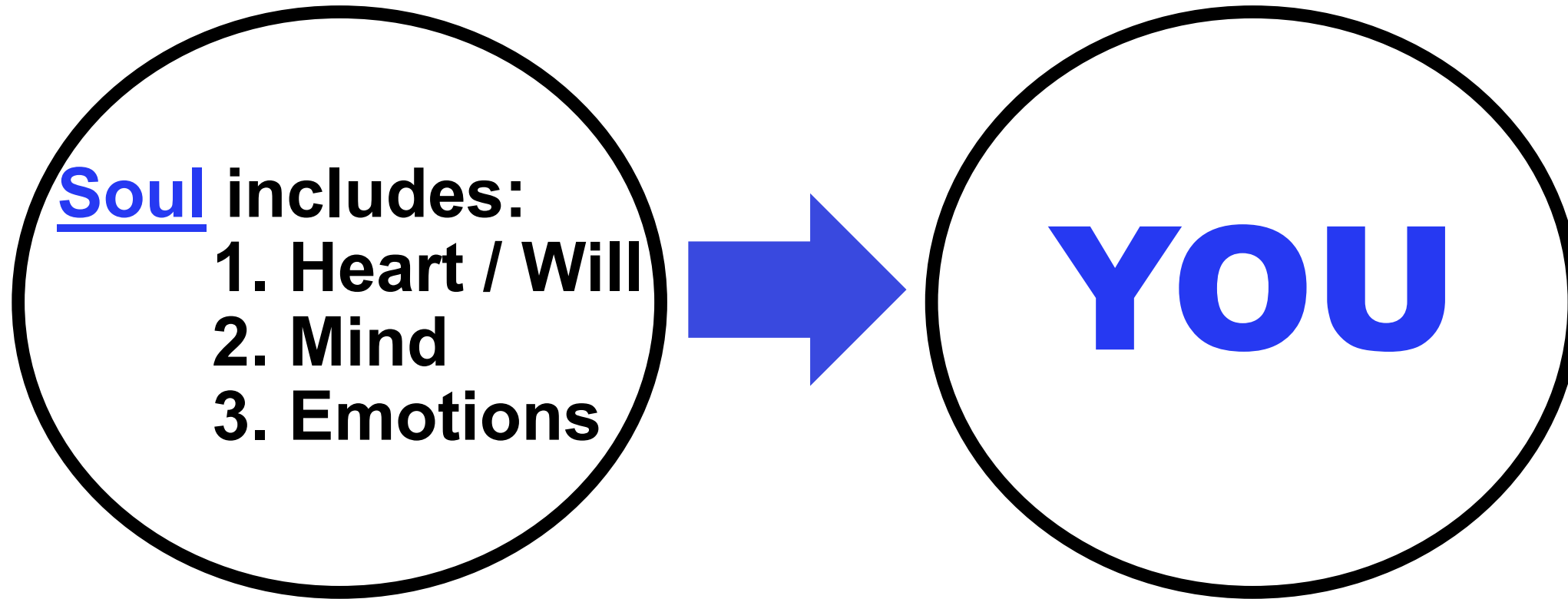
1. Soul (Human Trinity)

Soul → 289 times in NASB

Soul → 124 times referencing emotions (43%)

#verses	Emotion	#verses	Emotion
19	heart	7	grief/grieved
10	love	7	hate
9	desire	5	delight
8	bitterness	5	despair

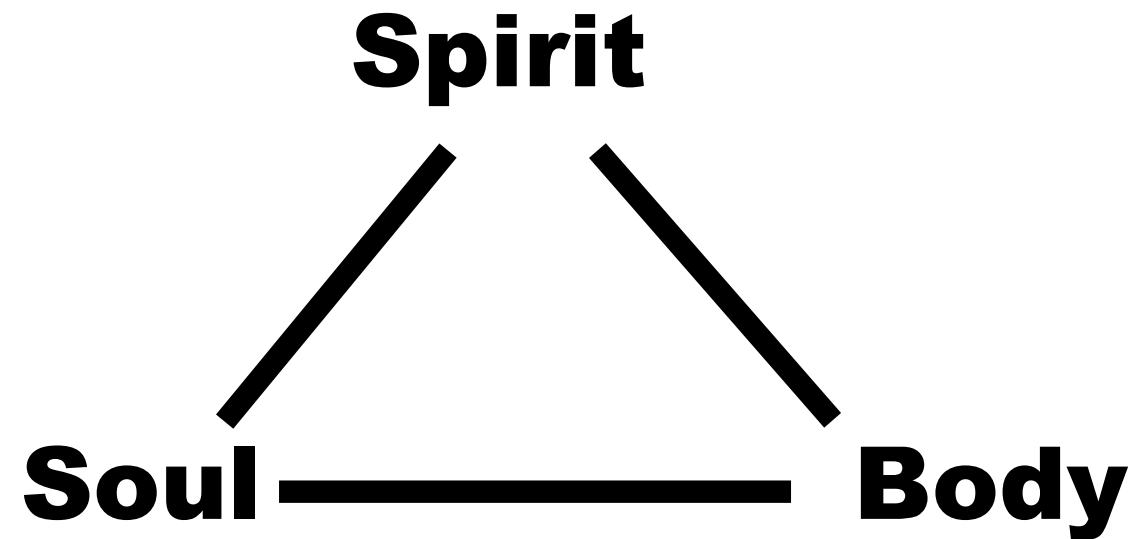
1. Soul (Human Trinity)



Matt 10:28

“For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will, but the will of Him who sent Me.”

Human Trinity



“YOU”
(Heart, Will, Mind, Emotions)
Immortal

2. Body (Human Trinity)

Luk 24:39

“See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself; touch Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”

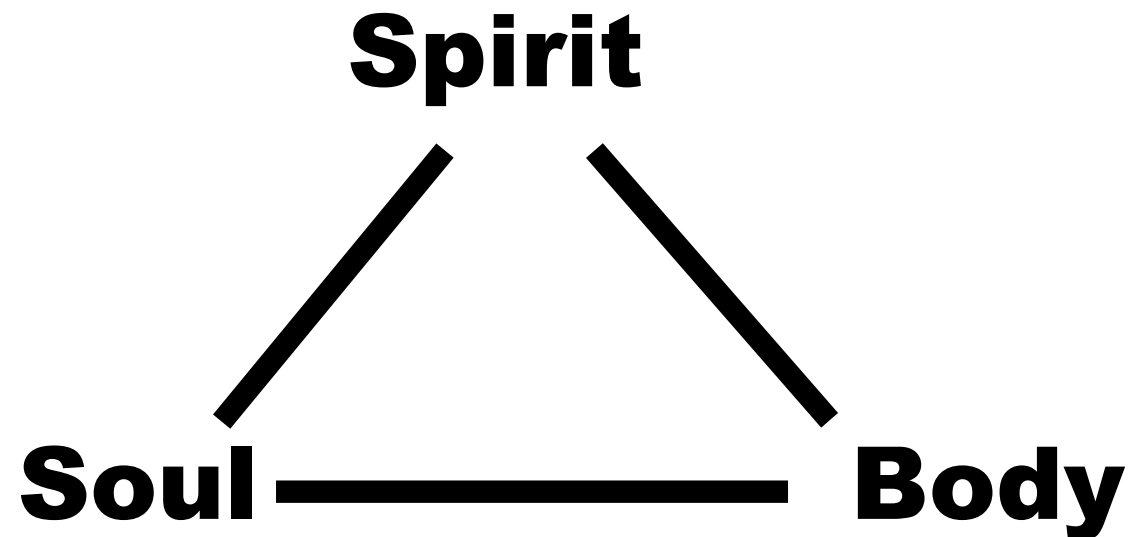
Body ↔ Flesh

2Cor 5:6

Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord—

Body is the mortal part of our trinity (Mortality)

Human Trinity



“YOU”
(Heart, Will, Mind, Emotions)
Immortal

“Flesh”
(Temporary home)
Mortal

3. Spirit (Human Trinity)

1Cor 2:10	For to us <u>God revealed them through the Spirit</u> ; for <u>the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.</u>
1Cor 2:11	For <u>who among men knows the thoughts of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him?</u> <u>Even so (In the same way NIV)</u> the thoughts of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.

1. God speaks (reveals) through Holy Spirit
2. Holy Spirit searches the depths of God
3. Man's spirit works the same way

3. Spirit (Human Trinity)

Jam 2:26	For <u>just as the body without the spirit is dead</u> , so also faith without works is dead.
Job 34:13	If He should determine to do so, <u>If He should gather to Himself His spirit and His breath,</u>
Job 34:14	<u>All flesh would perish together,</u> And man would return to dust.

SPIRIT → many associations with giving life / breath

Human Trinity

“Life Giving / Breath”
“Communicator”
(searches the heart of man,
operates like Holy Spirit)

Spirit

Soul

Body

“YOU”
(Heart, Will, Mind, Emotions)
Immortal

“Flesh”
(Temporary home)
Mortal

Spiritual vs Physical Realm

Eph 6:12

For our struggle is not (we wrestle not KJV) against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Spiritual vs Physical Realm

2Cor 4:16	Therefore we do not lose heart, but though <u>our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed</u> day by day.
2Cor 4:17	For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison,
2Cor 4:18	while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the <u>things which are seen are temporal</u> , but the <u>things which are not seen are eternal</u> .

Physical Realm	Spiritual Realm
Flesh and blood	Spiritual forces
Natural body (sown as)	Spiritual body (raised as)
Outer man decaying (body)	Inner man renewing (soul)
Seen	Not seen
Temporary	Eternal
We are living in now	Hope for glory in Jesus
Natural laws (Ex: gravity)	Spiritual laws (Ex: Jesus above all rule & authority)
Less important	More important

Human Trinity

**Spiritual
Realm**

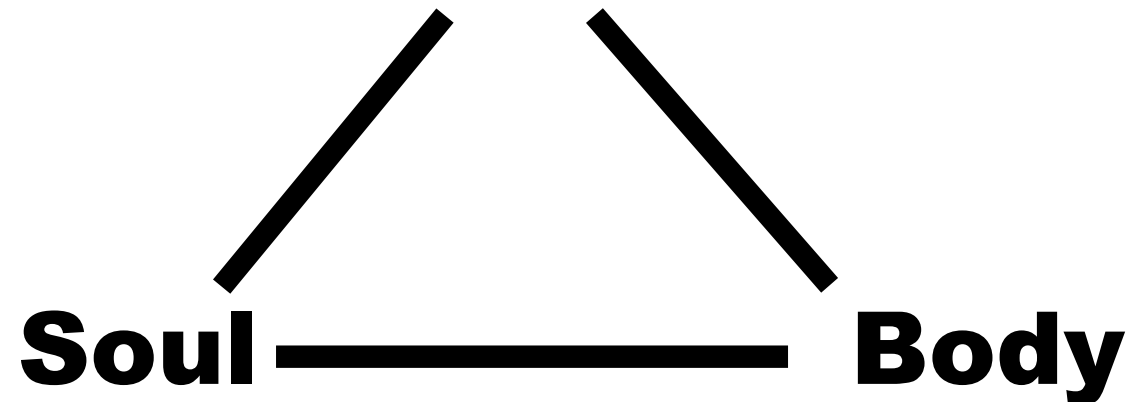
Spirit

Soul

Body

**Spiritual
Realm**

**Physical
Realm**



John 3:1-8

John 3:1	Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews;
John 3:2	this man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, “Rabbi, we know that You have come from God as a teacher; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him.”
John 3:3	Jesus answered and said to him, “ Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is <u>born again</u> he cannot see the kingdom of God. ”
John 3:4	Nicodemus said to Him, “How can a man be born when he is old? He cannot enter a second time into his mother’s womb and be born, can he?”
John 3:5	Jesus answered, “ Truly, truly, I say to you, <u>unless one is born of water and the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.</u> ”

Born of Water



**Physical
Realm**



Born of Spirit



**Spiritual
Realm**



Kingdom of God



**Spiritual
Realm**

John 3:1-8

John 3:6	<p><u>“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and <u>that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.</u>”</u></p>
John 3:7	<p><u>“Do not be amazed</u> that I said to you, ‘You must be <u>born again.</u>’</p>
John 3:8	<p>“The wind blows where it wishes and you hear the sound of it, but do not know where it comes from and where it is going; <u>so is everyone who is born of the Spirit.</u>”</p>



Understanding being:

Born of Spirit

Romans 8:5-17

Rom 8:5	For those who are according to the flesh <u>set their minds</u> on the things of the flesh, but those who are according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.
Rom 8:6	For <u>the mind set</u> on the flesh is death, but <u>the mind set</u> on the Spirit is life and peace,
Rom 8:7	because <u>the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God</u> ; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able <i>to do so</i> ,
Rom 8:8	and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:5-17

Rom 8:9	However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, <u>if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you</u> . But <u>if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him</u> .
Rom 8:10	<u>If Christ is in you</u> , though the body is dead because of sin, <u>yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness</u> .
Rom 8:11	But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.
Rom 8:12	So then, brethren, we are under obligation, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

Romans 8:5-17

Rom 8:13	for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but <u>if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live.</u>
Rom 8:14	For <u>all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.</u>
Rom 8:15	For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, “Abba! Father!”
Rom 8:16	<u>The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit</u> that we are children of God,
Rom 8:17	and if children, heirs also, <u>heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ</u> , if indeed we suffer with <i>Him</i> so that we may also be glorified with <i>Him</i> .

7 Characteristics of “Born of Spirit”

1. **Mind set on the spirit not flesh/physical (8:5-6)**
2. **Spirit of God/Christ dwells in you (8:9)**
3. **Our spirit is alive from righteousness (8:10)**
4. **Putting to death the deeds of the body (8:13)**
5. **Being led by the Spirit as sons of God (8:14)**
6. **The Spirit testifies with our spirit (8:16)**
7. **Heirs of God, fellow heirs with Christ (8:17)**

7 Characteristics of “Born of Spirit”

Physical Realm

4. Putting to death the deeds of the body (8:13)

Spiritual Realm

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