

# We Are Spiritual Beings: What Does That Mean?

How to Be a Spiritual Christian  
Sunday – October 15, 2023

# Intro.

- **Pastor Steve is continuing a series: Created in His Image**
  - We are unique as human beings – The pinnacle of God’s creation
  - We are made in His Image
  - Both Male and Female reflect the image of God
    - There are two genders created by God
    - That is reflected in every cell of a person’s body – either an XX Chromosome or and XY Chromosome
- If people don’t believe they are made in God’s image– It changes the way they think about life, society, relationships sexuality, truth. Etc
  - Where we stand on this truth defines the great divide NOW in our culture!
- Created in God’s image means:
  - Life – How we value life from conception through final breath
  - Sexuality & Gender – God has designed us male or female both reflecting His image
  - It is a God given desire to find a mate and bring forth children
    - This is one of the greatest joys in life
    - Psalm 127:3 Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.
    - **Tucker Carlson Quote – From CLE CCV Meeting last Thursday!**

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- **1 Thessalonians 5:23** Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. **24** He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. – ESV
- **John 4:24** God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.” – ESV
- **Romans 1:9** For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of his Son, that without ceasing I mention you

May your *spirit* and  
*soul* and *body* be  
preserved complete.

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- The Bible is a powerful spiritual document full of the Holy Spirit's power
  - **Hebrews 4:12** For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of **soul and of spirit**, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. – ESV
  - The Word of God can show us the distinction between soul and spirit
  - The Word often engages us at the spiritual level – way beyond our intellectual understanding
- Our soul (Psuche or psyche) is our mind, our emotions, and our free will given by God
  - ONE KEY ASPECT of spiritual maturity is learning to distinguish between our soul and spirit

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- Our Spirit is the part in each of us breathed by God
  - Amazingly – God gave a man and woman the power to come together sexually (A spiritual, soulish, and physical encounter) to create a new human being with an immortal spirit
- Our spirit is harder to detect and describe than our soul
  - Many people are not aware of their spirit until it is awakened – Born again
  - Our spirit also connects us with evil if we let it

# How can we embrace and walk in our spiritual nature?

1 Corinthians 2:**1** And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. **2** For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. **3** And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, **4** and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. – ESV

- Paul tells us the priority of the faith in how he presented the Gospel
  - He came in weakness and humility
  - It wasn't the strength of presentation or fine oratory
  - It was the power of the Holy Spirit
  - This is foreign to much of Christianity in the west
  - Where information and persuasive words are the foundation

# 1 Corinthians 2

**6** Yet among the mature we do impart wisdom, although it is not *of* this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to pass away. **7** But we impart a secret and hidden wisdom of God, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. **8** None of the rulers of this age understood this, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. **9** But, as it is written, What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man imagined, what God has prepared for those who love him - ESV

## ➤ The secret and hidden wisdom of God

- God reveals a secret and hidden wisdom
- It is different from the wisdom of this age
- The worldly person would think it is foolishness
- The evil spiritual powers in the Heavens did not understand it
- In fact in their ignorance they played right into the plan of God
- The death and resurrection of God and what it released was apparently hidden from their sight



# 1 Corinthians 2

**10** these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. **11** For who knows a person's thoughts except the spirit of that person, which is in him? So also no one comprehends the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God. **12** Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. **13** And we impart this *in* words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual truths to those who are spiritual. **14** The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned. **15** The spiritual person judges all things, but is himself to be judged by no one. **16** For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ.

## ➤ God imparts spiritual truth to those who are spiritual (pneumatikos)

- Spiritual things are to the worldly person foolishness
- But to those who are pneumatikos - awake in their spirit (Born Again) God reveals the hidden truth
- It is a partnership between the Holy Spirit and our spirit
- We are "wired" to receive spiritual truth because we are spirit as God is Spirit

# 1 Corinthians 2

- The Holy Spirit takes the knowledge and wisdom of God and reveals the truth He wants us to know
  - It is at the spiritual level - so deep it is hard to describe
  - An inner knowing that does not come from our own intellect but is revealed
  
- All the mind of Christ becomes available to us – as God chooses to reveal
  - The Internet ( a counterfeit consciousness)
  - Jeremiah - God would put a new heart and a renewed mind in us
  - Vs 12 - The spirit of this world vs the Spirit of Christ
  - Vs 13 - Spiritual truths revealed to those who are pneumatikos
  - Beware confusing emotions (psyche) with spirit!

# Evangelicals & The Holy Spirit

## ➤ Easton's Bible Dictionary

- Gifts, spiritual: Gifts supernaturally bestowed on the early Christians, each having his own proper gift or gifts for the edification of the body of Christ.
- These were the result of the extraordinary operation of the Spirit, as on the day of Pentecost.
- They were the gifts of speaking with tongues, casting out devils, healing, etc. (Mark 16:17, 18), usually communicated by the medium of the laying on of the hands of the apostles (Acts 8:17; 19:6; 1 Tim. 4:14).
- These charismata were enjoyed only for a time. They could not continue always in the Church. They were suited to its infancy and to the necessities of those times.
- Where does the word indicate?
  - That gifts and supernatural are not for today? Nowhere!
  - That God no longer speaks or reveals Himself directly to believers?
  - To remove this dynamic totally transforms Christianity from relationship with the Living God to a Religion

# Response

➤ **Discussion:**

1. What impacted you most from the Word today?
2. What will your response in obedience to God be?

➤ **Pray specifically into the message today – asking God to help us mature in hearing and responding to the Voice of the Holy Spirit!**