



LIGHT

Exposing The Life of The Flesh

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The Year 2021

- **202WON** – Victory
- Moving/Crossing over into seasons of **Greater Maturity & Increased Fruitfulness**
- Moving from Childishness, Foolishness & Fleshliness, worldliness, ungodliness to **Maturity, Wisdom & Spirituality**
- **Light**, has to do with **God's Spirit** and **God's Word**
- **Light** is **exposing** those things that are in **darkness**





EXPOSES DARKNESS

REVEALS GLORY

- What **begins** with **light**, **climaxes** to the **man** being **complete**.
- It is the **heart of God** that the man/woman be **complete**
- Our **Eternal purpose** is to be **conformed** to the **image of Christ**



The LIGHT

1. The **Unveiling** of the **Glory of the LORD** (2 Corinthians 3:14-18)
Turn and look up to Jesus
2. The **Revealing** of the **Sons of God** (Romans 8)
Be led and Walk in the Spirit not the flesh
3. The **Renewing** of the **Inward-Man** (2 Corinthians 4:16)
It is not according to flesh but the Spirit

Resulting into Greater **Maturity**



Romans 7:15-20

¹⁵ For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.

¹⁶ If, then, I do what I will not to do, I agree with the law that *it is* good.

¹⁷ But now, *it is* no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.

¹⁸ For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but *how* to perform what is good I do not find.



19 For the good that I will *to do*, I do not do; but the evil I will not *to do*, that I practice.

20 Now if I do what I will not *to do*, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me.



1 Thessalonians 5:23

²³ Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you **COMPLETELY**; and may your **whole spirit, soul, and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Man is **Spirit, Soul** and **Body**.



God's Design

- SPIRIT → SOUL → BODY (Right order)

AFTER THE FALL OF MAN

- BODY → SOUL → SPIRIT
- The **soul** is the **middle man**.
- **In God's design**, the soul is governed by the Spirit, then the body follows.
- **In the fall man**, the soul is governed by the flesh and the body follows.



After The Fall

- Man died immediately spiritually not physically but eventually died physically
- The Spirit of man was separated from the Spirit of God
- Man became dead in trespasses and in sin
- Man is spiritually dead and is led by the flesh

Genesis 6:3

³ And the LORD said, “**My Spirit** shall **not strive** with **man** forever, for he is **indeed flesh**; yet his days shall be one hundred and twenty years.”



Regeneration

- Ezekiel 36:26 (New heart, New Spirit)
- John 3:3 (Must be born again)
- Born Again – My Spirit is made alive.
- United back to God.



Galatians 3:3

³ Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh?



Romans 7:21-22

21 I find then a law, that evil is present with me, the one who wills to do good.

22 For I delight in the **law of God** according to the **inward man**.

23 But I see another **law (law of sin)** in my **members (Body or flesh)**, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the **law of sin** which is in **my members (Body or flesh)**.



1. The law of sin operates in the flesh (members)

Romans 6:12-13

¹² Therefore do not let **sin** reign **in your mortal body**, that you should obey it in its lusts.

¹³ And do not present **your members** as instruments of **unrighteousness** to **sin**, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.



The Flesh

- The flesh **cannot please** God (Romans 8:8)
- **No** flesh with **Glory** in the Sight of God (1 Corinthians 1:29)
- **No** flesh is **justified** (Romans 3:20)



Romans 8:5

⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit.



2. The Life of the Flesh is when I set my mind on the things of the flesh

How do we tend to walk?

- Physical senses (see, hear, speak, touch)
- Fleshly desires
- Temporal
- Self – Anything that has to do with “ME”
- Our minds have been trained to think according to the flesh and according to this world.
- I ought to walk by faith and not by sight



1 Corinthians 3:1-4

¹ And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to **carnal**, as to babes in Christ.

² I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able;

³ for you are still **carnal**. For where there are **envy, strife,** and **divisions** among you, are you not **carnal** and behaving like mere men?

⁴ For when one says, "I am of Paul," and another, "I am of Apollos," are you not **carnal**?



Carnal

G4559

σαρκικός

sarkikos

sar-kee-kos'

From **G4561**; pertaining to flesh, that is, (by extension) bodily, temporal, or (by implication) animal, unregenerate: - carnal, fleshly.



1 Corinthians 5:1-2

¹ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles—that a man has his father's wife!

² And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you.



3. The Life of the Flesh operates from the wisdom that comes from Beneath

- When I walk in the flesh and set my mind on the things of the flesh, it's the open door for the enemy to pass right through
- Man is made of the dust of the ground (flesh)
- The serpent feeds on dust of the ground
- Speaking to the believers (James 5:13), if you have bitter envy, self seeking ... this wisdom does not descend from above.
- The believer can become a channel for both kinds of wisdom. We are touching the earthly, sensual, demonic kind of wisdom.
- The characteristics of carnality is the same as James 3:13-15.



James 3:13-17

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom.

14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.



16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.



Two Kinds of Wisdom

THE WISDOM FROM BENEATH

1. **Earthly**
2. **Sensual (natural) – From a Greek word to mean soulish**
3. **Demonic**
4. Self-seeking
5. Bitter envy
6. Lying against the truth
7. Confusion
8. Partiality
9. Evil thing



WISDOM FROM ABOVE

1. Pure,
2. Peaceable
3. Gentle
4. Willing to yield
5. Full of mercy
6. Good fruits
7. Without partiality
8. Without hypocrisy



Matthew 16:17

¹⁷ Jesus answered and said to him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah, for flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but My Father who is in heaven.



Matthew 16:23

²³ But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.”



Proverbs 20:27

⁷ The spirit of a man is the lamp of the Lord,
Searching all the inner depths of his heart.

Luke 2:10

⁴⁰ And the Child grew and became strong in
spirit, filled with **wisdom**; and the **grace** of
God was upon Him.



Galatians 5:17

¹⁷ For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, **so that you do not do the things that you wish.**



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How do we look after ourselves?

A. Body?

B. Soul?

C. Spirit?

Why do we treat the **body** and **soul** as **compulsory**
and the **spiritual** as **optional**?



1. **Realise** my **weakness** in the flesh
2. **Recognise** my **helplessness** in the flesh
3. **Rediscover** my **Neediness** in the Spirit (Poor in spirit)

The answer is not from the works of the flesh, but from above.

