

MAN (Part 4 of 7)

The immaterial aspect of man is seen in many avenues. And not all Bible scholars agree upon this difficult and wide subject. For example, some hold to the position that soul and spirit are one, they should not be separated. Others hold to the position that soul and spirit are two separate aspects of man's makeup, and they must be separated.

However, all agree that man's makeup consists of: soul, heart, conscience, mind, flesh (Adamic nature), and will. The soul designated man originally created as a living eternal being. His body may die, but the soul of man will live forever either in Heaven or Hell. The soul of man is the core of his very being, it's indestructible. Most scholars agree that the "soul can mean the whole person, alive or after death; it can designate the immaterial part of a person with its many feelings and emotions; and it is an important focus of spiritual redemption and growth."

The heart has few occurrences that refer to the physical organ. The greater number of over 900 references use heart to denote the inner man, the essence of the many facets of his personality. It is called by many as the seat of intellectual life, the emotional life, volitional life, and the seat of spiritual life.

The conscience is a witness within man that tells him he ought to do what he believes to be right and not to do what he believes to be wrong. Conscience does not teach us what is right or wrong but prods us to do what we have been taught to be right. One can do what is wrong in good conscience because he has been misinformed as to what is right and wrong. This is why it's so important that we understand what God and His word teaches!

SCRIPTURE
KING JAMES VERSION
Genesis 2:7; Matthew 10:28; Revelation 6:9;
Deuteronomy 8:5; Psalm 119:11; Hebrews 4:7;
Acts 23:1; I Timothy 4:2

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