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"Go therefore and make disciples of
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FROM PARADISE

CREATION

Gen 1: 26-28: "Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion ..." So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion ..."

THE FALL

Gen 3:6: "So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."

THE CROSS

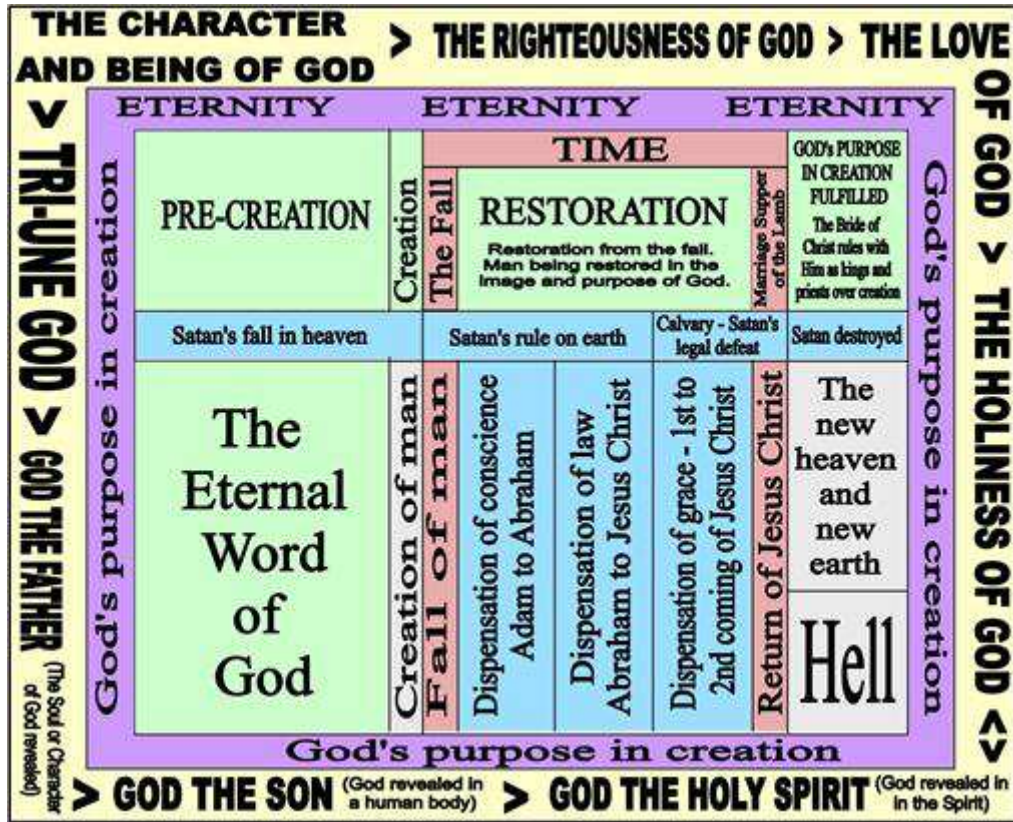
Mat 26:26-28: " And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

RESTORATION

Rev 19:7-9: "And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready." And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints. Then he said to me, "Write: 'Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb!'"

TO HEAVEN

THE FUNDAMENTAL AND CENTRAL MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE



The Bible is God's blue print for the restoration of fallen creation!

The fundamental and central message of the Bible is God's purpose in creation, the fall, and God's restoration of creation from the fall! God is currently busy with the restoration of creation! God is restoring the world on two levels - on the cosmic level as well as on the human level. On the cosmic level God is creating a new heaven and a new earth. On the human level God is restoring fallen man into His image and purpose.

God is generating a people and offspring for Himself and a Bride for His Son through regeneration, from every nation, people, tribe and language; changing and restoring them into His image; destined for the new heaven and new earth, in order to be eternally united with Him at the marriage supper of the Lamb; and to train and prepare them for dominion with Jesus Christ at His return.

The return of Jesus Christ is the culmination and climax of God's plan for this world - when Jesus will be united with His Bride. The return of Jesus Christ is, besides His crucifixion and resurrection, the most important historical occurrence in God's plan for the world, that must soon take place.

- God has a twofold plan for every Christian:**
- To restore me and my fallen character from the fall and to conform me into the image of Jesus Christ in holiness and love.
 - To make me spiritually fruitful in order that I may reproduce myself through my witness in the world and in fulfilment of the Great Commission.

- God has a twofold plan for the Church:**
- To proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in my local neighbourhood in order that people may be saved, and will grow in faith, sanctification, and holiness!
 - To fulfil the Great Commission and to send out those who are saved to reach the unreached of the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

The six fundamental Biblical principles of an abundant, victorious, and Spirit-filled life, appear on the inside back cover.

Church of Jesus Christ, let us unite around the central and fundamental message of the Bible!

The Psychology Of The Human Trinity

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This is the first in a range of several parts on the subject of the psychology of the Bible that we intend to publish in the following issues of The Christian Discipier, the Lord willing. These are:

- The psychology of the human trinity.
- The psychology of the sinful nature.
- The psychology of the Christian's dual nature.
- The psychology of character renewal.
- The psychology of personality renewal. (3 Parts)

Introduction

Psychology, the dictionary says, is the 'science of mind'. The word 'psyche' means: soul, or spirit, or mind - according to the dictionary.

Psychology, therefor, is the science of soul and spirit, or the science of the inner, or non-physical man.

The Bible is pre-eminently a Book of 'psychology'.

The message of the Bible deals primarily with the restoration of man's fallen soul and spirit, or 'psyche'!

To tell the truth, the Bible is the only infallible and reliable source of psychological knowledge!

Any psychological teaching that is contrary to what the Bible teaches, is not "psychology", but "psychignorence" - and that can be proven scientifically!

An abundance of "psychignorence" is prevalent in the world today - and this will become evident as we proceed with this series.

I want to state categorically that it is not my intention to discredit the psychological sciences or those who study them! These sciences certainly have their place and an important contribution to make towards knowledge of human behaviour. However, the moment any science begins to move on Biblical ground and is contrary to the Word of God, it has not only lost its credibility, but is in fact part of the process of deception.

Many Christians do not understand that the Gospel of Jesus Christ provides salvation and deliverance for

man's entire fallen condition - spirit, soul and body. To many Christians the Christian life is purely a matter of morality, love and peace in an otherwise material life. Faith in Jesus Christ and psychology are to them two separate things. In order to get to heaven one day, I speak to the pastor, but for psychological help I go to the psychologist or psychiatrist!

The fact of the matter is that Jesus Christ provided deliverance and healing on the Cross of Calvary for the whole man - spirit, soul and body.

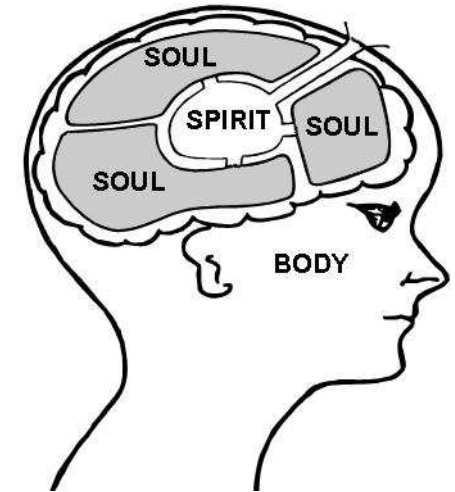
Not only for the spirit, or for the body! In order to understand this, one must begin by understanding what spirit, soul, and body are.

Spirit, soul and body

God is a Trinity - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

No man has ever seen the Father. God the Father is revealed to us in the Bible through His personality and character. Jesus Christ is God revealed in a human body. The Bible teaches us that God is Spirit and that He must be worshipped in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24.) The Holy Spirit is God revealed in the Spirit.

The Triune God is therefor revealed to us in the Bible as Soul (the personality and character of God); Spirit (the Holy Spirit); and Body (Jesus Christ).



The Bible further teaches that man was created in the image or likeness of God (Gen. 1:26-28). It is therefor no surprise that man was also created as a trinity, namely, spirit, soul and body! Therefor we read in 1 Thes 5:23: "May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

These three dimensions form a unity and cannot be separated, but they can nevertheless be distinguished. It is further important that we do distinguish them if we want to understand the psychology of the Bible.

The Bible refers throughout to the "heart" of man. The Bible also speaks of the "inner man". By "inner man" or "heart" the Bible means 'soul' and 'spirit'. This is a reference to the

invisible and immortal part of man, and has nothing to do with the organ of the heart!

The "psychology" of the Bible is "heartology", and this involves knowledge of the inner man or heart of man.

Man can therefor broadly speaking be divided into two parts - the outer or mortal part of man (or body), and the inner or immortal part of man (soul and spirit). Although the Bible does not always clearly distinguish between soul and spirit, we are given significant clues that are important for our full understanding of the complete redemptive work of Jesus Christ on the Cross!

You may wonder why it is important to distinguish between soul and spirit at all!

The reason is that it is important to identify the source of my thoughts and emotions if I want to walk in truth and victory!

The source of my thoughts and emotions may be from three distinct sources or doorways, namely my senses, the faculties of my soul, or my spirit. The importance of this distinction will become more evident as we progress with the series.

(For an in depth covering of the subject of spirit, soul and body, I refer you to 'The Spiritual Man,' Volumes 1, 2 and 3, by Watchman Nee; and 'Soul and Spirit,' by Jesse Penn-Lewis.)

An illustration

Remember that, as there is no perfect way to describe the Divine Trinity, there is no perfect way in describing the human trinity. However, just as we can distinguish the Divine Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit and their functions, so we can distinguish the human trinity, spirit, soul and body, and their functions.

The computer is one example of illustrating the difference between spirit, soul and body. The outer, visible part of the computer is called the hardware. This consists of the electronic machine, and brain of the computer. The inner, invisible part of the computer is called the software. This consists of the program and data of the computer. The third part of the computer is its electric power. This is the source of life of the computer without which the computer can never function.

In exactly the same manner, the human body is the outer and visible part, and can be compared to the hardware of the computer. The body is where man's physical and environmental consciousness is seated, and is represented by the senses. With his senses, man communicates with his environment and the physical world.

The soul is man's personality and can be compared to the software of the computer. This is where his self-

consciousness is seated, and is represented by the Will, Intellect, and Emotion. Through his Will, Intellect, and Emotion man communicates with himself.

The spirit is man's source and sustainer of life, and can be compared to the electric current that flows through the computer's electronic network. This is where his Divine and spiritual consciousness is seated. Through his spirit, man communicates with the spiritual world.

Let us now look at each one of these dimensions in more detail.

The spirit

(My God- and spiritual consciousness)

The spirit of man must not be confused with the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit and man's spirit are not the same. The word 'spirit' is used in three different ways in the Bible. Where 'Spirit' is spelled with a capital letter, it is a reference to the Holy Spirit, as for example in Ezek. 36:27. Where 'spirit' is spelled with a small letter in the Bible, it is a reference either to the human spirit, as for example in Acts 7:59, or to an evil spirit, as for example in Matt 12:43-45.

The spirit is the deepest core of man. The spirit is the basis of every human being and encompasses the soul. The spirit is not separated from the soul, but actually includes the soul. Therefor, when we speak of the spirit we do not

want to separate it from the soul, but distinguish it therefrom. So we read in Heb. 4:12: *"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, .."*

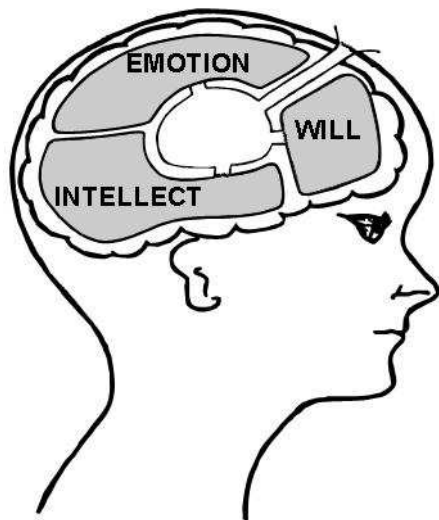
In the same way my senses bring me into contact with the material world, my spirit brings me into contact with the spiritual world.

As we have said, man's spirit is where his Divine and spiritual awareness is seated. My spirit is also the seat of the Holy Spirit in my life. For this reason I become spiritually alive to the Bible and spiritual things when I am born again. The unregenerate man's spirit is dead because of sin, and therefor also dead to spiritual things.

The soul

(My personality or self-consciousness)

In Genesis chapter 2 one can very clearly distinguish three major dimensions of man's personality with which God created him. (Because of space we are not going to discuss Genesis chapter 2 here. See if you can distinguish these three dimensions on your own.)



It is important to understand the areas of each of these dimensions and their functions if we fully want to understand Jesus Christ's plan of salvation for our lives. Let us therefor look at each one of these dimensions in more detail to see how wonderful our Creator has created us.

We have already said that the soul or personality of man consists of three dimensions, namely, Will, Intellect, and Emotion.

The Will



Matt 23:37: "... How often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing."

My Will is the key of my personality. This is the ability with which God

created man to make his own decisions and to exercise his own choices. My Will differentiates me from a robot. My Will makes me a sovereign entity in the image of my Creator. God could have created puppets or robots that He could have manipulated according to His own will if He so wished, but He decided to create man with a free Will, in His own image! Hereby He excluded the possibility of man's manipulation by any other being.

With my Will I am able to open or shut any area of my inner life - either for God, or for people, or for Satan. Therefor we read in Rev 3:20: "*Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he will with me.*" God never forces Himself onto anyone! He knocks and waits for us to open the door of our hearts!

God does nothing in the life of a person without his express consent or invitation!

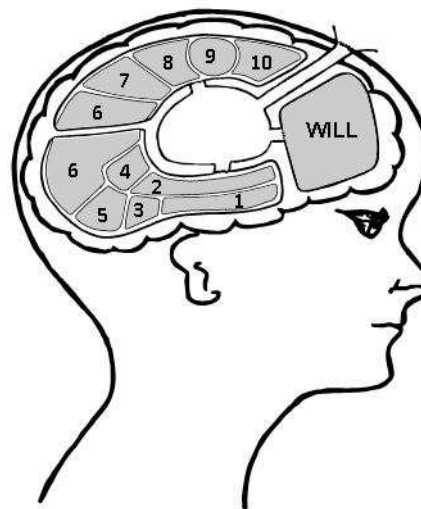
My Will is the head office of my "Great I", my self-life, my sinful nature, or, as the Bible often refers to it - my "flesh". (The Great I, self-life, natural man, sinful nature, or flesh, are all synonyms for the same thing, namely fallen man.) The WILL is the driving force behind the sinful nature. The natural man is driven by his WILL - his WILL to live, his WILL to succeed, his WILL to have, his WILL to love, etc. The WILL is where the throne of the self-life, or the flesh, or the sinful nature is seated!

The Intellect and Emotion

The Intellect and Emotion each respectively consists of a variety of areas. It is important to understand that we distinguish these areas for the purpose of illustration only, and that the brain cannot be divided into these compartments either physically, biologically, or chemically. If another person therefor identifies other areas than me, it does not necessarily mean that we disagree with each other, or that the one is right and the other wrong!

The Intellect, or mind, is the thinking, analytical, and reasoning faculty of my personality - that dimension where information and knowledge are assimilated and stored. My Emotion is that dimension of my personality that controls my emotional life.

I identify the following ten areas in the Intellect and Emotion:



1. The THOUGHT-SYSTEM
2. The REASON
3. The CONSCIENCE
4. The IMAGINATION
5. The MEMORY
6. The SUBCONSCIOUS
7. The SELF-IMAGE
8. The VALUE-SYSTEM
9. The EMOTION-SYSTEM
10. The DISPOSITION

1. The Thought-System

Ps 94:11: "*The LORD knows the thoughts of man; he knows that they are futile.*"

The Thought-System is that area of my Intellect where my conscious thinking occurs and my conscious thoughts are seated.

2. The Reason

Job 12:24: "*He deprives the leaders of the earth of their reason; he sends them wandering through a trackless waste.*"

Acts 18:4: "*Every Sabbath he reasoned in the synagogue, trying to persuade Jews and Greeks.*"

The Reason is that area of my inner man where my logic is seated. It is through my Reason that I accept a thought as logical or illogical. It is through my Reason that a thought makes intellectual sense to me or not. It is through my Reason that I decide

whether an answer is mathematically or scientifically right or wrong, possible or impossible. It is through my Reason that I either understand a subject or I do not. It is my reason that enables me to argue the validity of a thought.

3. The Conscience

Acts 24:16: *“So I strive always to keep my conscience clear before God and man.”*

The Conscience is that area of my inner man where my morality is seated. It is my Conscience that enables me to decide whether something is morally right or wrong, acceptable or unacceptable. Every human being is born with a conscience. However, how the conscience functions, depends on how it has been taught and under what influence and control it is operating.

4. The Imagination

Ezek 13:2: *“Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel who are now prophesying. Say to those who prophesy out of their own imagination: ‘Hear the word of the LORD!’”*

The Imagination is that area of my inner man that enables me to visualise and create thoughts of my own. In my Imagination I can visualise a picture of what I am reading or hearing. In my Imagination I can also create and visualise thoughts and feelings without any external source. Through my Imagination I can think about things and experience feelings that do not exist except in my own mind, up to the point where they appear so real to me that I really believe that they do exist!

5. The Memory

Deut. 24:18: *“Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there.”*

The Memory is the logistical headquarters of my inner man. The Memory is the information centre of my inner man. The Memory is the conscious part of my inner man's filing cabinet. The Memory is that part of my inner man that enables me to remember.

6. The Subconscious

Prov. 22:6: *“Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.”*

The Subconscious is the storehouse, archive, or data base of my Inner Man. The Subconscious is where all the knowledge and information I have accumulated from birth, are stored. All the scenes, movies and videos I have seen; all the books I have read; everything I have looked at, all the music I have listened to, all the conversations I have had, all the experiences I have had, and all the emotions I have experienced, etc., etc., are all stored in my Subconscious. Everything I have been exposed to from birth, are being stored in my Subconscious like the data on the magnetic disk of a computer, or the files in a filing cabinet. The fact that I cannot consciously remember everything, makes no difference to the fact that it is all stored there in the Subconscious!

The Subconscious however, cannot feel, think, reason, calculate, or make decisions on its own without the

Reason and other functions of the Intellect and Emotion. Whatever is placed therein, is stored there - and that is all.

This is the reason why the years of a child's upbringing before he can reason and think for himself, are the most important years in the formation of his character.

Everything a young child is exposed to, passes unhindered to his Subconscious, since he accepts everything he sees, hears and feels, without question and without reasoning about it. For this reason a child's independent WILL can be most effectively disciplined and harnessed during his youngest years.

For the very same reason, a child should be disciplined even before he can understand the difference between right and wrong. The earlier you start disciplining your child, the sooner you will experience the results and the more effective you will be in the formation of his character.

The Subconscious also plays an important part in the schooling and learning process of man. Repetition is a very important method of learning. The sub-conscious is also formed or inclined in a certain direction through repetition.

Let us look at an example. The first time a person drives a car, he must carefully concentrate in order to perform the right actions. However, after a period of practise he unconsciously performs the right actions, and can even do other things at the same time, like talking on a cell phone. The actions of driving a car are now imbedded in his Subconscious.

There are also other factors that can play a role with the formation of the Subconscious such as Trauma, Shock, Impact, and Credibility.

For this reason a person who had a traumatic experience as a child (such as divorce of parents, sexual harassment, conflict, rejection, violence, or an accident, etc.), may experience serious spiritual problems if he or she does not know how to deal with these problems.

7. The Self-Image

1 Sam 1:7: *“This went on year after year. Whenever Hannah went up to the house of the LORD, her rival provoked her till she wept and would not eat.”*

The Self-Image is that area of my Inner Man that determines how I feel and think about myself. My Self-Image is the seat of my self-love, self-esteem and self-confidence.

The Self-Image is indeed a powerful force of man's personality.

By means of the Self-Image man can be motivated to enormous earthly achievements, but also to commit many sins.

Aspects that are closely related to my Self-Image are my pride, my honour, my reputation, my rights, my desires and ideals, and my abilities and talents.

8. The Value-System

Ecc. 2:3-5: *".. I wanted to see what was worth while for men to do under heaven during the few days of their lives. I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them. ..."*

Phil 3:7: *"But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ."*

My Value-System is that area of my Emotion that determines my personal affections, my preferences and disapprovals, my likes and dislikes, my qualifications and disqualifications, my sympathies and antipathies. My Value-System includes my love for my spouse and children, my family and friends, my

country and nationality, my culture, my occupation, my sport and hobbies, my possessions, my TV programs - yes everything that is precious to me - all my affections. As already mentioned, it also includes all my dislikes, disapprovals, disqualifications and antipathies.

9. The Emotion-System

Gen. 43:30: *"Deeply moved at the sight of his brother, Joseph hurried out and looked for a place to weep. He went into his private room and wept there."*

We speak of the Emotion in two senses - a broad sense and a narrow sense. In the broad sense, the Emotion incorporates all the emotional faculties of the Subconscious, the Value-System, the Self-Image, the Emotion-System, and the Disposition. However, here we are speaking of the Emotion in the narrow sense. My Emotion-System is that area of my inner man where my feelings reside. My Emotion-System is the seat of my joy and happiness, sadness and sorrow, frustration and irritation, shame, fear, depression, peace, etc., etc.

My Emotion-System is influenced by all the other areas of my life, namely my Spirit, Will, Intellect, Emotion, as well as my senses. We will look at a practical example shortly.

10. The Disposition

Matt 26:48,49: *"Now the betrayer had arranged a signal with them: 'The one I kiss is the man; arrest him.'" Going at once to Jesus, Judas said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" and kissed him."*

My Disposition is that area of my Emotion where my personality is expressed outwardly. My Disposition determines the outward expression to my inward thoughts and feelings. This is where I respond to my inner feelings. In other words, if I feel sad, my Disposition can accept that feeling and react sad outwardly, or my Disposition can reject the feeling of sadness and react cheerful outwardly.

My Disposition is also that area where my attitudes are expressed. It is that area of my Emotion that gives expression to my inner feelings in the long run. It is my Disposition that reveals whether I am a moody person; a short tempered person; a loveable person; a proud person, a soft-hearted person, etc.

My personality develops into a certain pattern in reaction to my Emotion-System, which finds expression in my Disposition.

For this reason it is possible to anticipate a person's reaction to a certain action, because his Disposition gives him away. For example, Mrs X is a very touchy person. The slightest feeling of hurt in her Emotion-System is expressed as self-defence in her Disposition.

The Body (My physical and environmental consciousness)

The body is represented by the senses:

eyes, ears, nose, tongue, and nervous system. Of these five senses, the eyes and ears are probably the most important. My body provides me with consciousness of the world and my environment. The most important source of everything that is stored in my Subconscious, I observed through my senses. Through my senses my Subconscious is programmed with knowledge, including knowledge of the Word, but also with the desires and temptations of the world.

A practical example.

Mr A reads an article in a magazine or newspaper, listens to a conversation on the radio, or watches a TV program. Whatever he reads, hears, and sees are immediately transmitted to his Inner Man. His Thought-System, Reason, Conscience, Imagination, Memory, Subconscious, Self-Image, Value-System, Emotion-System, and Disposition, are all immediately involved at the same time.

Through his Thought-System he meditates on what he sees, reads or hears. Through his Reason he processes the information analytically and accepts it as fact or fiction. Through his Memory he connects the information with what he already knows about the subject and draws certain conclusions. Through his Conscience he classifies the information as morally and ethically acceptable or unacceptable, and through his Imagination he visualises the information. His Subconscious further connects the

information with experiences he had had in the past, and sends out a negative, positive, or neutral signal. His Self-Image reacts positively, negatively, or neutrally to the information, and his Value-System further sorts the information as sympathetic or apathetic. All of this creates within his Emotion-System a certain feeling or emotion, while his Disposition transforms the emotion into a certain bodily expression.

During each of these stages above, the Will played a decisive roll in determining the status of each thought, in allowing it to proceed to the next area of the Inner Man before culminating in an outward expression of the body.

In conclusion

Now that we understand how our Creator created us, we can understand God's plan of salvation for man so much better. As we have already said, the Holy Spirit comes and dwells in my spirit with regeneration. However, the fact that I am born again by the Holy Spirit and that the Spirit of God dwells in my spirit, alone, is no guarantee that each and every area of my inner life has been liberated by Him, and have come under His control!

For this reason many children of God are still being bound by sins, habits, fears, and depression without understanding why. In the forthcoming parts we are going to see how each of these areas can be delivered and renewed through the liberating work of Jesus Christ on the cross. □

The six fundamental Biblical principles of an abundant, victorious, and Spirit-filled life.

Three things you have to know:

1. God has a Divine purpose in creation, a dynamic plan, and a Royal inheritance of spiritual abundance, victory, and a Spirit-filled life in store for you.

2. Your own sin and your sinful nature are the only reason why you do not experience the fullness of the Holy Spirit, His inheritance, abundance, and victory in your life.

3. Jesus Christ is God's perfect and only provision, and man's perfect and only solution for the problem of sin and your sinful nature.

Three things you have to act upon in prayer:

4. Faith!

Sincere faith in Jesus Christ, His work on the Cross and His Word, is the key to a Spirit-filled life, His abundance, victory, and the fullness of His inheritance.

5. Repentance!

Faith in Jesus Christ, His work on the Cross and His Word, involves a wholehearted repentance from all sin.

6. Entire surrender!

Faith in Jesus Christ, His work on the Cross and His Word, involves a crucifixion and death of self and the sinful nature, and an entire and unconditional surrender of every area of your life to Him.

A model prayer for someone who wants to trust the Lord for the infilling of the Holy Spirit and a victorious life.

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I understand that You paid the price with Your own precious blood on the cross of Calvary, not only for the guilt of my sin, but also for my deliverance and liberation from the bondage of sin and my sinful nature! I also understand that You have a wonderful plan of victory and fruitfulness for my life and that You want to fill me with Your Holy Spirit!

I come this moment in deep humiliation to Your throne of grace. I confess that my life does not measure up to Your holy standard! I confess the utter depravity of my own sinful nature! I confess that I do not have victory over sin and my sinful nature and that I am living a life of spiritual defeat. I now come to You kneeling in sincere repentance of my sinfulness, my self-centredness and my unbelief, at the Cross of Jesus. I confess every conscious sin before you. Please cleanse me from every sin, but also create within me a pure heart, Oh God!

(Confess every known sin by name before God, and close every entrance to Satan and his demons, through the Blood of Jesus, by faith.)

I turn my back on every sin in my life this very moment; and I enter into a covenant with You to submit myself in unconditional obedience to Your Word, Your law, Your will, and Your plan for my life! I surrender my sinful nature this very moment to be crucified with Christ, and I take up my position as crucified with Christ by faith! I *(place your own name in here)* **have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me!** (Gal 2:20)

I surrender my whole life, including my WILL, INTELLECT, and EMOTION entirely and unconditionally to You! Everything I am and possess I give to You in order that You may fulfil Your Divine plan in and through my life! Whatever was important to me, I now regard as useless for Jesus' sake! (Phil 3:7-11) Please take full control of every area of my life! Fill my heart and life now with Your Holy Spirit!

Thank you for the promises of Your Word, and I appropriate by faith every promise in Your Word for myself this moment! I believe You when You say that You reward those who seek you with an undivided heart! I believe that You have now taken full control of my life by Your Holy Spirit. I also take up my position as resurrected and victorious with Christ on the basis of Your Word by faith, and in the Name of Jesus Christ my Lord! I praise and worship You, Lord Jesus! I love You, Lord Jesus! Amen. ☐