



Sunday June 20, 2021
Spiritual Realities
Part-3 : The Believer's Perspective

In this message we wish to consider important Biblical insights on how a believer as a spiritual being ought to live in the natural world, while relating to the spiritual, at the same time. We present few insights in this message, and we will expand on this in upcoming sermons.

#1, You are a spirit being

We use Spirit (with a capital S) to refer to the Holy Spirit and spirit (with a small s) to the human spirit, or the spiritual realm or to an evil spirit.

We are tripart beings: spirit, soul, and body. We are spiritual beings.

1 Thessalonians 5:23

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.

Our spirits were created to live on for eternity.

God is the Father of spirits (Hebrews 12:9), the Creator, the Originator of us spirit beings.

He has set eternity in our hearts (Ecclesiastes 3:11). This means there is a sense of the unknown, a sense of the past and future in our hearts, placed there by God.

Seven functions of the human spirit:

- #1, Conscience – recognizing right and wrong
- #2, Knowing – spiritual revelation and knowledge through spirit senses
- #3, Communion – worship and fellowship with God
- #4, Container – (carrier, house, dwelling place) of the life, nature, grace, power, anointing and glory of God
- #5, Identity – who you are in Christ
- #6, Action – believing, serving, interceding, fighting and getting things done in the spirit
- #7, Growth – developing into Christlikeness

Our human spirit can grow in all these functions.



#2, As spirit beings we relate to God in the spirit

Spirit to spirit

John 4:24

God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Philippians 3:3

For we are the circumcision, who worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh,

God who created our soul and body can and often will touch us in these realms. But the primary sphere in which we are to relate to Him and He with us is the spirit realm.

God speaks in the spirit realm

Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

1 Corinthians 2:9-16

9 But as it is written: "EYE HAS NOT SEEN, NOR EAR HEARD, NOR HAVE ENTERED INTO THE HEART OF MAN THE THINGS WHICH GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM."

10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God.

11 For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things 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 know the things that have been freely given to us by God.

13 These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

15 But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

16 For "WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD THAT HE MAY INSTRUCT HIM?" But we have the mind of Christ.

We must be in the spirit and we must have spiritual understanding to hear God.



Coming in subjection to the Father of spirits

Hebrews 12:9

Furthermore, we have had human fathers who corrected us, and we paid them respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live?

#3, As spirit beings we live out of what God has done for us in the spirit

God completes the work in the spiritual realm and then invites us to live out of what He has already done for us

What we were before being born again

Ephesians 2:1-3

**1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,
2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,
3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.**

Ephesians 4:17-19

**17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,
18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart;
19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.**

Who we are now in Christ

We must live out of our new life and identity in Christ: A new creation, alive unto God, and so much more.



We must understand how the spiritual realm views the believer.

Our identity has been changed in the spirit realm. We are sealed by God. We are owned by God.

Hebrews 12:23

to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Living by the Word and Walking in the Spirit

Matthew 4:4

Man shall not live by bread alone...

Galatians 5:16,18,25

16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh

18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

We must develop and strengthen our spiritual functions.

#4, As spirit beings we walk by faith in God and with a renewed mind

2 Corinthians 5:7

Hebrews 11:1

1 John 5:4

Faith overcomes the world.

What God has made freely available to us by grace, we must receive by faith.

Romans 12:2 We must renew our mind.

Isaiah 55:8-11 We take on the ways and thoughts of God.

We take action in the spiritual realm



#5, As spirit beings we set our gaze on the eternal

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

16 Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day.

17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory,

18 while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

We live life in such a way that gather fruit for eternity. We lay up treasures in the unseen spiritual realm.

What is our assignment here on earth?

What will our future assignment be?

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Start with the spiritual to see change in the natural

In some situations, to see a change in the natural realm, we must first begin in the spiritual realm.

PRAYER

SALVATION CALL

The GOSPEL (Good News) in brief.

Here is how we RECEIVE the Good News for our personal lives.

We make it a simple A,B,C,D. We must:

ACKNOWLEDGE: our sin, the consequences of our sin, and our need for a Savior

BELIEVE: in Jesus Christ, in who He is and what He has done on the Cross, personally

CONFESS: Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of our lives

DECIDE: to follow Jesus Christ as His disciple for the rest of our lives



LIFE GROUP STUDY GUIDE

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The following is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon Key Points (sermon summary in five minutes) or the full-length Sunday sermon. You can also review the Sunday Sermon notes. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at apcwo.org/sermons. Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture passages: *1 Thessalonians 5:23, Ephesians 1:3, 2 Corinthians 5:7, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

Review the 5 statements that we made about believers living as spirit beings in the context of the Scriptures that were referenced. What are your key take-aways, and how will you apply these in your spiritual walk with the Lord?

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If time permits, each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key learning and how they see themselves applying it into their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey.

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another.

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

1, families to be protected and strengthened.

2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.

3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for God's hand to guide us through the land search and acquisition process, and for finances to be more than enough to get this project done.

Close by thanking God together.