



Sunday July 04 2021
Spiritual Realities
Part-5 : Operating in Two Realms

Duality of Existence

We are spiritual beings living in the natural realm.

2 Corinthians 4:18

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.

Colossians 3:1-2

1 If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.

2 Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

How do we live in two realms, the spiritual and the natural, simultaneously?

Matthew 10:16

Behold, I send you out as sheep in the midst of wolves. Therefore be wise as serpents and harmless as doves.

Luke 16:8

...For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light.

Four Principles.

#1, Develop Your Whole Person – Spirit, Soul and Body

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.

God is not 'against' the natural. God created the natural realm. He designed us to be able to operate in the natural realm.

Don't feel guilty when you invest time in the natural – because God created the natural for us to live in.



Time for the spiritual, Time for the natural.
Time for God, Time for People.

Develop your spiritual functions through time in God's Word, in prayer, in worship, in fellowship and in active Christian ministry.

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

God paid a great price to purchase our body. What price are we paying to take care of our body?

We need a strong healthy body and mind to serve the Lord.

We need to use natural means to release spiritual resources.

#2, Learn To Blend The Spiritual And The Practical

Colossians 1:9

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;

The knowledge of His will comes through spiritual understanding.
The living out of His will must be carried out with practical understanding.

See APC Book: "Being Spiritually Minded and Earthly Wise"

#3, Dominate the Natural Through The Spiritual

A, Depend on the wisdom of God

Colossians 2:3

in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:10

and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.



Draw out of the rich spiritual treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
Draw out of the power of His Spirit.
Apply His promises to everyday life situations.
Depend on the wisdom and power of the Holy Spirit.

B, Exercise your spiritual authority

John 3:13

No one has ascended to heaven but He who came down from heaven, that is, the Son of Man who is in heaven.

Be like Jesus.
He was on the earth. He was also in heaven.
He was in the natural. He was also in the spiritual.
We are here. We are also in Christ.
We are here. We are also seated on the right hand of the Father.

Don't let the natural hold you captive.
Don't let circumstances or situations that happen in the natural dictate your destiny.

#4, Handle The Temporal in View of The Eternal

2 Corinthians 4:8-9,17-18

8 We are hard-pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;

9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed—

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.

Look at life, things in life, situations in life, in the light of eternity.
Don't get into strife about things that do not matter.
Don't strive with people about things that do not matter.

Review:

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#2, Learn To Blend The Spiritual And The Practical

#3, Dominate the Natural Through The Spiritual



#4, Handle The Temporal in View of The Eternal

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: *Colossians 3:1-2; 2 Corinthians 4:8-9,17-18; John 3:13*

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.

1, Discuss some of the challenges we face as believers living in both the spiritual and natural dimensions, as addressed in this sermon.

2, In developing your whole person – spirit, soul and body, do you at times feel 'guilty' when you invest in developing your soul (intellect, mind) or body? What did you learn through this sermon that can help us see the development of our soul and body, positively?



3, What are some ways (steps you can take) to blend the spiritual and the practical in your life? Share. Discuss.

4, How can we as believers be more proactive in dominating the natural through the spiritual in our life situations?

5, Share/Discuss some real life situations where we can intentionally handle the temporal in view of the eternal – and the difference this approach would make.

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.



USEFUL RESOURCES



Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

E-LEARNING: <https://apcbiblecollege.org/elearn>

WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

MUSIC: <https://apcmusic.org>

MINISTERS FELLOWSHIP: <https://pamfi.org>

CHURCH APP: <https://apcwo.org/app>

CHURCHES: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/churches>

WORLD MISSIONS: <https://apcworldmissions.org>