

THE HUMAN SPIRIT

1. Definition: The human spirit is an essence, totally devoid of all contamination of sin, human good and evil, possessing the power through the indwelling Holy Spirit to receive and store the knowledge of God without being affected by the human soul.

2. The human spirit is acquired at the moment of salvation.

A. Romans 8:16, “The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit (human spirit) that we keep on being the children of God.”

B. Ephesians 2:1-5 says:

Verse 1—“And you having been dead (spiritually) with reference to trespasses (spirit of the Law) and with reference to the sins (letter of the Law),”

Verse 2—“In which then you were dominated according to the norm and standard of the age of the world to the ruler of the authority of the lower atmosphere, of the spirit (old sin nature) now energizing in the sphere of the sons of disobedience.”

Verse 3—“In the sphere of them also we all turned back and forth (behaved) ourselves then in the sphere of the lusts of the flesh (old sin nature). We kept on practicing the desire of the flesh (old sin nature) and the impulses of the mind, and were by nature of the old sin nature children of wrath as all the rest.”

Verse 4—“But the God, being rich in grace outpourings, because of His much love, with which He loved us (at the cross),”

Verse 5—“Even we being spiritually dead in the sphere of trespasses quickened us (SUZOOPOIEO, Aorist tense, to make alive together with someone, refers to someone who was dead and helpless but through union with Christ have been made alive by that union through the placing of righteousness in the soul, Giving of the spirit of righteousness as Romans 8:16 mentions) by means of Christ, by means of grace, you have been saved with the result that you are in a

state of salvation which persists through the present and raised us with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

3. The unbeliever under the influence of the old sin nature and the prince of the lower atmosphere (Satan) does not have the human spirit, 1 Corinthians 2:14-16, Ephesians 2:1-5.
 - A. 1 Corinthians 2:14-16 says: “But the soulish man (soul only, no spirit) keeps on not receiving the things of God, for they keep on being foolishness to him and he does not have the ability (spiritually) to apply the facts he has learned because they are spiritually discerned.”

Verse 15, “But the spiritual man keeps on discerning, sifting and examining on the one hand all things, but on the other hand he is examined, judged by no one.”

Verse 16, “For who of you Corinthians has known the mind of the Lord” (none of them did) “who will instruct him?” Who will instruct the soulish man, the unbeliever? Who among the Corinthians had the doctrine to handle the unbeliever? None of them, for they were in carnality themselves. “But we (Paul and company) have the mind of Christ.” Paul knows doctrine, so He can teach truth.
4. The human spirit is in the new creature in Christ, 2 Corinthians 5:17-19, “So if anyone (first class condition, it is a true fact) is in the sphere of Christ (accepted Him as Savior), he is a new creation, the old things (identifying with the old sin nature, human good, evil) are passed away, behold they (new position in Christ) have become new.”
 - A. Every person in Christ receives the new creature image.
 - B. They are in union with Christ and have the human spirit so they can appreciate their new status.
 - C. Romans 8:10, “But if Christ is in the sphere of you all (first class condition means and He is) on the one hand the body is dead because of the old sin nature, but on the other hand the human spirit is alive because of righteousness.”

- 1) Even though the believer may be carnal there is still the human spirit of righteousness in him. It is untouched by sin or the activity of the flesh.
- 2) The human spirit influences the soul with doctrine but the soul does not influence the human spirit with sin.

Romans 8:11, “But if (first class means it is true) the Holy Spirit of the One having raised Jesus out from among the dead is in residence in the sphere of you all (human spirit), He who raised Christ Jesus out from among the dead ones will also make alive your mortal bodies through the agency of the Holy Spirit who is resident in you.”

5. Only through the working of the Holy Spirit in the human spirit is the believer enabled to understand spiritual things, Romans 8:16-17.
6. We receive the human spirit at the point of regeneration. Regeneration in the Greek is PALINGENESIA and means new birth, genesis birth. See Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:3, 23; John 1:12-13; Ephesians 2:1; Colossians 2:13.
 - A. Nowhere in the Old Testament is the human spirit given. Jeremiah 31 and John 3 refer to the Millennium for Israel.
 - B. The word “spirit” in the Old Testament refers to wind, breath, life, air, vitality, Holy Spirit but never to the human spirit of righteousness mentioned in Romans 8.
7. In the communication of the gospel the Holy Spirit acts as a human spirit so that the believer can receive a spiritual message of the gospel and accept it by faith, John 16:8-11.
8. For the believer of the church age the human spirit is the storage area for doctrines he has believed. Ephesians 3:16-17, “inward man” is the human spirit strengthened by doctrine the believer receives through faith.
 - A. This doctrine is then taken by the Holy Spirit and He constructs the thinking of Christ in the believer’s soul. This is called “Christ formed in you” Galatians 4:19 or in Ephesians 3:17, “that Christ might settle down home in your right lobes (hearts).”

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9. The Lord Jesus Christ indwells the human spirit, Romans 8:16. Christ fellowships with the believer but knocks when he is carnal, Revelation 3:20.
10. The human spirit is the point where all worship of God begins. Paul points this out in Romans 1:9. There has to be doctrine stored there for the soul of the believer to call upon and feed on before God is glorified.

All service in the Christian life begins in the human spirit. Note the word “serve” in Romans 1:8. No doctrine, no service is accepted.