**Prayer**

Lord anoint me with Your Spirit, so that I can speak the words that You want me to. Bless us Father, Open our ears, our mind and our Spirit Lord.

Give us a clear understanding of what these words actually mean

Thank you Jesus.

Welcome new people.

**Introduction**

Good morning, people. As I’ve said before you aren’t here through some kind of fluke or chance, you are here because the Holy Spirit of God led you here. Can I have an amen to that?

Here’s a question? How many people had a meal last night?

How many had breakfast the morning?

That’s because you need to feed your body to sustain it; otherwise, it will die of starvation.

So here’s a thought

How many people read your Bible last night or scripture, because some have bible apps.?

How many people read your Bible this or scripture morning?

As with your body, you need to feed yourself with the word. Who was the Word? = Jesus.To sustain YOUR Spirit.

Remember - At conversion, you were what?

Born again. If you don’t eat, you will die.

Remember, we are “born again”. Lets be born again **daily.**

Some years ago, (the 70’s) I went to an outreach held by the Assembly of God Church in Lower Hutt. It was a good meeting, great music, great preaching a full house. Probably several hundred people there. When it finished I was about to leave and was approached by one of the people who was running the show.

*A bit of history*

*Later I discovered he was. Pastor Bruce Uren, the Associate Pastor from 1970 until December 1972 at the AOG Lower Hutt.*

*This is the church that I eventually attended. The Pastor then was Frank Houston who in September 1976 resigned to transfer to Australia. This led to the forming of the Hillsong Church, which is now run by his son Brian Houston. Hillsong Music.*

Anyway, this man, Pastor Bruce Uren, pulled out a piece of paper and pen. He explained to me that he had a word on knowledge for me from God.

So what was a word of knowledge? He explained that a ‘word of knowledge’ was when God spoke to someone to give a message to another person, so he was giving me the message.

He drew on the paper three circles one within the other. He said that the outer circle was our body, the 2nd circle was our Soul and the one in the middle was our Spirit. And that was the end of the conversation… off he went. Oh OK I thought. Interesting.

Sometime after that “word of knowledge”, I went back to my old ways. I became very restless with the way I was living and continually asked myself what was the meaning of life? Why are we here, There must be more to just eating, working, sleeping, eating, working, sleeping. And all the other mundane things we do in between. It all seemed so humdrum and senseless.

So off I went to find the answer to life. I had heard through my friends that there was a cool commune on the Wanganui River so off I hitched. Thumbs up ☺

I stayed on the Wanganui River for some months and got to know the mentor the leader of the Commune a man called James K Baxter a well-known NZ Poet, writer/Philosopher

One day in a conversation, we were talking about LIFE. And what was its meaning, why were we here, where were we going. As you do ☺

He said life is like climbing a mountain. You start at the bottom and set of for the top, not knowing what your obstacles will be on the way. As you climb higher and higher you eventually come across a bank of clouds. You don’t know what’s beyond the clouds, and in places you can hardly see past your nose.

You take the risk and climb up further eventually getting through the clouds until it clears, and then once above them you see the top of the mountain, the place you were setting out to conquer. You keep climbing. Once you get to the top of the mountain, what a view.

*Has anyone done a summit climb on Taranaki? That is Mt Egmont by the way, (it’s the Maori name).*

I said to him that that brings to mind what I was told some years ago about the Body, Soul and Spirit, and I shared what had happened. Except what you have told me is from Gods view, looking down.

As God is looking down He see’s the top of the mountain being the first circle, the 2nd being the clouds the bottom being the bigger circle.

Again, God was showing me about this Triune being that we are.

Lets open the Word at

**Hebrews 4:12 New International Version (NIV)**

**12**For the **word** of God **is alive** and **active**. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to **dividing soul and spirit**, joints and marrow; it **judges the thoughts and attitudes** of **the heart**

Let’s see what the Amplified version says

**Hebrews 4:12 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**12**For the word of God is living and active *and* full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]. It is sharper than any two-edged [[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+4%3A12&version=AMP#fen-AMP-30027a)]sword, penetrating as far as the division of the [[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Hebrews+4%3A12&version=AMP#fen-AMP-30027b)]soul and spirit [the completeness of a person], and of both joints and marrow [the deepest parts of our nature], exposing *and* judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.

So the word I’m sharing today is on

**Spirit, Soul, and body**

*This is a part of a series that I am going to talk about.*

***This is part one*.**

*And this isn’t what I planned God gave me this one last night*

Doesn’t that jump out at you? = **dividing** soul and spirit. Every time I see this I go WOW!

If these were the same why is this saying they are able to be divided? If they were the same there would be no division.

There is a great, **foundational revelation** in this.

I do wonder how anyone can have a firm relationship with God without having a secure grasp of what this is all about, and what we, as Human beings are actually made up of.

This is saying very clearly that we have **a** **spirit, a soul and a body**.

There are many more scriptures that explain this

Some people believe we have only 2 parts body and soul. They confuse Soul and Spirit as one and the same. They believe that we have an emotional part and the flesh, The body.

This is NOT what the Word says.

We can experience Gods love by **“feeling”,** and sometimes very deeply. There will also be times as we look at our lives and wonder why does He love me.

When that **“feeling”** goes how do we know God loves us.

WE cannot base our Love for God or anyone in fact on an emotional **FEELING**.

Dont get me wrong, feelings can be nice, but it is in the area of the Soul.

 Its like Boy Meets Girl they have an emotional pull to each other, they marry, 20 years down the track they fall out of love with each other and either seek the feeling from someone else or become bitter to each other. This can involve a lot of people and can be very destructive. The problem was basing the Love on an emotional feeling. The area of the Soul.

When God meets us at conversion His love for us is spiritual as He is Spirit. WE are reborn of the Spirit on conversion

**John 4:24 New International Version (NIV)**

**24**God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth.”

Lets turn to

**1 Samuel 16:7 New International Version (NIV)**

**7**But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

God looks on the inside. Not the outside. Not our physical self.

In the **Body** we can **“feel”** hot, cold , pain. We don’t have to go off to study to know what the body does, as we are constantly aware of it.

The other part we **“feel”** is without physically touching a person.

By saying things that will make a person happy or sad, lifting up or pulling down angry words etc.. some things people say can effect a person for a life time. These words can be very destructive in a persons life such as mother who continually says Johny you are a bad boy, stop that; Johny lives his life with his mothers voice ringing in his ears I am a naughty boy. Mother could have said the same thing in a positive way by saying Johny you aren’t a naughty boy please stop that. This is all in the area of the Soul, Mental, Emotional,

The area of the Mind is Soul, we used to call this Satan’s playground. To my knowledge it still is. Satan is the accuser of the Brethren. He accuses us in our mind.

If I asked how was your health today. You would tell me. You would say, I, feeling fine, I had a cold but it’s got better now so I’m fine.

If I asked you How are you feeling within yourself today, you would say, well I was feeling a bit sad the other day as my cat died but I’ve gotten over it and I heard that Jill had a baby so I’m really happy about that.

However, if I asked you how were you Spiritually you would possibly stop and have to really think about that one.

There is a huge difference between your Body, Soul and your Spirit.

Your 5 senses - Seeing, Feeling, Hearing, Tasting, Smelling are all being monitored continually by your flesh, and are limited to the body and soul.

However, what is Spirit is Spirit

So how do we know what is going on in our Spirit.

**John 6:63 Amplified Bible (AMP)**

**63**It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh conveys no benefit [it is of no account]. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life [providing eternal life].

We need sometimes to ignore what our senses are telling us, Read the word and move by faith;

 Remember it is impossible to please God without Faith. We have faith in the word. The word is Jesus Christ

When you fully, truly understand this, the Spirit being reborn, you having a Body, a Soul, a Spirit, you will understand the “word” far beyond what you ever thought possible.

I’ve said it before and Ill say it again… listen… Who was Jesus? The WORD. What does the Bible say in John. The WORD was made manifest. The living WORD. When you have Spiritual Communion with God the WORD will become ALIVE.

*Lets Pray*

*Father please open our eyes to the mysteries of the Word.*

*Let us have a full understanding, Let us now spiritually commune with You.*

 *Through our music*

*Let us have a full understanding of who we really are as spiritual people in the world but not of it.*

*Help us understand what you would have us do in your kingdom on Earth Father.*

*We stand here in the name of Jesus*

*Holy Spirit move within us*

*Amen*