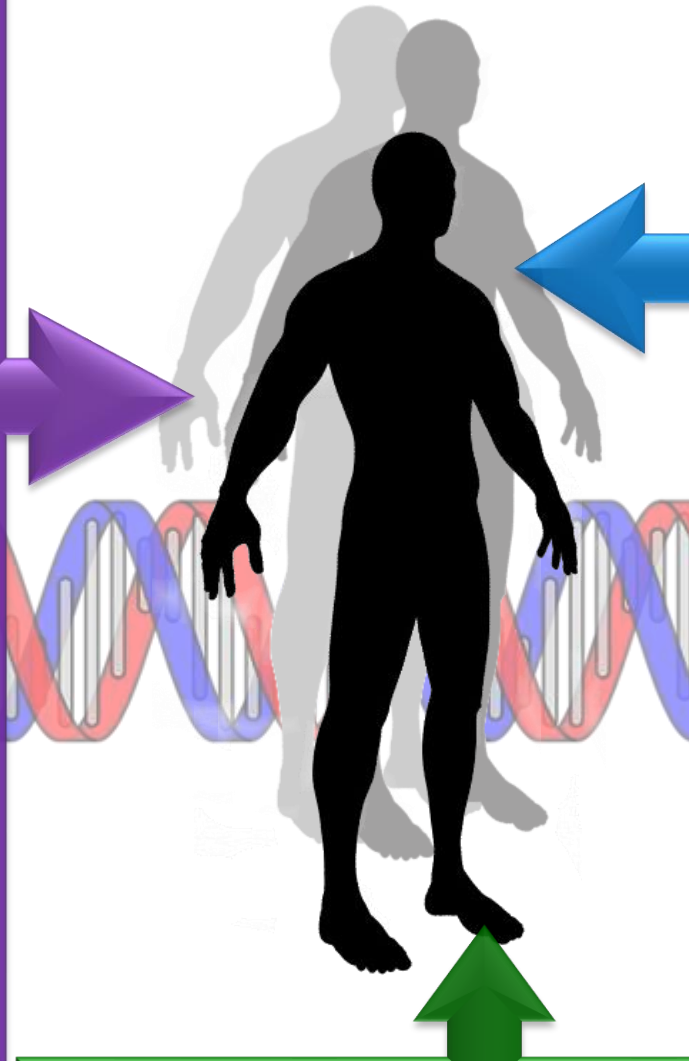
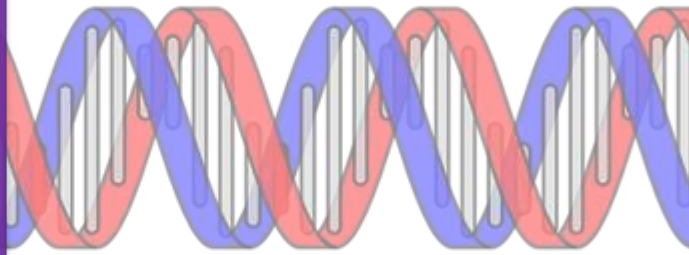


# Man's Three Components of Being

**The spirit**—It is here, in man's spirit, placed there by his Creator, man's moral conscience dwells. This occurs at the time of conception. While this moral conscience is in all men, it is no guarantee that men will be saved. While this internal, moral witness has been placed within all men by their Creator, man's spirit is nonetheless dead and separated from God. Man's responsibility before his Creator lay in man acknowledging God's self-evident witness in creation, that is that Jesus Christ is Creator, Savior, Redeemer and Sustainer. To acknowledge something means to agree with the evidence presented, in this case the evidence in creation. Choice, on the other hand, requires at least a minimum of two alternatives. Those alternatives: Jesus is LORD of all OR Man is lord of all. When the individual rejects self-evident truth and introduces the other alternative in the equation of redemption, it can be said he has chosen, or better put, condemned himself to hell. The heresy of man's 'choice' or man's "free-will" is not biblical. It comes from the pit of hell and men's delusions. Men do not get to choose what is truth, they must accept the truth—a truth that is self-evident, abundantly clear, and pervasive. Only a fool would say in his heart, 'There is no God.' Like the soul of man, the spirit of man is also not tangible, in the sense it lacks substance or matter: it possesses no weight, it is characterized by no mass, and it occupies no space. While this may be true, the wicked in hell experience physical torment. This is evident from the story of the rich man and Lazarus, where the rich man ends up in hell and Lazarus, a physically afflicted beggar, ends up in *Abraham's bosom* (Luke 16:20-31). I believe the Bible clearly teaches that the wicked in hell, differ from the righteous in heaven in a number of significant ways, one of which is that the wicked, in the absence of a physical body, nonetheless experience pain in their soul, spirit, and body. The story from Luke 16, and elsewhere, confirm the haunting truth of actual physical pain awaiting the wicked. In redemption it is man's spirit that is regenerated. This act accomplished by the Holy Spirit's baptism, occurs only once. The fruit it produces: repentance of sin, contrition of sin, forsaking of sin, crucifixion of self, regeneration (re-birth) of man's spirit, the release of man's soul to pursue its excellence in the context of Christ within, righteousness of Christ imputed (transferred) to the sinner, condemnation's position exchanged for justification, sanctification begins, consecration comes into focus, as well as the rest of the fruit of the Spirit we read of throughout the New Testament. The Holy Spirit's evidences are invisible, eternal, transformative and supernatural. Sadly, it is this component of man's make-up that has the least influence in his life. Between man's body and his will, man is a slave to the lust of his eyes (mammon), the lust of the flesh (lustful thoughts and improper sexual attitudes), and his damning pride (psychology's me, myself and I, or Freud's psychoanalytic components of id, ego, and superego). At the end of Christ's millennial reign is the *Great White Throne Judgment*. It is here that the *resurrection of the damned* occurs. It is here the deceased body of the wicked will be re-united with their soul and spirit. Their ultimate fate will be a move from hell to the lake of fire.



**The soul**—Consists of man's mind, will, and emotions. It is man's mind where all memories are housed. Like a sieve, admitting certain things, while excluding others, man's will screens out acceptable and unacceptable memories, beliefs, and actions. Man's will also influences the direction the individual will pursue. This is true even in a subconscious state, whether it be dreaming, hypnosis, certain types of music, television, or daydreaming (a trance like subconscious state where the eyes are open but the mind has shut out surrounding distractions). The mind is also where the cognitive activities of reason, understanding and wisdom are performed. The will is the driver of man's personality, which is an indivisible component within man, consisting of the mind, will and emotions. Emotions consist of feelings, passions, opinions or convictions, which are grounded in deeply seated perceptions of what is and what is not reality. When the flesh is emphasized in the individual's life, and reality is grounded in only what one can see, hear, touch, taste and feel. At this point the individual has shut themselves off from a good deal of what is real. People who relate to their world through emotion, rather than reason, empirical evidence and objective truth will be individuals who seek meaning in life by looking within (psychology, psychiatry). By looking within for answers, and forsaking the "candle of the LORD" (Prov. 20:27) i.e. man's moral conscience, the individual forfeits personal responsibility. In doing so, they become 'perfect,' in that they avoid any accountability before God and others. What is produced is someone who runs away from their sin and the irresponsible 'shrink' who enables them.

**The body**—Consists of man's bones, sinew, blood and flesh. Man's biology, his physical and genetic make-up, have been corrupted and compromised by Adam's sin. This sin has passed down upon all men, condemning all men to an eternity in hell. The only answer to man's deliverance—Jesus' blood and his Holy Spirit's indwelling. Upon death, man's body is separated from his soul and spirit. The Christian hope and promise of Jesus' words are that man's body will be re-united with his soul and spirit at the time of the *rapture*. This event is known as the *resurrection of the just*. This supernatural event occurs 3.5 years before the beast comes to power. In I Corinthians 15:50 it says, "that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, neither doth corruption inherit incorruption." So, there must be a supernatural transformation, "We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." (I Corinthians 15:51, 52). Unfortunately, it is through the component of the flesh most people live and relate to their world. Most people are slaves to their impulses, feelings, and natural appetites. It is also through this realm, through man's senses and ultimately the scientific method, that man's 'reality' is confirmed. It is in man's 'reality' that his ignorance is disclosed by eyes that cannot see and ears that cannot hear.

