

Body, Soul, and Spirit

God created man, male and female, in His image (Genesis 1:27). God is spirit (John 4:24) and is essentially invisible (John 1:18, 1 Timothy 6:16).

Man is also invisible. Man has a body, but man is a soul. Your soul is your personality, your character, your desires, your beliefs, your essence. It lives on after your body dies. You can't kill it. (Suicide is a lie. It is futile. You can't annihilate your soul. It is immortal, invisible).

Those who are born again of water and the Spirit, also have a spirit. (An unbeliever may be possessed or influenced by an evil spirit, but the spirit is alive only in true believers.) Your soul and your spirit are not the same. There is a division between the soul and the spirit (Hebrews 4:12).

So a Christian has a body, a soul, and a spirit. Two of those three are invisible. No doctor of the body can treat or even find your soul and spirit. You are invisible, created in the image of God. But your body will reflect the image of God when Christ lives in you, for "Christ is the image of the invisible God" (Colossians 1:15).

"So do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear Him (God) who can destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matthew 10:28). When your body dies, you don't want to hear: "Fool, this night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be? So is the one who lays up treasure for himself but is not rich toward God" (Luke 12:20-21).

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful. He will surely do it" (1 Thessalonians 5:23-24).