

The Economy of God

The Residence of the Divine Spirit

- **John 3:6** – That which is born of the **Spirit** is **spirit**
 - In this verse we see two distinct spirits.
 - The first is the **Holy Spirit** of God.
 - The second is the **human spirit** of man.
- The **human spirit** is the **residence** and **dwelling place** of the **Holy Spirit**.
- In the believer, the Holy Spirit and the human spirit are **mingled together** as one spirit.
- In the New Testament it is wonderful to see that the two spirits, the Holy Spirit mingled with our spirit, are **one spirit**.

Locating the Human Spirit

- All three persons of the **Triune God** are in us. But **where** within us is the Triune God?
 - **Christ today is in our Spirit.**
- In order to locate the human spirit, we need to **divide the soul from the spirit**.
- **1 Cor. 3:16** – Do you not know that you are the **temple of God**, and *that* the Spirit of God dwells in you?
 - In the Old Testament, God's temple has the **outer court**, the **Holy Place**, and the **Holy of Holies**.
 - We are also composed of three parts—the **body**, the **soul**, and the **spirit**.
 - The Triune God **dwells** in our spirit just as Christ was in the Holy of Holies, and God's presence, the shekinah glory of God, was there also.
 - Our human spirit is the Holy of Holies for us to **enter** today.

Dividing the Soul from the Human Spirit

- If we are unable to **divide** the soul from the spirit, we simply cannot **contact** the Lord.
- The soul **conceals and covers** the spirit, just as the bones conceal the marrow.
 - **God's Word** as a sharp sword must pierce our soul in order to break it away from the spirit.
- In the Old Testament, after the Israelites were delivered and saved from the land of **Egypt**, they were brought into the **wilderness** with the intention that they should go on into the land of **Canaan**.
 - Christ is the good land of Canaan, and He is our **rest**.

- If we are going to enter into the rest, we must enter into Christ.
- Many Christians after being saved are simply **wandering** in the soul. We must not continue to wander in our soul but **press on to enter into our spirit!**
- The natural man, the soulish life, and the old nature must be **broken** as the **veil** and **buried** as the **old man**. Then we can enter into the Holy of Holies and into the good land in order to enjoy Christ as our rest.

Distractions from the Human Spirit

- The Triune God in the one Spirit has taken our spirit as His residence and His dwelling place.
 - So we must **learn** to **discern** our **spirit** from our **soul**.
 - The problem is that we are full of many **natural thoughts**. After we have been saved, we think that we have to **be good and to do good**.
- God in His economy intends to work Himself into us as our life and as everything to us.
 - We must **forget everything else** and concentrate upon the indwelling Christ in our spirit.
- Another religious distraction is that after we are saved, we feel that we are **weak**, that we **need strength and power**.
 - We pray that the Holy Spirit might be poured upon us that we might be made strong and powerful.
 - The main line of God's economy is that we **follow Him**, not in this outward empowering but **in our spirit, where He dwells**.
- When we discern our spirit from our thinking, our emotions, and our choices, then we will know how to contact the divine Spirit, who is the wonderful, all-inclusive Spirit of the Triune God.

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