

#### 1 Thessalonians 5:23

<sup>23</sup> 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.

Trichotomy — Christian belief is that we are made up of three parts namely spirit body and soul. Each of these have their own function and are 3 separate entities

World view — We are made up of Body and Soul/spirit. The belief is that soul and spirit is one entity

#### Hebrews 4:12

<sup>12</sup> For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

#### **Genesis 2:7**

<sup>7</sup> then the LORD God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living soul.

# **Human spirit**

**Ecclesiastes 12:7** 

<sup>7</sup> and the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.

Our spirit is also our source of life, also seen in Genesis 2:7 earlier that it was only when God put The breath of life (spirit of life) did we become a living soul.

So our spirit is the who, our identity, our source of life.

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### Soul

Soul is made up of three parts, which we will discuss through scripture.

- -Will
- -Mind
- -Emotions

Will – Deciding is a function of the will.

Job 7:15

15 So that my soul chooses strangling

And death rather than my body.

Job 6:7

<sup>7</sup> My soul refuses to touch them;
They *are* as loathsome food to me.

Mind — Intellect and knowledge is a function of the mind.

Proverbs 2:10

10 When wisdom enters your heart,
And knowledge is pleasant to your soul.

Here we see how knowledge is pleasing to the soul and knowledge is a matter of mind therefore we can say a part of the soul is mind.

Mind — Intellect and knowledge is a function of the mind.

Psalm 139:14

<sup>14</sup> I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
Marvelous are Your works,
And that my soul knows very well.

Knowing is a matter of the mind, thus showing us that mind is part of ones soul.

Emotion – Emotions are expressions of feeling, Love, hatred, joy, and grief.

**Psalms 42:1** 

As a deer pants for the water brook, so pants my soul for You O God.

This is a expression of longing for, an expression of Love.

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2 Samuel 5:8; Psalm 107:18 and Ezekiel 36:5 show that hating, loathing and despising are also in the soul. These are all emotions which are set in the soul.

### **Body – Spirit – Soul**

Body — The physical expression of mind, emotions and will. Therefor body is a expression of the soul.

Soul – Mind, emotions and will is an expression of our character and personality. The expression our identity, the expression of our Spirit.

Spirit — Our identity and life source, who we are.