

Sermon Notes - May 1, 2016
“DELFINING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SOUL”

3 John 2:2, 1 Peter 1:9

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1. 3 John 2 - 2 Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers. NKJV
2. Read 1 Pet 1:9
3. As you think so you will become in life
4. What is the goal of your faith in comparison to your Soul? (1 Peter 1:9)
 1. Read Php 2:12 – Therefore continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling
 2. Read James 1:21 – Therefore receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to **save your SOULS**
5. Your soul and thoughts will face God's judgment? – Read - **Luke 12:16-20** - *16 Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: "The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 **And he thought within himself**, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' 18 So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 **And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."** 20 **But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?'** NKJV*

Why is your Soul (Thoughts, emotions, attitude, your will) so important? - Read Heb 6:19

What is the difference between a Carnal Mind and a Spiritual Mind? - Read Rom 8:7

1. Carnal Mind – Cannot submit (Rebellious) to God's requirements and is hostile towards the things of God
2. Spiritual Mind – Thoughts are set on what the Spirit desires and is life and peace (Rom 8:6)

The Soul and the Spirit of Man Make Up the Heart of Man

1. Read Heb 4:12 - For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the **division of soul and spirit**, and of **joints and marrow**, and is a **discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart** NKJV
 1. The spirit and soul make up the heart of man
 2. The heart of man represents your *'Inner Man'* (2 Cor 4:16 speaks of the outward man which perishes, yet the inward man is being **renewed day by day**). This is why we have to RENEW our minds so the Inner Man can be renewed which forms the heart of man
 3. Love the Lord your God with all of your heart, mind, soul and strength (Heart of man)

Brief Summary

1. Work out your salvation with fear and trembling – How? By constant RENEWAL of the mind
2. Your spirit man and soul represents 'The Heart of Man'
3. The soul will be judged by God what the soul has done with the Mind of Christ (Thoughts, attitude, motives etc).
4. To the degree we renew our minds, to the same degree we will experience God's will
 1. If we renew our minds just a little, one will move in God's good will
 2. If a person renews their mind more, that person will experience God's pleasing will
 3. If a person completely renew their mind by becoming transformed in their actions, such a person will experience God's perfect will
 1. When we meditate on Scriptures we are allowing the Word of God to be written in our spirits
 2. When we obey Scriptures, we allow our spirit and soul to express our hearts before God (Matthew 22:37 please read)