

THE TRUTH AND EXPERIENCE OF GOD'S SALVATION

Lesson Three

God's Purpose in Creating Man - Man is Created as a Three Part Vessel

Subject: God's purpose in creating man- Man is created as a three part vessel

Scripture: 1 Thes. 5:23; 1 Peter 3:4; Zech. 12:1; 1 Cor. 6:19-20; Luke 10:27; Isaiah 66:1-2; Prov. 4:20-23

Aim: To show the children how wonderfully they are made and they need to take care of themselves.

Memory Verse: 1 Thes. 5:23

Content: Man is created as a vessel with three parts.¹ (Draw three circles representing the three parts of man). Aside from your physical body, you have other invisible parts. The bible tells us that man has three parts.

1. Body- We are fearfully and wonderfully made. Our body is really a wonder.
2. Soul- We can think, have feelings, and make decisions. These abilities are within us. We reason, consider, believe, imagine, discover, plan, and invent with the mind. What we feel deeply inside love, hate joy, anger is our emotion. We choose, decide, determine; this is our will whether it be strong or weak. All these three together make up our soul; this is who we are.
3. Spirit- We have a deeper part within called the spirit, that we can use to contact God and often God uses to touch us. This part is not found in any other creature.

We illustrated the vessel in the last lesson with the glass and glove. These are very simple things but our vessel is such a wonderful and miraculous creation. We need to appreciate how our vessel is made and how all the parts work together.

Since we were made with a high purpose in view, we must take care of and make use of our being with all its three parts.² We are people with a purpose. We do not just live from day to day, from week to week, or even from birth to death without this purpose. We should make everyday count. We should do our best in school, love our families and learn to make good decisions. We should also love God in prayer and His word by reading the bible. If you live in this way, you will not remain childish when you grow up in a few years from now; then the Lord can use you to fulfill His purpose.

¹ Read footnote 5 in 1 Thes. 5:23

² Read "The parts of man" in God's Economy...