

# THE FLESH MUST DIE

Text Rom. 6v1-12

**B**efore we talk about the flesh let us look at what man is made of. Man is made up of the body the soul and the spirit. Just like God is Trinity; God the Father, God the son, and God the Holy Spirit so also is man Trinity; the body the soul and the spirit. 1 Thess. 5v23, Heb. 4v12.

The body (flesh) carries the soul and the soul is the vessel that contains the spirit. It is like when we draw three circles inside one another the outer cycle stands for the body the middle cycle for the soul and the inner Circle for the spirit.

The body is shown as touching the material world through the five senses of sight, hearing, taste, touch and smell. In other words, our body exists and contacts the tangible things of the material world using the five senses.

God dwells in the spirit the inner man while self-dwells in the soul. The gates to the soul are imaginations, conscience, memory, reasons and affections. The spirit receives impression of outward and material things through the soul. The facilities of the spirit inner man are faith, hope, reverence, prayer and worship. From the foregoing we have seen that the inner man is the sphere of activity where satan operates making his appeal to the affection and emotions of man.

For the flesh (body) to die God sanctifies us first by taking possession of our spirit -the inner man through regeneration- John 3v5-6. It is a spirit the - inner man that gets born again.

Before the fall of Man the Spirit of Man- the inner man was illuminated from heaven but when the human race fell in Adam, sin closed the window of the spirit, pulled down the curtain and the chamber of the spirit became a dead chamber and has remained so in every un-regenerated heart. But when the life and light giving power of the Holy Spirit flood that death chamber that is the spirit in the inner man with the power of the new life of Jesus Christ, it will come alive and become regenerated.

So, it is in the Spirit of Man - the inner man being the sphere of God - the private office of Man where regeneration takes place. The human spirit - the inner man

requires the spark of regeneration before they will be an understanding of the things of God. Man's spiritual nature must be renewed before there is true conception of godliness.

The second stage after regeneration is that God will spread himself as a life-giving Spirit from our spirit into our soul to saturate and transform our soul. Rom. 12v2, 2 Cor. 3v18. Next God will enliven our mortal body through our soul – Rom. 8v11-13 and transfiguring our body by his life power. (Phil.3v21)

God intention concerning us is that we will contain and express him. But to express God the flesh must die and we need to be filled with him. When we believe in Jesus Christ, we receive him and we are regenerated or born again in our spirit. But he does not only want to feel our spirit that is just the beginning. 1 Thess. 5v23 tells us that the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly. He sanctifies us by spreading into and saturating our whole being starting from our spirit continuing into our soul and eventually including your body. By being wholly filled with God or every part of our being, God can be expressed through us.

### How can this happen?

Exercising our spirit is the key, not only does our spirit have the ability to conduct and fellowship with God, it is also the place where God lives in us. We can turn to him in our spirit to live by His Spirit. By means of our spirit we can also receive more of Christ each day. From the base of his operation in us, He can spread into our soul. We can daily exercise our Spirit by calling upon the name of the

Lord, reading and always praying with God's word to be spiritually nourished and obeying Him.

The more we exercise our spirit, the more we allow the God of Peace to continue spreading in us, then our flesh must die and we will be able to express God to everyone around us. So, for us to experience the fullness of God in all its ramifications we must allow the flesh to die. It is then only that our spirit man will take over and make us a full expression of God.

Read me again next month as you remain blessed in Him. God bless you.

