

4th & Stewart church of Christ

"...upon this rock I will build my church;
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
~ Matthew 16:18



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Meeting Times:

Sunday:

Bible Study 9:45 AM
Worship 10:40 AM
Care, Inc. Service 2:30 PM
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class. 10:00 AM
Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders:

Gene Bannister..... Billy Chism

Deacons:

Mike Bannister..... Don Smith

James Thomas

Preacher:

Johnny McCaghren

Works We Support:

Cherokee Home for Children
Gospel Broadcast Network
Heart of Texas Bible Camp (Bangs)
House to House, Heart to Heart
Mission Printing
Rohan Jones, Africa
The Truth in Love
World Bible School

Let us know if you want to study
the Bible to know more about
Christ and His Church.

Happy Mother's Day! A Godly Mother Teaches...

A godly mother is the most important teacher in the life of her children! She teaches Bible stories such as Hannah – her tears for a son and her dedication to God as he gave up her son to fulfill her promise.

She teaches stamina as daily she rises before her children to wake them and nightly she tucks them into bed only to continue her work.

She teaches her daughters how to become godly women by the life she lives before them and her sons observe this and later search for a wife based upon what they have seen. She teaches about commitment as she serves her God and her family faithfully. There she lives daily for her God and participates in every assembly of the church.

She teaches gentleness. How gruff man would be if raised only by men! Mothers tenderize! They cry when the dog is run over, sympathize with hurt feelings and demand that you "feel bad" when you have wronged another.

She teaches us the ABCs and 123's. She uses driving time to review the books of the Bible, the 12 apostles, and the sons of Jacob.

She teaches etiquette. She demands her daughters to be ladies and sons to be gentlemen. She will not listen to the excuses that other kids don't do it! She has a review list of reminders that every child knows by heart, yet it is always run through once before company arrives. Her children know how to set a table, sit at a table, and how to be excused.

She teaches sobriety. She has trained them to look beyond high school and into eternity. She helps young eyes to see wisdom beyond their age. She helps youthful souls to weigh eternal matters. She teaches that acting on emotion and whims are dangerous, but that pure commitment lasts!

She teaches happiness. She can bring peace to her toddler as each morning they awake to find "momma." Her place in the grandstands or in the audience has an important calming effect. Her hug at graduation is enough said. Her hands on grandchildren are magical. Her eyes during a celebration says it all!

She teaches contentment, sacrifice, and priorities. After we are grown we realize that she wore clothes that were not as nice in order for us to have the newer. She was content with childish games and youthful conversations, while adult friendships, dreams of careers, fantasies of writing, drawing, building, and etc. were all put on hold for years. She teaches perseverance. She survived the diapers, toddlers, pre-schools, grade school, high school, and beyond. She was always there to piece together a broken heart the first time our feelings were crushed, or the bicycle crashed, or the boy/girl friend broke up, or the world caved in, or the job application was rejected.

Can any person with a godly mother realize all that their mother has taught them? It must be beyond measure! Thank God for his gift of godly mothers!

David Shannon (mtjuliet.org)

"If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Matthew 16:24-26



What is the difference between body, spirit, and soul?

First, I am assuming that you are referring to an individual person. Second, I am also assuming that you are asking this question in reference to what the Bible teaches or some particular Biblical passage and not what men have said through the many years these things mean. Perhaps you are thinking about 1 Thessalonians 5:23 where we read, “*And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*” So, having those two assumptions in mind, let’s search the scriptures to see what we can find.

First, we find that the body is a person’s physical corpse. If you search for the word body in the King James Version, you will find that when it is used to refer to a person, it almost always refers to the person’s individual body or corpse. In Genesis 3:19 God said that man was made out of dust and he would return to dust when his life was finished. In Ecclesiastes 12:7 there is also a reference to the body returning to dust. So the body is a physical entity which will one day die; and it is appointed that all men will die (Hebrews 9:27). Additionally, we do find the word body used by Paul to describe something that is spiritual, but this is the “*resurrected body.*” You may want to study 1 Corinthians 15 (the whole chapter) to learn a little more about this. The majority of the time, however, “body” refers to the physical corpse (whether living or dead) of a person.

Second, there is a relationship between the body and the spirit. The same passage in Ecclesiastes 12:7 says that when the body returns to dust, the spirit will return to God who gave it. We also read in James 2:26 that the body apart from the spirit is dead. So when a spirit inhabits a body, that body is said to be alive. While we are alive, we are to bring glory to God both through the body and the spirit (1 Corinthians 6:20). So the spirit and the body are two separate things.

Sometimes, the word “spirit” refers to the immortal aspect of man (Acts 7:59). Sometimes the word spirit refers to some heavenly being (Hebrews 1:14). The word spirit is also used to refer to God’s Spirit – the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1:2; Acts 2:4). The word spirit can also refer to an evil spiri-

tual entity (Acts 19:15-16). It is also used to reflect a person’s attitude (Numbers 5:14) and to reflect a person’s character (Exodus 28:3). At least once it is used to refer to just “life” as in Ecclesiastes 3:21 in reference to the spirit of the beast (the animation of the beast).

Third, is there a difference between the spirit and the soul? Sometimes there is and sometimes there is not. The basic meaning of the word soul is “life.” Sometimes it refers to the immortal aspect of man just like the word spirit does (Psalm 16:10, Acts 2:27, Matthew 16:26; Hebrews 6:19). Sometimes it refers to a person’s body (Leviticus 5:2, 4). Sometimes it refers to an individual person and their life (Romans 13:1).

Is there a difference between soul and spirit? Hebrews 4:12 says that there is a difference but that it is a fine distinction. The difference is one of description. The word “spirit” refers to something that is animated, whether it is animated only for a temporary time (such as a beast) or if it is animated forever (such as our immortal spirit). The word “soul” refers to the idea of “life.” Here too, sometimes life can be limited to this life. But sometimes it refers to eternal life as well. Do these ideas refer to two different entities that exist separately within the individual person? I don’t think so. I don’t think that the individual person has both a soul and a spirit where each of those things refer to an entity that is specifically different within man. In this sense, the word spirit and soul are synonymous. However, there is a way to understand that we have both a spirit and a soul. We have a spirit, something animated and eternal that will live on forever. This idea looks at us objectively from the outside. We also have a soul, a life that is eternal, our consciousness. This idea looks at us subjectively from the inside.

Now, what did Paul mean when he used these words in 1 Thessalonians 5:23? First, he was writing to them regarding their resurrection. He wanted them to know that Jesus was going to come back some day and that they should be prepared for it. In this context, he prayed that their body, soul, and spirit would be “*preserved blameless.*” Paul wanted them to be pure and to prepare themselves for the Second Coming of Christ. He uses these three concepts not necessarily to draw a distinction between them, but to fortify the idea that he is talking about the **whole** person; not just the

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Television

The Truth In Love (Robert Dodson)

Sunday @ 7:00am on KTAB

In Search of the Lord’s Way (Phil Sanders)

Sunday @ 7:30am on KTAB

Life In The Light (Chris McCurley)

Sunday @ 10:30am on KTAB

Radio

Preaching the Word (Michael Light)

Sunday @ 9:00am on KOXE 101.3

Internet

TheGospelRadioNetwork.org

Gospel Broadcasting Network (Gbnv.org)

God’s Plan for Redeeming Man

Hear Learn the saving message of Christ’s sacrifice (1 Cor. 1:18; Rom. 10:17).

Believe Jesus is the Son of God (John 8:24)

Confess Jesus as your Lord, Lawgiver, and King (Rom. 10:9-10; Matt. 10:32-33)

Repent of your sinful conduct (Luke 13:3,5)

Complete your initial obedience to the gospel by being **baptized** for the forgiveness of your sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)

Live faithfully (Rev. 2:10; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)

Bible Reading Schedule

May 14 2 Chron. 33-35; Luke 13-14
May 15 2 Chr. 36; Ezra 1-2; Lk. 15-16
May 16 Ezra 3-5; Luke 17-18
May 17 Ezra 6-8; Luke 19-20
May 18 Ezra 9-10; Neh. 1; Luke 21-22
May 19 Nehemiah 2-4; Luke 23-24
May 20 Nehemiah 5-7; John 1-2
May 21 Nehemiah 8-10; John 3-4

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”



Visitation Meeting

- ◆ Each Sunday night immediately before the evening worship. Last week **36 contacts** were made.

Announcements

- ◆ **Ladies' Day at Dublin this Saturday.** If you plan to go, please let Cindy McCaghren know today.

Upcoming Special Events at 4th & Stewart

- ◆ August 8—Summer Youth Series
- ◆ October 15-18—Fall Gospel Meeting w/ Dave Rogers
- ◆ November 4—Ladies' Day w/ Lasha Dennis

Other Opportunities to Learn and Grow

- ◆ **May 20—Ladies' Day @ Dublin w/ Evelyn Bonner. "Cooking New Creations"**
- ◆ June 4-9—Preacher Training Camp (boys, ages 14-18) @ Oldham Lane (Abilene).
- ◆ June 5-8—VBS @ Bangs
- ◆ June 6—Summer Youth Series begins
- ◆ June 25-29—Junior Camp
- ◆ June 30-July 2—Gospel Meeting @ Meridian w/ D.J. Stucky, "The Great High Priest"
- ◆ July 1—Youth Day @ Meridian
- ◆ July 9-13—"Shine" camp (girls, incoming 7th-12th grade) @ Oldham Lane (Abilene).
- ◆ July 16-21—Senior Camp
- ◆ August 2-4—VBS @ Hamilton (All ages)
- ◆ August 6-9—Gospel Meeting @ North Main (Weatherford) w/ Wade Webster
- ◆ August 18-24—Polishing the Pulpit

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body, but man's internal spirit as well. He leaves no doubt that both our body and our spiritual nature play a role in our ultimate salvation. This is significant because some were teaching in that time that only man's spiritual nature played a role in their salvation and they could do with the body anything they wanted. Others suggested just the opposite. Paul affirms that both the body and man's spirit must be "preserved blameless."

So to answer your question, the body is the corpse. The spirit refers to man's eternal spirit in an objective sense, and the soul refers to man's spirit in a more subjective sense, but spirit and soul seem to refer to the same thing when being used to describe man's eternal nature.

Kevin Cauley (churchofchristarticles.com)



"For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?"

Matthew 16:26 (KJV)

http://www.bible-quotes.org

Celebrate

"Rejoice with those who rejoice..." (Romans 12:15)

May Birthdays: Aliyah Rayon (3), Ian Barnum (5), Rosa Fuller (6), David Milam (7), Barbara Bannister (10), **Nita Boyd (14), Pam Teague (14), Caitlin Settles (15), Billy Chism (15), Zelma Leslie (16),** Gracen Hardy (30).

May Anniversaries: Joe & Lasha Dennis (6), Ryan & Tammy Rudloff (7).

Mistakes? Left Out? Let Johnny know...



Records

	Apr. 30, 2017	May 7, 2017
Bible Class	45	43
AM Worship	70	54
PM Worship	53	44
Wednesday PM	38	42
Contribution	\$2,246	\$2,004

Privileged To Serve

"...be ready to every good work" (Titus 3:1)

This Week: 5/14/17		Next Week: 5/21/17		May 2017 Make Announcements: Gene Bannister Prepare Communion: Tom & Carol Wilcox Clean Building: John Barnum Family June 2017 Make Announcements: John Barnum Prepare Communion: Mike & Patti Bannister Clean Building: Randy & Laura Huckaby Karen Bland
Sunday AM:	Song Leader: Mike Bannister	Song Leader: Mike Bannister		
Greeters	James & Cindy Fuller	Dennis Family		
Opening Prayer	Ken Maninger	Gene Bannister		
Communion	Tom Wilcox*, Allen Bland Ryan Rudloff, Hank Wheeler	John Barnum*, Larry Petty Jack Turner, James Thomas		
Closing Prayer	Rafe Smith	Allen Griffith		
Attendance Cards	Ian Barnum	Jaceten Evetts		
Sunday PM:	Song Leader: James Fuller	Song Leader: Joe Dennis		
Opening Prayer	Randy Huckaby	Randy Huckaby		
Scripture Reading	James Thomas	Don Smith		
Communion	Tom Wilcox	John Barnum		
Closing Prayer	John Barnum	Ken Maninger		
Wednesday Devotionals:	May 17 Tom Wilcox	May 24 Don Smith	May 31 Joe Dennis	June 7 Prayer Night

Search the Scriptures

Be like the Bereans who "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11)

Studies for the week of May 14, 2017

Sunday Class **Romans 6:3ff**
 Wed. Class **After Baptism, Then What?**

The Value of Man's Soul – Matthew 16:26

"For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"

I. Does Man Have a Soul?

A. Some Teach Otherwise.

1. They say man "is" a soul, not "has" a soul.
2. The controversy revolves around the manifold use of the words for "soul."
 - a. The Hebrew is נֶפֶשׁ (*nephesh*), and at times it may refer to: animal life, the person, the body, something distinguished from the body, breath, etc.
 - b. The Greek word is ψυχή (*psuche*), and at times it may refer to: the person, life itself, something distinguished from the spirit, something distinguished from the body, that which exists after the body is dissolved, etc.

B. The Bible Reveals a Part of Man Exists After Death.

1. In the teaching of Jesus.
2. In the teaching of Paul.
3. The teaching of Peter.
4. John saw "souls of those slain" (Rev. 6:9-11).
5. There is also much material in the OT.

II. Why is the Soul of Man So Valuable?

- A. It Is Made in God's Image (Gen. 1:26-27).
- B. It Is That Part Over Which We Have Much Control.
- C. It Does Not Cease to Exist at Death (Eccl. 12:7).
- D. The Cost Required to Redeem It (1 Peter 1:18-19).

III. What Will One Give in Exchange for His Soul?

- A. What It Means to "Exchange" Something for Your Soul?
- B. Things for Which People Trade Their Souls.
 1. For some people, it is earthly riches and fame.
 2. For others, it is the "passing pleasures of sin."
 3. Others allow their souls to be sold for some convenient false doctrine.
 4. Many will trade their souls through simple laziness!

It matters not what else you do in this life, if you do not save your own soul, you have been a complete failure.

1st Timothy – Respective Duties & Roles of Men & Women – (2:8-15)

I. God Wants Men Leading Prayer (8).

- A. As God's spokesman, Paul expressed that "the men pray everywhere".
 1. Instead of the general word for mankind (*anthropos*), Paul used the word which meant men, as distinguished from women (*andras*, a form of *aner*).
 2. Vine states, "aner is never used of the female sex; it stands (a) in distinction from a woman, (b) as distinct from a boy or infant."
 3. The general command to pray includes both men and women (2:1).
 4. God is telling us that when both men and women are present, He wants the men leading prayer, not the women.

B. Notice God's command that men lead in prayer is in force, "everywhere".

C. Paul said that the men are to pray, "lifting up holy hands".

1. The Bible is filled with examples of men acceptably praying in various positions – prostrate, kneeling, eyes lifted upward, etc.
2. Here, the emphasis seems to be not so much on the positions, as on the word "holy" – a man set apart from a life of continual sin.

D. Men are to pray, "without wrath or doubting".

II. Dress, Submission and Salvation of Women (9-15).

A. Women are to adorn themselves with "modest apparel" and with a sense of "propriety and moderation" or self-control.

B. Women should not use such things as braided hair, gold, pearls or costly clothing to draw attention to themselves.

C. Rather than these external features, the Christian woman should decorate herself with good works of obedience to the Lord! (can also be said of men)

D. Women must learn in silence with all submission (while in presence of men).

1. "Silence" – "quietness; tranquility arising from within, causing no disturbance to others" (Vine).
2. Does not require absolute silence – which would eliminate singing.

E. Women are not to teach or have authority over a man, but to be in silence.

F. Why?

1. God created Adam first, then He created Eve.
2. Adam was not deceived, but Eve was and she fell into transgression (sin).
3. Paul's teaching was not based upon the culture of his time, prejudices, etc

G. Women will be saved, "in childbearing" – ties back to Genesis 3:16.