

MARRIAGE BY THE BOOK

1. **NEW CHURCH TIMES** and their **EFFECT ON CLASS TIMES**
2. **DISCUSS: BIBLE STUDY** and **STUDY GUIDE**
3. WE ARE MADE OF **3 DISTINCT PARTS**:
 - A. **SPIRIT**
 - B. **BODY**
 - C. **SOUL**
 1. **MIND**
 2. **WILL**
 3. **EMOTIONS**
 - D. **MANY OF US THINK THAT OUR SOUL IS WHAT WAS MADE NEW AT SALVATION.**
 1. We say things like “**JESUS SAVED MY SOUL**.”
 2. **However**, the thing that was **immediately MADE NEW** when we became Christian was our **SPIRIT**.
 - a. Our **SOUL** is in the **PROCESS** of **BEING SANCTIFIED** over time.
 - b. THAT’S **WHY YOU CAN BE A CHRISTIAN AND STILL HAVE AN addiction**, or be **angry** all of the time, or be **depressed**, or be **critical**, or **not tell the truth**, or ____ (FILL IN THE BLANK) _____.
 - 1) Our **SOUL (MIND, WILL, AND EMOTIONS)** is **DISTORTED**, and it is **TELLING OUR BODY WHAT TO DO**.
 - 2) **MOST OFTEN A CHRISTIAN’S SIN PROBLEM COMES FROM AN UNSANCTIFIED SOUL TELLING OUR BODY WHAT TO DO**.
 - E. Just as the **HEART PUMPS BLOOD TO THE BODY**...The work of the **NEW SPIRIT** within you is to **PUMP TRUTH INTO THE SOUL** so that **eventually** your new **SPIRIT** becomes the **DOMINANT INFLUENCER** in what you **FEEL, THINK, and DO**.
 1. **RELIGION** (as opposed to a **RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD**) often tries to **CHANGE A PERSON** from the **OUTSIDE**.
 2. **RELIGION** tells us we will be **VICTORIOUS IF...**
 - a. We go to church more
 - b. Be better people
 - c. Give more
 - d. Serve more
 - e. Worship more
 - f. Deny ourselves more

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- g. Sing louder
 - h. Try harder
- F. **B U T** authentic **VICTORY** happens on the **INSIDE** when the **SPIRIT** within us pumps **GOD'S TRUTH** into our **SOUL AND OUR SOUL DIRECTS OUR BODY**.
- G. Just as our **HEARTS PUMP BLOOD** to the different parts of our bodies, our **SPIRIT PUMPS THE TRUTH OF GOD** into our **SOUL**—our **MIND, WILL, AND EMOTIONS**.
1. Then our **SOUL** tells our **BODY** to **ADJUST TO GOD'S STANDARD** instead of its **OWN STANDARD**.
 2. **James 1:21 (NASB)** Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility **receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls**.
 3. **NOTE: JAMES IS WRITING TO BELIEVERS... "MY BELOVED BRETHERN"!**
 - a. **James 1:19 (NASB)** This you know, **my beloved brethren**. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger;
 - b. James is referring to the **PROCESS** called **SANCTIFICATION**.
 4. Yet in order for the **SOUL TO BE SANCTIFIED** in **RIGHTEOUSNESS**, it needs to **"receive the word implanted"**... from the **SPIRIT**.
 - a. **GOD'S WORD** is to the **SPIRIT** what **FOOD** is to the **BODY**.
 - b. As the **WORD OF GOD FEEDS YOUR SPIRIT** your **SPIRIT** begins to **INFLUENCE** your **SOUL** so your **SOUL** can begin to **INFLUENCE YOUR BODY**.
 - c. **Galatians 5:16-23 (NASB)** But I say, walk by the **Spirit**, and you will not carry out the desire of the **flesh**. For the **flesh** sets its desire against the **Spirit**, and the **Spirit** against the **flesh**; for these are in **opposition to one another**, so that you may not do the things that you please. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the **deeds of the flesh** are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. But the **fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.