

“The Outer & Inner Man Part 2”

Lesson Text: **2 Corinthians 4:16.**

— The “inner man” in **Ephesians 3:16.**

The Inner Man Is:

(1) Immaterial.

Definition of Spirit: “(c) the immaterial, invisible part of man, Luke 8:55; Acts 7:59; 1 Cor. 5:5; Jas. 2:26; cf. Eccl. 12:7. (d) the disembodied (or ‘unclothed,’ or ‘naked,’ 2 Cor. 5:3, 4) man, Luke 24:37, 39; Heb. 12:23; 1 Pet. 4:6. (f) the sentient element in man, that by which he perceives, reflects, feels, desires, Matt. 5:3; 26:41; Mark 2:8; Luke 1:47, 80; Acts 17:16; 20:22.” (Vine’s Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words— Vol. 2, p. 593)

(2) Invisible (Romans 7:22; 1 Corinthians 2:11).

(3) Is Not Subject to Decay and Death Physically

(2 Corinthians 4:16— 5:3; James 2:26; Matthew 10:28).

(4) Goes Back to God at the Death of the Body

(Ecclesiastes 12:7; 2 Corinthians 5:6-8; Philippians 1:21-23).

(5) Remains in the Realm of Disembodied Spirits— Hades

(Luke 16:22-26; Luke 23:42-43).

(6) The spirit is Alive & Conscious After Death

(Luke 16:22-24; Revelation 6:9-10; Matthew 22:31-32).

(7) At The Resurrection, The Spirit Will Be United With The New and Incorruptible Body for All Eternity (1 Corinthians 15:50-58).

Points of Application:

(1) When We Sin, We Die Spiritually— Not Physically: 1 Timothy 5:6.

(2) We Are Purified in spirit By Obeying the Gospel: 1 Peter 1:22— 3:21.

(3) We Worship God With Our spirit: John 4:23-24; 1 Cor. 14:15; Romans 1:9.

Conclusion: 1 Thessalonians 5:23, “Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”