

The Study of Man *Anthropology*

I. Every human is composed of three elements: body, soul, and spirit (1 Thes. 5:23).

1. Our earthly body is likened to temporary housing, a tent, clothes. It is corporal, tangible, and not the person.
 - 1) The body is dead when the soul leaves (Acts 5:5, 15).
 - 2) The body is dead when the spirit leaves (Jam. 2:26).
2. The human soul and spirit are different (Heb. 4:16).
3. The human soul is incorporeal, immaterial, intangible.
 - 1) It animates the body through blood (Lev. 17:11, 14).
 - 2) Has a survival instinct (Job 2:4).
 - 3) Interprets the five senses to the mind (Lu. 12:19-22; Rev. 18:12-14).
 - 4) Is the seat of emotions (Mt. 26:38; Acts 14:2).
4. The human spirit is also immaterial, intangible and is the realm of rational thought (1 Cor. 2:11).
5. All three components operate simultaneously.

II. The 'natural' man, unsaved (1 Cor. 2:14).

1. Belongs to the spiritual family of Satan (1 Jn. 3:9-10).
2. Has no relationship with God—dead spiritually, separated from God (Rom.6:23).
3. Operates ruled by his soul (1 Cor. 2:14).
4. Has no concern for the things that God has prepared for believers and are revealed by the Spirit (1 Cor. 2:14, 9-12).
 - 1) Cannot know the significance of the riches God has prepared for believers.
 - 2) May know biblical facts, but cannot experience their true worth.
 - 3) Does not have the indwelling Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:9).
 - 4) Does not have the Divine Teacher of spiritual truth (1 Jn. 2:20, 27).

III. The only applicable Scripture for the natural man is the Gospel.

1. Not the whole word of God (2 Tim. 3:16-7).
2. Paul's preaching at Corinth before they were saved (1 Cor. 2:1-2).