

Salvation of the 'Natural' Man

- I.** A natural man is saved when he believes the Gospel.
 1. He is convicted by the Holy Spirit (Jn. 16:7-11).
 2. He is saved based on the work of Christ (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
 3. God the Father becomes his spiritual Father (1 Jn. 3:9-10).
 4. He is born again (Tit. 3:5; 1 Pet. 1:4, 23).
 5. He is baptized/emersed into Christ (Gal. 3:27).
- II.** At salvation the believer is provided all the provisions necessary to live a Christ-like life (2 Cor. 3:18)
 1. The new birth is in the realm of the human spirit (1 Cor. 6:17).
 2. Although the body is still unsaved, it should be thought of as a neutral entity in spiritual battles.
 - 1) The body can be dominated by the sin nature (Rom. 6:12).
 - 2) The body can be yielded to God (Rom. 12:1).
 3. Although the soul is still unsaved, it should be thought of as a neutral entity in spiritual battles.
 - 1) The soul is the area the sin nature attacks (1 Pet. 2:11).
 - 2) The soul's natural functions are corrupted by the sin nature—the "works of the flesh" (Gal. 5:19-21).
 - 3) The soul can be used to please God (Eph. 5:19-20).
- III.** At the new birth all three Persons of the Godhead indwell the believer.
 1. The Holy Spirit indwells the believer—signifying ownership (Rom. 8:9-11; 1 Cor. 6:19-20).
 - 1) He anoints us—signifying you are a Christian and can be taught spiritual truth (1 Jn. 2:20, 27; 2 Cor. 1:21).
 - 2) He seals us—signifying a guaranteeing of the promises for our future (2 Cor. 1:21; Eph. 1:13; 4:30).
 - 3) He is a downpayment—a pledge of the full payment, which is our inheritance (2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:14).
 - 4) He is the first-fruit, a sample of our fully redeemed body—when the curse is lifted (Rom. 8:23).
 - 5) Our individual bodies become a temple of God— "Holy of Holies", where God dwells (1 Cor. 6:19-20).
 2. The Son indwells the believer (Col. 1:27).
 3. The Father indwells the believer (Eph. 4:6).