

KNOWING GOD'S VOICE-PART XIII

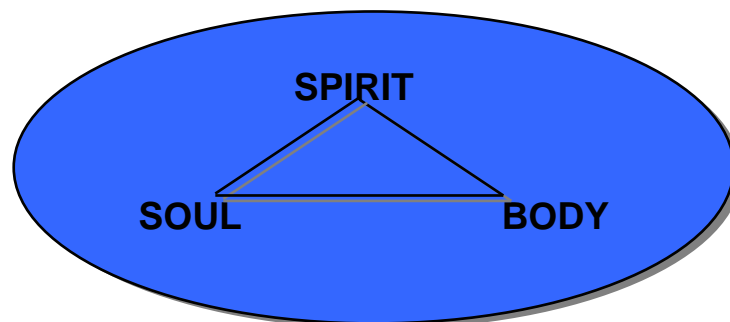


HOLY HARMONY JOURNEY CONCLUSION

In our exhaustive study of Holy Harmony we've learned when man receives Jesus as his Lord, eternal life is imparted to his spirit. Eternal life is not just a span of time; it is the quality of life God possesses.

"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.

I Thessalonians 5:23



Because of God's life in us, we can allow our spirit man to rule our soul and body.

To grow into spiritual adulthood, it is imperative to understand God's Will for us and how He intended man to function. Spiritual maturity is merely allowing the recreated human spirit to be the controlling factor in our life rather than the soul or the body.

Man is the only creature who is a triune being. By allowing his spirit man to dominate, he can make his mind and his body come into line with the Word of God.

Through our union with Christ we are delivered out of the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son (Colossians 1:13). We still live in this world physically but we are not of it spiritually. **Satan's authority to lord over us has been broken. We become God's workmanship created in Christ Jesus. We are made alive with the nature of God. In union with Christ, we become capable of spiritual maturity. With God's ability working through us, we can perfect holiness and manifest the character of God in our lives. This comes from allowing the spirit man, which is filled with the life of God, to dominate our minds and bodies.**

This is a developmental process. We must allow the Spirit of God to teach us in our inner man. It does not happen instantly. We must meditate in the Word day and night, renew our minds to that Word daily and activate it in faith in our lives. Faith comes by hearing the Word and it takes the Spirit of God within us to reveal the Word to us. We are transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:2).

Satan has no legal entry into our affairs. His devices are limited to the carnal or physical realm. "But the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds" (II Corinthians 10:4, 5)

Development of the reborn spirit requires education and training. A spiritual adult is one who can use the Word skillfully and even has his body trained to discern both good and evil (Hebrew 5:13, 14). There are several steps to accomplishing this goal. First, it takes the quality decision to walk in the God kind of love (agape) and walk by faith (Galatians 5:6).

**Walk in Agape
&
Live by Faith**

The commandment of love is the only commandment to New Testament believers (I John 3:23). Love fulfills all the law. To receive God's best by faith, the believer must be willing and obedient to the commandment. Faith works by love.

Romans 1:17 says that the just shall live by faith. Living by faith is functioning in every area of life with God as the source of supply. This takes a quality decision to exalt God's Word in every area. This will demand discipline. Living by faith is uncompromisingly putting the Word to work.

**Meditation on the
Word of God**

As well as the decision to walk in love and live by faith, training the spirit requires meditation on the Word of God. Meditation feeds and nourishes the inner man. Revelation knowledge comes as you meditate in the Word and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal it to you. Always be quick to act in faith on what the Spirit has made known to you. This leaves the door open for Him to give you more and more revelation.

To meditate is to focus your thoughts on the Word, to reflect on it and ponder over it. By meditating the Word, you are giving your attention to the Holy Spirit. It gives Him the opportunity to reveal it to you. Each individual believer is responsible for receiving revelation knowledge on a personal level. As you listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit in your inner man and spend time in the Word He will teach you how to walk in the love and faith of God. Before you realize it you will be on **AUTOMATIC PILOT** and exercising the God kind of faith and love in every aspect of your life.



"Free at Last"

The spirit and soul are very closely related to one another. They are so much alike that the Word of God, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is the only one that can distinguish between them (Hebrews 4:12).

The spirit is that part which has fellowship or communion with God, for God is a Spirit. The soul is where our will, mind and emotions reside. We have the ability to make our own choices. When we choose to walk after the things of God and exalt His Word the results will be victory and success.

The Bible tells us not to be ignorant of Satan's devices. It is important to know that Satan attacks you in the soulish realm, not in your spirit. Because you have the ability to choose your thoughts your mind is the battleground. What you think about determines what you believe and what you believe determine what you act upon. Your emotions are directly connected to your thought patterns. If you meditate Satan's suggestions long enough, your emotions will begin to come in line with them. Likewise, if you meditate the Word of God, your feelings will conform to the Word. It will also bring peace to your mind. Isaiah 26:3 says, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." **When Satan loses his stronghold in your mind and emotions, he has lost the battle.**

This freedom comes through reprogramming your soul. In Romans 12:2, the Bible says that we are not be conformed to this world. Do not allow yourself to be molded into the image that this world's methods and systems create. The Word says we are transformed by the renewing our minds. Renewing them to what? The Word of God. This will enable us to prove the perfect will of God. As we act on the Word, God performs it and we will see the results.

It you've been born of God, your recreated human spirit already knows how God's systems work. The Holy Spirit is available to

teach your mind how they operate so your will can be conformed to His Will. We have been predestinated to be conformed to the image of Jesus. And Jesus is the express image of the Father. God's Word will purge your mind of everything that is contrary to His perfect Will.

It takes fellowship with the Holy Spirit for God to be able to make the Word a living reality in your life. As you walk with Him in daily fellowship and meditate on the Word, you will begin to hear His voice. He will bring understanding to your mind. **Your mind will begin to think spiritually instead of carnally.** With a renewed mind, you can cast down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (II Corinthians 10:5). You will choose to think on those things which are true, honest, just, pure, lovely and of a good report (Philippians 4:8).

Hallelujah, "thank God Almighty we are free at last!"