



Original Sin-Do the Will of God

When man is born today, that person is a two-part being. He has body and soul, but does not have what Adam first had, a third part—spirit. In this age, the age of grace, the spirit I am speaking of is a gift of God that is placed within you at the time you're born again. At birth, man does not have this gift. Someone did have spirit at birth though, a very special man.

(Luke 1:13-15 KJV)
 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. {14} And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth. {15} For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's



womb.

Sadly, because of Adam's sin, all men are born in sin. I told you in last month's Artios that this has nothing to do with intercourse. It has only to do with the fact that man does not have spirit at birth. Without spirit, this man is a natural man.

The carnal man

He is called the natural man, a man of the flesh, a carnal man. He still has freedom of will; he can choose between right and wrong. The mind falls in this body and soul category. The body and soul man can believe. You don't have to have spirit to be-

lieve. The natural man's only media for learning is the five senses. This is why we say that experience is the best teacher. This man is the scientific man. His learning experiences are trial and error. Adam was the true 'scientific' man. If the experiment was successful, he accepted it. Otherwise, he started over, hoping for better results. You might do this with a recipe. You make little changes until it is what you like.

Five senses learning

Without spirit, communication with God isn't possible. We've had wonderful learning under the five senses category. All university-based academia comes from the five senses. This information, via the five senses, is not always accurate. For instance, the five senses may become impaired. If you're looking down railroad tracks, the tracks appear to converge. This information is via your five senses. Walk

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down the track and they never converge. This is trial and error. Another example is the earth's 'curvature.' Stand on a beach and watch a ship disappear at the horizon. Take a powerful camera, zoom in, and it is still there. Almost all of the learning in existence today comes via our five senses.

A five senses man can see the results of an experiment, but he cannot see God. The five senses have to be in the category of the natural man. This natural man, by trial and error, cannot believe in God. Why? Because God is spirit. He simply cannot believe in God. A man who says that he is a scientist simply cannot believe in God. The great scientists in the past have been agnostic. The highest level of learning of the five senses is called philosophy. The associated degree is a Ph.D., a Dr.'s of philosophy. It's pure reasoning, but it's only worldly wisdom. Man goes as high as he can go, and he knows that there is something beyond. He can see that there is intelligence behind what he has learned, that there must be a power some place. This is where they attempt to reach into the spirit category, but they can't, and this is

where all of the speculation, all of the theories begin.

The natural man can believe in the Bible

The natural man cannot believe in God, but he can believe in the Bible.

(John 3:6 KJV) That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

We can be born again of the spirit. Without spirit, we cannot know God, nor receive the things of God.

(1 Cor 1:18 KJV) For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

The preaching of the cross is foolishness to many. To the natural man, the things of God seem foolish. If a man says that he doesn't believe in Satan, then I know that he is a natural man. But when a man becomes born again, something changes. God's wisdom becomes his wisdom.

(1 Cor 3:19 KJV) For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness.

Once you understand body, soul, and spirit, entire sections of the scripture open up, sections that are foolishness to others.

(Gal 5:17 KJV) For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Natural man cannot receive the things of God. There are these two categories—natural and spiritual. We must strive to be believers of God's Word, people who are not ruled by the five senses. They that go by their five senses cannot please God because the wisdom of this world is foolishness unto God.

(1 John 2:15-17 KJV) Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. {16} For all that is

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in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. {17} And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

God's Word abideth forever. If you are going to please God, you must do the will of God.

Much Love in Christ,

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