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Defining the Soul

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Section One: Elements of the Soul of Man

The Holy Scriptures tell us in Genesis:

Genesis 2:7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

Through this we see that the very first man Adam from whom all of us descend was created in this way. God made the physical part first out of the dust of the earth, and the spiritual part next he breathed in, and man became a living soul or being. The soul is therefore not just an individual component as are the body and spirit but rather it is the melding of the two together as one. The soul of man is very much like a marriage. It is the joining of two to become one. The soul is therefore a third entity to itself. The body is one entity and the spirit is one as well, but the joining of the two makes something completely different. It makes a being who exists in both the physical and spiritual realms at once.

Marriage

Marriage pictures the soul perfectly.

Genesis 2:24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

Man is meant to picture the spirit in a figurative way. He is to have headship over the woman just as the spirit is to be the head of the body.

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

Ephesians 5:22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

This was the pattern God gave us expressed in his creation. The physical things testify to the spiritual things. Nature teaches us the wife must be in submission to the husband which shows us the

Review Questions

1. What is the Goal of your faith?
2. What does Romans 8:10 mean? Discuss this with the class.
3. What is the difference between reconciliation and redemption?
4. Who is the Spirit of Adoption?
5. How is the sin nature destroyed?

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2 Peter 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2 Peter 2:9 The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished:

1 Timothy 5:24 Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after.

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

John 8:24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.

need of the body to be in submission to the spirit. This is the union or marriage, or soul, that God intended. The soul is therefore an agreement for two to walk together.

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

The fact that the head of both a marriage and a soul makes decisions shows that the decision making faculty lies in the spiritual realm and not in the fleshly one. The fact also that God is a Spirit and should rightfully lead and guide man shows that this guidance comes from Heaven through the spirit of man and then to his body. All of Scripture witnesses to this truth.

1 Corinthians 11:3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God.

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Review Questions

1. According to Genesis 2:7 what is a soul?
2. Can you see the soul as an agreement or covenant? Discuss this with the class.
3. Who should have headship in a marriage and so the soul?
4. Does instruction come from the body or the spirit?

Matthew 10:39 He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.

Revelation 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Give your life to Christ and die with him to sin here now through faith so your faith will be fulfilled when the body actually dies. Do not wait for your carnal life to be taken from you without Christ in your life. Then the sin nature will cling to your spirit in the hell. That will bring you into Judgment as you die in your sins.

Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

even as others which have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

However, if you do not lay down your life here with Christ but instead have your life taken from you, you will die in your sins..that is in union with Adam; body and spirit together in that corrupt soul. The sin nature will not be destroyed in the physical grave with your body, rather it will carry on attached to your spirit till it is destroyed in the lake of fire: This is the second death.

Romans 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Section Two: The Soul Corrupted

If we understand from the above that the soul of man as it was intended was an agreement or covenant that was administered through the spirit then this helps us understand how the soul of man became corrupted. It helps us to understand the nature and origin of sin. Where we start is where sin started; in the Garden of Eden with Adam and Eve the first man and woman.

In the Garden

Adam and Eve were made uncorrupted but they were corruptible. The pair was sustained only by a dependence upon God and his benevolence. A good comparison would be an apple in a tree. God is the tree and Man is the apple. As long as the apple abides in the tree it is renewed daily. Once the tree drops the apple then we see that it begins to corrupt. When Adam through his disobedience was cut off from God he began to corrupt. Man cannot depend on himself to live. All the information and nourishment for that apple came only through the tree. So it is with Man. When we were cut off from the source of life we began to corrupt.

How did it happen? It started when the serpent (Satan) came to Eve. He focused her on the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Genesis 3:6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.

In this you see her passions were inflamed. The three points of sin came in to play.

1 John 2:16 For all that is 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.

Here we see Eve usurping her husband to make the decision in that union. Next we see Adam abdicate his role as leader in preference to Eve to please her rather than God.

“...and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.”

So we see Adam giving his headship to Eve as figurative of the spirit relinquishing its headship to the body. The obvious purpose in this was for Adam to please his wife's desires. This pictures the Spirit giving in to the desires of the body. This is a perversion from what God intended. It changes the nature of the agreement or covenant . It changes the

Romans 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the **body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.**

If you lay down your life with Christ you will find it again on the other side of death. When you die your spirit will go to be with him to wait for his second coming when your body is redeemed.

Romans 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

2 Corinthians 5:5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. 6 Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord: 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight:) 8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord. 9 Wherefore we labour, that, whether present or absent, we may be accepted of him.

1 Thessalonians 4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not,

hope of the resurrection! Jesus condemned sin in the flesh (*that is the body*).

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, **condemned sin in the flesh:**

When the body does actually die your sin nature will die with it! Destroyed in the grave! That old man or union of sin (*sin nature*) will be condemned with your body and not your spirit!. Then through the resurrection your body can be redeemed clean free from that nature that was attached to it. Then both body and spirit are joined free of Adam's soul of sin and joined clean in the new man Christ! This is our Gospel!

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the **soul:** but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

nature of the soul to walk by the body's desires instead of God's. It is Satan who introduced this change. Just as he rebelled against God so he fomented rebellion in the woman and ultimately the man. Man chose to please his wife instead of God. He chose to please his own flesh. The union became corrupted and cursed.

Genesis 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

Genesis 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Being cast from the garden of Eden pictures the fruit being cast from the tree which was its source of life and renewal. Man was cut off from God spiritually at this point. He is given over to the perverted union and therefore its corruption. For God told Adam:

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Death of the Soul

In understanding this death we must see its effects on both components of the soul. The spirit was cut off the minute Adam ate of the fruit. Though the spirit is eternal, without that union to God who is spirit there is no communion. The spirit's purpose is that communion with God who is a spirit:

John 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The spirit is cut off from its source of life and information, just like the apple is cut off from its source of nourishment when the tree flings its fruit. At that point the spirit is considered dead to God though it is still alive. The body therefore is entered in to a death by slow corruption with no hope of renewal. Adam died physically at the age of 930 years. Just 70 years short of a full day..for a day to God is as a thousand years and a thousand years is as a day. Both spiritually and physically Adam died "in that day"

2 Peter 3:8 But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

The New Man Lives

The question then becomes one of union. With whom are you unified or identified? Adam in sin or Christ in righteousness? To be united with Christ is to be united in his death and so his resurrection from the dead bodily . He died bodily to sin for you! He was so raised from the dead bodily for you!

Romans 6:5 For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

If you die in union with Adam's soul,(*the sin nature*) this is what happens; Your spirit remains bound to the sin nature in the soul of Adam. The sin nature will continue on as long as it has a host. The body of sin may be destroyed in the grave also called Hell (*corruption of the mortal body*), but the spirit (*the immortal part of you*) will continue on in the prison of spirits or spiritual hell to await judgement. (*Hell is dual physical and spiritual because you are both physical and spiritual*). The sin nature will be bound to your spirit forever. Its eternal destruction is the lake of fire. It is everlasting and continuing destruction. If however you lay down your life with Christ now through faith, then your spirit is freed from the soul of Adam because of Jesus death for your part and the

his body as a sacrifice for our sin. He is therefore both the perfect man described by the law and the sacrifice the law accepts to ransom us from beneath its penalty of death.

Galatians 4:4 But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5 To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.

Ephesians 2:15 Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;

Colossians 2:12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; 14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Review Questions

1. Was Adam made corruptible?
2. What are the three components of sin?
3. How does death come to both body and spirit through sin? Discuss this with the class
4. What part of the soul is eternal though considered dead?

Section Three: Salvation of the Soul

The goal of our faith in Christ Jesus is the salvation of our souls. It is not just the reconciliation of our spirits that are eternal and cut off from God, but the redemption of our bodies which are mortal from death as well. It is being freed in both body and spirit from the old man, the sin nature; the corrupt soul of Adam. This is the promise we have through this Gospel of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection.

1 Peter 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations: 7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 8 Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power(*the Holy Spirit*) to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

2 Peter 1:4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

As partakers of this divine nature we can now be joined to God in a way Adam never was. In this you can see how Adam was only a figure of he who was to come.

Romans 5:14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.

So you can see as a man born from above Jesus kept the law in Spirit and in truth. He thus fulfilled the law's prophecy of a perfect man who could please God. A man Adam could never produce. He also fulfilled the prophecy of a sacrifice that would fulfill the law's requirements. In other words The law judged Jesus to be innocent and thus accepted

God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Philippians 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men::8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Jesus coming in the form of a man was the way God had decided to redeem man to himself. It is because Jesus was both God and man that those of us who receive him can now be born of God and be his true sons after the spirit and not just fleshly as Adam was. This is how we as men are made partakers of the divine nature. This is how we can have the Holy Spirit **in** us now. The new man brought us more than the old man ever had.

not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls.

The Mechanics of Salvation of the Soul

We must understand that when Adam died in sin he died to righteousness. So then we all in Adam's nature died to righteousness. First he did so in his spirit man (the part that was eternal) and then that death was manifested to his body(the mortal part). This is an eternal principle what is true in the spiritual will be manifested or revealed in the physical, what is true in the heart of man will be manifested in the flesh of man and his actions. So what happens in the spirit is a promise or prophecy of what will occur in the body for good or for evil. It is not done until it is manifested in the physical. The corruption of Adam's spirit was revealed through the death of his body. Jesus who was righteous by his spirit nature came in the body of a man. His righteous spirit or heart was revealed through his actions and the resurrection of his body. Jesus died to sin for all of us and through him we all can live now to righteousness: first by faith in his sacrifice in our hearts, then by his resurrection as that righteousness is manifested when he comes through the resurrection.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 5:15 But not as the offence, so also is the free gift. For if through the offence of one many be dead, much more the grace of God, and the gift by grace, which is by one man, Jesus Christ, hath abounded unto many. 16 And not as it was by one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment was by one to condemnation, but the free gift is of many offences unto justification. 17 For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.)

Romans 6:1 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? 3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? 4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

hearts and that those born of Adam were born into his corrupt nature. Those who live according to that nature will die.

Romans 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

Jesus Fulfills the Law

So how does Jesus's death and resurrection restore us our souls? The law prescribed death as the penalty for sin. Jesus came in the form of flesh from heaven, but he himself was not a sinner. He was not born of Adam but of God. He is God by spirit but man by flesh. As a man he was the only man ever born of God. The only "begotten son" of God. This was the joining of Man to God. It is the making of a "new man" and so a new soul.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was

justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 7:5 For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. 6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter. 7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? God forbid. Nay, I had not known sin, but by the law: for I had not known lust, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet.:8 But sin, taking occasion by the commandment, wrought in me all manner of concupiscence. For without the law sin was dead. 9 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. 10 And the commandment, which was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So through the law God showed us both his standard of righteousness for a man and how we could not measure up to that standard of ourselves. It showed us we were separated from God in our

So that newness of life spoken of is what we have now as a reconciliation to God in our spirits. This reconciliation by faith in Christ is the promise of our redemption of our souls; body and spirit.

Romans 5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. (*resurrection*)

Ephesians 1:13 In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,14 Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.

1 Corinthians 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; 1 Corinthians 15:2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

The Holy spirit is given to us in this reconciliation when we believe. He is the token of

guarantee that God will complete our salvation through the resurrection if we continue in faith. This faith of our heart (spirit) is manifested in what we do and will be fully in our bodies through the resurrection at our Lord's return.

2 Corinthians 5:1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.:2 For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven: 3 If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked 4 For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life(our corrupt bodies) 5 Now he that hath wrought us for the selfsame thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

Philippians 3:20 For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ::21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

1 Timothy 1:9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

The law was designed to show us we had a sin nature and were incapable of pleasing God of our selves because our nature was sinful. Now the law could not show us the nature of itself because it is spiritual. But the law could show us our nature through what we did. By labeling our actions as transgressions the law could show our nature through those transgressions. If our actions were sinful that meant we were sinners and corrupt. By adding the penalty of physical death to the law God shows us this nature will end in death. The soul who sins will die. Hence it can be referred to as the law of sin and death. It identifies sin in us and brings it out of hiding where we can see it through what we do. Through this we know that death is not natural, it is rather a consequence of sin

Romans 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be

consent unto the law that it is good. 17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. 19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. 20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. 21 I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. 22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: 23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. 24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? 25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

The Law of Sin and Death

The basic understanding behind the law of Moses is that it was given to Israel by God knowing that they could not keep it.

So right now through faith we have that reconciliation of our spirits through the Holy Spirit in us through faith. We have that Spirit of adoption as sons: He is the righteousness of Christ in us. But this does not complete our salvation.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. 15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

This Spirit of adoption is manifested now in our actions and words. “if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.” But this adoption is not complete until the resurrection at Christ’s coming.

Romans 8:22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

The Old Man or “Soul of Adam”

There are many more scriptures that confirm these things, and I encourage you to study them. This is our Gospel. It is the redemption of our souls..both body and spirit. But each in its turn, first the spirit and then the body at Christ’s coming.

1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

...This is our faith in Christ. His death reconciles us to God; our hearts to his heart. Our spirits to his Spirit. This is first.

1 Corinthians 15:4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

... this is our hope in Christ...Our bodies raised as his was when he comes. This completes the salvation of our souls.

After we understand the nature of the soul and how both sin and salvation come as well as the order of how they are manifested it is helpful to look deeper into the sin nature to see what happens both the man who has Christ and the man who does not.

John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

The soul of Adam stands condemned. It is the sin nature. The sin nature is the perverted union of body and spirit. The spirit finds itself in bondage to the flesh’s desires through this union. The spirit in this union or soul may not want to serve the flesh’s desires but it is a slave and must obey its master. It is just like a drug addict or an alcoholic. The Apostle Paul describes this slavery perfectly.

Romans 7:14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. 15 For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. 16 If then I do that which I would not, I