

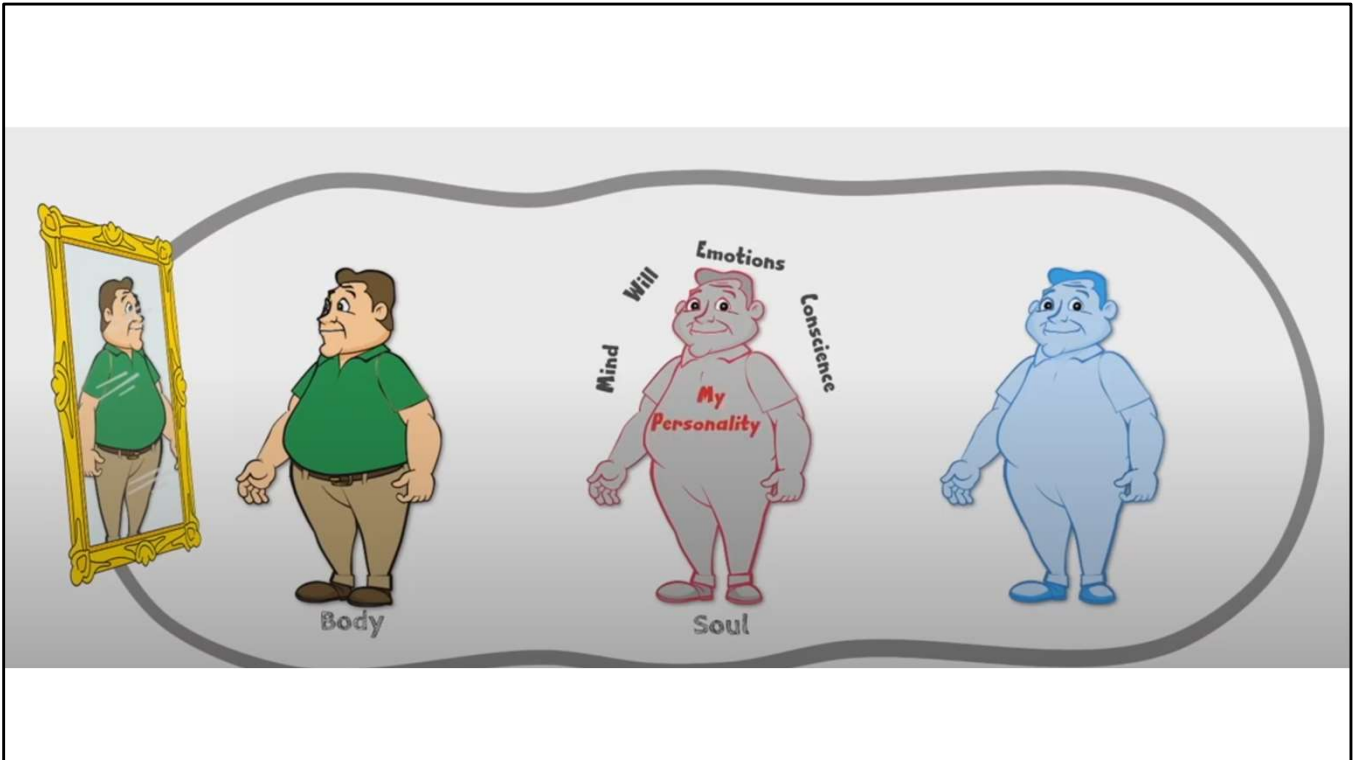
Spirit, Soul & Body

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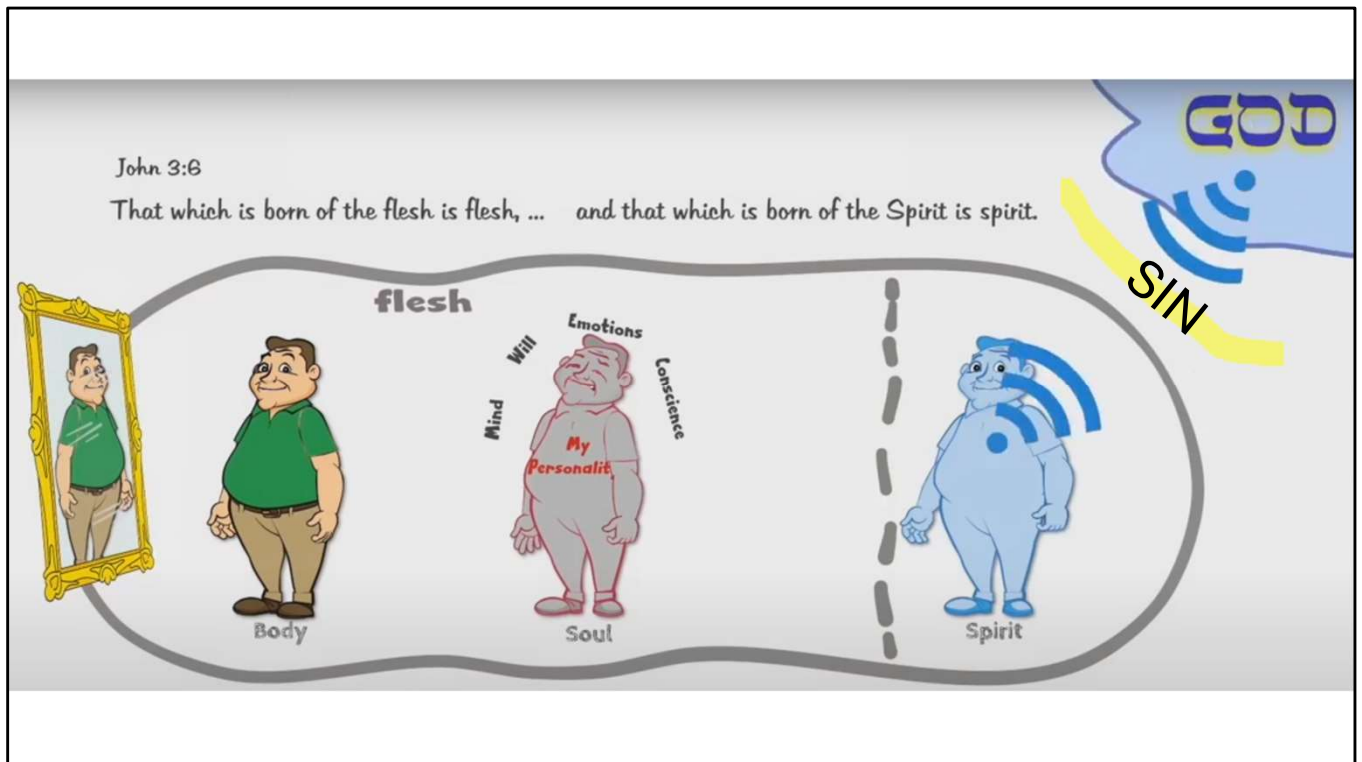


1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are created as Spirit, Soul & Body.

Body – physical part – dies. Has 5 senses. This is represented by the mirror.

Soul – personality – does not die.



Our spirit is the part of us that would have a relationship with God, but that relationship is broken because of our own sin and our inherited sin. Every human society has hungered for a relationship with God and has invented religions to try to do this – the invention of atheism proves this (if there was no hunger for God there would be no need to deny He exists).

The Bible calls our Soul and Body “the flesh”.

Jesus said in *John 3:6 NKJV* *That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.*

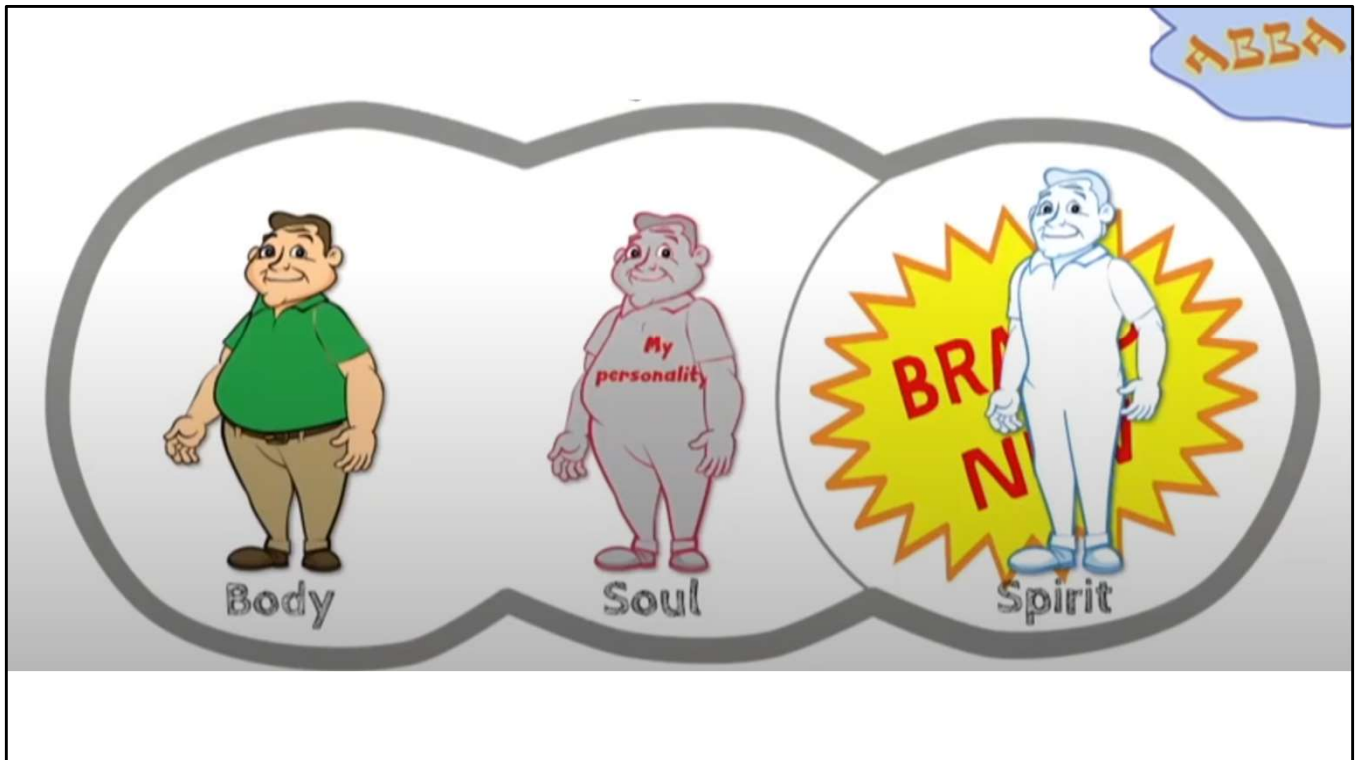
Our spirit is separate to our flesh.

Romans 10:17 NASB *So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.*

When we hear the word of (or concerning) Christ – the gospel - God gives us faith to believe it!

Romans 10:9 NASB *if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;*

This is the faith that saves us!



2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

We immediately become a brand new creation! Not in our body or our soul, but in our spirit. Our new spirit is perfectly righteous and has an unbroken relationship with God (Abba) through Jesus!

The Bible calls our old Spirit the “old man” . *Romans 6:6 NKJV our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.*

But our soul and body aren’t changed. They are still the same as before we were saved.

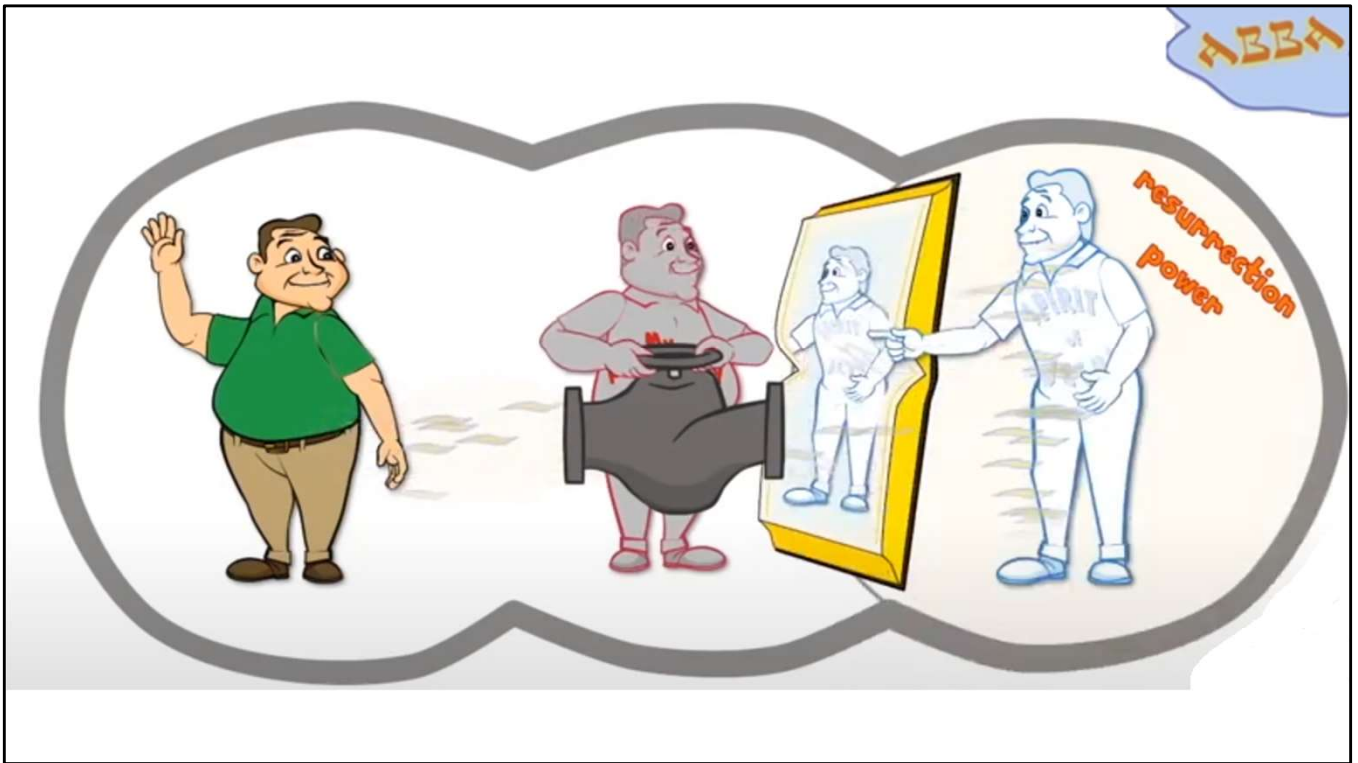
We can live our lives like this, we will go to heaven when we die, but we will miss out on the abundant life Jesus has for us in this body. *John 10:10b NKJV I have come that they may have life (zoe), and that they may have it more abundantly.*

This is “zoe” (Greek) life – the life of God *John 6:68 NKJV Simon Peter answered Him, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life (zoe).*

If we live like this, we focus on worldly things and have a worldly mindset. The Bible calls this carnal mindedness (carnal means from the 5 senses) *Romans 8:6 NKJV For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

Carnal mindedness is not necessarily sinful, it just denies the spiritual aspect of our new life. Death here means not having Jesus’ abundant life! *Ephesians 4:17-18 NKJV you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life (zoe) of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart*

How can we move from carnal mindedness to spiritual mindedness?



Romans 12:2 NKJV And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

If we will change our thinking so that we believe what God says in His Word about who we are and what we have, then this agreement between our spirit and soul forms a majority and our flesh will experience the zoe life of God that has been deposited in our spirits.

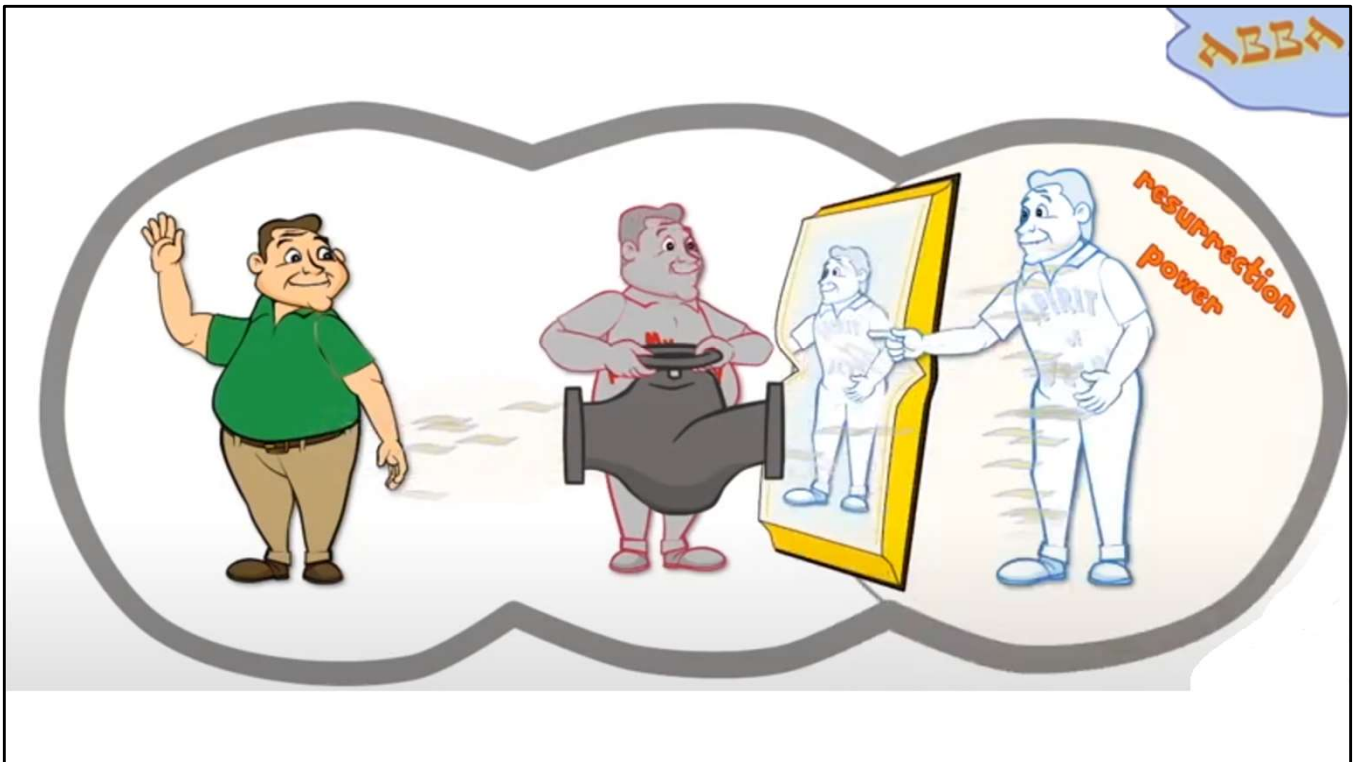
So how do we renew our minds?

Ephesians 4:22-24 NKJV put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

It's a conscious decision! What do we focus our minds on? The flesh or the spirit? It's like a tap that we can turn on or off, allowing the power of God to flow or not....

John 14:26 NKJV the [parakletos] Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all things that I said to you.

God's Word – revealed by the baptism of the Holy Spirit – is a window to spiritual truth, new values, new attitudes, knowledge & understanding, allowing us to think spiritually not carnally, prayer, bible study, worship, fasting, fellowship



This will make a big difference for us, but also for others.

Philemon 6 NKJV that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

Effective outreach starts by acknowledging every good thing that is in our spirits. We don't need more faith, a fresh anointing, a double portion, it's all there already!

Here are the tests to see how we are getting on with renewing our mind:

Galatians 5:19-21 NKJV Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like

Galatians 5:22-25 NKJV But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

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Know that there are many among My people who have a “foot in both camps”.

They love Me and are saved, yet they also indulge themselves in worldly pleasures from a mindset that stems from an adoption of worldly values.

Blessings are a gift from Me – I desire My children to be fulfilled, but fulfilment cannot come from a mind that is conformed to the values of the world.

Seek Me first, rejoice in My presence and power, adopt My kingdom’s mindset - this is where you will find fulfilment.

I AM your all in all and I love to bless you.

Will you receive the blessings I have in store for you?