

OUR SPIRITS

1. Text: Romans 1:8-10
2. Paul mentions that he serves God with his spirit in the gospel of Christ. We are spiritual beings. We have spirits; we have more than what we share with other living creatures. But what can we say of our spirits?

I. **The Differences In Spirits**

1. The Greek word for spirit (pneuma) occurs 379 times in the New Testament.
2. Essentially it refers to one of these three: the Holy Spirit, evil spirits, the human spirit.
3. Our spirits are the immortal, spiritual part of human beings.

II. **The Nature Of Our Spirits**

1. God is Spirit. (John 4:24) He is the "Father of Spirits." Ecclesiastes 12:7 says when we die "the spirit will return to God who gave it." James 2:26 says the body without the spirit is dead. Matthew 27:50 and Luke 23:46 say Christ at His death "gave up His spirit. Stephen at death prayed, "Lord, receive my spirit." When Christ raised a girl from the dead, "her spirit returned." (Luke 8:55)
2. I Corinthians 5:5 says discipline a sinner so his spirit will be saved at judgment. Hebrews 12:23 speaks of the spirits of just men made perfect.

III. **The Attributes Related To Our Spirits**

1. Often things we think of as connected to our hearts, minds, feelings are tied to our spirits.
2. Matthew 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit.
3. Matthew 26:41 A willing spirit, but weak flesh.
4. Luke 1:47 Mary's spirit rejoiced in God her Savior.
5. Luke 1:80 John the Baptist grew and became strong in spirit.
6. Acts 18:25 and Romans 12:11 have an example and exhortation to be fervent in spirit (literally hot or boiling).
7. I Corinthians 4:21 Paul wanted to come to them with a gentle spirit.
8. II Corinthians 4:13 The spirit of faith causes us to speak out.
9. I Peter 3:4 Women can influence husbands with a gentle and quiet spirit.

IV. **The Activities Associated With Our Spirits**

1. John 4:23 We must worship in spirit and truth.
2. Romans 1:9 (our text) We should serve the Lord with our spirits.
3. I Corinthians 14:15 Pray and sing with the spirit and understanding.
4. I Corinthians 5:3 I am with you in spirit. (Colossians 2:5)
5. I Corinthians 16:18 They refreshed my spirit. (II Corinthians 7:13)
6. II Corinthians 7:1 Cleanse yourselves from all filth of flesh and spirit.
7. Ephesians 4:23 Be renewed in the spirit of your mind.
8. Philippians 1:27 Stand fast in one spirit. (I John 4:1)

V. **The Support For Our Spirits**

1. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with spirit (Galatians 6:18; Philippians 4:23; Philemon 25)
2. II Timothy 4:22 The Lord be with your spirit.
3. I Corinthians 6:17 He who is united with the Lord is one spirit with Him.

Conclusion:

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