

Beyond Belief Session 1B: Why Are You Here?

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KINGDOM OF GOD & KINGDOMS

Our life as a spiritual being is completed by living in and from the _____ of _____.

The Kingdom of God is the effective range of his _____. The Kingdom of God is where what is done is what God wants done.

You have a kingdom! God made you to have a kingdom; that's his image in you.

A _____ being, I am meant to live _____ in God.

TESTIMONY TO THE GREATNESS AND GOODNESS OF GOD

God created this great universe as a _____ of his spiritual being, and you are a part of the _____.

You and I will stand through eternity and in the whole universe as a testimony to the greatness and goodness of God.

Ephesians 3:10

We will do that by _____ with him -forever and ever. (Genesis 1:26, Revelations 22:5) Reigning means exercising creative will with God in this universe.

GLORY & THE NATURE OF SPIRIT

The destiny of matter is to reveal the nature of spirit -that means God. Think about how much glory there is in the Scripture.

Colossians 3:4

We are a people of _____. The first part of the word glory is glow!

The nature of the spirit is that it does not push itself. Do you like to show up where you're not wanted? No, where you really like to show up is where you *really* are _____.

Jeremiah 29:13.... God wants to be wanted, too.

Beauty is manifest _____.

CO-WORKING WITH GOD

Your body is the _____ of the Holy Spirit. **Romans 8**

Those who really walk in confidence in Jesus Christ know they have a life that's never going to end -because they're already _____ in it.

Matthew 6:33....The invitation to seek first the Kingdom of God...How do you seek the Kingdom of God? Look at what God is doing and get _____ in it.

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REMINDER: WHO ARE WE?

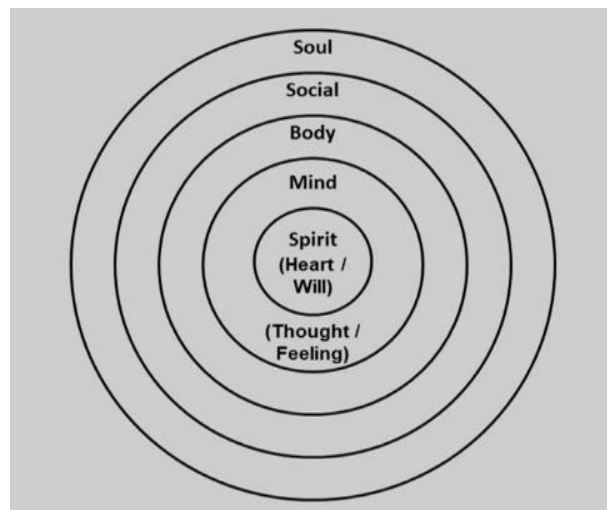
We are unceasing _____ beings with an eternal _____ in God's great universe.

KEY POINT: WHY ARE WE HERE?

We are here to _____ the person God wanted us to be. That's what our life is about.

DIAGRAM OF SELF

The whole person...many aspects...



The executive center of your self is your _____, which is your heart or will.

The soul is the principal of unity inter-relating all of our feelings, sensations, evaluations, representations, concepts, beliefs, willings, character, including those that involve our body and the social context.

Matthew 16:26 A lost soul is _____ of _____ with God and with reality.

Proverbs 4:23 The _____ is something we must take care of!

So many are not only _____ by grace but also _____ by grace. We cannot be passive.

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WHY ARE WE HERE?

To _____ the person that God meant us to be. A person he could _____ to do what _____ want to do.

The _____ of God is a human being who is fully _____. – St Irenaeus

That's what you and I are called to. And that means very simply God wants to bring us to the point where our wanters would be so well aligned with his that anything we want to do we would have the power to do from him.

God, never give me more power than my character can bear. God doesn't limit himself to using people who are perfect!

THE BODY

Our body is _____, not bad! God has given it to us for a specific purpose, so that we can _____.

- God gives us the power to act contrary to his will.
- Our body is our power pack that we can live from.
- A body is potential energy.
- It has a life of its own!
- Our body is meant to bear the outworkings of our character and our choices so that we automatically do the things that need to be done. (riding bikes, driving, roller skating, etc.)

The problem is that our body has come to be _____ with what is wrong.

People **want** to do good but they're ready to evil. The readiness is primarily in their _____.

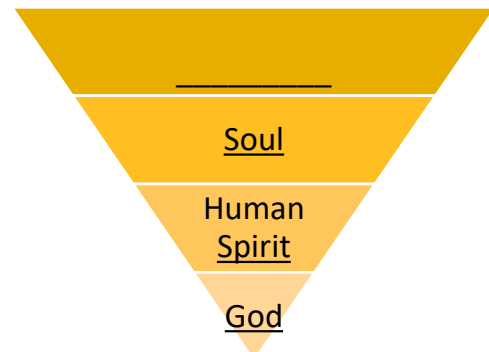
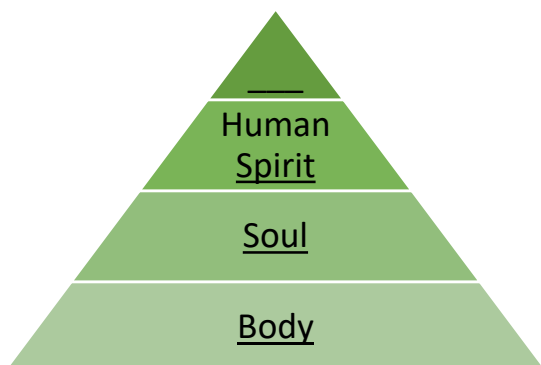
Matthew 26: The Example of Peter ~ Where did Peter's denial come from? His _____.

Matthew 26:56 The Example of the Disciples in the Garden

Our problem is that our bodies have been _____ in the wrong way.

PROPER SUBORDINATION

IMPROPER SUBORDINATION



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FIVE DIMENSIONS OF ETERNAL LIFE / aka FIVE STAGES OF APPRENTICESHIP TO JESUS

God loves us; Christ died for us - He accepts us.

The greatest thing I can pray for any of my children or loved ones is that they would sense the acceptance of Jesus. That they would know that Jesus Christ loves them; that God loves them. **John 3:17**

1. Faith
 - a. Confidence in and reliance upon Jesus
2. Apprenticeship
 - a. On the basis of faith we become disciples of Jesus
 - b. Desire to be his apprentice in living in and from the Kingdom of God
3. Obedience
 - a. Comes as result of faith and discipleship
 - b. Obedience to what Jesus said and did
4. Inner Transformation
 - a. The Fruit of the Spirit ~ Galatians 5:22-23
 - b. Pervasive inner transformation of the will/spirit/heart/soul
5. Power
 - a. Power comes to accomplish the work of God in ways that we cannot on our own

We were meant to live _____ in God.

God gave us the creation covenant (**Genesis 1:26**) and set us on this earth and made it beautiful and good. A good God who looked at his good earth and said that's good; that's really good. (**Genesis 1:10**) He put us on here to live in righteousness and joy before him and to act in the power that he has and that he wants to share with us.

Do I want to be God's person?

Fullness of life is not a _____ thing. It's a life thing. Life is *here*: what you do in your job, in your life, dealing with your body, with your family, with your community, with work to be done, in all these things you and I can learn to deal with every bit of that in the power of God.

Jesus came to bring _____. **John 10:10**

IN SUMMARY

I am an unceasing spiritual being with an eternal destiny in God's great universe. I am here to become the person God meant for me to become, so that God can empower me to do what I want to do, as I learn to live and reign with God for eternity.

For more in-depth teaching on this topic please watch "[Soul Rest, Transformation and the Mind and Body](#)," session 8 of the Denver Seminary Spiritual Formation Course on Dallas Willard Ministries YouTube channel.