

The Two Spirits

Deuteronomy 30:15

I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

There are two choices set before us to accept the LORD God or to reject Him. This present world has a dual order set before it; in the physical realm we have hot and cold, light and dark, dry and wet. In the spiritual realm we have good and evil, right and wrong, love and hate, these are spiritual matters that not only impact the spirit, soul, and flesh of every human being but also affects the whole of the physical world as well. The physical world is impacted by the spiritual realm and there are two spirits that battle for the possession of this world and your soul; which do you give host to?

1 Corinthians 2:12 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.

There is the spirit of the world and the Spirit of God. Both are real and greatly influence the world in which we live; and every living human will follow one and forsake the other. These two spirits are in constant conflict. The Spirit of God leads to salvation and Glory; the spirit of the world fuels lawlessness and the coming generation of antichrist and in the end death. Hear the words of God and of life.

1 Corinthians 2:6-8 Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: 7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, *even* the hidden *wisdom*, which God ordained before the world unto our glory: 8 Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known *it*, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.

The Spirit of God is not in the wisdom of this world but is anathema to it; the wisdom of God is above the wisdom of this world and cannot be reconciled to it. You cannot walk in the wisdom of this world and in the spirit of God; you cannot possess the spirit of the world and the spirit of God for they are enemies and to love one is to hate the other. To claim the spirit of God and yet to walk in the wisdom of the world is but self-delusion and the trap of Satan. You cannot fellowship with both.

1 John 1:3-6 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ. 4 And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full. 5 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

You cannot be both of the light and of the dark which spirit do you follow? Which spirit controls your mind?

1 Corinthians 2:10 But God hath revealed *them* unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. 11 For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

We are born into the spirit of the world which is the spirit of man, and this spirit of man cannot understand the spirit of God. For the spirit of man is carnal and fleshly and prideful and is of the devil and it cannot obtain the things of God lest this spirit be shed and the spirit of God be received through the Holy Spirit; by the acceptance of the shed blood of the LORD Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. 13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. 14 But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.

Two spirit fight for the soul of man and the battle field is this physical world and in the mind and free-will of mankind; victory or defeat is won or lost by the choice you make.

This world is full of the spirit of Satan and darkness and it contains the wisdom which leads to destruction and many are blindly in love with it and follow it; for they have been blinded by the prince of this world and have chosen to love that which will in the end destroy them.

2 Corinthians 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: 4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

1 John 2:15-17 15 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 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.

The Spirit of God and the Spirit of Antichrist

1 John 4:1-3 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

The Spirit of God, the spirit of Satan and the spirit of antichrist fight for the free-will and soul of man; the Spirit of God proclaims the manifestation of God in the flesh in the person of the LORD Jesus Christ and it declares the victory of the cross and the salvation of mankind in the shed blood of our Saviour, the LORD Jesus Christ. The spirit of the devil and his antichrist proclaim the lie that denies the LORD as having come in the flesh; this is because Satan himself will declare to come as the savior of mankind in the flesh and in the person of the antichrist.

2 Thessalonians 2:2-5 That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. 3 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; 4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things?

The Battle of the Inward Man

Two spirits seek the soul of man the spirit of God which created man's soul and the devil which seeks to destroy it. The first man Adam was made a living soul and was formed from the dirt of the earth; the second man Adam is made a quickening spirit and is of the LORD.

The war rages for control and it is common of man and all must fight the battle; which spirit will gain your mind; the Spirit of God or the spirit of the world; the spirit of the law or the spirit of sin? Who's footsteps will you walk in; the outer man or the inward man?

Romans 7:14-25 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 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.

James 4:1-8 From whence come wars and fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. 3 Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. 5 Do ye think that the scripture saith in vain, The spirit that dwelleth in us lusteth to envy? 6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Beloved the spirit of the world wars in our members and is enmity with God; the two spirits are at war with each other and cannot be reconciled; to accept and follow the spirit of the world is to become the enemy of God; those who follow the spirit of the world, follow Satan and are irreconcilable to the Spirit of God. To follow the spirit of the world is to choose death and eternal damnation.

Choose Life and Good

1 Corinthians 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:45-47 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit. 46 Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is of the earth, earthy: the second man is the Lord from heaven.

We are born of the spirit of the earthly through the fall of Adam; we must receive the Spirit of God. The first spirit of the world is carnal and of the first Adam; the second spirit is of God through the second Adam; one is life and the other is death. One born of disobedience, rebellion and sin; the other is from above and is of life and eternal salvation and communion with the Living God.

Beloved choose the spirit of God and forsake the spirit of the world. There are only two choices before you as they are only two eternal destinations; Heaven or Hell. You will make a choice in the end; no one can escape the choice set before them. You will choose whom you will follow and you will decide your fate; the choice is yours and yours alone. You will give place to one of the two spirits; choose the Spirit of God which is life and good.

Colossians 3:1-10 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.

5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: 6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: 7 In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

8 But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. 9 Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; 10 And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. 17 For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; 18 While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

The spirit of the world has the eyes of the world and see only the temporal things; the Spirit of God gives the Second sight of Faith and sees the spiritual.

Ephesians 3:16 That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man;

Ephesians 4:22-24 That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; 23 And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; 24 And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

The spirit of the world is leads to death. The Spirit of God creates in us the inner man; the new man which walks in the Spirit of God; still sinners but cleansed of sin through the shed blood of the LORD Jesus Christ. The Spirit of God is life and the spirit of the world is death. Which of the two spirits will you follow?

Choose Life; Choose God, the LORD Jesus Christ

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