



1 Thessalonians 5:23

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **Spirit** = The God conscious part of man. Includes: Conscience, Intuition and Communion.
Conscience – Discernment, distinguishes between right and wrong, but not through knowledge obtained through, in or by the reasoning of the mind. Instead it is a spontaneous direct judgment. Often reasoning will justify that which the conscience condemns. It is independent; not bending to outside opinion.
Intuition – The power of sense; distinct from the physical and soul senses. It operates independent of outside influence. It is that knowledge or understanding that comes to us without the reason of our mind, emotion or will. The revelation of God and the movement of the Holy Spirit are known to the believer through intuition.
Communion – Worshiping God. Our soul and body are not capable of worshiping God. God is not comprehended through our thoughts, feelings, intentions or natural senses. We can only know God and communicate with Him through our spirit.
- **Soul** = The self-conscious part of man. Includes: Will, Mind and Emotions. The soul is the seat of man's personality. The very elements that make us human: intellect, thoughts, ideals, love, emotion, choice, etc. are all various experiences of the soul.
Volition (or Will) – Is the decision making part of us, the power to choose for ourselves.
Mind – Our thoughts which manifest our intellectual power. It is the seat of our ability to reason.
Emotion – Our likes and dislikes; our ability to show love or hate, to feel joy or anger, happiness or sadness, etc. Without this ability we would be as insensitive as wood or stone.
- **Body** = The part of us which is conscious of the physical world. The body functions within the realm of the five senses: Sight, Hearing, Touch, Taste and Smell. These senses we are all familiar with and for the most part function very well in. However, they are not spiritual, they themselves cannot receive the revelation of God. If we are ruled by them we will be dominated by this world and its manifestations. We must understand and deal with this world, it is where we are, but we must not accept the singular dimension of this world. We are spirit, soul and body. When we understand this and live in this we begin to open the door to knowing and moving with the Spirit of God.