

## SOUL TIES

When the Spirit of God entered our life, our spirit came alive to God. Our spirit is fully alive and awake in the Presence of God, but there are things that can break our contact with our awareness of the nature of God- (His life).

The relationship we have with God is in our spirit. In His presence our spirit is totally free, but there are things that can put a restraint on our freedom in the Lord.

A restraint is something that causes a loss of freedom in our spirit from drawing the life of the Lord. It is a restraining influence that breaks our contact with the Life of the Lord. It is a form of bondage-that brings disruption to our peace in the Lord. We must learn how to keep our spirit free in the life flow of the Spirit. A restraint is something holding us back, limiting the fruit and power of the Spirit from being manifest in us. It is a controlling influence other than the Spirit of the Lord. It is like something that is fastened on to us limiting our freedom of movement in the Lord.

We need to learn the laws that govern the kingdom, the realm of the spirit. We need to learn about openness, being closed, about doors, walls and restraints which are all things of the spirit. We need to learn what it means to have a right spirit, how our spirit can be inactive. How our spirit is open, or it is closed. How our spirit is built up and strengthened, and how it is weakened.

We first must learn to keep our spirit open to God at all times. God's Spirit came to live in our spirit through receiving

His living Word. His word was conceived in our spirit. God's word is alive with His spirit, and the entrance of His word into our spirit made our spirit alive unto His Spirit. When our spirit is in contact with His it is alive-When our spirit is out of contact with His spirit it is asleep-or inactive-a form of death. Things can enter-(come in contact with) - our spirit through our soul or body.

The best way to understand this is that when our spirit was awakened through the seed of God's word being conceived in it. God became the center of our being. Our spirit is located in the center of us or our belly. God's Spirit is at the center, our spirit being around it, our soul being around our spirit, and our body being around our soul and spirit.

We are a three part being spirit, soul and body-each part of us has an awareness. Each part of us has life. There are three lives in us. Our spirit has the life of God in it, one integral essence or one spirit. Our soul is our self life, or our individuality which goes through a transformation, or renovation or a renewing or a restoration as it comes into conformity to the life of God's Spirit. And our body which is natural and not spiritual is dying, but the life of God's Spirit can sustain it, heal it, give life to it, and some who develop in the life of God will not die but enter into resurrection life where the body is glorified-becomes spiritual.

When our spirit was awakened it became aware of God's Spirit-our spiritual eyes and ears were opened up to an awareness of God in His word.

Our soul is aware of our individuality-self, and the world around us. When we were born the first time we became a living soul, or a human being. When we were born again we became a partaker of Gods life which is different from our human life or nature. That which is born of God's Spirit is spirit-a partaker of His life or Spirit or nature. We became a partaker-or partner in the divine nature. We were born of God. That which is born of God is God. We were born of His life-we have the same identical life of God that He has.

But His Spirit is one spirit-we do not grow separately from Him, but in Him. We become increasingly more like Him. We receive the same identical Spirit of Him, but our spirit continually keeps growing and expanding in Him. Anything that is not like His Spirit increasingly becomes more repulsive so that we begin to hate it like God hates it.

We begin to love what God loves and hate what He hates, because all of Gods divine attributes are in us and are continually growing and developing, but until we reach a place of maturity in God- It is possible to neglect so great a salvation to the point that our spirit does not develop and become strong from its lack of contact with God.

When our spirit is full of God, the life flow of Gods Spirit in our spirit flows into the area of our soul, and our soul becomes alive unto God where our thoughts and feelings become alive unto God. Our soul and our spirit become one where the life of our spirit becomes the life of our soul and we are consciously aware of God.

When we are filled with the Spirit, our soul is aware of God-or His Spirit is upon us. When the Spirit of God came upon people in the Old Covenant they were changed and became a different person-God was in control of their thoughts and feelings, God was in control of their souls and bodies-they received supernatural-God's strength. David could leap a wall, Elijah could outrun a chariot, Samson could kill a 1000 men. When the Spirit of God lifted off of them, they changed back into who they were before His Spirit came upon them.

When the Spirit of God comes upon those in the New Covenant, when the Spirit lifts off of them, a deposit of God is left in their spirit-because the spirit of man absorbs God. With every exposure of our Spirit with Gods Spirit our capacity for God increases. Our spirit is filled to overflowing, and the overflow enters into our soul-consciousness leaving an impression or a memory of being in His presence, but our spirit has increased in its capacity.

Our soul is not always aware of God because its consciousness is also aware of the things around it-our bodies, people, the world, and other spirits that are not of God. But as we learn the laws of the Spirit, and learn how to maintain a right spirit, keeping our spirit in contact with God, our soul will have enough of an awareness of God, so that it does not become defiled-or dirty by its contact with the things of the world.

We are in the world but not of the world (because our spirit has been born of God), but the things of the world can cloud our spirit where it breaks contact with God. But because

of the blood of Jesus Christ we have access to the secret place- the throne of God where we can enter into His presence and be cleansed of the defilements of the flesh and spirit.

Openness is a definite action of our spirit opening up to something. We are to keep our spirit open to God at all times. But we are to open up our spirit to people who are not saved only as the Lord leads. Openness is like a door that is open or closed. We are to continually look for an open door to minister the Spirit to people. When God opens the door, then we open our spirit to a person and speak a living word to the person. If the person's spirit is open to God- they will receive the word. But if their spirit is closed to the lord and we open up our spirit to them, we are giving our pearls to swine so to speak and it will come back to us in a form of oppression, because that person's spirit is not alive unto God. Their spirit is dead to the things of God and they cannot understand them, therefore they attack our relationship with the Lord and do not strengthen it.

No one can come to the Spirit of God unless the Spirit of God is drawing them, that is why we must always be ready to give an answer to those who desire our hope. If the Spirit of God is not drawing someone, that person will despise our relationship with God, because they cannot understand it.

Our relationship with God is very personal-intimate-so that the language of the spirit is foreign to them. Those who are being drawn to the Lord will be attracted by the word's we speak, if there spirit is open to God.

*2corn 6:14 be ye not* (3361 in strong's concordance-a dependant and conditional negative, depending upon the circumstance-thus subjective. Another word for not-3756-strongs- is a full negative which is objective, another word for not is 3364 a double negative strengthening the denial-meaning- no never) *unequally yoked together* (another-different-yoke, to associate discordantly) *with unbelievers;*(human unbelief, inability to cast oneself upon the Lord in reliance)

Unless we are rightly related to God we cannot be rightly related to another person. Our relationship with God must come first and be protected. In relating with those who are not being led by the Spirit, we need His wisdom.

When our spirit is open to someone it will strengthen our relationship with God or weaken it. The life of God in us is being increased or decreased. We are not to associate discordantly. Our responses must be in the spirit. We are either being influenced by the Spirit of God or a different spirit. We are called upon to refuse the yoke, not necessarily the person.

*for what fellowship*(partaking, participating, intercourse, a partner, companion) *hath righteousness with unrighteousness?*(rejecting truth in the inward part) *And what communion*(sharing in common, communicating in spirit) *hath light*(life of God) *with darkness?*(blindness of spirit-mind) *And what concord* (agreement)*hath Christ with Belial? Or what part* (portion, share) *hath he that believeth with an infidel?* (Human unbelief) *And what agreement* (to consent) *hath the temple of God with Idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God*

*hath said, I will dwell* (two words 1-intimate union 2-dwell. To live together, inhabit, to be in with perpetual expression-communication), *in* (intimate union) *them, and walk in them* (two words 1-intimate union 2the whole of activities. To walk about- in, intimate expression through); *and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

*Wherefore come out* (command to begin at this very moment, to come out of a place, depart, escape) *from* (out of) *among* (middle, in the midst of) *them; and be ye separate* (command now, two words 1-from 2-to mark out definitely. to separate from the influence of, to set a boundary- a visible mark designating a limit), *saith the Lord,*

If we are already in a relationship which is subjective (human emotions involved-our soul) influencing us to respond in a way that is not glorifying the Lord, we need to set a limit-a shut off point in which we do not say anything or respond in self.

Until we learn how to walk and move in the spirit, a wrong relationship could hurt our spiritual life. We don't want to hurt anyone, but we have to put our relationship with God first, until we learn how to be continually filled with the Spirit. When we are filled with the Spirit, we respond in the spirit.

If we cannot respond in the spirit to a person, we must sever all contact in thought and emotion until we can.

When we open our heart to a person, subjective feelings are involved-our soul. When we close our soul to a person, it is called breaking a soul tie. We resist all negative thoughts and

feelings, until God heals our heart. Until we learn how to separate our spirit from our soul, our soul gets tied to things that separate us from the life of God in our spirit.

*and touch*(command to stop doing something) *not*(conditional negative, to attach oneself under the influence of-an altering, modifying influence) *the unclean thing*(1-without 2-to cleanse); *and I will receive*(receive into favor or communion) *you. And be a Father* (progenitor) *unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty. Having*(continuous action, continual possession) *therefore*(relational, cause and effect) *these promises, dearly beloved*(united with God and each other in the bonds of holy love), *let us cleanse*(usually forbids an action that is not in progress, and thus commands it not to be started, To rid of impurities as if by washing) *ourselves from all*(totality) *filthiness*(a soiling, defilement, an action by which anything is defiled, the act of defilement) *of the flesh*(the externals of life, a proneness to do) *and spirit*(the internals), *perfecting*(to finish, complete, accomplish, to bring through to the end, destined goal) *holiness* (God's holiness-not sanctification, but God's character itself)*in the fear*( a deep reverential sense of accountability to God, awe, fear, terror, respect, honor) *of God.*

When we do not have control over our thoughts and feelings, our soul has become tied to something, these thoughts and feelings hurt and are destructive. If these thoughts and feelings keep coming an evil spirit may be involved.

We have to submit ourselves to the Lord, and resist them. If we are under an oppression of the enemy-we have to speak out loud against it. In the name of Jesus Christ I break this thing! And then thank the Lord that we are free. As we learn spiritual warfare, we will feel a strength rising up in our spirit that is more powerful than any negative feeling in our soul.