

## SPIRIT, NOT SOUL

Many people miss the will of God, they miss having a real encounter with God even though they are seeking Him. Their problem is much like that of a person who wants to talk to a fish.

Scientists tell us that fish have a language and “talk” to each other. But we cannot converse with a fish because we don’t live in the same environment. We’re not living on the same plane. If you put a person down into the water to talk to a fish, within five minutes they wouldn’t be able to talk to anyone; because it is not their environment.

When our spirit is born again it is able to communicate with God and worship Him. Yet the whole Christian world is concerned only about saving souls. The soul of man is related to the human plane, not the divine plane. It’s our spirit that is related to the divine realm, not our soul. Our physical body is only concerned with the world around us as the senses perceive it and our mind can discern it.

We will not find God by being soulish and very religious. The world with its thousands of religions isn’t finding God. By far most of the many different branches of Christianity are soulish, emphasizing programs, rituals, emotions, worshiping out of their will.

Our spirit must be alive to God; otherwise we will not grasp anything that God has to say. The soulish demonstrations have no reality in helping an individual reach God or learn to know God better.

If we want to know the lord intimately and learn how to walk with him and talk with him like Enoch we need to realize it’s a thing of spirit, not of soul.

The people who are very religious may be sincere, may spend hours memorizing Scriptures and know all the answers—yet they don't know God. We don't need religion—we need God!

The world, with all its religion, is going to hell! It was the religious people who put Jesus on the cross. There was never a man more religious than Saul; he was holding the coats of those who stoned Stephen. The common people heard Jesus gladly. It was the scribes, the Pharisees, the rulers of the Jews—those skilled in the Scriptures—who crucified Him. According to Jesus' own words, the harlots and the publicans will enter the Kingdom ahead of them (Matthew 21:31).

Religion is not the route to God. Even the Christian religions are not leading people to God because they deal with the soul. The religious instinct of man by which he tries to present himself in a favorable light is not the answer; the answer is a walk with God, a spirit

The book of Revelation contains a picture of seven churches, also a type of the history of the church through the centuries. Of the last one, Laodicea, the Lord says, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." He's on the outside; He's not even in His own church. "If any man hear my voice and open the door I'll come in and sup with him and he with Me" (Revelation 3:20).

Those who have gone before us have had a more intimate relationship with the Lord than we do. They are now in the cloud of witnesses, and want to give us their mantles, but most of us do not even realize that they are right here with us but in another dimension, we haven't even met them yet.

But this is all about to change as we become aware of the gateways of our spirit, so that the life of God can flow into our soul and transform it.

So that we are no longer living in our soul, but living in our spirit will our soul in submission to it.