

Transformation: body, soul, spirit

Disintegration from the fall: the absence of God within.

Body...dies, sickness, pain. Subject to sweat and labor. Physical abuse, sexual abuse & immorality.

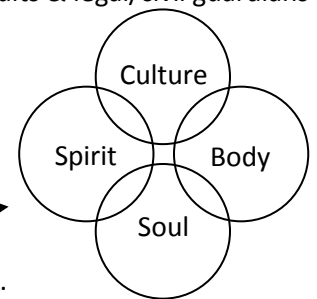
Soul...mind, will, emotions. Mental, four personalities, emotions/mind affected by chemical imbalances.

Spirit...void of God, empty search for spiritual fulfillment in the wrong things, material, sexual, mental, false religions.

The dysfunction of the three areas of our fallen lives creates *cultures* of false gods, religions, cults & legal/civil guardians to keep our disintegrated lives in check. We are not whole, but compartmentalized.

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Jesus came as a **whole** man, completely integrated in all four areas.

Our **mind** is not whole...so it affects our socio-cultural structures in family, community, & govt.

Our **body** is not whole...so it affects our genetic code, health, lusts, physical appetites & mental-emotional health.

Our **spirit** is not whole...so it affects our spiritual longings, emotions, state of mind, and religious culture.

Jesus was tested by Satan in body, soul, and spirit and passed all tests. (Adam & Eve failed Satan's test).

Jesus addressed all four areas when he healed people and spoke to their hearts and minds and spiritual longings.

The culture we've each grown up in.....is multi-faceted, multi-layered, and multi-dysfunctional.

We are not only the *victims* of the dysfunction, but we are also the *perpetrators* of it through our offspring.

Throughout the cultures of history, **women** have been abused, mistreated, and discarded. Jesus made them valued.

Throughout the cultures of history, **children** have been abused, mistreated, and scarred. Jesus made them valued.

Throughout the culture of history, **men** have been the perpetrators of their dysfunction. Jesus made them servants.

Jesus was whole in body, soul, and spirit.

He was also a Jew in culture, but the culture Jesus brought was the culture of his Father's heavenly kingdom.

His message, his actions, his perfect love, his selfless mission was to bring the model of the whole man, the fully integrated man.

His life is what we're destined to become. (ultimately whole in our resurrected body, soul, and spirit).

But what he had, we are to grow toward.

He deals with each area of our dysfunction in a "progressive" way. It's called *sanctification*. Peeling back layer by layer.

We are justified by faith, made righteous (but not whole) by the blood. This work was done at the cross.

We're judicially adopted into a heavenly family with a new genetic code and the spiritual DNA of Christ.

When we still depend on the "disintegrated" person...in our dysfunction and lean on old ways, we tend to muddy the waters through religion, rather than walk in wholeness with Christ. There's a clash between spirit and flesh.

There is still (as was with Paul) a clash of the old man with the new, the Mosaic culture vs. the Kingdom culture.

In body, Jesus was biologically (through genealogy), king and priest.

He came to integrate his kingdom and priestly culture into this disintegrated and dysfunctional world. Not a Jewish culture or Gentile culture, but a royal-priestly culture.

He is taking us (though as damaged goods from the fall) through a transformation into his likeness so that we might be bringing his kingdom culture on earth as it is in heaven. Galatians 4:19; 2 Corinthians 3:12-18; Romans 8:29