

Spiritual versus Soulsh

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— 1 Corinthians 2:14

- To Receive or not to Receive
- To Lose or not to Lose
- Now the Triune God has come to dwell within

**Our
Human
Spirit**

To Receive or not to Receive

What do you think a soulish man is and what do you think a spiritual man is?

What was it like when you tried to present Christ to someone, and they didn't receive what you said?

1 Corinthians 1:18 – For the word of the cross is to those who are perishing foolishness, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

1 Corinthians 1:19 – For it is written, “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the understanding of those who understand I will set aside.”

- When the apostle Paul tried to speak the word of the cross to people, they thought it was foolishness and they didn't receive the word.
- Why couldn't people see the things of the spirit?
- Why couldn't they receive the things of the spirit?
- It was because they were soulish people.

1 Corinthians 2:14 – But a soulish man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him and he is not able to know them because they are discerned spiritually.

1 Corinthians 2:15 – But the spiritual man discerns all things, but he himself is discerned by no one.

To Lose or not to Lose

In Matthew 16:24, why did the Lord tell His disciples, "If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me." ?

Can you help one another understand what are the 2 uses of the word save and what are the 2 uses of the word lose in Mark 8:35?

In the gospels, the Lord Jesus tells us what to do with our soul

- And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who finds his soul-life shall lose it, and he who loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it. – Matthew 10:38-39
- Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him **deny himself** and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake shall find it. For what shall a man be profited if he gains the whole world, but forfeits his soul-life? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul-life? – Matthew 16:24-26
- For whoever wants to **save** his soul-life shall **lose** it; but whoever will **lose** his soul-life for My sake and the gospel's shall **save** it. – Mark 8:35
- For whoever wants to save his soul-life shall lose it; but whoever loses his soul-life for My sake, this one shall save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world but loses or forfeits himself? – Luke 9:24-25
- He who loves his soul-life loses it; and he who hates his soul-life in this world shall keep it unto eternal life. – John 12:25

In the epistles, we are told what to do with our spirit

- Serve in spirit – Romans 1:9
- Walk according to the spirit – Romans 8:4
- Pray in spirit – Ephesians 6:18

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Extra

The cross of Christ is found in the Spirit of God in our spirit. When we turn to our spirit, the cross automatically and spontaneously kills our soul-life.

Thus, denying our self, losing our soul-life, is something that comes out of our exercising our spirit.

When we sing and pray to God, we use our human spirit that is indwelt by the Spirit of God and the things of Christ become so real and clear!

1.

Now the Triune God has come to dwell within

As the wonderful Spirit in us.

We are mingled with the Lord, we're one with Him

As the life-giving Spirit in us.

Chorus:

Oh, He's the wonderful Spirit in us,
He's the wonderful Spirit in us!

God is in the Son, the Son's the Spirit now—

He's the wonderful Spirit in us!

4.

Now the Spirit of reality is here

As the wonderful Spirit within.

Now the things of Christ are all so real and clear

By the life-giving Spirit within.

- Stanzas 1 and 4, Hymns, # 1113