



In Genesis God declares that He would create man in their image. One aspect of this image is illustrated in the chart above. It is that man was originally created as a three-part person - spirit, soul and body. [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.* We see that man was created in the image of God as a trichotomy.

- A. This is a very important subject for each of you to know. Man is a three part being, but since the fall of man in the garden, every person is born spiritually dead. Therefore he must be "**born again.**" [John 3:3,5](#).
- B. The most important part of man is his spirit because we communicate with God on a spiritual level. This is very clearly spoken of in [1 Corinthians 2:7-16 & 3:1-3](#)
1. The Natural Man? This is the person who has not been born again. [Hebrews 4:12](#); [1 Thessalonians 5:23](#)
  2. The Spiritual Man? The person who has been born again. [John 3:3-5](#)
  3. [1 Corinthians 15:35-50](#)
    - a. Man was created in the image of God - [Genesis 1:21-27](#)
    - b. God gave them a simple rule. - [Genesis 2:15](#)
    - c. Adam sinned - broke God's law, word. [Genesis 3:6](#)
    - d. Then another law of God came into effect - Sin brings death. [Romans 5:12](#)

- e. Adam & Eve died spiritually and began the process of dying physically.
  - 4. Communication was changed between God and man.
    - a. [John 4:24](#) - God is a Spirit.
    - b. [Ephesians 2:1-2](#) - Man is spiritually dead in sins.
    - c. [John 3:3-5](#) - Jesus said that a man must be born again.
    - d. [Titus 3:5](#) - Man's spirit must be regenerated.
  - 5. Practical application? Virtually everything spoken of in the word of God has a physical & spiritual application.
    - a. Mankind - You can see physical bodies but not the spirit.
    - b. The church -  
Local (physical), [1 Corinthians 1:1](#), [Galatians 1:1](#), **etc.**  
Spiritual (Body of Christ) [1 Corinthians 12:13](#); [Colossians 1:24](#)
    - c. Baptism -
      - i. Physical (water) - [Matthew 28:19-20](#).
      - ii. Spiritual - [Romans 6:3-4](#), [1 Corinthians 12:13](#). **Ephesians 4**
    - d. Water - physical and spiritual - [John 4:1-26](#).
    - e. Bread - [John 6:49-64](#).
    - f. Ten "I am's" of **John 9-15**.
  - 6. Most false cults get this mixed up.
    - a. Mormons - heaven/works
    - b. Catholics - church/works
    - c. Russellites - (J.W.s) - Kingdoms (Heaven or God)
    - d. Church of Christ - Baptisms - water for every mention in the Bible.
    - e. Liberals - all brothers? Physically descendants of Adam but must be born into the family of God.
  - 7. Many Bible verses misunderstood.
    - a. Sin - [1 John 3:4-10](#).
    - b. Baptism-[Matthew 3:11](#); **1 Peter 3:21**
    - c. Election - [Ephesians 1:4](#); [Colossians 3:12](#); [1 Peter 1:2](#).
    - d. Others as mentioned above.
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