

Everything that God gives us begins with a desire in His Heart to do so. He wishes above all things that we prosper and be in total health even as our soul prospers. (*III John 2*) He has given us the Holy Spirit to teach us the things that prospers the soul. He links our physical health and our prosperity directly to our soul's prosperity. It is vital, then, that we learn from the Holy Spirit exactly what our soul is and how it prospers to achieve a healthy body and a prosperous life.

- **Soul's Components**—Our soul consists of three living, operating component: (1) our **Mind** (thinking capacity), (2) our **Will** (mechanism and ability to make choices and decisions) and (3) our **Emotions** (feelings such as love, anger, jealousy hated, etc.).

Why God's Emphasis on our Soul

In the beginning, God created man from the dust of the ground. He then breathed His breath into the man (who He named Adam). By breathing His breath, God placed His spirit and His soul inside Adam. (*Genesis 2:7*) Adam became a total living being—a spirit, a soul and a body. Adam's spirit was pure, his soul was pure and his body had absolutely no sickness or disease in it. Adam could not lie, steal, get angrily or be jealous because there was no knowledge of such inside him. However, at the provocation of Satan, Adam disobeyed God and partook of forbidden knowledge of good and evil. (*Genesis 2:16-17*) Evil inside this knowledge negatively affected his total being. Adam's spirit became impure, his soul became filthy and scarred and his body became diseased. We were all born of Adam after he had sinned. (*Psalms 51:5*) Our lifestyles carried evil thoughts, evil speech and evil behavior. Evil negatively affected our soul. It was once pure, but now it existed in a filthy and scarred state. This state blocks the flow of God's blessings to us.

Out of His Love for us, God made a way for us to be born again. By this birth, we gained a totally new spirit from Heaven. (*II Corinthians 5:17*) However, our soul and our body did not change with the new birth. Our soul remained in the filthy and scarred state produced by our sins before Christ. Our body remained sick and afflicted. God has a Restoration Plan for us which began by the work of Christ, then then continues by the Holy Spirit in us. His Plan is to restore our soul to its original state before Adam sinned. (*Psalms 23:3*) It is also to restore health to our physical body. (*Jeremiah 30-17*)

Sacrifices of Christ for us

Christ was sent to earth to begin God's Restoration Plan for our lives, accomplishing it by sacrificing for us. Keep in mind, God wants us to prosper and be in health.

- **For our Health**—Christ paved the way for God's Health to manifest in us through His sacrifice at Calvary. He took all our sicknesses and diseases (cancer, diabetes, mental illnesses, etc. in His own body. (*St. Matthew 8:17*) Then, with our sicknesses and diseases inside Him, He took stripes on His back, paying their penalty in full. By this sacrificial act of Christ, we were legally healed. (*I Peter 2:24*)
- **For our Prosperity**—Jesus became poor that we through His poverty might be made rich. (*II Corinthians 8:9*) God's Plan through the Holy Spirit is to give us richly all things to enjoy life. (*I Timothy 6:17*) He gives them to us as gifts of His grace.