

Soul

Mark 8:34-38
Psalm 42:1-5

A. What is the Soul?

“What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” Mark 8:36-37 (NIV)

- 1. You are more than yourself. You are a soul.
 - a. Your outer self is the piece of you that people see and experience.
 - b. Your inner self is the piece of you that only you see and experience.

- 2. Your soul is the most superior part of you.
 - a. Everything else fades.

“For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.” 1 Timothy 6:7 (NIV)

- b. The human soul is more valuable than the whole world.

“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?” Matthew 16:26 (NIV)

“Your soul connects your thoughts, your sensations, your emotions, your will, and integrates them into an entire being.” John Ortberg in, Soul Keeping

A definition of the soul: Our soul is the forever part of us that is integrated into all of us—heart, mind, body—upon conception.

B. The Integrated Soul vs. A Disintegrated Soul.

“Then He called the crowd to Him along with His disciples and said: ‘Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow Me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Me and for the gospel will save it.’” Mark 3:34-35 (NIV)

- 1. A disintegrated soul is a lost soul.
 - a. A disintegrated soul is like a car without a steering wheel.
 - b. A disintegrated soul trusts the outside world to heal the internal world.
- 2. An integrated soul is a found soul.
 - a. An integrated soul knows that the health of the soul is untouched by the health of the body.
 - b. An integrated soul causes us to live in a worthy way of loving others as ourselves.

“And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Matthew 22:39 (NIV)

C. A Healthy Soul Leads Us to Being Unashamed of the Gospel.

“If anyone is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when He comes in His Father’s glory with the holy angels.” Mark 8:38 (NIV)

- 1. We are ashamed of Christ when we deny Him by our words, acts, or silence.
- 2. The Son of Man is Christ, the Messiah, the Judge.
- 3. Judgement is coming soon.

What is the diagnosis of your soul?

Bottom Line:

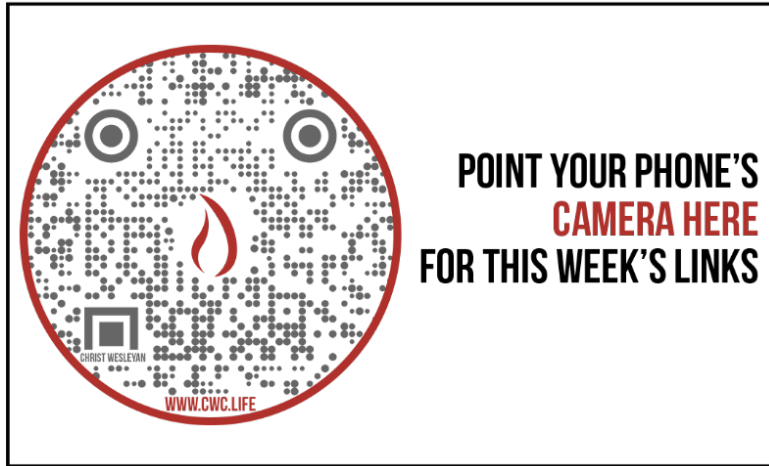
“You’re a soul made by God, made for God, and made to need God.” Dallas Willard

To begin a relationship with Jesus...
Text: IChooseJesus (*all one word*) to 570-273-0088
Next Sunday:

Wholly Health: God-Focused Living
With Every Part of Us

Week 3: The Mind (Rest)

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach
Sunbury Campus: Pastor Mike Sweigard



Notetakers are History Makers

Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 116.2% of goal

Giving year to date: 84.6% of goal

Attendance last Sunday: 1,651

Salvations to date: 97 | Baptisms to date: 110

Upcoming Happenings:

**January 20th - Classics Bus Trip: Hockey Night with the
Hershey Bears**

January 20th – Family Life Date Night – 6p

January 21st – Women’s Ministry Movie Night – 2p

January 28th – CWC Kidz Volunteer Training –12:30p

February 11th – Child Dedications