

# \*Chapter 3

Thou Hast Given Him Power

# \* Jesus' Last Will and Testament ~ John 17

## Jesus prays for himself: John 17:1-6

1. These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:
2. As thou has given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.
3. And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent.
4. I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do.
5. And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.
6. I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.

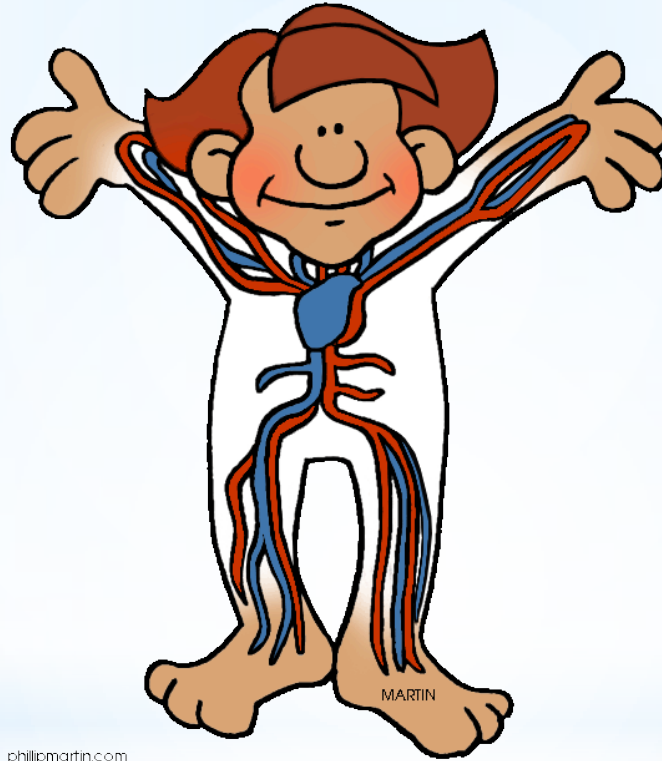
## Jesus prays for his disciples: John 17:7-19

7. Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.
8. For I have given unto them the words which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.
9. I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.
10. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.
11. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.
12. While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.
13. And now come I to thee; and these things I speak in the world, that they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves.
14. I have given them thy word: and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
15. I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil.
16. They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.
17. Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.
18. As thou hast sent me into the world, even so have I also sent them into the world.
19. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth.

## Jesus prays for all believers: John 17:20-26

20. Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word.
21. That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.
22. And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one:
23. I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.
24. Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovest me before the foundation of the world.
25. O righteous Father, the world hath not known thee: but I have known thee, and these have known that thou has sent me.
26. And I have declared unto them thy name, and will declare it: that the love wherewith thou has loved me may be in them, and I in them.

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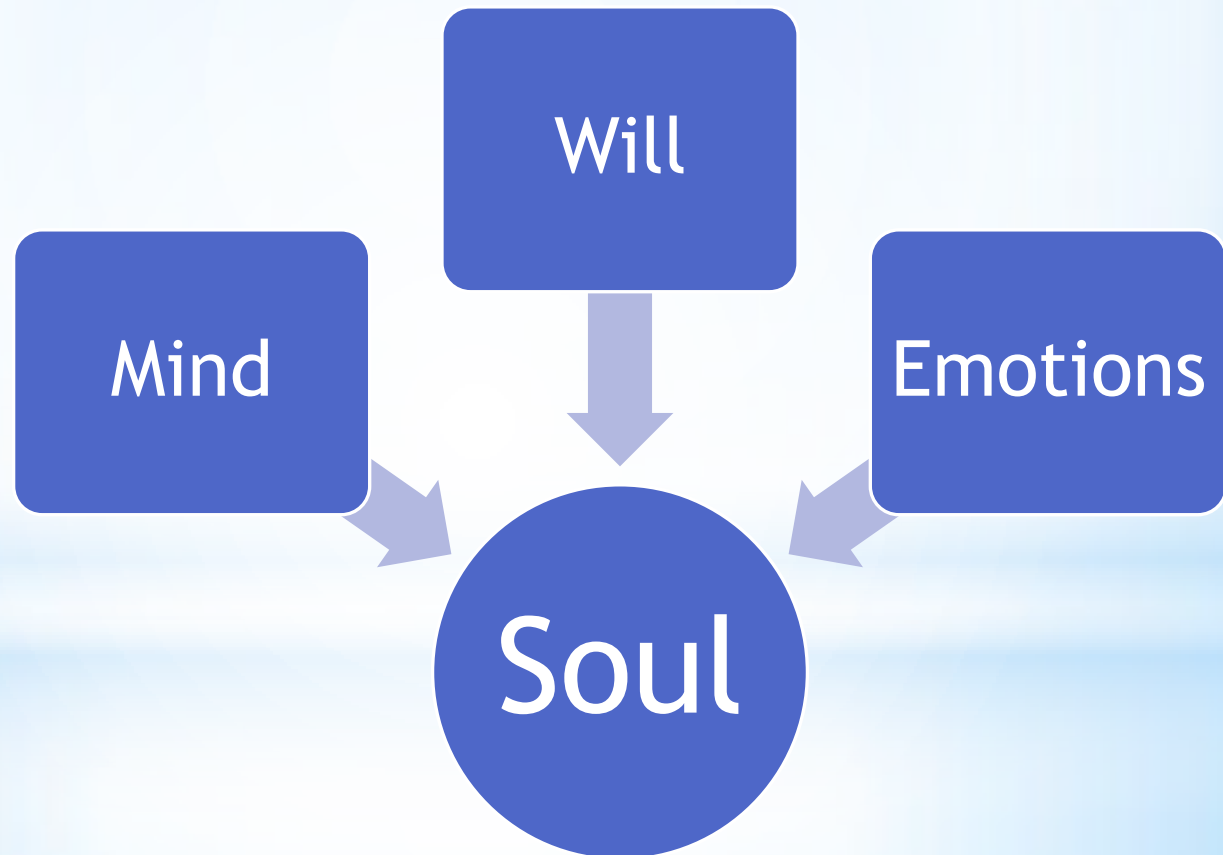
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John 17:2 “Thou hast given him power over all flesh...”

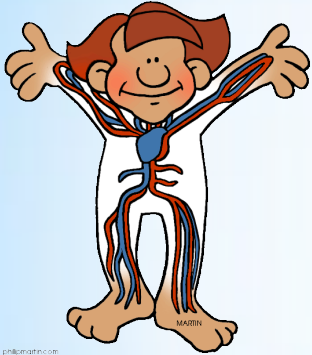
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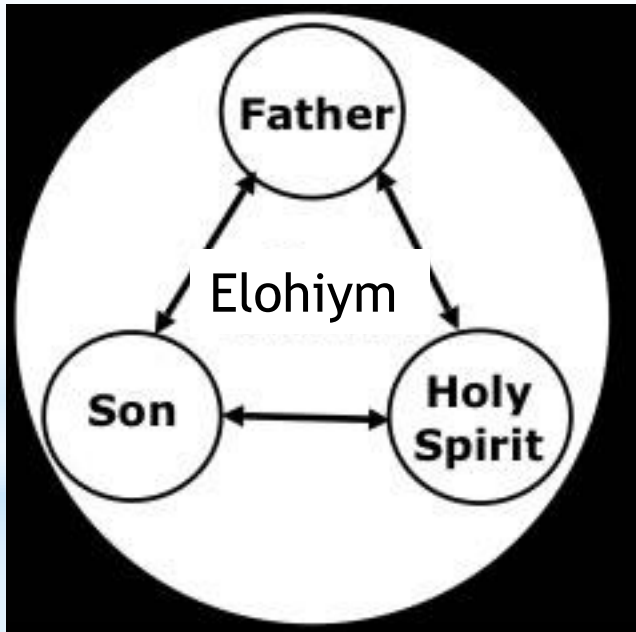
The flesh operates through the mind, will and emotions.



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In this tabernacle of clay (FLESH), we not only have a soul, but we also have a spirit. At the new birth, the spirit awakens to its full intent and purpose and life eternal.



God is a spirit. His name that depicts his triune nature is *Elohiym*.

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Flesh 1	Flesh 2	Flesh 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• All of mankind</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The corrupt nature</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Animal flesh</li></ul>

In this study we will deal with one and two above only.

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**All  
Flesh**

ALL MANKIND

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Genesis 6:12 “And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth.”

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Luke 3:6 “And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

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## All Flesh

CORRUPT PRINCIPLES AND DEPRAVED FACULTIES  
OF OUR FALLEN NATURE:

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Romans 7:18 “For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing:”

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Galatians 5:17 “For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh:”

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Galatians 2:20 “...The life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God...”

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John 1:14 “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.”

John 17:2 “As thou has given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him.

Power - *exousia* - means to have authority, to rule, to control, to subdue, to restrain, to remove, to convert, to convict, and to judge.

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- Before Jesus took on human form he was the Word in the triune Godhead - Father, Word, Spirit.
- He was in the beginning. He was one of the three covenant partners in our creation.
- Male and female were created in the image of the Godhead. They were able to be fruitful and multiply.
- Man is a triune being made up of spirit, soul and body.
- The Godhead knew mankind would sin. He gave them the ability to choose.
- We learnt in Chapter 2 of this book the price Jesus paid for people with a free will to be a part of the family of God.

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2 Peter 1:3 “According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:”

Divine  
Power

Life and  
Godliness

2 Peter 1:4 “Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust”

Divine  
Nature

Great and  
Precious  
Promises

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**Dunamis** - force, specifically miraculous power, ability, abundance, etc.

**Phusis** - divine nature - growth by germination - to cause to develop, sprout, or bud.



In our spirit resides the seed (divine nature) of God. This seed responds only to one light - the light of Jesus Christ.

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- ❑ While the seed of God resides in every human being's spirit, it is dormant until we come to know the God of the Spirit.
- ❑ Holy Spirit facilitates the light of Jesus in our spirit (John 6:44, 63).
- ❑ Spirit relates to spirit.
- ❑ Through Holy Spirit and because of Christ we have access to the same miracle-working power (*dunamis*) of God.
- ❑ We take on his nature (*phusis*) and his image (seed) at our new birth - salvation.
- ❑ Both authority (*exousia*) and power (*dunamis*) over the flesh have been made available to the believer.

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- ❑ *Let's take a look at Jesus' earthly life for a moment*
- ❑ He was born of Mary.
- ❑ She was a surrogate mother for the Son of Man!
- ❑ Mary and Joseph were his mom and dad on this earth.
- ❑ Jesus was dedicated after the manner of Hebrew babies.
- ❑ He was raised in the Hebrew beliefs and lifestyle.
- ❑ Around 30 years of age John the Baptist baptizes him.
- ❑ Holy Spirit comes upon him and he does a 40 day fast.
- ❑ Satan tempts him.
- ❑ His replies, everyone of them, are the Word of God.
- ❑ He goes to the synagogue, reads Isaiah 61:1-3 as the fulfillment of that prophesy. Luke 4:18

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1 Peter 4:1-2

Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin; that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God.

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Jesus was indeed man.

Mankind can relate to him.

We can have complete faith that Jesus is able to keep his own.





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Next week:

Chapter 4

Thy Name, the Name Above All Names

Please read this chapter.