

## Human Spirit – Hebrews 4:12

An exegetical study of this passage reveals that a distinction is made between the human spirit and the human soul. *“The Word of God is living and operative and sharper than any two-edged sword piercing (μερισμός – dividing, separating, a parting, a division) of soul (ψυχή) and spirit (πνεύματος) ...”*

Also, note the [Greek of Jude 19](#) in a reference to unbelievers (worldly-minded – *psuchikos* – means *soulish*) not having a human spirit or the indwelling Holy Spirit.

### I. THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS DISTINGUISHED FROM THE HUMAN SOUL.

1. In the original creation of mankind, the human spirit was received along with the human soul.  
[Gen. 2:7](#) *“and the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.”*
2. The “breath of life” literally includes both soul and spirit.

Reference the [Doctrine of the SOUL](#) here (10 points, to be studied next session)

- ### II. THE UNBELIEVER DOES NOT HAVE A HUMAN SPIRIT. [1 Cor. 2:14](#) *“But the natural man (ψυχικός) receives not the things of the spirit of God: for they are foolishness (μωρία-moronia) unto him: neither can he know, because they are spiritually discerned. (ἀνακρίνεται - PPI 3<sup>rd</sup> p.s. of ἀνακρίνω). [Jude 19](#) “These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the spirit.”* The unbeliever being dichotomous does not possess the Grace System of Comprehension (GSC) for taking in and comprehending the Word of God.
- ### III. SINCE THE UNBELIEVER DOES NOT POSSESS A HUMAN SPIRIT, GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT MUST ACT AS A HUMAN SPIRIT IN THE PRESENTATION OF THE GOSPEL. [Gen. 6:3](#) *“And the Lord said, my spirit shall not always strive with man.....” [John 16:8-11](#) “And when He is come, He will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on me; of righteousness because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.”*

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- IV. THE BELIEVER IS TRICHOTOMOUS. [1 Thess. 5:23](#) *“.....I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* At this point of salvation, both the Holy Spirit and the human spirit are received. Low human IQ is no handicap in learning Biblical truth; neither is high IQ an asset. The GSC sets aside human ability, replacing it with a beautiful system of comprehending the truth of God’s Word. [Rom. 8:16](#) *“The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”*
- V. THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS BOTH THE TARGET AND STORAGE AREA FOR BIBLICAL INFORMATION UNDER THE CONCEPT OF THE GREEK WORD: epignosis – ἐπιγνωσις The truth of God is usable only from the human spirit: 1 COR. 2:10 receiving the Word and understanding
- application in daily living
  - constructing the SHS
  - occupation with the Lord Jesus Christ
- VI. THE SPIRITUAL IQ OF THE BELIEVER IS DETERMINED BY THE AMOUNT OF GOD’S WORD THAT IS TAKEN INTO THE HUMAN SPIRIT. [Job 32:8](#), *“But it is a spirit in man, and the breath of the almighty gives them understanding.”* [Romans 8:16](#), *“The spirit himself witnesses with our spirit, that we are the children of God.”*
- VII. THE GRACE SYSTEM ONLY FUNCTIONS WHEN THE BELIEVER IS FILLED BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. [1 Cor. 2:13](#), *“Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God, that we might know the things that are freely given to us under God.”*
- VIII. TRUTH RESIDING IN THE HUMAN SPIRIT IS THE BASIS FOR SPIRITUAL IQ ([Eph. 3:16-19](#)), and is the area of refreshment ([2 Cor. 7:13](#)) and constitutes the foundation for grace growth. ([Philemon 1:25](#))