

Our Present and Future Changes Ephesians 4:17-24 with 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

I. We are a New Man Eph 4:22-24

A. Definitions

1. The Old Man (our natural fallen sinful nature) is everything we received by being _____ . What we are through _____ .
2. The New Man (our new holy nature) is everything we received by being _____ . What we are through _____ .

B. The Apostle Paul's teaching

1. Here in Eph 4:22-24 --the Greek is unclear because it is an infinitive.
 - a. a command? "that you _____ put off the old man."
 - b. a fact? "that you _____ put off the old man."
2. Paul's other statements
 - a. Gal 2:20
 - b. Rom 6:2, 6, 13-14, 18, 22
 - c. Col 3:9-10
3. But there must be a daily renewing of our mind
Eph 4:23, 3:16; Rom 12:2; 2 Cor 3:18, 4:16; Col 3:2-10
-- We control our _____, our _____, our _____
_____ by controlling our _____ through the _____
_____ and _____.

II. The Christian's Nature

A. Man's Three Functional Aspects

SPIRIT "life" πνεῦμα	<u>Spiritual Aspect</u> This relates the being to <u>God</u> (a human and celestial element)	Is " <u>dead</u> " before salvation Is <u>man's NATURE</u> after salvation
PSYCHE "soul" "life" "heart, mind" ψυχή	<u>Natural Aspect</u> This makes a creature a <u>conscious</u> being (human or animal)	includes: MIND or intellect EMOTIONS WILL
	<u>Man's NATURE</u> before salv. Controls the unsaved man	

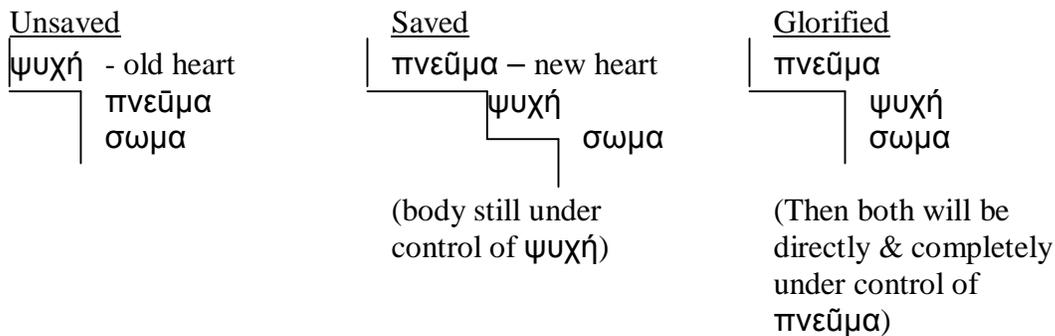
BODY, flesh Physical Aspect
σωμα σάρξ

B. Three Important Realities

1. The Spirit and Psyche are sometimes impossible to distinguish in Scripture, other times they are very distinct.
2. Though the Christian still possesses his old nature; it no longer is the controlling power (lord) in his life.
3. That old nature (the psyche) does, however, continue to control his body.

III. We Will Be a Glorified Man 1 Cor 15:44

A. The differences between our unsaved past, our regenerated present, and our glorified future.



B. Some Conclusions

1. The ψυχή is the controlling nature of the unsaved man, but once saved he has a new controlling nature and his ψυχή becomes his “old man” (which has been removed from control)
2. It is not so much which aspect (πνεῦμα/ ψυχή) we support that prevails as it is that when we do not consciously and actively renew the mind that this natural mind reverts to its old “auto pilot.”