



# Bible Study

## Thought-Provoking Questions

The purpose of the questions is to facilitate a deeper understanding of the Bible, this Bible study topic and ourselves. The questions may be answered by each reader; or used by a Bible study group leader or church pastor. The following questions should be answered or discussed after reading “Body, Soul, Heart and Spirit.”

There are two types of questions: lesson and opinion. Lesson questions (preceded by a number) are provided an answer. Opinion questions (preceded by an ©) are designed to enhance learning via the determination of opinions and/or discovering how the lesson content illuminates our personal lives. As such, no answers are provided.

**Questions** (Do your best to respond to each lesson question before looking at the answer.)

1. What are the components of our physical body and our spiritual body?
2. What are the different components of our soul?
- © Which component of our soul do you think is the most important, and why?
3. Which component of our soul does God look upon, weigh and search?
- © How would you explain the following scriptures to someone who is struggling with sin?
  - “Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it spring the issues of life.” Proverbs 4:23
  - “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21
4. What are two primary ways our spiritual body receives communication from our physical body?
- © Jesus said (Matthew 6:22-23) “The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness.” What does this mean and what is the relevance to a Christian?
5. Why and how does God chasten His children?
6. What can a Christian do to win the battle against sin?
- © When we die and our spiritual body (soul and spirit) leaves our physical body:
  - Will our heart, faith, sinful nature, mind, conscience and emotions remain in our spiritual body?
    - This question requires deep, reflective and rationalized thought.
    - If one or more of the components will not remain, explain the reason for your answer.
    - If our sinful nature remains, how would it be different without the influence of our physical bodies?
    - Did Eve’s sinful nature influence her decision to eat from the forbidden tree? Explain.
    - Do you think our free will remains after we die? If yes, why would we need a free will in Heaven?
  - Will our mind’s intellect, memories and imagination also remain? Why?
  - Is it possible for some or all of these components of our soul to be relevant when we are judged? How?
    - Born again judgment = Judgment seat of Christ (2 Corinthians 5:10, Romans 14:10-11)
    - Not born again = Great White Throne Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)
  - How would these components influence our eternal experience in Heaven?
  - How would these components influence a person’s eternal experience in Hell?

## Answers

1. Page 4: Physical body = flesh, bones, organs, senses, nervous system, etc. Spiritual body = soul and spirit
2. Page 4: Heart, faith, sinful nature, mind, conscience and emotions
3. Page 3: Our heart
4. Page 4: 5 senses and nervous system
5. Page 21: We are chastened by God to change our behavior. When we sin, we experience spiritual pain in the form of guilt, shame, remorse, and loss of peace and His presence.
6. Page 21-22: Take responsibility. Make a heart-felt decision of what to do in the future, prepare scripture to overcome the enemy, avoid “slippery slopes” by feeding the spirit and starving the flesh, continually evaluate and take control over thoughts, and obediently follow the means of escape given by the Holy Spirit.

**Here is an “extra credit” learning exercise.** Read the insightful words spoken by Jesus Christ regarding the rich man and Lazarus, then answer the opinion question that follows.

“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, the dogs came and licked his sores. So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. And being in torments in Hades, **he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.** Then **he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.’** But Abraham said, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.’ Then **he said, ‘I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father’s house, for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’** Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ And **he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’** But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’” Luke 16:19-31



- ⓐ List each component of the soul that influenced the words of the rich man.
- Heart
  - Faith
  - Sinful nature
  - Mind:
    - Intellect
    - Memories
    - Imagination
  - Conscience
  - Emotions