

Man's Duality

Definition: duality is a dual condition or quality. It is the state of being two or in two parts.

I. Man is a dual being—flesh and spirit

A. Solomon believed there are two parts to man. Eccl. 12:7.

1. Dust. Gen. 2:7; Gen. 3:19.
2. Spirit. Gen. 1:26-27. "Likeness" denotes a spiritual conformity to God.

B. Paul describes man as having two parts. 2 Cor. 4:16.

1. Outward man—flesh.
2. Inward man—spirit.

C. James recognized the duality of man. James 2:26.

1. Body.
2. Spirit.

II. Man is a dual unit.

A. Woman is a helper or help meet to man.

1. Gen 2:18—not good for man to be alone.

B. Man was the only creature God created alone.

C. Longfellow expressed the mutuality in his Hiawatha.

III. Man's salvation is dual—the divine and he human.

A. What God has done to save man. John 3:16.

1. God showed his love for the world by the sacrifice He made for the world.
2. Only one being qualified to be the only Son of God.
3. God showed his hatred for sin by sacrificing His son for the sins of the world.
4. This verse declares God is love, that He loved the world, He gave his Son to save men and that those who believe will have everlasting life.

B. What man must do to have salvation.

1. Belief that Jesus is the Son of God along with obedience. 2 Thess. 1:7-9.
2. Obedience begins with faith.
 - a. In God. Heb. 11:6.
 - b. In Christ. Stated in Acts 16:30-31.
3. Repentance is required. Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38.
4. Confession of Christ. Matt. 10:32.
5. Being baptized. Mark 16:16.
6. This process is seen in Acts 2:37-40.

C. Man must continue to add to his faith. 2 Peter 1:5-10.

IV. Man's Christian life is dual—doctrine and practice. Both are important.

A. "Practice what you preach." 1 Tim. 4:16.

B. No man or angel can make changes to the gospel. Gal. 1:8-9

C. A man's faith is proven by his actions. James 2:18.

D. A Christian is to be honest in his work and deeds. Titus 2:9-10.