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**Light vs. Darkness**

In [Genesis 1:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.4&t=NKJV) a division is made between the light and the darkness:

*And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.*

Light then shines “out of darkness”:

*For it is the God who commanded light to shine out of darkness, who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ*. ([2 Corinthians 4:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+4.6&t=NKJV))

And the darkness has no apprehension or comprehension of that which is light:

*This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all.* ([John 1:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.5&t=NKJV))

*But the natural man* [unsaved] *does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned*. ([1 Corinthians 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+2.14&t=NKJV))

It is at this point in man’s salvation that the spirit is *separated* from the soul. The “spirit” in unsaved man is dead. It is a part of the totally depraved man, with his “*body of . . . death*,” in which there dwells “no good thing”:

*For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find.*

*O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?* ([Romans 7:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+7.18&t=NKJV), [24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+7.24&t=NKJV))

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That which *remains* in the sphere of darkness can have no apprehension or comprehension of that which has *shined* *out of darkness.* There is *a God-established division between the spirit and the soul that cannot be crossed over* (*cf*. [Luke 16:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+16.26&t=NKJV)).

The *soul* [darkness], that remains in us, *sins*, *not the spirit* [light]. To say the spirit in us can sin is to say Christ can sin, because those of us who are saved are “in Christ”. We are part of His body:

*Whoever abides in Him does not sin. Whoever sins has neither seen Him nor known Him.*

*Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin, because he has been born of God.*

*We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him.* ([1 John 3:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1John+3.6&t=NKJV), [9](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1John+3.9&t=NKJV); [5:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1John+5.18&t=NKJV))

In summary, we who are saved MUST endeavor to make the soul [darkness, old man] in us *die*. To do this we MUST, as *a continuous process*, be filled with the Holy Spirit. Today’s filling will NOT do for tomorrow. The *amount* *of* *dying* of the soul [darkness, old man] in us is 'inversely proportional' to *the amount of filling of the Holy Spirit*. The *MORE* we're filled with the Holy Spirit the MORE of the soul [darkness, old man] *dies* in us. Therefore the more filled we are of the Holy Spirit the MORE the Holy Spirit works through US instead of *self* [soul, darkness, old man] working through us.