

Soul Power

Whatever is spoken from the soul only and not from one's redeemed spirit, in union and communion with Yahshua's Spirit (1 Cor 6:17), can reach man's soul only, and do nothing but give him mental knowledge. If it is from one of Satan's servants, or one who seeks his own glory, it could and would be a great deception. It cannot produce the works of Eph 2:10 and 4:16 in fellowship with the apostolic council of Eph 4:11 that adjusts each one in the Body to do those works prepared for him to do, so that Eph 4:1 is his only occupation (2 Tim 2:4). Any other way is Jn 9:41 and 1 Jn 2:4. Just think how many Christians there are on that way.

Rom 10:14-17 is the only way man's spirit can be reached, as Jn 13:20 and Mt 10:40-41. But how many have been deceived by just "Bible knowledge," or a tract, or a preacher who preaches just from the soul and is seeking his own glory, being deceived himself and deceiving others to the degree of the power of his soul being mixed with Satanic power? (Jn 7:17-18; 2 Cor 11:15 — seminary training)

Not all who preach from soul knowledge are Satan's servants, but it's hard to say who is and who isn't, except by the fruit they bear. If their gospel is another gospel (2 Cor 11:4), then it can produce no oneness as Yahshua prayed for, and no loving as He loved, as He commanded His disciples to love (Jn 13:34-35; 17:21-23). Who will ever do it, since our Master's glory was not passed on to the hearer, nor His Spirit and love through faith, but only the glory of the one in Jn 7:18 who is filled with Satan's pride (2 Cor 11:15)?

Isa 53:11 — Who will ever love enough to produce the fruit? Who will ever love Him enough? (1 Cor 16:22; Rev 2:4; Eph 6:24; Rom 5:5; Jn 14:15,21)

Rom 10:17 as Jn 13:20 is reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18-21).

1 Pet 4:11 — Before one opens his mouth to tell others about Yahshua, he must be certain he is speaking by the Holy Spirit, in communion with the Spirit of Messiah.

This power is given for the purpose of being His witnesses, truly representing Him and fulfilling His purpose (Acts 1:8; Lk 24:47, Isa 49:6). Mt 24:14 is the witness of the whole twelve tribes, who are His witnesses, forming one corporate witness of the truth (Jn 18:37; 13:35; 1 Jn 3:14,16,23).

Although the soul is alive, it is incapable of making others alive unless it is filled with the Spirit. The Spirit is communicated or passed on to others through the souls of true disciples who are filled with His Spirit, through whom He can speak to them (Rom 10:17; Jn 13:20), that they would receive the same reward as the speaker (Mt 10:41).

Our own personal spirit being one with Yahshua is able to be received by the hearer, and through our spirit a person who is willing to do the Father's will comes to receive Yahshua Himself through us, and through Yahshua receives the Father (Jn 13:20; 1 Tim 2:5). Salvation is not and cannot be imparted by reading a freepaper or the Bible, or hearing one who is not in fellowship with Yahshua. Just because 1 Cor 6:17 is true about us, we can still be in union with Him without being in fellowship or communion. And if anyone is not in communion, he cannot pass on His Spirit to others, since he is as Rev 3:20 and not as verse 21.

We wear the royal diadem to indicate our assumption of royal dignity with Him (Rev 3:21), but unless it is a *valid* assumption as 1 Jn 3:24, we are only passing on soul knowledge, which cannot reach the spirit of the person we are speaking to. In that case, it can only reach his soul, since there is a blockage between our soul and our spirit, and the human spirit can only communicate to the hearer through the human spirit and soul being one — in communion, not merely union.

No matter how powerful one's human soul is, it is useless to the Holy Spirit if it is not in fellowship with Him through one's human spirit. Man is a tri-unity — spirit, soul, and body — even as the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit are one, in both union and communion. The Godhead is three persons in one essence — not numerically one, but one in essence. All three parts of our one being make one person numerically, but all

three may not be one in essence. Our spirit can be out of touch with our soul, and then our body is not in touch with our spirit, but only with soul power. Our soul power alone can never penetrate another man's spirit. Only if our spirit is in communion with the Holy Spirit and with our soul can our spirit penetrate another person's spirit and soul for obedience to the gospel (Acts 2:37-45).

Now we can understand Acts 1:4,8 and Lk 24:49 — “Stay! Don't go anywhere, or you will only start another religion!” — as Christianity began little more than 50 years later (Jms 1:26-27; 2:14-26). “Stay in the city until Acts 1:8 happens. Don't try to do anything in your own soul power.”

So on that day, Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit in his human spirit, preached as recorded in Acts 2:14-40. By the Holy Spirit he proclaimed Acts 2:36, which caused them to be cut to the heart over what they had done in Mt 27:25. And they screamed even louder than they had when they had shouted, “Crucify Him!” in Mt 27:23-27. Now they shouted, “What shall we do brothers? What shall we do?” This was a cry from the heart, a pleading to be set free of the bloodguilt they incurred because of Mt 27:25. And the same goes for the Jews today, since they are “the children.”

Mt 27:25 — “Let His blood be on our heads and on the heads of our children *after us*” — after them in their perverted way instead of after them in the way of Yahweh (Gen 18:19). The Holy Spirit — the Spirit who dwelt in Messiah Himself — spoke through the apostle who was filled with that Spirit to make it very clear what they were guilty of (Acts 2:23,36; 3:15; 4:10; 5:30; 7:51-52). If they had been circumcised of heart they would not have crucified Him, but being uncircumcised of heart they resisted the Holy Spirit. But on the Day of Pentecost, they were cut to the heart and their circumcision became circumcision of the heart (Acts 2:37).

This same Holy Spirit can release the Jews today from their bloodguilt as it was passed down to them, that is, by admitting that they *did* crucify the Messiah sent to them (Jn 1:10-14), the Word of God incarnate. *Incarnate* means the Word was embodied in

human flesh. But this was not recognized by the Jews, since their circumcision was not of the heart, but in ritualistic formality under the Law, without the heart devoted to the true God of Abraham (Jn 7:22; Rom 4:9-12; Acts 15:1,5). True circumcision is of the heart (Rom 2:28-29; Acts 7:51-52).

Those who heard Peter in Acts 2:36 were personally indicted as the guilty ones who had Yahshua crucified. Murder was in their own hearts, so they gave their approval. Mt 27:23-27 was their indictment for condemning an innocent man whom Rome found no fault in. To *indict* is to put into words what was in their uncircumcised hearts and souls, letting it come out of their mouth.

Only those who are so confident that they claim to see, even though they are blind, are sealed with an evil spirit (Jn 9:41). Otherwise, a person would never be so confident.

Soul-powered crusades and revivals need to be repeated about every month, so the same old ones can go back down to the altar to have their souls filled again with soul knowledge. The effect of the medicine wears off and the old condition returns. Working through soul power (1 Pet 4:10-11), people weep, make resolutions, become zealous, but zealous without true knowledge. It's not the witness of the truth. The soul, no matter how strong it is, cannot impart life to others (1 Jn 5:12; Jn 6:63). Verse 64 is the same today also. To betray Him is to betray His Body, the edah or the truth (Jn 6:65,44).

Verse 63 — The Spirit quickens, gives life, but it is always because one gives up his life to have the Master's life. It is life for life (2 Cor 5:15).

Jn 7:18 — A soul speaks from the one who speaks on his own, and then the many receive the word and divide into countless divisions, in contrast to those who are quickened by the one Spirit (Eph 4:4-6; Jn 13:35; 17:23).

Mt 12:37 — You can almost tell when it is soul power alone.