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1) INTRODUCTION

- a) To have unction literally means to have the power of God upon your life, to be energized and directed by the Holy Spirit.
 - i) To understand this, we must understand how and why God designed us the way He did.
- b) Genesis 2:7
 - i) God made man body, soul and spirit.
 - ii) God made man out of the dust of the ground.
 - iii) God breathed into his nostrils the breath or the spirit of life, and man became a living soul.
 - (1) 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- c) God is a triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
 - i) God made us in His image, and so we have a triune nature.
 - (1) Body
 - (2) Soul
 - (3) Spirit
- d) Today's message will help us understand the differences in the body, soul and spirit and why God created us this way.
 - i) We will also learn some practical ways to live the Christian life when we understand why God engineered us the way He did.

2) THE MAGNIFICANCE OF THE HUMAN BODY (GENESIS 2:7)

- a) Genesis 2:7
 - i) The word "formed" is a word that is used for a potter who would mold clay.
 - ii) God formed man out of the dirt of the Earth.
 - (1) In recent times in analyzing the human body, scientists have discovered that every element in the human body is found in the dirt of the Earth.
- b) Psalm 139:14
- c) The human body's circulatory system alone is amazing.
 - i) Red blood cells carry the oxygen.
 - ii) The blood system supplies the nutrients and chemicals that are needed for vitality and life.
 - (1) Leviticus 17:11
 - iii) The white blood cells have antibodies designed to fight disease.
 - iv) The Hebrew word for heart is "lev," which speaks of the emotional part of man and may also speak of the heart muscle itself.
 - (1) The heart muscle is the most powerful muscle in the body.
 - (a) When we work with our arms, our arms will get tired.
 - (b) When we work with our legs, our legs will grow tired.
 - (c) But the heart muscle is working day in and day out, even while we're sleeping.
- d) The human eye is a marvel.

- i) No scientific instrument is as sensitive to light as the human eye.
 - ii) No man has ever made a camera lens that is superior or will even equal the lens in the human eye.
 - iii) It changes its curvature to focus on things that are near and things that are far.
 - (1) We don't even have to think about it; these adjustments are automatic.
 - iv) Psalm 139:13-14
 - e) The human ear is one of the architectural wonders in the world.
 - i) No man could ever produce a microphone that would duplicate the human ear.
 - ii) The middle ear contains air, and the inner ear contains liquid.
 - (1) When there is a noise, the sound waves activate the eardrum.
 - iii) The human ear is so complex that volume after volume has been written about it.
 - f) The central nervous system is stunningly complex and interconnected in an incredibly complicated way.
 - i) Yet we take for granted what we think of as simple, everyday events such as a young boy running down a field to catch a football.
 - (1) His eyes see the ball, and his brain immediately begins to calculate the speed, trajectory and distance.
 - (2) These messages are sent to the muscles in his body, and his muscles begin to coordinate and move into position to catch the ball.
 - g) The human body is God's crowning creation.
- 3) THE MIRACLE OF THE HUMAN SOUL (GENESIS 2:7)
- a) The body is simply a house for the soul.
 - i) 2 Corinthians 5:1
 - ii) 1 Corinthians 6:19
 - b) You are not your body; you live in your body.
 - c) The Greek word for "soul" is the word we get "psychology" or "psychiatric" from.
 - d) The soul is the you that lives inside the house.
 - i) Your soul is your real personality.
 - (1) It is your sense of humor, your intelligence, your likes, your dislikes, your proclivities, etc.
 - (2) It is all of those things that make you the unique person that you are.
 - e) Your soul is your mind, emotion and will.
 - i) The soul is your mind or intelligence.
 - (1) Psalm 139:14
 - (a) The soul can know things; intelligence is in your soul.
 - ii) The will is part of your soul.
 - (1) Psalm 27:12
 - (a) The word translated "will" in this passage is the same word that is also translated "soul."

- (2) 1 Chronicles 22:19
 - (a) If you seek God, you set your soul to seek Him.
- iii) Your soul is also your emotion.
 - (1) 1 Samuel 18:1
 - (a) Love and emotion are in the soul of man.

- 4) THE MIRACLE OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT (GENESIS 2:7)
 - a) The soul and the spirit are not the same thing.
 - i) 1 Thessalonians 5:23
 - ii) Hebrews 4:12
 - b) What is the difference between the soul and the spirit?
 - i) Both humans and animals have souls.
 - (1) Genesis 1:20-21
 - (2) Genesis 1:24
 - (3) Genesis 1:30
 - (a) These passages speak of animals having conscious and self-conscious life.
 - (b) Animals have a mind, emotion and will.
 - ii) The spirit of man is inextricably united with his soul.
 - (1) The soul and spirit are not the same, but they are inseparable; and it is the spirit that makes man unique from the animals.
 - iii) It is primarily the spirit that makes us in the image of God.
 - (1) John 4:24
 - (2) Genesis 2:7
 - (a) God put Himself into man.
 - (b) The word “breath” means “the spirit of life.”
 - c) With our body, we have Earth-consciousness, and we know the physical world beneath us.
 - d) With our soul, we have self-consciousness, and we know the world within us and around us.
 - e) With our spirit, we have God-consciousness, and we know the world above us.
 - i) Animals do not pray or think of God.
 - ii) Animals cannot reason because they are not made in the image of God.
 - iii) Our spirit enables us to worship God.
 - f) The following Scriptures show how our spirit relates to God:
 - i) Luke 1:47
 - (1) Mary’s spirit rejoiced.
 - ii) John 4:23
 - (1) The only way we can fully worship is to worship with our spirit.
 - iii) Romans 8:16

5) HOW DO WE FUNCTION WITH UNCTION?

- a) When your body is right, you're healthy; when your soul is right, you're happy; and when your spirit is right, you're holy.
- b) Proverbs 20:27
 - i) Instead of "candle", the original word is "lamp."
 - (1) A candle consumes itself, but a lamp is fed with oil.
 - (2) In the Bible, the Holy Spirit is the oil that illumines our spirit, which is the lamp.
 - ii) It is by the spirit that we know God.
 - (1) What causes that spirit to burn and to flame is the Holy Spirit of God in our spirit.
- c) Our spirit, the innermost part of us that animals do not have and that part of our nature that enables us to know and worship God, gives us life.
 - i) As the Holy Spirit of God is in our human spirit, then we are illumined.
 - (1) That is the candle of the Lord to give life.
 - (a) Proverbs 20:27
 - ii) 1 Corinthians 2:14
 - iii) A person by mind, emotion and will cannot know God.
 - (1) That is the natural man, or the soul.
 - (2) The soulish man cannot understand the things of God.
 - (a) Most people operate out of their emotions or their soulish nature.
 - iv) When the Holy Spirit is in your human spirit, then you are illumined on the inside and then you know the will of God.
 - (1) The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God to speak to the human spirit.
 - (2) We have insight into the things of God through the Holy Spirit of God.
 - (a) The Holy Spirit is to man what instinct is to an animal.
- d) When we get saved, God puts the Holy Spirit back into the human spirit.
 - i) The candle of the Lord begins to burn on the inside.
 - ii) We have illumination on the inside and begin to know intuitively the things of God as the Holy Spirit teaches us.
 - (1) 2 Corinthians 2:11
- e) When a person begins to know the things of God, the Spirit then begins to talk to the soul.
 - i) The mind, emotion and will are then guided by the Holy Spirit in the human spirit.
 - ii) When the Holy Spirit speaks to the human spirit, then the human spirit talks to the mind, emotion and will (the soul).
- f) The mind, emotion and will then speak to the body: the eyes, ears, the tongue, the hands, the feet, the countenance, etc.
- g) The body goes out and lives in the world and shows the life of the Lord Jesus.
 - i) Matthew 5:16
 - ii) This is how we are to function with unction, as we understand that God gave us a body.
 - (1) The body is only to house the soul and the spirit.

- (2) The soul is to be under the leadership and dominion of the Spirit, and the body is to be under the leadership and dominion of the soul.
- (3) As the Holy Spirit speaks to the human spirit and the human spirit speaks to the mind, emotion and the will, the life of God drives the hands, the feet and the body out into this world; and it expresses the life of the Lord Jesus.
- (4) God's life will then be manifest on this Earth as He inhabits our humanity, and He then expresses His deity and glory.
- h) We must be filled with the Holy Spirit of God.
 - i) Not only must the Holy Spirit of God be resident in us, but He must also be president in us.
 - ii) We must yield to the Holy Spirit so that He can express the life of God through us.

6) CONCLUSION

- a) Not only did the Lord Jesus give Himself for us, but He gave Himself to us.
 - i) He gave Himself for us that He might give Himself to us that He might live His life through us.
- b) When people see us, they should see Jesus.
- c) Only one person ever lived the Christian life, and His name is Jesus.
 - i) If we live the Christian life, it will still be Jesus in us living that Christian life.
- d) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- e) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31
 - v) John 3:16