The Spiritual Anatomy of a Christian

1. Mankind is a unique creation of God, set apart from the rest of His creation. People alone have been given a “spirit”, through which they can know God.

   *Then the Lord God formed the man out of the dust from the ground and breathed the breath of life into his nostrils, and the man became a living being.*
   
   Genesis 2:7

   - **spirit** - God awareness. We interact with God through our spirit.
   - **soul** - self awareness. We have personality, reasoning, emotions, mind, will, etc.
   - **body** - world awareness. We interact with the physical world through our body senses.

   1 Thess. 5:23  _Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely. And may your spirit, soul, and body be kept sound and blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ._
   
   Rom. 8:16  _The Spirit Himself testifies together with our spirit that we are God’s children._

   1 Cor. 14:15  *(Paul wrote)* … _I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with my understanding. I will sing with the spirit, and I will also sing with my understanding._

   NOTE:  See Lesson 3-12 for a more complex description of the Christian as a temple of God.

2. The entire animal kingdom was created by God. *(Gen 1:20-25)* However, the animal kingdom is limited in scope, and without a “spirit”. *(In Genesis 2:7, God breathed into man alone His “breath of life.”)*

   - **soul** - varying degrees of instinctive personality, emotions, mind, will, etc.
   - **body** - world awareness. Animals interact with the physical world through their body senses.

   God cares for all animals as part of His creation *(See Psalm 147:9, Matthew 6:26-30)*