

SERMON OUTLINE FOR STUDENTS

ANTHROPOLOGY — WEEK 3

TITLE: *The Undivided Self*

MAIN SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10

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I. WE ARE CREATURES OF UNDIVIDED PSYCHOSOMATIC UNITY (2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-5:8)

A. We are both “outer” and “inner” without being two selves. **(2 Corinthians 4:16-18)**

1. We have physical bodies animated by nonphysical spirit or soul. **(Genesis 1:27,31; Genesis 2:7; Zechariah 12:1)**
2. Death is body without spirit. **(James 2:26; Ecclesiastes 12:7; Isaiah 42:5; Job 34:14-15; Luke 23:46)**
3. The material and immaterial are a dichotomous unity. **(2 Corinthians 4:16-18; 1 Peter 4:19)**

B. God dignifies our bodies by redeeming them. **(2 Corinthians 5:1-8)**

1. In our present bodies, we feel our own mortality and long for eternal life, which is to be further clothed in new bodies. **(2 Corinthians 5:1-4; 2 Corinthians 4:10,14; Philippians 3:20-21; 1 Corinthians 15:42-44)**
2. Jesus’ incarnation, life, death, resurrection, and second coming dignify our own bodies. **(2 Corinthians 5:5; John 1:14; Colossians 2:9; Hebrews 2:14; Romans 8:23; 1 John 3:2)**
3. The intermediate state shows the distinction and temporary separation between body and soul. **(2 Corinthians 5:6-8; Philippians 1:23)**

II. WE OUGHT TO PLEASE GOD SINCE WE WILL BE JUDGED (2 CORINTHIANS 5:9-10)

A. How we conceptualize human nature produces different views of what we ought to do and how can we do it. **(2 Corinthians 5:9)**

1. Free views of human nature: humanism, transhumanism, paganism
2. Determinist views of human nature: nature vs. nature, psychology, evolution

B. As creatures of undivided psychosomatic unity who are made in the image of God, we are limited by God’s design of us, and we will be judged accordingly. **(2 Corinthians 5:10; Romans 3:23)**

WORDS I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND

SOMETHING NEW TO ME

WHAT I HEARD ABOUT THE GOSPEL

SERMON REFLECTIONS

1. What does “psychosomatic” mean? What does it mean that we are both “outer” and “inner” but not two selves?

2. How does God dignify the human body? How does the resurrection especially dignify our bodies?

ATTRIBUTES OF GOD I HEARD (CIRCLE THE ONES MENTIONED)

Good	Wise	Wrathful	Merciful
Just	Jealous	Faithful	Perfect
Holy	Gracious	Patient	Love
Other:			

KEY WORDS (WRITE WHAT THESE WORDS MEAN)

psychosomatic unity –

dichotomous –

dignify –

NOTES OR DRAWINGS ABOUT WHAT I HEARD