

life, or function exclusively in the soul entity rather than in both entities, and thus excuse himself or herself for sinful thoughts or desires or actions by saying, "Oh, that's only the flesh. What else can you expect from it? Besides, I simply count it dead, and live my life in the spirit."

3. On the one hand it may make little or no difference; on the other hand it may seriously affect one's views of the subjective aspects of sin and salvation.

a. For example, if both the soul and spirit of man sinned, fell, died spiritually, became depraved, stand condemned, and need salvation, there is no problem. And if both the soul and spirit of man either perish or are saved, there is no problem. But if the soul of the unsaved person is depraved and sinful and is either punished or annihilated at death, and the spirit of the person is neutral and innocent and is yet preserved and punished, there is a problem.

b. Again, if both the soul and spirit of man sinned, fell, died spiritually, became depraved, stand condemned, and need salvation, there is no problem. And if both the soul and spirit of man either perish or are saved, there is no problem. But if the soul of the saved person is depraved and sinful and is either punished or annihilated at death, and the spirit of that person is holy and sinless and preserved and blessed at death, there is a problem.