

## **2 The Body Is Spiritual:**

What does this mean?

*1 Corinthians 15*

1. The Biblical concept of "spiritual" means that a person is animated, governed, and given life by the Holy Spirit through the Word. (*Genesis 2:7*)
2. The Holy Spirit "is the Lord and Giver of life" (*At creation and in regeneration; John 3:5; Titus 3:4-7; Nicene Creed*)
3. Spiritual does not mean ethereal, non-corporeal, or non-physical. (*First Article of the Creed and its explanation*)
4. The Word of God defines and orders the spiritual nature of the body to give and receive life and love. (*Genesis 1 and 2*)
5. The concept of "holiness" or a "holy life" is that person whose body and life is lived in and ordered by the Word of God. (*Third Commandment; Psalm 1, Psalm 119; Ephesians 5:1-6:20; Colossians 3:16; 1 Peter 2:11-3:18*)
6. The most common and ordinary activity of human life is holy or spiritual (of the Spirit) when it is performed in faith according to the Word of God. (*Romans 14:23*)
7. A profane life is that person whose body and life is lived contrary to the Word of God. (*Third Commandment; Lord's Prayer, First Petition*)
8. The flesh (human nature) is corrupted by sin since Adam's fall. (*Genesis 6:1-8; Genesis 8:21; Psalm 51:5; Galatians 5:16-25*)
9. The incarnation of the Son of God in human flesh is the greatest testimony to the inherent goodness, beauty, holiness, and spiritual nature of the human body in His conception, birth, ministry, suffering, death, burial, and resurrection. (*Luke 1:30-35; Luke 2:41-52; Matthew 3:16-17; John 1:9-14, 32-34; Hebrews 4:14-16; Luke 23:46, 50-55; 1 Corinthians 15*)
10. The resurrection of the body testifies to the spiritual nature of the body redeemed from the corruption of our flesh or nature. (*1 Corinthians 15*)