

### **The Heart in Scripture = The Person**

*The heart is the dwelling-place where I am, where I live; [...] the heart is the place “to which I withdraw.” The heart is our hidden center, beyond the grasp of our reason and of others; only the Spirit of God can fathom the human heart and know it fully. The heart is the place of decision, deeper than our psychic drives. It is the place of truth, where we choose life or death. It is the place of encounter, because as image of God we live in relation: it is the place of covenant.*

*Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2563*

### **Divine Adoption**<sup>1</sup>

- **Galatians 4. 1 – 7:**<sup>2</sup> I mean that as long as the heir is not of age, he is no different from a slave, although he is the owner of everything, but he is under the supervision of guardians and administrators until the date set by his father. In the same way we also, when we were not of age, were enslaved to the elemental powers of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to ransom those under the law, so that we might receive adoption. As proof that you are children, God sent the spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.
- **Romans 8. 15 – 17:**<sup>3</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption, through which we cry, "Abba, Father!" The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if only we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.
- “God became man that we might become God.” (Athanasius, *De Incarnatione*, cited by the CCC par. 460)

<sup>1</sup>Scriptures are from the Bible posted to the Vatican’s website.

<sup>2</sup>From [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0839/\\_P104.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0839/_P104.HTM), accessed 15 August 2018

<sup>3</sup>From [http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0839/\\_P104.HTM](http://www.vatican.va/archive/ENG0839/_P104.HTM), accessed 15 August 2018



### **Biblical View of the Human Person: Imago Dei**

“Then God **said**: “Let us make man in our **image**, after our **likeness**.” (Genesis 1.26)

- Intelligent
- Free
- Dominion
- Male and Female

“[T]he LORD God formed man out of the **clay** of the ground and blew into his nostrils the **breath of life**, and so man became a **living being**. (Genesis 2.7)

- Body / Soul
- Soul given Divine breath / Spirit
- Human person as immortal

### **Biblical View of the Human Person: Tri-Unity**

*And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your **spirit, soul and body** be preserved entire, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5.23)*

**Bios** = “body” or physical life

- Used 11 times in the New Testament
- “First of all, then, I ask that supplications, prayers, petitions, and thanksgivings be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil **life** in all devotion and dignity.” (1 Tim. 2.2)
- “To satisfy the one who recruited him, a soldier does not become entangled in the business affairs of **life**.” (2 Tim. 2.4)

Bios receives life from the **Psyche / Soul**

**Psyche / Soul** = the “will” we have / show to live our physical life. Imagination, Emotion, Desire, Knowledge and Judgement all “reside” here

- Used 99 times in the New Testament
- “Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for your **selves**.” (Matthew 11.29)
- “Yet I consider **life** of no importance to me, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to bear witness to the gospel of God’s grace.” (Acts 20.24)

The psyche / soul receives life from **Zoe / God**

**Zoe** = Divine life planted within us at our Baptism. THIS is our Spirit. Spiritual Life happens HERE!

- Used 153 times in the New Testament
- “For just as the Father has life in himself, so also he gave to his Son the possession of life in himself.” (John 5.26)
- “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” (John 10.10)
- “Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one whom you sent, Jesus Christ.” (John 17.3)
- “Whoever possesses the Son has life; whoever does not possess the Son of God does not have life.” (1 John 5.12)

