

Do I receive God's words in my head or my heart, do I know the importance

God tells us that we humans consist of three distinct parts, my spirit, my soul and my body:

1 Thess 5:23 ...**May your whole spirit** (God also refers to this part of us as our heart, not the organ in our chest), **soul** (which is our will, our ability to choose) **and body** (all that we are naturally, it's our human nature, including our brain) **be preserved blameless** (or saved from sin) **at the (second) coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

My brain is in my head but my spirit is in the area of my stomach (what does your gut say)

Prov 20:27 **The spirit of person is the lamp of the LORD** (the part God gives His light of divine life to with His words) **searching all the inward parts of their belly.** KJV

Matt 16:8 (Jesus) **O you of little (heart) faith, why do you (head) reason...?**

Since God is Spirit, God says the natural part of us, primarily our brains cannot know Him

1 Cor 2:14-15 **But the natural person** (with its natural mind or brain) **does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to them; nor can they know them, because they are known only by their spirit.**

The natural mind can only know that God exists based on the natural evidence of creation

Matt 11:25 (Jesus) **I thank You, Father...that You have hidden these things from the intelligent and educated and have revealed them to spiritual children.**

Eph 4:17-18 ...**You should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility** (uselessness and substitute god or idol) **of their (natural) mind (or brain)...** **being alienated from the life of God...because of the hardness of their heart;**

Why has God hidden Himself from our human nature but will reveal Himself to our spirits?

Rom 7:18 **I know that good does not live in me — that is, in my human nature...** TEV

1. It is impossible for our sinful human nature to have a relationship with a righteous God.
2. If the human brain could know God then He would be favoring the smartest. He won't.

The natural mind was created to process natural information received through the five physical senses. To the brain the Bible is no different than any other book; it can only be seen as the dead letter of scripture, and reasoned intellectually as natural information.

When our heart or spirit is hard, as we live for ourselves, God's words do not go beyond our head and so our spirit cannot be born-again. If then, after being born-again, we harden our hearts, we will not grow in knowing God, meaning, Christ, God's word, will not grow in us and we, by the Holy Spirit, won't live in Him. God won't be able to transform us from sin to righteousness, from self-will to God's will, from faithless to faithful, from joyless to joyful, from unloving, God's way, to loving, God's way, from fruitless to fruitful, and from being a child of Satan to becoming an eternity bound, Christ-like, child of God.

How do Christians know for sure they are receiving God's words with their heart not head?

John 3:27 **A person can receive nothing unless it is given to them from heaven.**

2 Tim 3:16 **All scripture is (currently) given by inspiration of God (the Holy Spirit)...**

1 Cor 2:9-10 **...The things which God has prepared for those who love Him, have not entered into the hearts of people (they have only reasoned them); **But God has revealed them to us (to our spirits) by His Spirit...**(just as we believe Him).**

The question is; are we humble – dependant on God, or proud - dependant on ourselves?

James 4:6 **...God resists the proud, But gives grace (His living words) to the humble.**

Heb 3:15 **...Today, if you will hear God's voice, do not harden your hearts...**(by pride)

When God's Spirit speaks His words to us here's how we know that our heart believes Him:

1. We will experience being loved: John 17:14-26 (Jesus) **I have given them Your word ...I have declared to them Your name (Your word – Rev 19:13)...so that the love with which You loved Me may be in them and I in them (even His rebuke is love)
We can now love others with the same word with which God has loved us: 1 Jo 2:5 **Whoever retains His word, the love of God is being accomplished in them...****
2. If our conscience condemns us, one righteous word from God makes our hearts clean:
John 15:3 (Jesus) **You are clean through the word which I have spoken to you (which you believed and now experience being so miraculously clean on the inside).**
3. We are able to trust God because our hearts have been strengthened with Christ's faith
Rom 10:17 **So then (Christ's) faith comes by (Heart) hearing of the word of God.**
Heb 12:2 **Looking to Jesus (God's word) the source and increaser of our faith;**
4. We experience inexpressible joy; All God's words, in our hearts, contain God's own joy:
John 15:11 (Jesus) **These things (God's words) I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you (in your heart, not your head), and that your joy may be full. ESV**
5. Somehow I know God better, more of His nature is in me, changing me into His nature:
Prov 2:1-5 **My child, if you receive my words, And treasure my words within you (your heart and not your head)...Then you will...find the knowledge of God.**
2 Peter 1:4 **There have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises (God's words) that by these you will partake of the divine nature...**

Every one of these priceless blessings are mine when my heart is tender, not hardened by the sin of self-will, and I hear Him speak: None of them, if I only mentally agree with them.

Heb 4:7...**Today, if you would hear His voice...do not harden your hearts. AMP**

Heb 3:13 **...Lest any of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin (of self-will).**