**“After Death”**

The Lord wants every believer to know exactly what happens to them after death. However, we must know how we are made first. In order to know what happens to us at death. Let’s Get Into The Word!

**Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV) says this,** “23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Call To Praise To Worship: Psalm 100:4 (NKJV) says this,** “4 Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, And into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.”

**Genesis 2:7 (NKJV) says this,** “7 And the Lord God **formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.**

The first thing the Lord created was the body of Adam, which came from the dust of the ground. In other words the body of Adam came from earth. His body was made by Jesus complete with the inner parts and the outer parts but lifeless at this point. Amen!

Secondly the Lord breathed the breath of life into Adam’s nostrils, which gave Adam his spirit and life. The word breathed in the Hebrew language means “blew”. The Lord, who is a spirit and who has life within himself. Blew or gave Adam his spirit and his life. Therefore, Adam received from the Lord his spirit, which contained his life i.e. “Spirit Of Life”. Amen!

Thirdly, now that Adam’s body is made from the earth and now has the spirit of life blew from the Lord with in his body. Adam now becomes a living being or living soul. Complete with a will, mind, emotions and conscience. Therefore, this is where we get the breakdown. That man has a body, in which, his spirit and life lives with a soul. All given to him by his creator the Lord

**Genesis 3:17-19 (NKJV) says this,** “17 Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’: “Cursed is the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. 18 Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. 19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread **till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”**

Here when the creator, the Lord Jesus pronounces punishment for Adam’s sin. He tells Adam just how he will die and us to. First he says you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return. However, we already know that Adam his three parts to him. Which is Body, Spirit, & Soul. Therefore, we can dismiss the Lord is talking about his Spirit or Soul returning to the ground. Because the only part of Adam’s three part being that came from the ground was Adam’s body. Because his spirit and his life came directly for the Lord’s spirit and life, which is the image of God. And he became a living being or living soul. Amen!

**Ecclesiastes 12:7 (NKJV) says this,** “7 Then **the dust will return to the earth as it was** (The Body), And the spirit (Man’s spirit that contains his life) will return to God (The Lord Jesus) who gave it.”

The writer of this book is King Solomon who was given the gift of wisdom from the Lord. Therefore, King Solomon reveals to us what happens to the body and to the spirit of man when he dies. First, his body, which is the dust from the earth returns to the earth. Secondly, he says that the spirit returns to God who gave it. Therefore, the spirit you, which contains your life along with your soul will be with Jesus. Therefore, according to 2 Corinthians 5:8 (NKJV).

**2 Corinthians 5:8 (NKJV) says this** “8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be **absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.**

This statement from the Apostle Paul has meaning to it, in which, you have now learned. However, we need to be clear that this scripture is for believers only and not unbelievers. Therefore, when a believer dies his spirit and soul goes to be in the presence of the Lord. And there body goes to the earth. Unbelievers, on the other hand, is a different story and I will teach on that at a later time. Amen!

**Luke 16:19-24 (NKJV) says this,** “19 “There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20 But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21 desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22 So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 And being in torments in Hades (Hell), he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom**. 24 “Then he cried and said, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.”**

Notice that the rich man realized that he was in Hades or Hell. The man’s soul (Mind, Will, Emotions, & Conscience) & body was there. His spirit, which, contained his life went back to God who gave it. Amen!

I Love You, Be Blessed!

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