

to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

2 Timothy 4:7-8—I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing.

2 Corinthians 5:8—We are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:51-57—Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. “O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

John 3:16—For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.

1 John 5:10-12—The one who believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has given concerning His Son. And the testimony is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

John 11:26—And everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?”

Luke 23:43—And He said to him, ‘Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.’

KJV Acts 19:12—So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

NRS Psalm 88:3-5—My soul is full of troubles, and my life draws near to Sheol. I am counted among those who go down to the Pit [cf. Isaiah 53:12—“numbered”]; I am like those who have no help, like those forsaken among the dead, like the slain that lie in the grave, like those whom you remember no more.

NIV Colossians 2:15—And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

Romans 5:8—But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Note:

Job 14:14-15—If a man dies, will he live again? All the days of my struggle I will wait Until my change comes. You will call, and I will answer You; You will long for the work of Your hands.

Job 14:12—So man lies down and does not rise. Until the heavens are no longer, He will not awake nor be aroused out of his sleep.

Job 19:25-26—As for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, And at the last He will take His stand on the earth. “Even after my skin is destroyed, Yet from my flesh I shall see God.

Two Views:

Inherent Immortality vs. Restored Immortality

Inherent and based on what you do, God decides where you’ll spend it.

or...

Lost, Restored, Accepted or Rejected

Romans 5:18—In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so through one righteous act acquittal and life came to all.

Purpose:

John 17:2,3—You gave Him authority over all flesh, that to all whom You have given Him, He may give eternal life. This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

FREEDOM FROM OUR DARKEST FEAR

What the Bible Teaches About Death

NIV Hebrews 2:15—And free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

John 11:11-14—This He said, and after that He said to them, ‘Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I go, so that I may awaken him out of sleep.’ The disciples then said to Him, ‘Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover.’ Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that He was speaking of literal sleep. So Jesus then said to them plainly, ‘Lazarus is dead.’

Luke 8:51-53—When He came to the house, He did not allow anyone to enter with Him, except Peter and John and James, and the girl’s father and mother. Now they were all weeping and lamenting for her; but He said, ‘Stop weeping, for she has not died, but is asleep.’ And they began laughing at Him, knowing that she had died. He, however, took her by the hand and called, saying, ‘Child, arise!’

1 Kings 2:10; 11:43; 14:20—Then David slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of David. . . . And Solomon slept with his fathers and was buried in the city of his father David. . . . The time that Jeroboam reigned was twenty-two years; and he slept with his fathers.

RSV Psalm 13:3—Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.

Ecclesiastes 12:7—Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

Genesis 2:7—Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Ecclesiastes 3:19-20—For the fate of the sons of men and the fate of beasts is the same. As one dies so dies the other; indeed, they all have the same breath and there is no advantage for man over beast, for all is vanity. All go to the same place. All came from the dust and all return to the dust.

Psalm 104:29—You hide Your face, they are dismayed; You take away their spirit, they expire and return to their dust.

James 2:26—For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.

KJV Job 27:3—All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;

Job 17:1—“My spirit is broken, my days are extinguished, The grave is ready for me.

Note:

Job 3:11-14—Why did I not die at birth, Come forth from the womb and expire? Why did the knees receive me, And why the breasts, that I should suck? For now I would have lain down and been quiet; I would have slept then, I would have been at rest, With kings and with counselors of the earth, Who rebuilt ruins for themselves.

Note:

Ruach: (Spirit 232, wind 92, breath 27, misc 27; 378)

Pneuma: (Spirit 111, Holy Ghost 89, Spirit (of God) 13, Spirit (of the Lord) 5, (My) Spirit 3, Spirit (of truth) 3, Spirit (of Christ) 2, human (spirit) 49, (evil) spirit 47, spirit (general) 26, spirit 8, (Jesus’ own) spirit 6, (Jesus’ own) ghost 2, misc 21; 385)

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Luke 23:46—And Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, ‘Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit.’ Having said this, He breathed His last.

Psalms 146:4—His spirit departs, he returns to the earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6—For the living know they will die; but the dead do not know anything. . . . Indeed their love, their hate and their zeal have already perished.

NIV Psalm 6:5—No one remembers you when he is dead. Who praises you from the grave?

Psalm 115:17—The dead do not praise the Lord, nor do any who go down into silence.

NIV John 20:17—Jesus said, “Do not hold on to me, for I have not yet returned to the Father. Go instead to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”

Acts 13:36—For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep, and was laid among his fathers and underwent decay.

NIV Acts 2:34—For David did not ascend to heaven.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18—But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For . . . we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

1 Corinthians 15:12-26—How do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? . . . For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless. . . . Those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. . . . But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who are asleep. . . . For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ’s at His coming, then comes the end.

John 11:17-26—So when Jesus came, He found that he had already been in the tomb four days. . . . Martha therefore, when she heard that Jesus was coming, went to meet Him. . . . Martha then said to Jesus, ‘Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. Even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.’ Jesus said to her, ‘Your brother will rise again.’ Martha said to Him, ‘I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?’

Revelation 20:11-14—Then I saw a great white throne and Him who

Note:

The Spirit can also refer to our **Mind, Attitude, or Character**:
Ezek 11:5; Ezek 20:32 – speaks of things that come into your mind, i.e. ruah:
Dan 5:20 - Daniel’s (Aramaic refers likewise to Nebuchadnezzar’s mind [ASV, spirit] being hardened)
Num 14:24 - Caleb’s spirit was different from that of his faithless colleagues (cf. Sennacherib’s spirit, i.e. resolve in 2Kings 19:7 ASV).
1Kings 21:5 - A person’s ruah may be sad
Psa 77:3 - overwhelmed
Isa 57:15 – contrite
Prov 17:27 - It can be “cool” (restrained)
Num 5:14 - jealous
Eccl 7:8 - patient or proud
Deut 34:9 - People can be marked by a spirit of wisdom
Hos 4:12 - or whoredom
Prov 16:32; cf. Dan 5:20 - a wise man “rules his spirit”,
Isa 26:9 - With my spirit within me I will seek you earnestly

Note:

Psalm 17:15—As for me, I shall behold Your face in righteousness; I will be satisfied with Your likeness when I awake.

sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne. . . . The sea gave up the dead which were in it, and death and Hades gave up the dead which were in them; and they were judged, every one of them according to their deeds. Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

NKJ John 5:28-29—Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Daniel 12:2—Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

Malachi 4:1-3—For behold, the day is coming, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and every evildoer will be chaff; and the day that is coming will set them ablaze,” says the LORD of hosts, “so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who fear My name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings; and you will go forth and skip about like calves from the stall. You will tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day which I am preparing,” says the LORD of hosts.

KJV Acts 27:37—And we were in all in the ship two hundred three-score and sixteen souls.

ASV Genesis 2:7—And Jehovah God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

KJV Romans 2:9—Tribulation and anguish, upon every soul of man that doeth evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Gentile;

Ezekiel 18:4—Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die.

Matthew 10:28—Do not fear those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

1 Timothy 6:16—Who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.

Genesis 2:17—But from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.

Genesis 3:4—The serpent said to the woman, “You surely will not die!”

Genesis 3:22—And the LORD God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”

Philippians 1:23—But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; yet

Note:

Psalm 71:20—You who have shown me many troubles and distresses will revive me again, And will bring me up again from the depths of the earth.

Note:

NJB Romans 6:23—For the wage paid by sin is death; the gift freely given by God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

James 1:15—Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.

Note:

1 Timothy 1:17—Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Psalm 146:3—Do not trust in princes, In mortal man, in whom there is no salvation.

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