

THE NATURE OF MAN AND DEATH

THE EQUATION OF LIFE

Genesis 2:7 Dust + Breath = Living Being (NIV) or “soul” (KJV)

WHAT IS A “SOUL”?

A living person made up of dust and the breath of life

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SOUL AT DEATH?

Ezekiel 18:4-20 – “The soul that sins, it shall die.”

WHAT IS THE “SPIRIT”?

Job 27:3 – “...the *spirit* of God is in my nostrils” (KJV) – Hebrew word “ruach,” which literally means “wind.”

The “spirit” is the same as the breath of life. It is the vitalizing, life sustaining force which God gives us to keep us alive.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE SPIRIT AT DEATH?

Ecclesiastes 12:7

Psalms 104:29

God takes the breath/spirit (ruach) back.

WHAT HAPPENS TO THE DUST AT DEATH?

Psalms 146:3,4

Genesis 3:19

We are dust. And we return to the ground.

HOW DEAD ARE THE DEAD?

Job 14:10; 7:9,10; 14:21

Psalms 115:17; 146:4

Ecclesiastes 9:5,6

Just like the word says... dead.

WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

Job 21:32

John 5:28,29

Acts 2:29,34

In the graves and ground.

IS MAN MORTAL OR IMMORTAL?

1 Timothy 6:15-16

2 Timothy 1:10

Romans 2:7

Genesis 3:19,22,24

Only God has immortality. We are mortal. Immortality is something we seek after. Eternal life and immortality are brought to light by the gospel.

WHEN DO WE RECEIVE IMMORTALITY?

Job 14:12,14; Job 19:25-27

1Corinthians 15:20-22

1Thessalonians 4:13-18

We receive immortality at the second coming and the resurrection.

THE FIRST TRUTH VS THE FIRST LIE

Genesis 2:17 vs Genesis 3:4

God says we will surely die as a result of sin. The Devil says we don't really die. The motto of spiritualism is, "There is no death, There are no dead." Who are you going to believe?

IF WE HAVE "IMMORTAL SOULS" (A term the Bible never uses),

IF WE ARE INHERENTLY IMMORTAL, THEN:

1. THERE IS NO NEED FOR A RESURRECTION – 1Corinthians 15:13
There is no need for the dead in Christ to be resurrected to receive immortality – if they already possess it at death.
2. THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE SECOND COMING – John 14:1-3
There is no need for Jesus to come again to receive the dead in Christ, so that where He is they may be also – if they are already with the Lord.
3. THERE IS NO NEED FOR THE CROSS – John 3:16
There is no need for Jesus to die on the cross so that whoever believes may receive eternal life – if every human being already has eternal life.