

# Life after Death

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There are many who wonder, is there life after death? Is there a part of me that continues on after my body dies? Am I more than just a physical being?

Let us see what the Bible says concerning this:

1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

God created mankind as a triune being, in a small way it reflects the trinity of God. God created man in His image.

**You and I are spirit-soul-body but we are one person.**

With the body, we can be in touch with this physical world, by our 5 senses.

The soul is that part of us that would include our personality, self awareness, intellect, emotions, etc. that makes us unique from everyone else.

The spirit is the inward invisible part of man. In our spirit we commune with and worship God, the spirit is sometimes referred to as our hearts. The soul and spirit are so close that only God's word can separate or discern between them.

Heb 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

The spirit is the invisible, inward person with a soul.

Luke 1:47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.

Luke 8:55 And her spirit came again, and she arose straightway: and he commanded to give her meat.

Luke 10:21 In that hour Jesus rejoiced in spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, ....

Acts 7:59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Please Notice what Jesus told a dieing man.

Luke 23:43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.

Upon the physical death of a Christian, the spirit and soul depart to be with Christ Jesus our Lord.

2Cor. 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

2Cor. 12:2 I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.

2Cor. 12:3 And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;)

Vs.4 How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Sometimes the Bible speaks of the soul as ones physical life and others times as the invisible part of man.

Rev 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

Rev 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying.....

Mat. 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Mat 17:1 And after six days Jesus seeth Peter James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into an high mountain apart,

2 And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.

3 And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.

Elijah was taken up into heaven by a fiery chariot but Moses die a physical death; yet both of these two men appeared to Jesus and spoke with Him.

Another interesting fact is that each of these men had their own identity, Moses was still Moses and Elijah was still Elijah.

### The Parable of Jesus

Luke 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;

Luke 16:23 And in hell he lifted up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Luke 16:24 And 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.

Luke 16:25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things: but now he is comforted, and thou art tormented. The man in Hell was conscience of his torment, his surroundings, his family on earth etc.

(Jesus spoke about Hell often and as a place of torment after Physical death)

**Believe what you want to, as for me; I think I will believe Jesus.**

Phi 1:21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

Phi 1:22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will bring fruit from my work; yet I don't make known what I will choose.

Phi 1:23 But I am in a dilemma between the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better.

Phi 1:24 Yet, to remain in the flesh is more needful for your sake.

1Thess 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.

Those who sleep in Jesus are Christians that have died but their souls have gone to be with the Lord. These will come back with Jesus and be reunited with their resurrected glorified bodies.

1Thess 4:16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

1Thess 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

1Cor 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

**Have you made Jesus Christ your Savior?**

