

THE BODY , SOUL, AND SPIRIT

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Genesis 2:7 "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 soul."

We see then that a person has 3 parts: body (dust) , soul(the real personality which will live forever) , and spirit(breath of life or breath from God) When the breath of God (spirit) is withdrawn, then the body returns to dust, but the soul(the real person or personality lives on forever).

Man has a body of flesh. His Spirit is the inner man. The union of the Spirit makes man a living soul. He is created in the image of God not because he has a body, but because he is a personality with the power of self determination. He is a moral being. The body came from the dust of the earth.....The union of the spirit that God put in him Zech 12:1 makes him a living soul. Job 33:4 and Gen 2:7. The Lord formed man(body) of the dust of the ground, breathed into his nostrils the breath of life(spirit) and man became a living soul. (Animated body). When man dies the spirit has left the body. The body returns unto the earth from whence it came and the spirit returns to the God who gave it. Ecc 12:7 The union of the two is conception. The separation of the two is death, for as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead.

Sometimes the scripture calls the inner man the soul, and sometimes it is called the spirit. The part is put for the whole. So sometimes they are used interchangeably and sometimes they are described separately. Jesus body went to the grave. His spirit went to paradise which is a part of Hades. His soul was not left in hades,(for he went to paradise) and his body did not stay in the grave. He was resurrected. When the body and spirit is separated one is dead. When the reunite, it is resurrection. Everyone in paradise is in hades but not every one in hades is in paradise. Everyone in Missouri is in the United States but not everyone in the United states is in Missouri.

Acts 2:27 "Because thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption" also verse 31 "He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ, that his soul was not left in hell, neither his flesh did see corruption."

In these passages we can see clearly that the soul (the personality of Jesus) was not left in the grave(King James says HELL, but we know that the better translation is the GRAVE) and his body did not decay or see corruption. In these two verses the difference between soul and body is

clarified.

The flesh and blood (body and spirit) will not go to Heaven I Cor. 15:50

" I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God"

The soul(that is the real you, the real me, the real person) will go to Heaven. Rev. 20:4 -----And I saw the souls of them-----

Also Matthew 10:28 teaches that the unrighteous, unsaved souls will go to hell. -----"but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (again note the difference between soul and body)

FINALLY I THESS. 5:23 TIES IT ALL TOGETHER "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."