

What Happens

When Someone Dies

Part 1

Objectives

1. Understand the different words used to describe the “inner man”.
2. Understand What Has Been Revealed About What Happens After Death.
3. Consider the Composition and Content of Our Souls.
4. Discuss False Concepts.

1. How do we know what happens after death (Deut. 29:29, Ps. 119:105)?

What has been revealed in God's Word.

“secret things belong to the LORD ... things revealed belong to us”.

“The word is ... a light to my path”.

2. What are the two parts of Man (2 Cor. 4:16-18)?

Inner man, outer man.

3. How is the word “soul” used in the following passages? Place letter next to each verse. The selections are based on Thayer’s suggested meanings.

A. The vital force which animates the body and shows itself in breathing.

B. The seat of the feelings, desires, affections, aversions.

C. The soul regarded as a moral being designed for everlasting life.

Jam. 1:21 *“Therefore putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls.”*

C. The soul regarded as a moral being designed for everlasting life.

Luke 1:46 “*And Mary said: “My soul exalts the Lord,”*”.

B. The seat of the feelings, desires, affections, aversions.

Gen. 2:7 (KJV) “*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.*”

A. The vital force which animates the body and shows itself in breathing.

4. How is the word “spirit” used in the following passages? The selections are based on Thayer’s suggested meanings.

A. The Holy Spirit.

B. Movement of air or breath.

C. Vital principle by which the body is animated.

D. Human soul.

2 Thess. 2:8 (KJV) “8 And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the *spirit* of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:”.

B. Movement of air or breath.

Mat 28:19 “19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,”.

A. The Holy Spirit.

John 19:30 “30 When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And He bowed His head, and gave up His *spirit*.”.

C. Vital principle by which the body is animated.

Heb. 12.23 “to the general assembly and church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the *spirits* of righteous men made perfect,”.

D. Human soul.

5. How many times does the word “ghost” occur in the Bible in NASB and KJV versions?

3x in NASB, 109x in KJV.

In Matt. 14:26, does the word “ghost” have the same meaning as any definition of the words “soul” or “spirit”?

No

6. What happens to the soul and the physical body at death according to Gen. 35:18, Luke 23:46 and Acts 7:59?

The soul separates from the physical body. The physical body is buried, cremated or other means.

“her soul was departing (for she died)”.

“Father, INTO THY HANDS I COMMIT MY SPIRIT.

“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!”.

7. Where does the soul go according to Acts 7:59 and Eccl. 12:1, 6-7?

The Soul returns to God.

“Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!”.

“spirit will return to God who gave it”.

8. What happens next according to Eccl. 12:14 and Heb. 9:27?

God judges all.

“For God will bring every act to judgment”.

“... die...after this comes judgment”.

9. What are the learnings from 2 Cor. 5:10?

Judged by Christ based on our deeds done in the body.

10. How many judgments are there and what is the difference?

2 judgments: one at death and one at Final Judgment. Apparently, the second judgment is another gathering with all since the first judgment still stands.