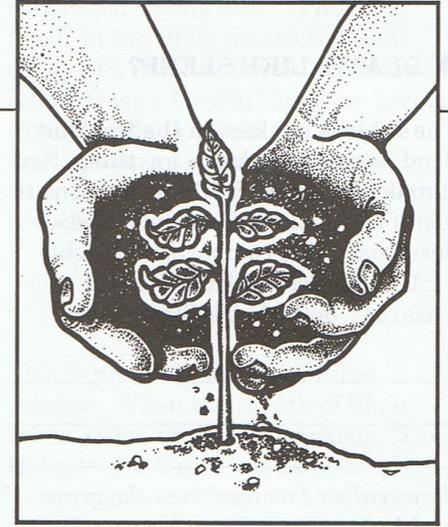




# Stay Alive

*with Jesus...*



**WHERE ARE  
YOU AFTER  
YOU DIE?**

**LESSON 5**



▼ **BUT WHY DO PEOPLE DIE?**

- Because Adam and Eve sinned. (Genesis 3:1-6)
- Sin is separation from God. (Isaiah 59:2)
- God only has immortality. (1 Timothy 1:17) “Immortal” means “imperishable; everlasting, exempt from liability to die.”
- People die because they are separated by sin from God who is the only source of eternal life.

10. If, according to the Bible, death is like unconscious sleep, where did the idea originate that life continues after death? Genesis 3:4

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11. But what did God say? Genesis 2:16,17

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God said “you shall surely die.” Satan said the opposite: “you shall not surely die.” From this age-old lie of Satan has sprung many false ideas about death. “Your spirit lives on” . . . “your soul goes to heaven” . . . you’ll be reincarnated” . . . “you’ll go to the spirit world.” These are all expressions based on the lie that “you shall not surely die.” The New Age practice of channelling and all attempts to get in touch with people who have died, are based on Satan’s first lie.

12. What does God say about people trying to make contact with the dead? Isaiah 8:19,20

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God Wants to protect us from evil forces. It is Satan’s cruel hoax to disguise himself as someone from the dead and thus communicate his

stays in the grave? Or is the whole person in the grave? To understand what happens at death, we need to look at the components God used to create people in the beginning.

3. How does Genesis 2:7 describe human creation?

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Dust and air is what God used to create the first human being! You could write it as a formula and it would look like this:

**Dust + Breath = Living Being/Soul**

The word for “living being” and “soul” is the same in the Bible. Read Genesis 2:7 in the King James version and also in a New International Version and you’ll see the word translated both ways.

Chemists who have analyzed the human body tell us that the body is 80 percent oxygen and 10 percent hydrogen. The rest is composed of elements such as carbon, calcium, phosphorus, potassium, etc. We truly are a combination of dust and air! But what happens to “living beings” when they die?

▼ **BODY**

4. What happens to the body at death? Ecclesiastes 3:19,20; Genesis 3:19

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## ▼ BREATH (SPIRIT)

When people die, what happens to their breath? To answer this question, you need to understand a little bit about the meaning of the word “breath” in the Bible. It is used interchangeably with the word “spirit.” So you could ask the question this way:

5. What happens to the spirit when people die? Ecclesiastes 12:7

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According to the original usage of the words “breath” and “spirit” in the Bible, you could just as easily read this text in Ecclesiastes like this: “the breath will return to God who gave it.” If “breath” and “spirit” are synonymous, the creation formula could be written:

**Dust + Breath (Spirit) = Living Being**

## ▼ LIVING BEING (SOUL)

As we have already seen, the words “living being” in Genesis 2:7 are also translated “living soul.” The word “soul” in the Bible means the total entity of a person. Or, as our formula reads, Dust + Breath (Spirit) = Living Being (Soul). You can see that the soul is simply the sum of the other two. Take away one part, such as the breath, and what do you have?

**Dust - Breath (Spirit) = NO Living Soul**

This is precisely what the Bible teaches. When the breath of life is taken away, life ceases to exist. “The Hebrew and Greek words from which we translate our English words soul and spirit are found some 1,700 times in the Bible . . . In not one of the 1,700 appearances of these original words for soul and spirit is either of them said to be immortal, never dying, imperishable, indestructible, everlasting,

eternal, or in possession of immortality. Nor are the dead represented to be capable of a conscious existence apart from the body.”

*(Arthur G. Lickey, God Speaks to Modern Man. Washington, D.C.: Review and Herald Publishing Assn., 1952, p. 489)*

Instead of telling us that the spirit or soul lives on after death, the Bible describes death in different terms.

6. What does it say? Ecclesiastes 9:5,6,10

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7. Psalm 146:4

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## ▼ DEATH: LIKE SLEEP?

The Bible is so clear on the fact that dead people don’t know anything, that it makes more than 50 comparisons to death being like unconscious sleep. Jesus used this comparison in John 11:1-45.

8. What did He say about Lazarus? John 11:11-14

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Jesus called Lazarus from the grave and He’ll call all the righteous from their graves.

9. When will this take place? 1 Corinthians 15:22,23

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