


Death and Resurrection

Scripture Reveals that the Eternal God is immortal

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen. (1 Tim. 1:17)

Scripture now where describes immortality as a quality or state that man(humans)- or his 'soul' or 'spirit' – possesses inherently



The terms usually rendered ‘soul’ and ‘spirit’..... In the bible occur more than 1600 times, but never in association with the words ‘immortal’ or ‘immortality’.

In Contrast to God, then Human Beings are Mortal.....

James 4:14

- ¹⁴Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Psalm 78:39

- ³⁹For he remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.

In contrast to God, then human beings are mortal.....

- **Job 14:2**

He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

Conditional Immortality

- **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.**

Therefore : **Humanity derived Life from God**


Humanity Derived Life from God

- **Acts 17:25**

Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;

- **Colossians 1:16**

¹⁶For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: ¹⁷And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

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- Immortality is not innate to humanity but **God's gift**.
 - God gave Adam and Eve free will- the power of choice. Their continual existence depended upon God's power.
 - So their possession of the gift of immortality was **conditional**.

Condition upon which they would forfeit this gift:

Genesis 2:17

- ¹⁷But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt **surely die**.

Death: The Wages of Sin

Satan Asserted.....

Genesis 3:4

- ⁴And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Adam and Eve found that.....

Romans 6:23

- ²³For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Genesis 3:19

- ¹⁹In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Genesis 3:22

- ²²And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:
- This implies that the immortality promised on **condition of obedience** was **lost through sin**. They had **become mortal**.

Romans 5:12

- ¹²Wherefore, as by one man **sin entered** into the world, and **death by sin**; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Hope for Humanity

The Son of God had offered to give His life so that they might have another chance:

Romans 6:23 (King James Version)

For the wages of sin is death; but the **gift of God** is eternal life **through Jesus Christ** our Lord

1 John 5:11 (King James Version)


- ¹¹And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

1 Corinthians 15:22

- ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

John 5:28, 29

²⁸Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, ²⁹And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.



If Christ had not come, the human situation would have been hopeless, and all who died would have perished eternally.

John 3:16

Belief in Christ not only abolishes the penalty for sin, but it also secures for believers the priceless gift of immortality.

Paul says:


2 Timothy 3:15

- ¹⁵And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee **wise unto salvation through faith** which is in Christ Jesus.

Those who do not accept the gospel will not receive
immortality

1 Corinthians 15:51-54

- ⁵¹Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,
- ⁵²In 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.
- ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.
- ⁵⁴So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

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- God Bestows immortality upon the believer at the resurrection when “the last trumpet sounds”.
 - John points out that we receive the gift of eternal life **when we accept Jesus Christ** as personal saviour, the actual **realisation** of this gift will take place when Christ returns. Only then will we be changed from mortal to immortal, from corruptible to incorruptible.

1 John 5:11-13

- ¹¹And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.
- ¹²He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.
- ¹³These things have I written unto you that **believe on the name of the Son of God**; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may **believe on the name of the Son of God**.

What does the Bible say about a Person's condition in death?

- Death is a state of temporary **unconsciousness** while the person awaits the resurrection. The Bible repeatedly calls this intermediate state a **sleep**.

1 Kings 2:10

- ¹⁰So David **slept with his fathers**, and was buried in the city of David.

1 Kings 11:43

- ⁴³And Solomon **slept** with his fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

Job said.....

Job 14:10-12

- ¹⁰But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?
- ¹¹As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:
- ¹²So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their **sleep**.

Psalm 13:3

- ³Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I **sleep** the sleep of death;

Daniel 12:2

- ²And many of them that **sleep** in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

Condition of Jairus' Daughter

Matthew 9:24 (King James Version)

- ²⁴He said unto them, Give place: for the maid is not dead, but **sleepeth**. And they laughed him to scorn.

State of Lazarus described

John 11:11-14 (King James Version)

- ¹¹These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus **sleepeth**; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.
- ¹²Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.
- ¹³Howbeit **Jesus spake of his death**: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep.
- ¹⁴Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 (King James Version)

- ¹³But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.
- ¹⁴For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.
- ¹⁵For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
- ¹⁶For 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:
- ¹⁷Then 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.

What does it mean to “Sleep”?

- Those who are asleep are **unconscious** “the dead know nothing” Eccl 9:5.
- Conscious **thinking ceases** (Ps 146:4)
- Sleep brings and end to all the day’s activities (eccl 9:10)
- Sleep **disassociates** us from those who are awake, and from their activities (Eccl 9: 6)
- Sleep renders their **emotions inactive**.
(Eccl 9:6)

What does it mean to “Sleep”?

- In sleep men **do not praise** God (Ps 115:17)
- Sleep **presupposes** an awakening (John 5: 28, 29)

The Bible portrays a person as an organic unity

- At times the word 'soul' is used to refer to the **whole person** and at other times to refer to the **affections and emotions**.
- It does not teach that that man comprises two separate parts.
- At humanities creation:
(earth's elements) + (breath of life) = Living soul (being)
Body and soul only **exist together**. (Gen 2:7)

Upon death.....

Psalm 146:4 (King James Version)

- ⁴His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish

Genesis 3:19 (King James Version)

- ¹⁹In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

The soul has no conscious existence apart from the body, and no scripture indicates that at death the soul survives as a conscious entity.

Ezekiel 18:20 (King James Version)

- **²⁰The soul that sinneth, it shall die.** The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

What does this mean?....

Ecclesiastes 12:7 (King James Version)

⁷Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

- Many have thought that is text gives evidence of the person continuing to live after death.
- But neither the Greek nor Hebrew term for spirit(**ruach** and **pneuma**, respectively) refers to an intelligent entity capable of a conscious existence apart from the body.
- The term refers to the “**breath**”- the spark of life, essential to individual existence, the principle that animates and human beings.

- Solomon's statement that the spirit (ruach) returns to God who gave it indicates that what returns to God is simply the life principle that He imparted-"breath of life".
- There is no indication that the spirit, or breath, was a conscious entity separate from the body.



What makes it important that
Christians understand this Biblical
teaching?

Resurrection

- Resurrection is “ the restoration of life, together with fullness of being and personality, subsequent to death.”
- Because humanity is subject to death there must be a resurrection if they are to experience life beyond the grave.

Job 14:13-15

- ¹³O that thou wouldest hide me in the grave, that thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past, that thou wouldest appoint me a set time, and remember me!
- ¹⁴If a man die, shall he live again? all the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change come.
- ¹⁵Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee: thou wilt have a desire to the work of thine hands.

Job 19:25-29

- ²⁵For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:
- ²⁶And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:
- ²⁷Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me.
- ²⁸But ye should say, Why persecute we him, seeing the root of the matter is found in me?
- ²⁹Be ye afraid of the sword: for wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, that ye may know there is a judgment.

Hope of Resurrection

Psalm 49:15

- ¹⁵But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me.

Isaiah 26:19

- ¹⁹Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

- **1 Cor 15**

Had Christ not Resurrected?.....

There will be no point in preaching the Gospel:

1 Corinthians 15:14

¹⁴And if Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain.

There will be no forgiveness of Sins:

1 Corinthians 15:17

- ¹⁷And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

Had Christ not Resurrected?.....

There would be no purpose in believing in Jesus:

1 Corinthians 15:17

- ¹⁷And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

There would be no hope beyond the grave:

1 Corinthians 15:17-18

- ¹⁷And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.
- ¹⁸Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

Bodily Resurrection of Christ

Luke 24:13-27

John 20:14-18

Luke 24:39

- ³⁹Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.

Luke 24:43

- ⁴³And he took it, and did eat before them.

Two Resurrections

- Christ taught that there are two general resurrections: a “**resurrection of life**” for the just and a “**resurrection of condemnation**” for the unjust.

John 5:28-29

- ²⁸Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice,
- ²⁹And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto **the resurrection of life**; and they that have done evil, unto the **resurrection of damnation**.

Two Resurrections

Acts 24:15

- ¹⁵And have hope toward God, which they themselves also allow, that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the **just** and **unjust**.

Resurrection of Life

Revelation 20:6

- ⁶Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the **first resurrection**: on such the **second death hath no power**, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

John 5:29

- ²⁹And shall come forth; they that have **done good, unto the resurrection of life**; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

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- ¹⁵For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.
- ¹⁶For 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:
- ¹⁷Then 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.
- ¹⁸Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

Resurrection of Life

Philippians 3:21

- ²¹Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

1 Corinthians 15:42-54

Resurrection of Condemnation

Revelation 20:4-5

- ⁴And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
- ⁵But the rest of the dead lived not again until the **thousand years were finished**. This is the first resurrection.

Revelation 20:14-15

- ¹⁴And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
- ¹⁵And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Ezekiel 18:30-32

- ³⁰Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord GOD. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.
- ³¹Cast away from you all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel?
- ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord GOD: wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.

Christ Promises that....

Revelation 2:11

- ¹¹He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.
- Those who accept Jesus and the salvation he brings will experience an indescribable joy at His climactic return.
- They will spend eternity fellowshiping with their Lord and Saviour