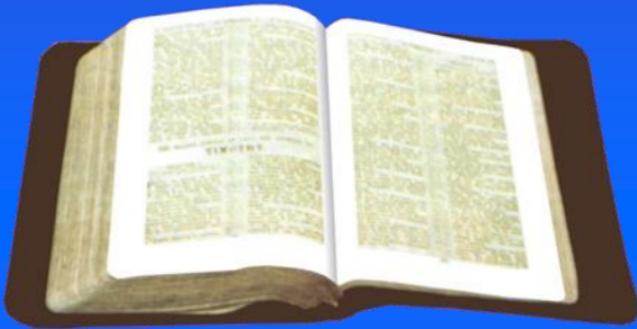


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The Bible teaches nothing about an 'immortal soul'. In the KJV we find the word 'soul' used often, and we find the word 'immortal', but we do not find a single passage where the two words are joined together. The Bible does not support the idea that a 'soul' is an 'immortal' entity residing within us; which lives on when our body dies.

- **Soul describes the whole being, or creature, both animal and man.**

Genesis 2:7 (KJV)... 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.

Job 12:10 (KJV)... the soul of every living thing...

Proverbs 6:30 (KJV)... satisfy his soul when he is hungry;

Numbers 31:28 (KJV)... levy a tribute... one soul of five hundred... persons... beeves... asses... sheep:

Joshua 11:11 (KJV)... smote all the souls...

Jeremiah 2:34 (KJV)... in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls...

- **The soul can die**

Ezekiel 18:20 (KJV)...The soul that sinneth, it shall die...

If every living thing is described as a soul, and a soul can eat, and be handled and can die, it follows that the soul is not immortal.

- **Only God has immortality inherent in his nature.**

1 Timothy 6:16 (KJV) (God) only hath immortality...

- **Immortality is something we ‘seek after’ and ‘put on’ when Christ returns.**

Romans 2:7 (KJV)... seek for glory and honour and immortality...

1 Corinthians 15:54 (KJV)... this mortal shall have put on immortality...

If we ‘put on’ immortality when Christ returns it follows that we do not possess it now.

- **The Bible teaches that man is mortal now; that death entered the world by sin; that where sin is death must be, and that death will only be destroyed with Christ's final triumph upon earth.**

Job 4:17 (KJV)... mortal man...

Romans 5:12 (KJV)... by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men...

Romans 6:23 (KJV)... the wages of sin is death...

Romans 6:21 (KJV)... the end of those things is death.

Romans 8:6 (KJV)... to be carnally minded is death...

1 Corinthians 15:25 (KJV)... he (Christ) must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

Revelation 21:4 (KJV)... God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes... there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away. 5... Behold, I make all things new...

- **The doctrine that man has an immortal soul that can never die is a variation of the lie of the serpent in Eden.**

Genesis 3:4 (KJV)... the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

- **Immortality is to be conferred by a change to our mortal body when Christ returns.**

Philippians 3:21 (KJV)... (Christ) shall change our vile body...

1 Corinthians 15:53 (KJV)... this mortal must put on immortality.

1 Corinthians 15:51 (KJV)... We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (KJV)... the Lord himself shall descend from heaven... and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

John 5:29 (KJV) (they) shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life...

2 Corinthians 5:4 (KJV)... clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

This makes no sense if we already possess an 'immortal' soul, which leaves our body at death.

- **The dead are to be raised to life and judged, the righteous rewarded and the wicked punished, at the return of Christ.**

Matthew 16:27 (KJV)... the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father... then he shall reward every man according to his works.

2 Corinthians 5:10 (KJV)... we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ...

2 Timothy 4:1 (KJV)... the Lord Jesus Christ... shall judge the quick (living) and the dead at his appearing...

Revelation 11:18 (KJV)... the time of the dead, that they should be judged, and that thou shouldst give reward unto thy servants the prophets...

2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 (KJV)... them that know not God... 9... shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord...

- **When we die, we are unconscious, without feeling and memory, incapable of exercising any faculty or rendering praise. In fact, ‘the dead know not anything’.**

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6 (KJV)... the dead know not any thing... 6... their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished...

Psalms 6:5 (KJV)... in death there is no remembrance of thee...

Psalms 146:4 (KJV)... he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

Psalms 115:17 (KJV) The dead praise not the Lord...

Isaiah 38:18 (KJV)... the grave cannot praise thee...

The Bible teaches that we are mortals, whose beings dissolve in death, and who, when dead, really are dead, and resurrection from the dead is essential for our salvation.

The doctrine that when we die, our ‘soul’ ‘goes to judgment’, and enters heaven to be rewarded, or descends to ‘hell’ to be punished, cannot be reconciled with the Bible teaching that immortality

is a reward to be conferred on the faithful, at the judgment seat of Christ, after resurrection from the dead.

In truth, the Bible teaches that:

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