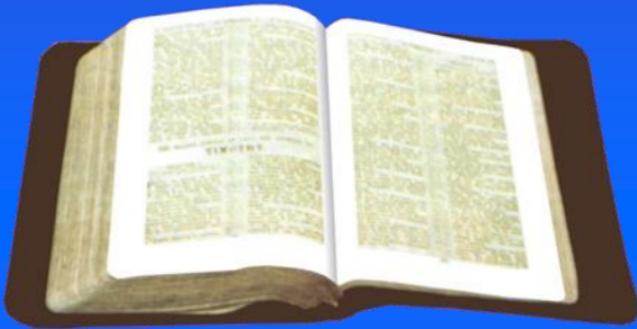


# **BASIC BIBLE TEACHING**



Immortality

## **BASIC BIBLE TEACHING**

### **Immortality**

Bible teaching concerning immortality.

- **The Bible applies the term 'immortal' only to God**

*1 Timothy 1:17 (KJV) Now unto the King eternal, IMMORTAL, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

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

*1 Timothy 6:15 (KJV)... the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 WHO ONLY HATH IMMORTALITY...*

- **We are described as 'mortal'.**

*Job 4:17 (KJV) Shall MORTAL MAN be more just than God?*

- **To attain to immortality we must seek it.**

*Romans 2:7 (KJV)... by patient continuance in well doing SEEK for glory and honour and IMMORTALITY...*

- **The Gospel of Jesus Christ explains how we can attain to immortality.**

*2 Timothy 1:10 (KJV) But (grace) is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath BROUGHT life and IMMORTALITY to light through the GOSPEL:*

- **Immortality (eternal life) is a gift to be given by God through Jesus Christ.**

*Romans 6:23 (KJV)... the wages of sin is death; but the GIFT of GOD is ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST ...*

*John 6:53 (KJV)... Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, YE HAVE NO LIFE IN YOU.*

- **We are mortal, and die because we sin.**

*Romans 5:12 (KJV) Wherefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN, for that all have sinned:*

*Romans 7:24 (KJV) O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the BODY OF THIS DEATH?*

*2 Corinthians 1:9 (KJV) But we had the SENTENCE OF DEATH IN OURSELVES, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which RAISETH THE DEAD:*

- **In death we have no conscious existence**

*Psalms 6:5 (KJV)... in death there is NO REMEMBRANCE of thee...*

*Psalms 146:4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day HIS THOUGHTS PERISH.*

*Ecclesiastes 9:5 (KJV)... THE DEAD KNOW NOT ANYTHING...*

- **Death is described as ‘sleeping in the dust’.**

*Job 7:21 (KJV)... now shall I SLEEP IN THE DUST; and thou shalt seek me in the morning, but I shall not be.*

*Daniel 12:2 (KJV)... many of them that SLEEP IN THE DUST of the earth...*

- **Without resurrection, the dead are perished.**

*1 Corinthians 15:16 (KJV) For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised... 18 Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are PERISHED.*

- **Eternal life is a gift to be given at the resurrection of the dead.**

*Luke 20:35 (KJV)... they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the RESURRECTION FROM THE DEAD... 36 NEITHER CAN THEY DIE ANYMORE... being the children of the RESURRECTION.*

- **At the return of Christ.**

*John 5:29 (KJV)...the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, 28 and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the RESURRECTION OF LIFE...*

*Matthew 25:31 (KJV) When the SON OF MAN SHALL COME in his glory... 46... the righteous (shall go) into LIFE ETERNAL.*

1 Corinthians 15:52 (KJV)... at the last trump... 54... this MORTAL shall have put on IMMORTALITY, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

- **They are 'THE DEAD in Christ'**

1 Thessalonians 4:16 (KJV)... the DEAD IN CHRIST shall rise first:

- **We can attain to immortality by believing and obeying the gospel preached by Jesus, otherwise we will die in our sins.**

John 8:12 (KJV) Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life... 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye BELIEVE NOT that I am he, YE SHALL DIE IN YOUR SINS.

John 10:27-28 (KJV) My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: 28 And I GIVE UNTO THEM ETERNAL LIFE; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand.

- **If we understand the gospel but do not obey it we will be raised from the dead to condemnation.**

Acts 24:15 (KJV)... there shall be a RESURRECTION... both of the just and UNJUST.

*John 5:29 (KJV)... they that have DONE EVIL, unto the RESURRECTION of damnation (CONDEMNATION).*

- **Those raised to condemnation are not given immortality in order to suffer eternal torment. The punishment for sin is death and corruption, not eternal suffering.**

*Ezekiel 18:20 The soul that SINNETH, it shall DIE.*

*Galatians 6:8 (KJV) For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap CORRUPTION...*

*2 Peter 2:12 (KJV)... these, as natural brute beasts... shall UTTERLY PERISH in their own CORRUPTION*

- **They are condemned to be destroyed and will die a second time. In Revelation this is called the SECOND DEATH and symbolised by a lake of fire. In the second death they perish forever.**

*2 Thessalonians 1:9 (KJV) Who shall be punished with everlasting DESTRUCTION...*

*Revelation 21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the SECOND DEATH.*

- **The reward of the righteous is eternal inheritance of the earth in the Kingdom of God.**

*Psalms 37:29 (KJV) The righteous shall INHERIT THE LAND, and dwell therein for ever... 38 But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off.*

*Psalms 37:11... the meek shall INHERIT THE EARTH;*

*Matthew 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, INHERIT THE KINGDOM prepared for you from the foundation of the world:*

Immortality is a reward promised to those who believe and obey the Gospel. We do not already possess it in the form of an 'immortal' soul or spirit.