

## EXAMINING OUR FAITH, part 20 quotes

**1** "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves." 2 Corinthians 13:5.

(Show picture #14 - the Non-Immortality of the Soul)

**2** What causes humanity to die?

"And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But 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**....And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat....And the Lord God called unto Adam, and said unto him...In 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 2:16-17, 3:6, 9, 19.

**3** What occurs when we disobey or transgress the law of God?

"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for **sin is the transgression of the law.**" 1 John 3:4.

-- What happens because of our choice to sin?

"For **the wages of sin is death...**" Romans 6:23.

-- Who is the author and originator of all sin and death?

"Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou was created, **till iniquity was found in thee.**" "He (the Devil) was **a murderer from the beginning...**" Ezekiel 28:15; John 8:44.

**4** Does the Bible teach that only our fleshly body dies at death, but our soul continues to lives on forever. No.

"**The soul that sinneth, it shall die.**" Ezekiel 18:20.

Since "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23), then the soul of no dead human being has ever continued to live on after death!

**5** "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**." Genesis 2:7.

God first formed a body, then give it the breath of life, and then man became a living soul.

### **EQUATION FOR LIFE**

Body + breath of life = a living soul

### **EQUATION FOR DEATH**

Body - breath of life = a dead soul

As there is no truth to the doctrine of our soul continuing to live on after we die, then neither does humanity have a spirit which goes on living after death.

Our breath, which comes from God and allows us to have life, can also be translated in the scriptures as "spirit".

"All the while **my breath is in me**, and **the spirit of God is in my nostrils**". Job 27:3.

The Hebrew word for "breath" used here is "n'shamah" and it translates and means "vital breath, spirit" (Strong's word #5397). The Hebrew word for "spirit" used in this text is "ruwach", and it translates and means "wind, breath, exhalation, spirit" (Strong's, word #7307). So a body, plus the breath or spirit of God, equals a living soul. But a body, without spirit or breath, cannot equal a living soul – but a dead one.

When we die, our breath or spirit of life goes back to God who gave it to us at birth (see Ecclesiastes 12:7; Psalms 31:5), but there is no separate life or consciousness in this breath.

"Cease ye from man, **whose breath (spirit - word #5397) is in his nostrils**: for wherein is he to be accounted of?" Isaiah 2:22.

## 6 What really lies beyond the grave?

"But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; **that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man**...Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; **that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them** who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." Hebrews 2:9, 14-15.

Jesus Christ has found a way to deliver us from a hopeless death, and He has also mercifully provided this to any human being who chooses and really desires to live again after they die!

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that **whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life**." John 3:16.

"For as in Adam all die, even so **in Christ shall all be made alive**." "And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and **this life is in his Son**. **He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.**" 1 Corinthians 15:22; 1 John 5:11-12.

No other human being: be he president or pope, evangelist or guru, shaman or priest, can offer anyone eternal life in truth. Life after death is only found in Jesus Christ because it is only Jesus that has been given "power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many" as are His (see John 17:2). And Jesus Christ is available to all humanity -- no matter their condition.

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. **Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need**." Hebrews 4:15-16.

"This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**; of whom I am chief." 1 Timothy 1:15.