

Study: State of the Dead (SD)

Purpose of Study: Man does not possess immortality. Only God does.

Center It: “He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.” 1 John 5:12

Know It Mark It:

1. Genesis 2:7
2. Ecclesiastes 12:7
3. Psalm 104:29,30
4. James 2:26
5. John 11:11-14
6. Ecclesiastes 9:5,6
7. Psalm 146:4
8. Revelation 14:13
9. Ezekiel 18:4
- 10.1 Timothy 6:15,16
11. Job 21:32
12. Acts 2:29,34
13. 1 Corinthians 15:51-53
14. 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17
15. 1 John 5:11-13

Share It:

The subject of death has intrigued many through the ages . . . What happens to a person when they die? Does a person go to heaven or hell when they die? Can we communicate with the dead? In search for answers to these and many other questions about death, men have come up with a wide range of answers. But, how can we know for certain the answer to this questions? The Bible provides clear answers . . .

To understand death we must look at how life originated . . .

1. Genesis 2:7 - Dust (body) + Breath (spirit) = Living Soul/Living Being

What happens when a person dies?

2. Ecclesiastes 12:7 (Genesis 3:19) - Death is the opposite of life. The Bible explains it clearer . . .

3. Psalm 104:29,30 - Living Soul (Living Being) - Breath (spirit) = Dust (Death)

What is the spirit that returns to God?

4. James 2:26 - “the body without the spirit is dead” The Hebrew word for breath is *ruach*. It means air, wind or spirit. At death this spirit or breath returns to God.

Let’s see how the Bible describes death . . .

5. John 11:11-14 - death = sleep. There are more than 50 references in the Bible where death is compared to sleep.

We are going to look at a few verses that describe the state of the dead . . .

6. Ecclesiastes 9:5,6 - the dead know nothing.

7. Psalm 146:4 - thoughts= perish

8. Revelation 14:13 - rest from their labours

But, isn't the soul immortal? Well, let's see what the Bible says about that . . .

9. Ezekiel 18:4 - soul that sinneth it SHALL die

In fact the Bible tells us that there is only one who is immortal . . .

10.1 Timothy 6:15,16 - only God is immortal

So then where do the dead go when they die?

11. Job 21:32 - to the grave . . . REMAIN in the tomb

Does that mean that a good person when they die they do not go to heaven?

Well let's see . . . the Bible makes it clear that David is saved. Is he in heaven now?

12. Acts 2:29, 34 - Not in heaven.

Then, when will God's people receive immortality?

13.1 Corinthians 15:51-53 - at the second coming

14. 1 Thessalonians 4:14-17 - second coming

Appeal:

15. 1 John 5:11-13 - The Bible makes it clear that only God is immortal. Eternal life is promised to those who receive Jesus.

Extra:

2 Samuel 7:12

Job 4:17

Job 7:10

Job 14: 10,12,14, 21

Job 19:25,26

Job 27:3

Psalm 6:5

Psalm 115:17

Isaiah 38:18

Matthew 27:52

John 5:28,29

Romans 2:7

Romans 6:23

2 Timothy 4:7,8

Revelation 22:12

Revelation 1:18