



Worksheet #13

“What Happens When I Die?”

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Death

So if hell isn't a place we go when we die, then what *does* happen when we die? The Bible's answer to that question is almost so simple most people just fly right past it... when you die you just die.

What Is Life?

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image...”

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. (KJV)

- God _____ man, thus there was a time when man simply _____.
- God's formula for life: _____ + _____ = _____.
- Biblically, you don't _____ a soul, you _____ a soul!



What Is Death?

Genesis 3:19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; For dust you are, and to dust you shall return.”

Ecclesiastes 12:6, 7 Remember your Creator before the silver cord is loosed, or the golden bowl is broken, or the pitcher shattered at the fountain, or the wheel broken at the well. Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.

Psalms 104:29 ...You take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

James 2:26 For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

- Death is simply the undoing of _____.
- The _____ returns to the _____ and the breath returns to _____.

Death Is Like Sleep

John 11:11-14 These things He said, and after that He said to them, “Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.”¹² Then His disciples said, “Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.”¹³ However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep.¹⁴ Then Jesus said to them plainly, “Lazarus is dead.

Psalms 13:3 Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; Enlighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.

Daniel 12:1,2 “At that time Michael shall stand up... and many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting contempt.”

1 Corinthians 15:51,52 We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed— in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet... and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

How Deep Is The Sleep of Death?

Ecclesiastes 9:5,6 For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share in anything done under the sun.

Psalms 146:3,4 Do not put your trust in princes, nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help. His spirit departs, he returns to his earth; In that very day his plans perish.

Psalms 115:17 The dead do not praise the Lord, nor any who go down into silence.

First and Second Death

Revelation 20:1-5 Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. 5 ... *This is the first resurrection.* 6 *Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power.*

Revelation 20:10, 14-15 The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever... then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. *This is the second death.* And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

- **First Death:** Death that is merely _____.
- **Second Death:** _____ death from which there is no _____.

Isn't the Soul Immortal?

The term "immortal soul" is found _____ in the Bible. In fact, the Bible teaches the _____!

- **Ezekiel 18:4** "Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die.
- **1 Timothy 6:15,16** [God] who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings and Lord of lords, *who alone has immortality*, dwelling in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see, to whom be honor and everlasting power.

Don't Good People Go To Heaven When They Die?

The saved do go to heaven... when Jesus returns. Until then, they _____ in the _____.

- **Revelation 14:13** Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write: 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.'" "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."
- **Acts 2:29, 34** "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day... For David did not ascend into the heavens."



God's Word clearly and repeatedly affirms that when people die they are just dead. It is Satan who lies and says "you will not surely die." While the Bible teaches that God alone is immortal, Satan says "you can be like God." (**Genesis 3:1-6**)

The idea of hell being unending torture is neither taught in God's Word nor harmonious with His character of justice and mercy.