

# THE MYSTERY OF THE IMMORTALITY





Satan's Lie:

**"You Shall Not Die"**

Genesis 3:4

The truth:

**"Dust you are and to the dust you'll come back"**

Genesis 3:19

# Adam lost immortality:



“Man is like one of us... Now therefore, let him not stretch out his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever... So he cast the man out, and set cherubim to the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword that was turned on every side, to guard the way of the tree of life”

Genesis 3:22-24

# And after him, all men:

“Therefore, as sin entered into the world through one man, and death through sin, so death passed on to all men, because all have sinned.”

Romans, 5: 12



# Can we become immortal? Jesus Brought Immortality

**“But it has now been manifested by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who took away death and brought to light life and immortality by the gospel.” 2 Timothy 1:10**

## and gives it to those who believe:

**“He who believes in the Son has eternal life.” John, 3: 36**



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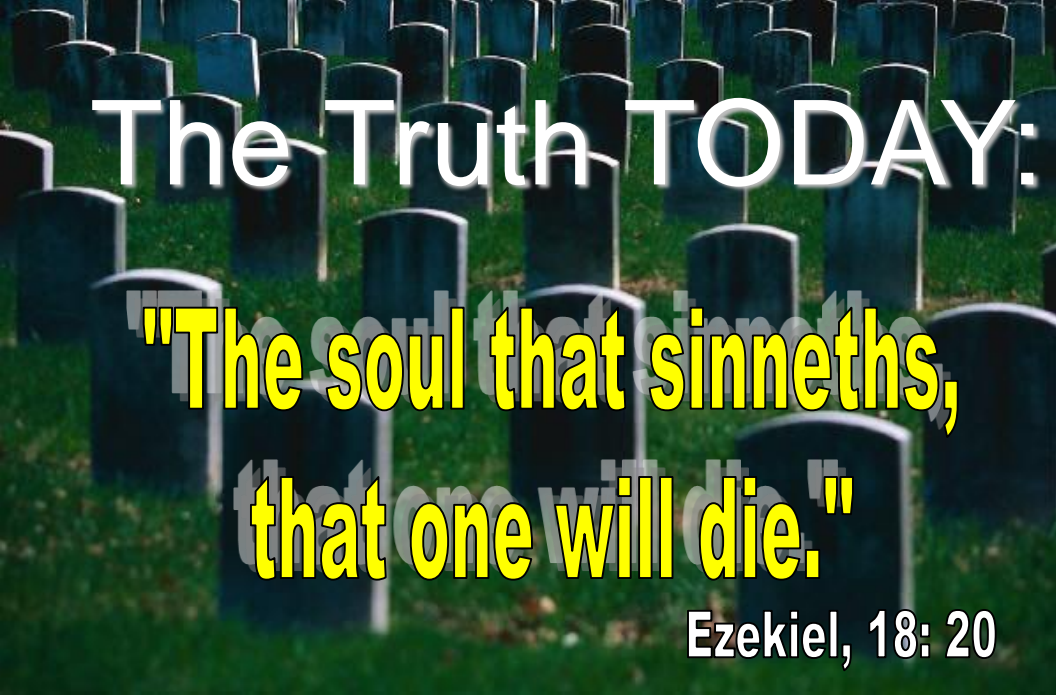
**The Soul Is Immortal**



The Truth TODAY:

**"The soul that sinneth,  
that one will die."**

Ezekiel, 18: 20



# Consequences of the Natural Immortality of the Human Soul

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## POSSIBILITIES OF THE SOUL AT THE DEATH OF THE BODY

- **Going to Heaven: Hope that comforts the believer.**
- **Going to Hell: Eternal Suffering of the Sinner.**
- **Go to "limbo": Disembodied spirits wandering aimlessly and communicating with the living.**
- **Reincarnation: New life with no conscious memory of the previous one.**

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## IF WE GO TO HEAVEN

- Would we be happy to see the sufferings and mistakes of our beloved family and friends?
- Wouldn't we try to help them to save themselves?

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## IF HELL EXISTS

- God and the saints are sadists who enjoy the eternal suffering of sinners.
- Eternal punishment is disproportionate to the faults that can be committed in a short life



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## IF WE BECOME DISEMBOodied SPIRITS

- If we all have the same destiny, what does it matter what we do in this life?
- Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we shall die.

Almost all Christian churches have taught one of the following errors (with some variations):

- 1) There is a hell where sinners suffer eternally.
- 2) God is so good that He saves all men.  
Therefore, man ascends directly to heaven at death.

Today, Christian churches tend to favor the second error, including the Catholic Church.

# Biblical Teaching on Man's Universal Salvation

**NOT EVERYONE WILL GET INTO HEAVEN**

"Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be mistaken; neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor those who lie with men, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor slanderers, nor swindlers, shall inherit the kingdom of God." 1 Corinthians 6:9-10

"For you know this, that no fornicator, or unclean, or covetous, who is an idolater, has an inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."  
Ephesians 5:5

"Pursue peace with all, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord." Hebrews 12:14

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## THE SINNER WILL BE PUNISHED

"Woe to the wicked! Evil will go with him, for according to the works of his hands it will be repaid to him." Isaiah, 3:11

"The Lord keepeth all that love him, but he will destroy all the wicked"  
Psalm 145:20

"But the transgressors shall all be destroyed together; the posterity of the wicked shall be extinguished." Psalm 37:38

Like the waters of the flood, the flames of the great day will proclaim God's verdict that the wicked are incurable. They have no disposition to submit to divine authority. They have exercised their will in rebellion; And when life is over it will be too late to turn the current of your thoughts in the opposite direction, too late to turn from transgression to obedience, from hatred to love. Ellen White. The Great Controversy, pg. 598

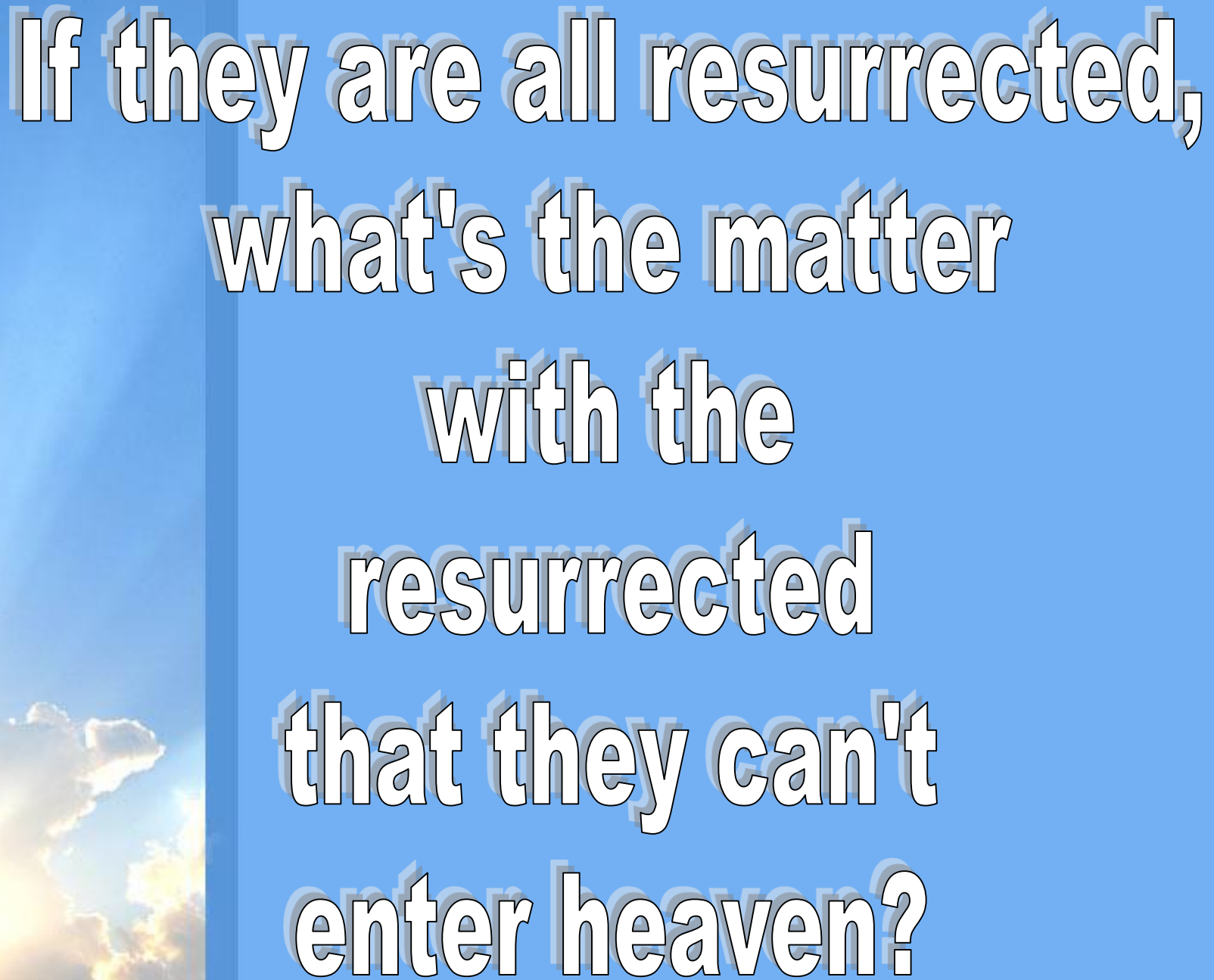
When will the wicked receive their punishment?

# All will be resurrected, both righteous and unjust

**"There Must Be A Resurrection Of The Dead, Both The Righteous And The Unjust" Acts 24:15**

**"For as in Adam all die, so in Christ shall all be made alive." 1 Corinthians 15:22**

**"Do not marvel at this; for the hour will come when all who are in the graves will hear his voice; and those who have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life; but those who have done evil have risen from condemnation." John 5:28-29**

A bright sun shining through clouds in a blue sky. The sun is partially obscured by white and yellow clouds, creating a lens flare effect. The sky is a clear, vibrant blue.

If they are all resurrected,  
what's the matter  
with the  
resurrected  
that they can't  
enter heaven?



# **The Resurrection of the wicked is followed by The 2nd Death**

**"Blessed and holy is he that hath a part in the first resurrection; the second death has no power over them." Revelation, 20:6**





# **The Second Death Does Not Imply Eternal Suffering**

**"For henceforth there will be no wicked man; you will observe his place, and he will not be there." Psalm 37:10**

**"You rebuked the nations, you destroyed the wicked. You blotted out their name eternally and forever. The enemies have perished; they have been left desolate forever; and the cities which thou hast brought down, their memory perished with them." Psalm 9:5-6**

**"They will be as if they had not been" Obadiah, 16**

**WHAT HAPPENS BETWEEN  
DEATH AND**

**RESURRECTION?**



# What does the Bible say about death?

"For his breath proceedeth out, and return to the earth; On that very day his thoughts perish." **Psalm 146:4**

"For they that live know that they shall die; but the dead know nothing... Their love and hatred and envy are gone; and they will never again have a share in all that is done under the sun." **Ecclesiastes 9:5-6**

"Whatever comes into your power to do, do it according to your strength; for in Sheol, whither thou goest, there is no work, no work, no knowledge, no wisdom."

**Ecclesiastes 9:10**

# No one praises God when he has died

"For Sheol will not exalt you, nor death praise you; nor shall they that go down to the grave wait for thy truth." **Isaiah, 38:18**

"For in death there is no remembrance of thee; in Sheol, who will praise you?" **Psalms 6:5**

"The dead shall not praise God, nor all who descend into silence" **Psalms 115:17**

# THE CASE OF KING DAVID

"Men and brethren, you may freely be told of the patriarch David, who died and was buried... For David did not ascend into heaven." **Acts 2:29, 34**

# The doctrine of the immortality of the soul nullifies the resurrection

**"I frankly confess that I am not convinced that they already enjoy the fullness of glory in which God and the elect angels find themselves. Nor is it an article of my faith; for if it were so, then I cannot but see that the preaching of the resurrection of the flesh would be in vain."**

**William Tyndale, in the foreword to his translation of the New Testament**



# The doctrine of the immortality of the soul nullifies the 2nd coming of Christ

## Those who believe in immortality claim:

"For all practical purposes of comfort, the doctrine of the blessed immortality of the righteous supersedes for us any doubtful doctrine of the Lord's second coming. When we die is when the Lord comes to get us. That is what we have to wait for and for which we must be cautious. The dead have already entered into glory. They do not wait for the sound of the trumpet to stand in judgment and enter into beatitude."

## The Bible states:

"For the Lord himself shall come down from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord always. Therefore encourage one another with these words."

1 Thessalonians, 4:16-18



# Men Are Not Judged When They Die

**"For He hath appointed a day in which He shall judge the world in righteousness" Acts 17:31**

**"And to the angels who did not keep their dignity... he has saved them... for the judgment of the great day" Jude, 6**

**"And I saw the dead, great and small, standing before God; and the books were opened, and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged by the things that were written in the books, according to their works." Revelation, 20:12**





# History of the Doctrine of Immortality in Christianity

- Rome took this doctrine from paganism.
- Luther classed it alongside "the monstrous fables that are part of the Roman dunghill"
- However, both Catholicism and Protestantism today embrace this doctrine.

# WHEN MAN DIES

The spirit (breath of life) returns to God, who gave it

Ecclesiastes, 12:6; Genesis 2:7

The body returns to dust

Genesis 3:19

Thoughts and activity end

Ecclesiastés, 9: 10

# The first conscious act, after death, It will be the resurrection

**RESURRECTION OF LIFE  
At the Second Coming**

They will receive immortality and  
live with Christ forever

**In this life we decide our  
future...**

**AT WHAT POINT WILL YOU  
BE RESURRECTED?**

**RESURRECTION FROM DEATH  
After the millennium**

They will suffer the second  
Death In the Lake of Fire

They will cease to exist

**"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet shall be sounded, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must be clothed with incorruption, and this mortal must be clothed with immortality. And when this corruptible shall put on incorruption, and this mortal shall put on immortality, then shall be fulfilled the word which is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is thy sting? Where, O grave, is thy victory?"**

**1 Corinthians, 15:52-55**

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