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What happens when I die? Part 2 of 4

Part one covers why we die, why we are judged and why Jesus. So there are only 2 destinations when we leave this body of flesh. Yes, the dying of the body is when eternal life begins for our soul and spirit in new bodies either Heaven or in the Lake of Fire. Accept Jesus as your Saviour and believe that He died for your sins or reject His plan of salvation. There is no other way. Believe and accept Jesus or reject Him. There are only two eternal destinations when you die Heaven or the Lake of Fire. You may be thinking by now that I'm taking the long way around with 4 Parts to answer a simple question as what happens to someone when they die. You would be really surprised how many people just live day to day and many even go to church all their life without ever realizing that this life in the flesh is only for a very short time and if people don't come to the reality of why they exist and what happens to them, then how could they possibly believe in God?

Question; Are humans made up of body, soul and spirit? Yes in *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.*

Always keep this statement in mind: **Mankind is not a body with a soul and spirit. Mankind is a soul and spirit with a body.** If we keep that statement in mind what we are and why we exist will make more sense.

This verse in *Genesis 2:7* describes man total being. Let's break down 3 parts of this verse beginning with "God formed man of the dust of the ground." First **the flesh** of humans, (the body) God formed from the dust of the ground. Bible says in *Genesis 3:19 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.* Also flesh cannot go to Heaven or Hell. This body made of flesh just cannot live forever and was not designed to do so. *1 Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God;*

Next, breaking down *Genesis 2:7 "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life"* That is **the spirit.** *Job 32:8 But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding.* The spirit is what makes humans come alive and live forever. Next, *And man became a living soul* in the last part of *Genesis 2:7.* **We are a soul.** Our soul is who we are. Our soul is our identity, our personality. That is the reason for this statement; **Mankind is not a body with a soul and spirit. Mankind is a soul and spirit with a body.** Someone said; "You don't have a soul. You are a Soul. You have a body." In other words, a person is not based on having a body. A soul and spirit is what is required. *1 Thessalonians 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.* I keep repeating we are soul and spirit because I want you to understand that is what lives forever in Heaven with a glorified body with Jesus if you're a believer. A non-believer is cast into the Lake of Fire with a body that last forever but says nothing about having special crowns or rewards like those who belong to Jesus only tormented day and night.

Yes, you will be conscience of your surroundings forever. *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 second death means to be separated from God forever.

So yes, humans exist by the soul, spirit and body. Now we also know that a human body cannot go to Heaven. So now what happens the moment our human fleshly body dies? The best example of what happens to the saved and what happens to the lost is the event that Jesus told of the rich man and a beggar name Lazarus deaths in Luke chapter 16 verses 19 through 31. I believe this was a real occurrence that our Lord witnessed. So when the body dies of those who belong to the Lord Jesus instantly their soul and spirit will be taken to Heaven in Gods presents awaiting the resurrection of their new glorified bodies. The non-believer however is taken to a holding place of torment called Hades/Hell also waits for their resurrected body. The Bible says that both the bodies of believers and unbelievers will be resurrected in *John 5:29, Acts 24:15 and Daniel 12:2.* But, the bodies of unbelievers are raised and will be judged at the Great White Throne judgment and then cast into the Lake of Fire from their holding place in Hades/Hell for eternity according to *Revelation chapter 20.* (I will explain this in more detail in the next two parts.) A reminder, every soul and spirit will have a body that will last forever.

God has a plan for every human that has ever lived. His desire is that all would believe and come to the knowledge of the truth of Jesus Christ. *2 Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.* Part 3 will be what happens the moment a Christian dies and the last Part 4 what happens to those who rejects Jesus. It's my prayer that this study will help Christians grow in knowledge and the lost come to repentance and give their life to Jesus.