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DEATH AND RESURRECTION:

Spiritually and Physically.

Death and resurrection, spiritually and physically. What does this statement mean? There are a few things we must find out. When a person dies, does he or she have any consciousness? Does a puff of smoke leave their body and go flying off into the third heaven? Do they just float around the earth hunting houses, jumping from behind trees scaring people? If you have a logical bone in your body you know that is sheer nonsense. *It is also written in your law, that the testimony of two men is true*"(John 8:17). We will quote testimonies from the Prophets and the Apostle. Who gave them the word? (Acts 7:52 *Which of the prophets have not your fathers persecuted? and they have slain them which showed before of the coming of the Just One; of whom ye have been now the betrayers and murderers: 53 Who have received the law by the disposition of angels, and have not kept it.*) They received the law by the disposition of angels. Where did the angels get the word? (Revelation 1:1 *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass; and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John.*) The angels got it from the Lord. The Lord got it from the Father. The Prophets and the Apostle are simply quoting the Lord. If you don't believe them, you don't believe the Lord. Our first witness is Solomon. He is very wise, as a matter of fact he was wiser than any man that walked the earth. Why? 1 Kings 3:28 *And all Israel heard of the judgment which the king had judged; and they feared the king: for they saw that the wisdom of God was in him, to do judgment. 1 Kings 4:1* *So king Solomon was king over all Israel.* He had the wisdom of God. Let' see what Solomon has to say about this subject.

Ecclesiastes 9:3 This is an evil among all things that are done **under the sun, that there is one event unto all:** yea, also the **heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.**

Take a look at what Solomon said. This event happened to us all while we are under the sun. Why did he say under the sun? We'll find this out later. Pay close attention here. The heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live. While they live. Then what happens after that? They go to the dead.

Ecclesiastes 9:4 **For to him that is joined to all the living there is hope:** for a living dog is better than a dead lion.

While you are still alive there is still hope. What hope is this? Romans 2:7 *To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:* This is what you hope for while you are still alive. Notice something else, Solomon said. For a living dog is better than a dead lion. Why is that? The dog is alive and the lion is dust. Can a dead lion be of any use? No! Solomon said a mouth full, look at the next verse.

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Ecclesiastes 9:5 For the **living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.**

For the living know not any thing, neither any more reward. Why? Once you're dead there is no more hope. If you went to the grave in Christ, he will awake you in the first resurrection, and you will live and reign on the earth with him and the saints. If you did not die in Christ he will wake you in the second resurrection and you will be judged according to your works. If you are dead do you have any memory? What did Solomon say? "For the memory of them is forgotten". Now we know you have no more memory while you are in the grave. If you did something wrong to a person and they're dead, you don't have to worry, they won't come and haunt your house.

Ecclesiastes 9:6 **Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.**

This verse speaks for itself. To put it short you don't remember anything while you are in the grave. Why does he continue to say "under the sun"? He's said it twice. We will find out a little later.

Ecclesiastes 9:10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; **for ther is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest.**

If there is no work, no device, no knowledge, no wisdom, in the grave, why does

the status quo say there are spirits that walk the earth? They have no knowledge of the Word of God. There are spirits that walk the earth, but they are not dead people. They are fallen angels. We will see an example of one later. In short, the dead don't know anything.

Let's find another witness. The Lord said that David was a man after His own heart. David should know about this subject. Let's see if David and Solomon are on the same page.

Psalms 146:3 **Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.**

4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish.

"Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help". Why did David make this statement in verse 3? No man can give you eternal life; neither does any man have a lake of fire to put you in. Whom shall you put all your trust? **Proverbs 3:5** *Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.* How do you lean on the Lord's understanding and not your own? By reading the book without putting a twist on it and taking every word for what it says, you will never go wrong. Why should you do that? Pay close attention. **Isaiah 55:8** *For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD.*

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9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. If his thoughts are higher than ours, why should anyone try to interpret His Word. Seems like David and Solomon are on the same page. Look at verse 4. His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. His thoughts perish when he gives up his last breath. Man is made of 2 elements dust, and breath, no more, no less. **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.* When David said he gives up the ghost he simply means his breath. David clarifies this even further in the 88th Psalm.

Psalms 88:10 Wilt thou show wonders to the dead? shall the dead arise and praise thee? Selah.

11 Shall thy lovingkindness be declared in the grave? or thy faithfulness in destruction?

12 Shall thy wonders be known in the dark? **and thy righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?**

What did he call the grave? The land of forgetfulness. So far the Bible is consistent.

Let's check out a few more Psalm.

Psalm 6:5 **For in death there is no remembrance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?**

Was that hard to understand? No. If you are dead you have no wisdom, no knowledge, no memory who can you praise? No one. Here is another Psalm.

Psalm 115:17 **The dead praise not the LORD,** neither any that go down into silence.

This verse clarifies the 6th Psalm. David and Solomon are consistent. Let's go to another Prophet, the Prophet Isaiah and see what he has to say about this subject.

Isaiah 38:18 For **the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth.**

19 **The living, the living, he shall praise thee,** as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth.

The Prophet Isaiah confirmed what David and Solomon said. "For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth". Does anything else need to be said? This is very clear. Look at verse 19. The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth. While you are alive you can praise the Lord. Let's go to the Prophet Job and see if he knows anything about this subject.

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Job 14:1 Man that is born of a woman is of few days, and full of trouble.

2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.

Remember what Solomon said? Let's take another look. *Ecclesiastes 9:3 This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after that they go to the dead.* Job said basically, "Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble". Each day you walk with God there is a war going on within your mind. Trying your best to keep this flesh body under control, trying to walk in the Lord's law, that is the trouble you encounter. If some one says it is easy that's a lie. You must walk in his power (His Word), to stay strong. You have a powerful adversary, and who is that? You. Pay close attention!

Job 14:10 But man dieth, and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?

11 As the waters fail from the sea, and the flood decayeth and drieth up:

12 So man lieth down, and riseth not: till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep.

What does Job mean by this statement, "Till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep." Let's take a look at this for a moment. Listen carefully to Peter. **II Peter 3:10** *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.* Look at the statement Peter made, "*in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise*". If the "heavens" shall pass away, going to the third heaven is a myth. Peter says it again. **II Peter 3:12** *Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?.* When David said, "So man lieth down, and riseth not: *till the heavens be no more*, they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep," he knew exactly what he was talking about. Notice something else, "they shall not awake, nor be raised out of their sleep." When will they awake? **I Corinthians 15:51** *Behold, I show you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, 52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.* At the last trump the dead or those asleep shall be raised. Look like the Prophets and the Apostles are consistent. We move to the book of Revelation. This set of verses may sound contradictory, and if they are, we might as well throw the Bible out the back door. So far we have found out that the dead are still in the grave, they have no thoughts, no wisdom and knowledge. We also found that the heavens will be no more. Pay very close attention to John, he's letting you know something very important. Once you understand what he is saying there is no contradiction.

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Revelation 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

Look at what John said, "I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God. These people must be in heaven, right? (Next verse)

Revelation 6:10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

They were talking to the Lord. (Next verse)

Revelation 6:11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

These people were told by the Lord, rest a little season. They must be in heaven? (Next)

Revelation 6:12 And I beheld when he had opened the sixth seal, and, lo, there was a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood;

13 And the stars of heaven fell unto the earth, even as a fig tree casteth her untimely figs, when she is shaken of a mighty wind.

14 And the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places.

Notice something, The sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood, and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth the heaven departed as a scroll when it is rolled together. This is the same thing David, Paul, and now John said. This must be true. What about the souls under the altar? Let's see if we can find an example. Pay close attention here.

Genesis 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering;

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5 **But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.** And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

Abel, he also brought of the **firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof.** Cain didn't bring the best that he had, if he did the Lord would have accepted Cain's offering.

Genesis 4:6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 **If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door.** And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. Notice something, **If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted.** Remember the people in Revelation. Did they do well? Were they accepted? Yes. Now look at what the Lord says here.

Genesis 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, **and slew him.**

9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, **I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?**

What did the Lord say in verse 7? "**If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door.** Cain committed 2 sins, murder and baring false wittiness. These verses alone let you know that the law was in effect from the beginning. Notice this in the next verse.

Genesis 4:10 And he said, What hast thou done? **the voice of thy brother's blood crieth** unto me from the ground.

When is the last time you heard someone's blood cry? Blood doesn't cry. It wasn't the blood that was crying, it was Abel's righteous acts. Notice this in Revelation. , **I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God,** and for the testimony which they held: These people were slain for the word of God, and the testimony that they held. And **they cried with a loud voice, saying,** How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and **avenge our blood** on them that dwell on the earth? Notice it said our blood. Here is the key. What were these people given for their testimony?

Revelation 6:11 And **white robes were given unto every one of them;** and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

They were given white robes. What does this mean? Let's let the Book tell us.

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Revelation 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, **clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.**

You see it was their righteousness that cried unto the Lord . Look what Paul said.

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a **more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.**

That was your second witness. Here is another example.

Proverbs 31:10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.

31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; **and let her own works praise her in the gates.**

Let her own works praise her. By your actions you will obtain eternal life.

In Luke, the Scribes came to Jesus trying to trip Him up, by asking Him a question. Custom was that if a man die before he had an offspring, his brother would marry his wife and the first born would carry on his brother's name. They gave Jesus an example of a woman that married seven brothers, the first to the last did not have an offspring and finally the woman died. They asked Jesus who would be this woman's husband in the resurrection. Notice what the Lord said here.

Luke 20:34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage:

35 **But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage:**

36 **Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.**

37 **Now that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.**

38 **For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.**

Look at verse 35, **But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage.** He said again as Paul, and John said. Those that are accounted worthy to obtain the world. It goes back to the righteous acts. Notice verse 36, "**Now that the dead are raised**". The subject is the resurrection, he was giving them an example.

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This is a place where people try to say, "See I told you when you die you float off into heaven". They make this statement without thinking. Why? If a person dies and goes to heaven or hell what is the use for the first or second resurrection, if that statement was true they have all ready been raised and judged. It would be no use for either of these. Read this carefully.

I Samuel 28:6 And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

7 Then said Saul unto his servants, **Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit** that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, **there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.**

What is a familiar spirit?

I Samuel 28:11 Then said the woman, **Whom shall I bring up unto thee?** And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

Why did she "say bring up?" Samuel was a righteous guy, shouldn't she have said, Whom should I bring down?

I Samuel 28:12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.

13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, **I saw gods ascending out of the earth.**

Notice what she said, **I saw gods ascending out of the earth.** Shouldn't they be coming down form heaven?

I Samuel 28:14 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, **An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle.** And **Saul perceived that it was Samuel,** and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

15 And Samuel said to Saul, **Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up?** And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and **God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams:** therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

If the Lord would not answer Saul why would Samuel?

16 Then said Samuel, **Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?**

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17 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:

18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.

19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

Was this actually Samuel speaking to Saul through this witch? Once again let's let the Bible speak for itself.

I Chronicles 10:13 So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the LORD, even against the word of the LORD, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire of it;

You see, the Book never contradicts itself. Samuel is in the grave until the first resurrection, along with the other righteous brethren. It was a familiar spirit that spoke through the witch; Saul done himself in. How? Look what Isaiah said here, and keep this scripture in mind when you are about to call the physic hot line.

Isaiah 8:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

This simply means as long as you are alive, seek the LORD unto your physical death.

This is another verse people try to use, by saying, see I told you when you die your spirit floats off to glory.

Romans 8:11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Here is another scripture that is used.

II Kings 13:20 And Elisha died, and they buried him. And the bands of the Moabites invaded the land at the coming in of the year.

21 And it came to pass, as they were burying a man, that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulcher of Elisha: and when the man was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

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I have no idea why the Lord allowed this to happen. However, you have to think about a couple of things. (1) The Book states no one has ascended into heaven but the only the one that came down from heaven. (2) When Christ was raised several people were raised also, but they all die, and are dust right now. Christ continued to live and set down at the right hand of the Father. Let's go back to Romans and take a look at that spirit.

Romans 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Look at verse 2, For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death. Why did he say for the Law of the Spirit of Life? What law is Paul talking about? Read Hebrews chapter 10, and it will tell you that the Sacrificial Law never could make the comers perfect. What law is he talking about that brings life and frees you from death and sin? It is the commandments, brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:

4That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

9 But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

11 But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Notice in verse 4, that the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Look at verse 7, Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for

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it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. Now you should see that, if you are not walking in his law you are an enemy of God. Now if you walk in His law His spirit dwells within you. Look at verse 9. But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. What Spirit is that, if you are not walking after the flesh? The righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. The Spirit that dwells within you is His Word. When you look at the 11th verse you will see that it isn't a physical death it is a spiritual death, knowing the spirit that dwells within you is his word. Let's go to a couple of Psalm to confirm this.

Psalm 80:17 Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself.

18 So will not we go back from thee: **quicken us, and we will call upon thy name.**

19 Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; **and we shall be saved.**

Quicken means to make alive.

Psalm 119:33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; **and quicken thou me in thy way.**

38 Establish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: **quicken me in thy righteousness.**

Notice what it says in the Psalm. Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; **and quicken thou me in thy way.** Remember what it said in Roman's. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

This quickening is of the mind. Take another look at this in Romans 8. And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. The spirit of life is because of righteousness. The Psalm said the same thing. Take another look. Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: **quicken me in thy righteousness.**

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This can't be a physical death, why? Remember what Solomon said, Ecclesiastes 9:10
Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; **for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave whither thou goest.** You are a dead man walking if you are not quickened by the spirit of God. Pay close attention to Paul here.

Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins:

We were dead in our trespass and sin. This would be a spiritual death not physical.

Ephesians 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.

Remember what Paul said in Roman's if you walk after the flesh? Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Ephesians 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved)

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:

7 That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God

Look at verse 5, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved) Notice it said dead in sin, the subject is still rolling. This is death of the mind or a spiritual death. Notice in verse 6, and hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: How did he raise us up into heavenly places? Once again let's let the Book do the talking.

Colossians 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.

9 For in him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily.

10 And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power:

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- 11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:
- 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead.
- 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

If you obey Him, you have put off the body of sin of the flesh, buried with him in baptism, wherein also **ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God**, who hath raised **him** from the dead. And **you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;** Plain and simple. Now let's go and confirm that spirit that dwells within you.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

This is the spirit that dwells within you. His word! Let's go to the Psalm and see this again. Before we go there I want you to remember this in Isaiah.

Isaiah 8:20 To the **law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.**

You cannot take one verse and explain the whole Bible. Let's move on to the Psalm.

Psalm 119:50 This is my comfort in my affliction: **for thy word hath quickened me.**

51 The proud have had me greatly in derision: yet have I not declined from thy law.

Notice it said, for thy word quickened me. Here it is again.

Psalm 119:92 Unless thy law had been my delights, I should then have perished in mine affliction.

93 I will never forget thy precepts: **for with them thou hast quickened me.**

94 I am thine, save me; for I have sought thy precepts.

What quickened him, the Law! The Lord tells you again.

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

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Notice what it says, Verily, verily, I say unto you, **He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life**, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life. Notice what John says here.

I John 3:11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

14 **We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.**

How do you love the brethren?

I John 5:2 **By this we know that we love the children of God**, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

3 **For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous.**

Plain and simple. Now that we know if you don't walk in the spirit of God (which is His Word) you can be alive physically, but spiritually dead. We know that once you are physically dead you will remain in the grave until the resurrection. Now we can go back to Roman chapter 8 and read it with understanding.

Take another look at John before you begin to read this next set of verses.

John 6:63 **It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.**

Romans 8:11 **But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.**

12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: **but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.**

14 **For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.**

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15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.

23 And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. Look at verse 13, For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live. Notice it said mortify the "Deeds of the body through the spirit." What does mortify mean? It means "subdue by abstinence." In other words bring this sinful body under control and walk in the Lord's spirit which is his word. Look at 23, **And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.** What do "redemption of are vile bodies" mean? Take a look at this.

Philippians 3:21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.

And when will this take place?

I Corinthians 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, **and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

At the last trump, and not a moment before.

This is the last set. Some people go here to say Christ went to speak to the Dead in the grave. Take a look.

I Peter 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

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20 Which sometime were disobedient, when once the longsuffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was a preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls were saved by water.

Did Christ die in the days of Noah? No! Those spirits were the angels that fell. It is only one that has already been sentenced to death, and that is Satan. Why did he say the spirits in prison? Take a look at this verse.

Jude 1:6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Is this a prison or not? Not in the sense that we think, with bars. "Chains of darkness" simply means we can not see them. This study have shown you there are 2 types of death, death of the body (physical death), and death of the mind (spiritual death). We also found out that the Word of God is spirit, and if you don't bring you body under control and follow the spirit, which is his word you are walking in the flesh. If you walk in the flesh you are considered an enemy of God. We have also learned once the body dies it is in the grave until the Last trump.

Brothers and sisters if you are walking contrary to His Word and continue to kick against His law, you will be numbered with the transgressors. His laws are still good. Don't allow someone to deceive and kill you with the second death. Read on your own; don't pick out all the good parts. Read the bad with the good so you will know the whole story. Learn his Law and live. Peace be unto you Amen.

May the Lord add a blessing to the reading of his word in Jesus name, Amen.