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Do We Have Immortal Souls

The belief that we all have an immortal soul is widely held by many Christians today. What we must decide is whether this is a man-made idea, or is it actually something that the bible reveals to us? Before we can answer this question, the first thing we must do is to get a definition of the word Immortal.

1. not mortal; not liable or subject to death; undying: our immortal souls.
2. remembered or celebrated through all time.
3. not liable to perish or decay; imperishable; everlasting.
4. perpetual; lasting; constant.

OK, so if we have an immortal soul, this means it can never die. The soul will live on somewhere for all eternity and that will be Heaven or Hell. Depending on how good or bad you were during our lifetime on earth. This is the teaching of the major Christian denominations today.

This idea of immortality of the soul was further influenced by the early Greek philosophers Socrates, Augustine and especially Plato. They all reasoned the soul was separate from the body and would live eternally.

Let us go back to the first book in the Bible. Back to Genesis 2:7 to see how God created the first human, Adam.

Gen 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.

The most important thing we must consider here is the fact that when God breathed into Adam's nostrils, he became a living soul. God did not put an immortal soul into Adam when he created him. No, he became a living soul (Nephesh in the Hebrew language) We are all living souls.

So Adam was formed out of the dust of the ground and became a living soul. There is nowhere recorded here that he was then given an immortal soul, just that he became a living soul, a living creature. Therefore, Adam was created as a mortal being, capable of dying and returning to the dust he was created from. Then God created Eve from one of Adam's ribs (yes, I believe this actually happened) Later; they were both guilty of sinning against God by eating from the forbidden fruit in the middle of the garden.

It did not take Satan too long to persuade Adam and Eve to eat of this tree. The tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden. He did this by convincing them they would not die if they ate from this tree as

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

Gen 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.

In verse four, Satan tells Eve she will not die, and in verse five, she will be like God Himself. Satan used Eve's free will to make the wrong decision. Eve believed Satan's lie that she would not die and that she would be like God and live forever. She could make her own decisions based on what she thought was right or wrong. She no longer wanted God's direction in her life.

We can see the penalty God applied to them for disobeying Him in Gen 3:17-24.

Gen 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;

Gen 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

Gen 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.

Gen 3:20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

Gen 3:21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Gen 3:22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Gen 3:23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

Gen 3:24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

Because they sinned, the ground produced thorns and thistles and they were cast out of the garden. God then sets cherubim and a flaming sword to protect the way to the tree of life. He did this to prevent Adam and Eve from returning to the

Garden and eating from its fruit. Because if they ate from this tree, they would live forever, they would become immortal. They would live forever in a body that would always be subject to sins and evil. This would be the way they must live for all time. But God prevented them from returning to the garden and eating from the tree of life. Therefore, all mankind will remain mortal beings until Jesus Christ comes to reveal the possibility of immortality.

But before we go there, let us read the following passages of scripture from the old testament. These are referring to all the people who have died and have returned to the dust from which they were created.

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

Ecc 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.

Ecc 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.

And to emphasize this point, we are told we are just the same as other animals. We all have the same breath God breathed into our nostrils to give us life. See this in.

Ecc 3:19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they have all one breath; so that a man hath no preeminence above a beast: for all is vanity.

The same breath God breathed into Adam, he breathed into all animals to give us all life. Not one breath for man and another for the animals. No, we all have the same breath of life.

In the book of 1Kings and between chapters fifteen and twenty-four, there are many instances where someone has died. The bible records their death as “they slept with their fathers”. This is a common way the bible describes the death of Kings.

From the old testament, we are not told anywhere we have an immortal soul. We were created mortal because we are not meant to live in these bodies forever, that are subject to sin and corruption. We are instead meant to understand death as a time of sleeping with our fathers. And as we saw in Ecclesiastes 9:5 above, the dead know nothing. They are just asleep so deeply they have no awareness of any kind. And just like we wake up from sleep, we will also one day wake up from death. When Jesus Christ calls us from the grave in the resurrection of the dead when he returns.

Now let us look to the new testament where we are clearly told that God alone is immortal. We mere humans are not

immortal and do not have an immortal soul. We are not meant to live forever in our sinful human form. This is revealed to us in 1Ti 6:14-16.

1Ti 6:14 That thou keep this commandment without spot, unrebukeable, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ:

1Ti 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords;

1Ti 6:16 Who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen.

What can be more obvious from these verses than the fact Jesus Christ alone is immortal? Surely, this means that we are not immortal? This is where we must decide whether to believe the teachings of man, or believe the words of God that he has revealed to us in his bible. This false teaching of man having an immortal soul is just one example of the word of God being corrupted. Just to suit the false preachers who want to use the word of God to further their own cause.

We must understand immortality of the soul could only be achieved when Jesus came to the earth. He has bought life and immortality for those who believe in Him. Through his life, death and resurrection, he has made the way possible for

mankind to receive immortality, as we see in 2Ti 1:10.

1Ti 1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

We may not be born with an immortal soul, but we have been promised by God that a righteous person will surely live. See Eze 18:5-9..

Eze 18:5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right,

Eze 18:6 And hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbour's wife, neither hath come near to a menstruous woman,

Eze 18:7 And hath not oppressed any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath spoiled none by violence, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment;

Eze 18:8 He that hath not given forth upon usury, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath

executed true judgment between man and man,

Eze 18:9 Hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept my judgments, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord GOD.

But notice what he says in the previous verse.

Eze 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

The soul who sins, he shall die. If the soul is immortal, then it cannot die. Is there other proof against the immortal soul theory? Look at the following verse.

Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Here the author of this book is clearly telling us God can kill both the body and the soul in Gehenna, or Hell. Therefore, the soul can die. It is not immortal.

The word immortality is used only four times in the entire new testament (World English Bible), as listed below.

1Ti 6:15 Which in his times he shall shew, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the

*King of kings, and Lord of lords;
1Ti 6:16 Who only hath immortality,
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approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor
can see: to whom be honour and power
everlasting. Amen.*

Who are these verses referring to? It can only be God Himself and here we are told he alone has immortality. Then, in the following verses, we are told we must put on immortality. Something we do not need to do if we already have an immortal soul.

*1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on
incorruption, and this mortal must put on
immortality.*

*1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall
have put on incorruption, and this mortal
shall have put on immortality, then shall be
brought to pass the saying that is written,
Death is swallowed up in victory.*

These examples from the new testament tell us the thoughts and teachings of an immortal soul are simply incorrect. Immortality belongs only to God, and if mankind wants to be immortal as well, then they must “put it on”.

Now look at 2Ti 1:10 and see how Jesus bought immortality to light through the gospel.

2Ti 1:10 But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

The writer of Proverbs also mentions immortality this way. Along the path of righteousness, we find immortality. So, even in the old testament there are clues to the fact we do not have immortal souls. Once again, we see it is something we must seek and find. To get it, we must travel along the right path, and that simply means we are to live a righteous life.

Pro 12:28 In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death.

As I have stated before in this book. Now is the time to decide who you are going to believe in this matter that is so vital to your salvation. The word of God that is contained in his bible, or the false theology that most people accept as the truth. This bible is an incredible book that requires constant study to find all the treasures of truth that it accommodates. The greatest mistake most Christians make today is to just believe what they are told the bible says, without checking the facts for themselves. They are too busy to check. We all understand things differently. Therefore, it is important we do our own research, and especially on matters so vital for us to know.

Another aspect of this to understand is there is no difference between immortality and eternal life. They both mean the

same thing. People who have these traits will live on forever. They will never die, or as the book of Revelation puts it. The second death has no power over them. Now let us look at some examples of eternal life to see if they compare with the idea of immortality. As you read, please realise you must get eternal life just the same way you will have to receive immortality. They simply mean the same thing.

When I search for the words “eternal life” in the new testament, I find forty-five references to these words. These verses always explain to us we must receive or inherit eternal life by believing Jesus Christ, and by knowing the only true God. Read the following verses that refer to the time Jesus was in the garden of Gethsemane just prior to his arrest, trial and execution on the Roman cross. Jesus praying to our Heavenly Father says he will give eternal life (immortality) to all those who belong to Him.

*Joh 17:1 These words spake Jesus, and
lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said,
Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son,
that thy Son also may glorify thee:*

*Joh 17:2 As thou hast given him power over
all flesh, that he should give eternal life to
as many as thou hast given him.*

I hope you can see a marked difference in what you may have always believed to what the bible actually teaches. There are some forty-five references to eternal life in the new testament. I will add just a few more here to really emphasize

the truth. Please read them carefully and look for the clues about how we are to receive eternal life, or immortality.

Mat 19:16 And, behold, one came and said unto him, Good Master, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life?

Mat 19:29 And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life.

Mat 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Joh 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.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

I sincerely hope you will believe what you have just read in the preceding verses. Remember, there are a lot more in the new testament if you will search for them. And this should be proof positive we are not born with an immortal soul. Immortal means to never die. Eternal life has the same meaning.

Now consider one of the best and most repeated verses in the entire bible. John 3:16.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Notice that it is whoever believes in Him (in Jesus Christ) they shall not perish but will have eternal life. They will inherit immortality. Those who do not believe in Him will not have immortality.

In his letter to Titus, Paul spoke of his hope in eternal life that

was promised from God since even before the creation.

Tit 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging of the truth which is after godliness;

Tit 1:2 In hope of eternal life, which God, that cannot lie, promised before the world began;

Through the good news, the gospel of Jesus Christ, he has made it possible for us to have eternal life, to become immortal. So, how did he do this for us? The answer is in the following 2 verses.

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

Joh 6:58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.

Exactly what did Jesus Christ mean by eating his flesh and drinking his blood? He is obviously not talking about cannibalism. No, he means that eating his flesh and drinking

his blood is another way of saying we must take in all that Jesus represents. We must believe in Him, as we see in Joh 6:47-51.

Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Joh 6:48 I am that bread of life.

Joh 6:49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

Joh 6:50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

Joh 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

In verse 47, Jesus explains it is the one who believes in Him that has eternal life. Then later in the book of John, Jesus warns them not to work for food that will spoil. But to work for food that leads to eternal life. The crowd, not understanding, then asked Jesus what works they must do, and Jesus responds in verse 29. "The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent." Jesus is not asking us to be cannibals. He is asking us to just believe in Him, or to do the works he has given each one of us to do, as is written for us in Joh 6:27-29.

Joh 6:27 Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him hath God the Father sealed.

Joh 6:28 Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God?

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

This idea of believing in Jesus is reinforced in Joh 6:40.

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Therefore, to eat the flesh and drink the blood of Jesus simply means to believe in Him. To follow Him, and accept Him as our Lord of lords and King of kings. If we do this, an amazing thing will happen. Jesus will raise them up from the dead on the last day. Or as 1Cor 15:53-54 describes.

1Co 15:53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

1Co 15:54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

Do you see the significance of these verses? We must put on immortality. We do not need to put on something we already have. No, immortality is something we must search for or to seek, as we see in the following verse of Rom 2:6-8.

Rom 2:6 Who will render to every man according to his deeds:

Rom 2:7 To them who by patient continuance in well doing seek for glory and honour and immortality, eternal life:

Rom 2:8 But unto them that are contentious, and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, indignation and wrath,

Another passage of scripture from the old testament is Mal 4:2-3. Here the wicked are described as ashes under the soles of the feet of the righteous. They have been completely burned up. There is nothing left of them except ashes. And no immortal soul to carry on living for all eternity.

Mal 4:2 But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with

*healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth,
and grow up as calves of the stall.*

*Mal 4:3 And ye shall tread down the
wicked; for they shall be ashes under the
soles of your feet in the day that I shall do
this, saith the LORD of hosts.*

And what does 1Cor 15:54 mean, death has been swallowed up in victory? The answer to this is found in Rev 21:3-4.

*Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of
heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of
God is with men, and he will dwell with
them, and they shall be his people, and God
himself shall be with them, and be their
God.*

*Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears
from their eyes; and there shall be no more
death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither
shall there be any more pain: for the former
things are passed away.*

Verse 3 tells us God will dwell with his people. We will see him as he is. Then in verse 4, we have this amazing promise from God: there will be no more death, mourning, crying or pain.

Please understand what we read here. We must put on immortality because we do not already have it. Our

perishable bodies, made from the dust of the ground, must become imperishable, or immortal. Notice we are told we must put on immortality. Something we would not need to do if we already had an immortal soul. If God can destroy both the body and the soul, then we are not immortal, as we can see in Mat 10:28.

Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

So what can we learn from all this? First, we are created from dust and are not born immortal because God alone is immortal. Jesus came to earth born of a woman and when he was crucified, he took our sins away and gave us all the chance to have eternal life. And the way we have this amazing gift of eternal life is by believing Jesus is the Son of God.

This may sound simple, but it will require us to make some enormous changes to the way we live. This will cause a lot of opposition from family and friends, something we must expect, but resist, and remain loyal to Jesus regardless of the price we must pay. The rewards will far outweigh any troubles we may have to endure in the meantime.

Jesus Christ Is our Saviour

The reason I need to write about Jesus Christ should be obvious, but some may not realise his importance in a proper understanding of the immortality of the soul. Therefore, I will give a brief account of his life and why he is central to every part of scripture.

The first thing I would like to clear up about Jesus Christ is his ancestry. In almost every picture, statue, or image of Jesus, he is portrayed as a tall white male with long, flowing hair. To get an accurate “picture” of Jesus, let us look at where he was born, who his mother was, and the customs he would have kept.

We have all heard the story of Jesus’ birth in the city of Bethlehem to the virgin Mary, who was a Jewish woman. He was raised in the traditional Jewish ways and worshipped in their synagogues. All of his friends and his disciples were Jewish. Indeed, all the books of the bible, both old and new testaments, were written by Jews.

The average height of Jewish males at the time of Jesus was about five foot five inches, so he was not tall, and what about his long hair? We know Jesus did nothing sinful. He lived a perfect life, so he would have done nothing to dishonour

Himself. This makes the following verses very interesting.

1Co 11:14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a shame unto him?

1Co 11:15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering.

Long hair on a male dishonours him, but long hair on a woman is to her glory. Therefore, Jesus would have had short hair, as was the custom of all Jewish males of his time.

As unpleasant as this will be for some people to realise. Jesus Christ was a Jew. He was born in Bethlehem but actually lived in Nazareth about ninety kilometres away. Therefore, he is sometimes referred to as Jesus the Nazarene. He was born about the year 4BC and was crucified in about 30AD. There are ongoing discussions about these dates, but for this book, they are not essential to understand.

Jesus Christ is the central figure in Christianity. The entire bible refers to Him and there are many prophecies in the old testament that point directly to Him, such as the following.

Isa 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of

Peace.

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

What has he done for us? Even his name gives us a clue to what he is. His name in the Hebrew language is Yeshua. He is also known as Christ, but this is not a part of his name. It is actually a title and not a name. The word Christ comes from the Greek word Christos and means “The Anointed One” or in Hebrew it is “Messiah”. The meaning of the name Yeshua is “Jehovah Saves”. That is precisely what Jesus did for us, as is clear from the following verse.

1Co 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

Jesus has made us righteous, has sanctified us and redeemed us. This all simply means he has set us right with our Heavenly Father. God has accepted the sacrifice of Jesus to cover all of man’s sins. We do not need to suffer because of our sins. Jesus has already paid this price for us.

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is

in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Those who accept Jesus Christ as their Lord of Lords and King of Kings are cleansed of all sins, not just a few or even most. We are cleaned of all sins. This is emphasised again in the following verse where he redeems us from “all iniquity” or sins.

Tit 2:14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Jesus purchased us for a price, and that price was his own death in our stead.

1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

1Co 6:20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

We no longer belong to ourselves. As we see in verse 20 above, we belong to God. Again reinforced in the book of 1Peter 1:18-19.

1Pe 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

1Pe 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Now we come to the most important part about Jesus Christ. He is the only one who can save anyone from their sins. There is no one else who can do this for us. Those who believe in other gods cannot receive eternal life, cannot put on immortality without Jesus. The following two verses make this very clear.

Act 4:12 Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Therefore, what we can learn from this chapter is simply this. Jesus Christ is our saviour, and the saviour of all people, or he is not a saviour for anyone. There is no room for any other possibility. It is “all or nothing”.

This book was written to give you a starting point in your own studies. You are no doubt aware it is a long way from being the full story about our immortality, our future after we have reached the end of our lives, or who Jesus Christ is and what he has done for us and will continue to do for us for all eternity.

I hope you will continue to study the bible to find more answers to these and many other questions you may have about God and your relationship with Him. As you spend more time in his word, please keep the following scriptures in mind.

2Ti 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

Pro 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honour of kings is to search out a matter.

All scripture means both the old and the new testaments. Many people think the old testament is no longer relevant for today's Christians. Nothing could be further from the truth. So please consider yourself to be a king as you search out matters from the holy scriptures.

Along with the belief in an immortal soul are the thoughts about heaven, hell, and purgatory. It seems the way most people believe is that the good go to Heaven when they die,

and the bad go to Hell. Those who go to Purgatory will eventually end up in Heaven. They need to be cleansed completely of all sins of unrighteousness before they can pass through the “Pearly Gates”. I sincerely hope you can see from this chapter that the sacrifice of Jesus Christ for our sins is all we need. It will cover every sin ever committed by mankind and ever will commit.

In the following chapters, I will briefly discuss each of these topics. Then I will introduce another scenario that is not only very different from what you may believe, but one that is supported by scripture. What I have covered so far describes our souls as being mortal. The bible constantly tells us eternal life is possible for us. So now we must discuss where our futures lay and cover the three different ideas I have listed above.

The first topic will be the idea of purgatory, as a place of final cleansing before we can enter Heaven.

Purgatory, Satan's Deception

The idea of a place called purgatory is totally inconsistent with the teaching from the bible. According to Heb 10:12-14, the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross made perfect those who are sanctified. Surely this means they are right with God and can enter his Kingdom, with no need to be purified beforehand. Christ's sacrifice has made them perfect.

Heb 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Heb 10:13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Perfected for ever, surely this means without sin, and if this is the case, then there is no need for a place to be scourged of remaining sins before entering Heaven. Consider what is recorded for us in Gal 2:16.

Gal 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of

Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

This verse makes it very clear how we are justified before God. It is by our own faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord of Lords and King of Kings. Nothing to do with any type of works. Not our own, or the works of others on our behalf when we are supposedly in Purgatory waiting to be scourged of the remaining sins that the blood of Jesus Christ was not good enough to cleanse us from.

The bible tells us in many places that when Jesus died for all mankind on the cross, this sacrifice was sufficient. Read Rom 5:18-21 to see the same idea explained again.

Rom 5:18 Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life.

Rom 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered, that

the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound:

When we are united with Christ, we are totally cleansed of all sins. Our sins were nailed to the cross, as explained in the following verses.

Col 2:12 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.

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;

Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Jesus Christ has taken our sins on Himself and has dealt with them on our behalf. How can we possibly be in Jesus, but still sinful? It makes little sense to believe this. More proof follows.

2Co 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So, from these few verses above, we learn several things. First Hebrews 10:14 tells us we are perfected forever. Second, in Romans 5:21, righteousness will reign through Jesus Christ. Third, in Colossians 2:13, all our trespasses are forgiven. They have been nailed to the cross. Fourth, in 2 Corinthians 5:21 we become the righteousness of God and then in Romans 6:23 we see where we can have the free gift of God that is eternal life in Jesus Christ.

The last scripture I will use here is powerful. That should have you believe we are completely clean of all sins and unrighteousness thanks to what Jesus did for us by his self sacrifice on the cross.

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

To believe in purgatory is to believe the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is not enough to take away our sins. When he died on the cross, he only did a part of the job of saving us from our sins and now we must add to his work of salvation. We must do more. We must be scourged to make us clean. This is completely against the clear teachings of the bible. Another part of this purgatory idea is your relatives, who are still alive, can pay “indulgences” to the church to help

you get out of purgatory and into Heaven sooner.

The idea of purgatory is not a biblical one. I sincerely hope you can see this from the above scriptures. Please ask yourself these questions.

Does the sacrifice of Jesus Christ cover our sins or not? (1Jo 1:7)

Does God give us eternal life as a free gift? (Rom 6:23)

Were all of our sins “nailed to the cross” or not? (2Co 2:14)

Does the sacrifice of Jesus Christ make those who are being sanctified perfect? (Heb 10:14)

When Jesus Christ offered Himself as a sacrifice, was it one sacrifice to cover all sins forever? (Heb 10:12)

Is it from our faith in Jesus Christ that we are saved? (2Co 2:12)

If you can answer “yes” to any of these questions, then how do you conclude that when Jesus Christ died for all people on the cross, he only did half of the job of cleansing us of our sins? Why do we need to add to the sanctifying work of our Lord?

What does the word of God have to say about being justified by doing anything other than hearing and believing the truth?

Rom 3:28 Therefore we conclude that a man is justified by faith without the deeds of the law.

Gal 3:21 Is the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law.

Act 13:39 And by him all that believe are justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses.

Gal 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

What have we seen from the above verses? Justification is by faith in Jesus Christ. We can never be justified by keeping the law, not that we do not need to keep the law, we need to keep it. But our justification is only by faith. If you have this true faith in Jesus, then you will automatically want to keep the law. As you come to know Jesus, you will also come to know the benefits of keeping his laws. In the book of Matthew 22:37-40, Jesus gives us the two greatest commandments, and they are to love God and to love your fellow man. If we all lived this way, there would be no more crime or poverty in the world.

We are only saved by believing in Jesus, as the following passage of scripture makes it very plain for those who will listen to the words of God and actually believe them.

Rom 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

Rom 10:10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Rom 10:11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

Rom 10:12 For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Rom 10:14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

Rom 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

Rom 10:16 But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Some People who believe in this fictional place called purgatory say it is a good thing and has a real purpose in cleansing us from our sins. But surely the best thing possible is to be thoroughly cleansed from all sins just by believing in Jesus Christ and his self sacrifice for all mankind. If Jesus has done this for us, then there is absolutely no need for a place where our sins are further scourged from us. By the actions of Jesus, and our faith in Him, there is no trace of any sin left in us. Therefore, we are at peace with God, and we should also be at peace with ourselves.

Why Does It Matter?

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Believing in a place called Purgatory, is to believe the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross only partially cleansed us from our sins. But this is contrary to what we read earlier in the last

chapter in.

1Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Christ's death on the cross cleanses us from ALL sin. Therefore there is absolutely no need for a place where we undergo further cleansing. This is a false teaching, no doubt having it's origins in the "Father of Lies", or Satan.

The Truth About Hell

The idea of hell as a place of eternal punishing for those who do evil has been used for centuries to keep sinners in line. The old-fashioned “fire and brimstone” style of preaching was very effective when preaching to the illiterate. They have no way of exploring the word of God for themselves, so they believe what they are told. This form of preaching should be of little use today, as most people are no longer illiterate. The vast majority of Christians have their own bibles to read.

The only problem now, is that people still do not read or study their bible to find the truth. They are still content to accept what they are told. But if you are seeking the truth about this place called hell, then the bible must be your only source of knowledge. With that thought in mind, let us explore this topic.

God Is Omnipresent.

Christians must believe in the omnipresence of God. This means that there is no place in all of creation that God is not present. He created the entire universe, so he can obviously be present in any part of his creation. So let us see where God must be. We understand he dwells In Heaven; he is present there. He is also present here on the earth, even though we

cannot see Him. And now what about this place called hell? If it is a part of his creation, then he must be present there as well. I know this will cause many arguments, but either God is omnipresent, or he is not omnipresent. He cannot be both.

So what does God see when he is in Hell? It is his children created in his image, whom he loves, and they are being tormented by the fires of hell for all eternity.

God is love, and his love for everyone is the same. It is total, complete, and it is unconditional. Unlike most humans, who only love people if it suits them. So everyone in this place called Hell is loved by God, and God will watch them suffer for all eternity. This concept is one I struggled with in my early teenage years, even before I looked into God's holy scriptures for any answers to this dilemma.

So what does the bible say on the matter of eternal punishing in Hell? The answer to that can be found in Rom 6:23.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

This verse reveals the truth for anyone who will believe God's words over the teaching of men. It exposes two very different and opposing ideas. And they are death and life. Two diametrically opposite ideas.

Do you understand the start of this verse? The wages of sin are death. Not everlasting punishing, but death, and death is the exact opposite to life. If you are paid the correct wages for

the sins you have committed according to this verse, those wages are death. You will no longer be alive, and if this is the case, then how can your punishing be eternal?

Life eternal is a gift from God, as we see in the last part of this verse. A loving God would never subject even those who sin against Him to this type of punishment.

If hell is a place of eternal punishing, then consider the fate of an atheist who has lived a good life apart from his unbelief in God. He has volunteered to help the needy. And has shown compassion for those less fortunate than himself. He may have lived the type of life God wants us to live, except he cannot believe in God. Is this man now going to suffer in hell for all of eternity for this? We must remember the character of God. He is loving, compassionate, slow to anger and forgiving. I simply cannot comprehend a God being too harsh as to commit this man to be punished for all time without end.

Please do not misunderstand me here. I definitely believe in a place called hell, and the wicked will end up there. But it is a totally different outcome for sinners than what most Christians believe today.

It is unfortunate that the idea of an immortal soul also means the souls of the wicked must go somewhere after the body dies. And of course, this would be correct, but only if the soul is immortal. What if the soul was not immortal and could be annihilated completely? If the soul could be subjected to eternal destruction, then the idea of going to either Heaven or Hell for all eternity is now debatable.

Let me repeat Rom 6:23 here as a reminder of the wages of sin.

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The wages of sin are death. Now with this thought in mind, please read Mat 10:28 from the new testament, and then Eze 18:4 from the old testament to reinforce my comments earlier.

Mat 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Eze 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Notice what these verses are saying about the soul that sins. It can be killed. Therefore, souls can die, and from Mat 10:28, we can plainly see that God has the power to destroy both the body and the soul in Gehenna, or hell. Again, the immortality of the soul is proven to be a false understanding.

This thought makes the meaning of Mal 4:3 in the old testament very clear.

Mal 4:3 And ye shall tread down the

wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts.

The wicked will be ashes under the feet of the righteous. They will be destroyed by God in the fires of Gehenna, the fires of hell. This is the reward for the wicked. Complete and permanent destruction in the fires of hell. Not suffering in these fires for all time. No, just total destruction. Ashes to ashes, dust to dust. The actions of a loving God.

The best known and most repeated scripture in the entire bible must be Joh 3:16 recorded below.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Check out Deu 30:19 below to see further proof of the soul that sins will die.

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

We are here given two options. Choose either life or death. Death here does not mean eternal life suffering in hell. No, it means exactly what it is saying. Death, a cessation from life.

So what can we learn from all we have read so far? It is he who believes in Jesus has eternal life. Therefore, those who do not believe in Jesus do not have eternal life. There is no other alternative. Either life or death.

Mortal Sin.

Is there any sin that cannot be forgiven by God? Only those who blaspheme against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. Otherwise, the answer to that question is simply no. God can forgive any sin that we confess and repent of. This includes the worst sins you can imagine. Verse two below tells us to confess our sins and he (Jesus) will forgive us and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jn 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1Jn 1:10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

It is assumed by many traditional churches today that anyone who commits a mortal sin is cut off from the sanctifying grace of God. This deceives people and heaps shame onto them and will drive them away from Jesus instead of drawing them to Him.

We are all sinners. Some sins are committed before being called to Jesus and others after having been called. These sins may temporarily interrupt your relationship with God, but they will never separate you from his grace. The only sin that can be mortal is the one we refuse to repent of. If someone sins and then seeks God's forgiveness, they will once again be set right with God. But the repentance must be genuine. You cannot fool God with a phoney repentance.

Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Rom 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Rom 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Rom 3:26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

That is an amazing piece of scripture. Thanks to the sacrifice of our Lord on the cross, we are justified if we repent and confess our sins to God. Having faith in Jesus is the only way to receive forgiveness, salvation and eternal life.

Do We Go To Heaven When We Die

Now I will discuss the idea of the good going to Heaven when they die. I believe this to be just another false teaching. Now if you consider all the wonderful people from the old testament, you have to ask if any of them ascended into Heaven. The answer is found in John 3:13 below.

Joh 3:13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

Here is another question, When the bible here says that no one has ascended in to heaven, does it mean no one? Surely it does, so let us just accept the word of God to mean what it says.

Next, let us look at Hebrews chapter 11. The people mentioned here were all praised for their faith. Some big names are here, including Noah, Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, and Jacob, to name a few. Then, at the end of this chapter, we read the following two verses.

Heb 11:39 And these all, having obtained a

good report through faith, received not the promise:

Heb 11:40 God having provided some better thing for us, that they without us should not be made perfect.

None of these amazing people received their rewards. None of these mighty men and women of God have entered their ultimate reward. The reason is in the last verse. They will be made perfect when Jesus returns in all power and glory. Meanwhile, they sleep, awaiting their resurrection from the dead. Rev 20:5 tells us the first resurrection of the dead will only occur after Jesus has returned and Satan has been bound and cast into the abyss.

Jesus Christ has not returned yet, therefore, no one has ascended into heaven. It isn't the right time for Jesus to return. It is clear from verse 40 below that the dead will be raised from their sleep when Jesus Christ returns.

Joh 6:39 And this is the Father's will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.

Joh 6:40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.

In the old testament, death is described as sleeping. Read the book of 1Kings in the old testament and especially from chapter eleven. When anyone died, they were said to have “slept with their fathers”. Death is likened to sleep because it is only temporary, even though some have been asleep for thousands of years. The dead are waiting for the resurrection.

Now I would like to close this chapter with the following verses from Rev 22:12-14.

Rev 22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

Rev 22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

Rev 22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

I hope you can understand what is revealed here, because it tells us several things. First, Jesus is returning soon and what is he bringing with Him? It is his reward. And just what is this reward? Our answer is in verse 14. The tree of life is theirs. The tree Adam and Eve should have eaten from and received eternal life. Then the last part of verse 14 is a clue that leads us into the next chapter. They may enter by the gates into the city. Notice it is not into Heaven, but into the city. What city is

this?

The New Heavens, Earth, and Jerusalem

The final destination for those who have faith in Jesus Christ, and have their names written in the book of life, will be the New Jerusalem that will come down out of Heaven. But there is a great deal to happen prior to that event. Jesus Christ will return to this earth and rule over all nations in great power and glory. This is recorded for us in the following passage of scripture from the book of Revelation.

Rev 20:1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,

Rev 20:3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a

little season.

Rev 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Therefore, when Jesus returns, it will be to rule over this earth for 1,000 years. When he does return, this world will be in an unbelievably horrific mess. The 24th chapter of the book of Matthew describes events that will occur prior to Christ's return. This describes a world at war. Compare this with the book of Revelation, a book very few ministers of religion will preach about, and you will get an idea as to the extent of the devastation on this world before Jesus returns.

It is only after this 1,000 years of Jesus ruling the world that we will see the city that the previous chapter was referring to "The New Jerusalem". This is the final dwelling place for Christ's followers. Not in Heaven, or on a cloud somewhere thumbing away on a harp for all of eternity. No, our future dwelling place is none other than "The New Jerusalem". God has revealed this in his written word in Rev 21:1-4.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a

new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

The new Heaven, the new earth, and the new Jerusalem. The first earth, where we are now living, will pass away and there will be no more sea. God will live with his people in the Holy City, which will come down from Heaven. And as we have seen in this book so far, those who are God's people are only those who believe in Jesus Christ as their Lord of Lords and Kings of Kings. Only those who have had their names entered

into “The book of life”.

If this new Jerusalem comes down from Heaven, then obviously it is not in heaven, and therefore if we are to inhabit this new city, then we will not be in Heaven either. This is where the righteous will spend eternity, as is made clear in Rev 3:11-12.

Rev 3:11 Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown.

Rev 3:12 Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out: and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name.

He who overcomes is the one who remains faithful to Jesus Christ and who dwells in this new Jerusalem. He is also the one who will inherit immortality. These new Heavens and new Earth are also mentioned in a prophesy from the old testament in Isaiah 65:17-25.

Isa 65:17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

Isa 65:18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

Isa 65:19 And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

Isa 65:20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

Isa 65:21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

Isa 65:22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

Isa 65:23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their

offspring with them.

Isa 65:24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Isa 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.

You can see from these passages of scripture, from the old testament, that the idea of new heavens and new earth is not a recent, or new testament idea only. It has been on God's "drawing board" for thousands of years. All of God's prophecies are certain to eventuate. Many of them have already come to pass with many more still in the future. But the word of God is sure and his promises are certain to be fulfilled at their proper time.

The thought of a "New Jerusalem" is reinforced in the following scriptures.

Rev 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

Now that we have a new Heaven and earth, what follows next, we see this is the next verse from Rev 21:2-5

Rev 21:2 And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

Rev 21:3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

Rev 21:4 And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Rev 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.

Just a few things are worth noting about this “New Jerusalem” from the 21st chapter of Revelation.

1. It will be a holy city.
2. God will also dwell in this city.

3. There will be no need for a temple. God and Jesus will be the temple.

4. No need for the sun or the moon because God will be its light.

5. The gates will never be closed.

6. But only those whose names are in the book of life may enter.

7. This city will come down out of Heaven.

8. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes.

9. There will be no more death, dying, sorrow, or pain.

10. God will make everything new.

If you read through this chapter, you will find more ways God will reward those who love Him. There is no way we mere mortal humans can know what the future holds. Look at what God tells us in 1Co 2:9.

1Co 2:9 But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.

We do not know the exact time for this new earth, new heavens, and new Jerusalem. But since it is one of God's promises to us, it is going to happen sometime in the future. And that time will be according to God's own timetable, not ours. But we know that only those whose names are written

in the Lamb's book of life will enjoy this new creation.

And as we see in 2Pe 3:10-13 below, we are told how we should live our lives today, if we want to inhabit this amazing new city from God.

2Pe 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.

2Pe 3:11 Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

2Pe 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?

2Pe 3:13 Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

We must all go before the Judgement seat at the Great White Throne judgement.

Rev 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.

Rev 20:12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.

Rev 20:13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.

Rev 20:14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.

Rev 20:15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

Verse 15 is very clear. Anyone whose name is not in the book of life will be cast into the lake of fire. And as I wrote earlier,

this will be the second death from which there will be no returning, ashes to ashes and dust to dust is the ultimate fate for these people who refuse to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord of Lords and King of Kings.

This book was written to discuss the “immortality of the soul”, and this is where it is all leading to. If your name is in the Lamb’s book of life, you will have an immortal soul and will dwell in the incredible new Jerusalem. You will continue to exist in perfect peace, health, safety, and comfort. You will live with Jesus Christ and God the Father. There will be no more death, sorrow, pain, or suffering. The future is indeed a glorious one.

But if your name is not in that all important book, your future is very short as you are cast into the lake of fire to be completely consumed by its flames.

The choice where you will end up is totally in your own hands. God will never force you to do anything you do not want to do. Therefore, I will leave you here with some more sound advice from God’s own words, as recorded in Deu 30:19.

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Conclusion

I understand that what I have said in this book will be very different from what you may already believe. I have attempted to backup everything I have said from the word of God. His holy bible. All I ask is that you will read with an open mind. Examine the scriptures I have quoted from, and judge for yourself if I am right or wrong.

But be forewarned. If you decide I am correct, you may receive a great deal of resistance from your family and friends who may not agree with you. Changing how you view the mortality of the soul, should make you want to live a life seeking what you do not have. Immortality.

This immortality can only be gained by having faith in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. You must accept him as the only authority over your life. Remember what God the Father said on the day Jesus was baptised in the river by John the Baptist as recorded in

Mat 17:5 While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well

pleased; hear ye him.

Also remember what the Prophet Moses wrote in

*Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up
unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee,
of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye
shall hearken;*

Moses is regarded as the greatest prophet from the old testament. Here he is talking about one greater than himself, and that can only be Jesus Christ. Both Moses and our Heavenly Father have given us the instructions to “listen to him”. Listen to Jesus Christ.