The Study of the The Human soul

Part - 1

STUDY # 12



THE BIBLE

"Thy word is truth" ...John 17:17



PLEASE NOTE: Kindly refer to your Bibles for every scripture reference and read thoroughly.

MOST SCRIPTURE PASSAGES ARE QUOTED FROM THE AUTHORISED KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)

 T oday we will take up the study of $\mathsf{THE}\ \mathsf{HUMAN}\ \mathsf{SOUL}-$

WHAT is the Soul?

And what is THE SPIRIT?

ARE BOTH ONE AND THE SAME as they are generally used......interchangeably?

What are THE GENERAL VIEWS regarding the soul among scientists and the various religions?



into a new body—This is called rebirth!!

This goes on in a cycle till perfection is achieved and then it is believed that the atma (soul) joins itself to "paramatma" (God) or God Himself.



THE MUSLIM

Believes that Allah created many souls (called "rooh" in Urdu) and put them into flesh bodies and sent them to earth to test whether they would remember and



INVISIBLE and
IMMORTAL and cannot be
destroyed. All souls that
honour and worship Allah go
to heaven and all other
disobedient souls are put in
an eternal fire of torment"DOZAKH" (or Hell) where
they are tortured and
tormented for all eternity!!



THE BUDDHIST

Believes in "atma" or the soul being INVISIBLE and IMMORTAL and the goal of life is "Nirvana" or "Moksha"



(THE RELEASE FROM THE PROCESS OF REBIRTH OF THE SOUL IN OTHER BODIES).

This comes only after a series of births where the soul

-" atma" enters into many bodies, and has many lives
including those other than human- animals, birds, insects,
fish etc..

The soul it is believed cannot be destroyed and......only the body dies!

Now to THE CHRISTIAN and its two divisions....



THE ROMAN CATHOLIC

Believes in the soul to be INVISIBLE and IMMORTAL and that it leaves the body at death to face immediate judgement before God's throne for its life

(Reference- 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.")

and is rewarded with either Heaven or Hell. Because not many are worthy for Heaven and not many are SO BAD as to be sent to Hell, their belief is that there is a third place called "PURGATORY" where purging over time makes souls ready and suitable for Heaven!

THIS TEACHING OF COURSE HAS NO BASIS IN THE BIBLE.

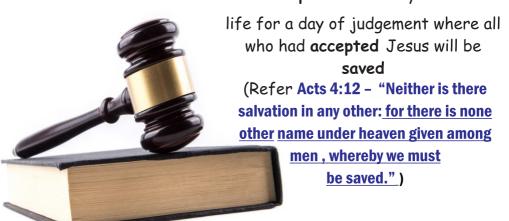
Thus souls are believed to be very much alive even after the death of the body and a separate day is set aside in the year to pray......to and.......for these souls

It is called "ALL SOULS DAY" and is on - November 2nd.



THE PROTESTANT

Believes in the soul to be **INVISIBLE** and **IMMORTAL** and that the soul is said to "sleep" at death only to rise to



......and go to heaven and all others will go to Hell and fire and eternal torment

MANY PROTESTANTS believe that the souls go

IMMEDIATELY - to heaven and to hell and on the day
of judgement are brought back to receive judgement
and go back again to heaven and to hell

Thus today's missionary efforts are to <u>SAVE SOULS</u> from HELL!

A protestant minister even said that you could put a million souls into a peanut shell! -

Perhaps he was trying to bring across the point that the **SOUL** is both **INVISIBLE** and...... "bodyless"......and this does not occupy space!

THE SCIENTIST

Believes that this "mystery" regarding a soul must be true. For many experiments seem to prove it.

Dying persons have been enclosed in airtight thick glass cases and at the point intervention the thick glass cracked!

Thus it is believed that it must have been the "soul" that cracked the glass to make a way of escape at the point of death of the body!!



SO WE SEE THAT ALL THE VARIOUS RELIGIONS

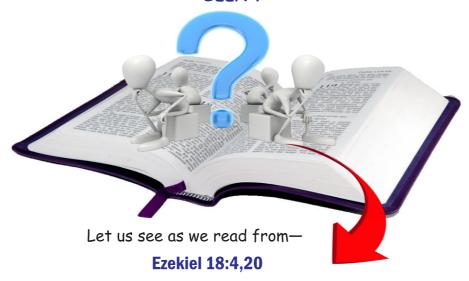
AND..... INCLUDING CHRISTIANS AND EVEN.....THE SCIENTIST BELIEVE THE SOUL TO BE—



- 1) INVISIBLE and cannot be seen.
- 2) IMMORTAL and indestructible.

What then does THE SCRIPTURES TEACH US about the human soul?

IS IT THIS SAME VIEW THAT WE HAVE JUST SEEN?



"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 stunning revelation is ".....the soul that sinneth, it SHALL DIE."!

Ah! Yes! The scriptures teach that a soul........CAN DIE and all souls that sin....MUST DIE!

Since ALL ARE SINNERS then ALL souls must die!

So it is that we read in —

Psalms 22:29

"All they that be fat upon earth shall eat and worship: all they that go down to the dust shall bow before him: and none can keep alive his own soul."

Yes! None of the **SOULS** of all humanity can escape death. - **ALL SOULS DIE**!

Yes! It is NOT only the body that dies but also the soul!

THIS IS WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES US!



ARE YOU SURPRISED???

This death or destruction of the soul is further confirmed in THE OLD TESTAMENT— as we read from a few sample scriptures in-

Psalms 33:19; 40:14; 56:13

- To deliver their soul from death, and to keep them alive in famine.
 - "Let them be ashamed and confounded together that seek after my soul to destroy it; let them be driven backward and put to shame that wish me evil."
- "For thou hast delivered my soul from death: wilt not thou deliver my feet from falling, that I may walk before God in the light of the living?"

Yes! All these Old Testament verses speak of saving and deliverance of souls FROM DEATH and DESTRUCTION.

Now if the soul was IMMORTAL and COULD NOT DIE there would be no question of expressions like these, expressing thankfulness to God for the SAVING of the soul from being "destroyed" and being "put to death"!!

Thus it is very clear that in the Old Testament of the Bible the teaching is - that ALL SOULS DIE!

What about **THE NEW TESTAMENT**? Does it teach the death of the soul?

Let us see as we read from —

James 5:20; Acts 3:23 (Read from KJV Bible)

"Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

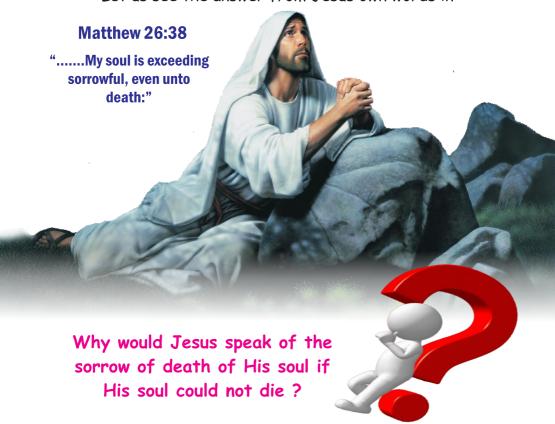
"And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people."

Yes! It is clearly mentioned that the soul **CAN DIE** and **BE DESTROYED**!

A HARMONIOUS teaching is found in the NEW TESTAMENT too of the death or destruction of the soul.

WHAT ABOUT JESUS' SOUL?

Did His soul die, when He died on the cross of Calvary? Let us see the answer from Jesus own words in —



Yes! It was because Jesus soul **WOULD** and **COULD** die that he spoke these words.

That is why in prophecy it was said of His death as we read in -

Isaiah 53:12

".....he hath poured out his soul unto death:....."

Yes! JESUS' SOUL ALSO DIED! While we have read that souls die because of sin we see that in Jesus case his soul died NOT because of his sin but for the sins of the world

- Yes! A SACRIFICIAL death! OF HIS SOUL!!

Thus we have seen that the Bible teaches that all souls have died - **INCLUDING JESUS' SOUL!**



Someone will say "What kind of a question is this?"

For it is believed generally that only the body has blood
AND NOT THE SOUL!

Let us see the matter in the scriptures as we read in —

Jeremiah 2:34

"Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the poor innocents:...."

Yes! According to the scriptures a soul **DOES HAVE** blood!

THIS BRINGS US TO ANOTHER GREAT TRUTH OF THE BIBLE!

Yes! A soul MUST BE VISIBLE for blood is visible!

And then again we read of the soul in-

Joshua 11:11

"And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword " (only found in KJV Bible)

Yes! Souls can even be cut by a sword!!

You must be really wondering and <u>THE BIG QUESTION</u> to you must now be—

WHAT REALLY IS MEANT BY A SOUL?

For according to the Bible a soul is both.......VISIBLE and also able to......DIE or BE DESTROYED!

This question is best answered by **GOD HIMSELF** for He is the creator of the soul!!

We read the account of how He created the first human soul in—

Genesis 2:7

"And the LORD GOD formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man BECAME a living soul."





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BREATH

A LIVING SOUL

becomes

(from the elements in the ground)

(God's life quickening Spirit)



The Body alone is **NOT** a soul!

The Breath or spirit is **NOT** a soul!.

BOTH TOGETHER FORM A LIVING SOUL!

We can better understand this matter through an example of the components in water.



H (Hydrogen) + O (Oxygen)

H₂ O (Water)

When two parts of Hydrogen are added to or combined with one part of Oxygen the resulting product is called **WATER**.

The hydrogen is not water....., neither is the oxygen!

SO TOO IT IS WITH THE HUMAN SOUL!

The body alone is <u>NOT</u> the soul and neither is the breath or the "spirit". It is only the **COMBINATION OF BOTH BODY**AND BREATH or "spirit" that is called a **SOUL**!

When that LIFE GIVING breath or spirit leaves the body the body again becomes LIFELESS and must return to the dust and the living soul is THEN NO MORE!

Thus we have the death of the soul described in—

Ecclesiastes 12:7

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the <u>spirit</u> shall return unto God who gave it."

Yes! This describes— THE DEATH OF A SOUL!

Notice that the breath of life that God gave to Adam at his creation is referred to here as "the spirit"

WHAT DO WE READ HAPPENS TO IT?

It says - "the spirit shall return unto God who gave it"



Does 'the spirit' or 'the breath' have hands and legs and wings to fly back to God?

The answer is - NO!!

THEN WHAT DOES THIS SCRIPTURE MEAN?

Let us understand by an example -

In the case ofHOUSES TAKEN ON LEASE and when that lease expires or ENDS it is common to hear these words -



'In a short while the lease of this house <u>will return</u> back to the owner!"

Surely the "lease" has no hands and legs to walk....nor wings to fly!

It just means the AUTHORITY OF OWNERSHIP and occupancy returns back to the owner!



SO TOO.....WITH THE 'SPIRIT' OR BREATH!

The power to sustain life goes back to the one who gave it -GOD HIMSELF!

The fact that the "breath" is what is meant by the "spirit" here is confirmed in -

Job 27:3

"All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;"

HOW VERY CLEAR!

The word for SOUL is

NEPHESH (Hebrew).

PSUCHE (Greek)

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G-4151

The word for SPIRIT is

RUWACH (Hebrew) PNEUMA (Greek)

H-5315

G-5590



This is useful information as the Bible has been originally written in Hebrew-THE OLD TESTAMENTS AND Greek

- THE NEW TESTAMENT!

ALL LIVING CREATURES thus having body and breath are SOULS —

Fish, birds, animals, insects etc..

And thus we read in-

Ecclesiastes 3:18-21

"I said in mine heart concerning the estate of the sons of men, that God might manifest them, and that they might see that they themselves are beasts. 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. All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?"

Men and beasts **DO NOT DIFFER** regarding the life breath or "spirit".

They vary in the **HIGHER INTELLIGENCE CAPACITY** given to man.



HOW YOU MAY ASK?

Let us take an example: Suppose we take 10 TV (Television) sets of varying colors and designs.

They are all different from the outside but internally have the SAME tube, electrodes, wiring etc. But they have another thing ALSO IN COMMON!



THEY ARE ALL ACTIVATED BY CURRENT OR ELECTRICITY!

When the electricity **power** is withdrawn all the sets "die" or cease to function!



Now the question is-

Can anyone <u>SEPARATE THE ELECTRICITY</u> that went into......the sets and say that this part of the electricity belongs to <u>this set</u> or <u>that set</u>?



Because the electricity **ENERGY** (power) that **ACTIVATES** the **TV** sets is common to **ALL**!

It is the same principle that works for human and animal souls too!

THERE IS NO SEPARATE IDENTITY OF THE BREATHS NOR DOES IT HAVE A SEPARATE EXISTENCE......FOR IT IS MERELY THE POWER THAT GIVES AND MAINTAINS LIFE IN THE BODY.

Having studied the TRUTH about the "spirit" - the life giving BREATH let us now study about the second part of the soul......THE BODY!

Let us now turn to -

Psalm 139:14

"I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well."

Yes! The body structure of man is "fearfully and wonderfully made"

What a **SYSTEM** of bones, muscles, tissues, veins, arteries, nerves and organs!!

ALL WORKING IN PERFECT HARMONY!



Have you ever wondered....

HOW GOD MUST HAVE

CREATED ADAM?!

How DID He create him?

Did He make a mud doll and then.....did He blow the life breath into it and MAGICALLY was the transformation brought about?



SOME THINK ALONG THESE LINES!

But the scriptures TEACH OTHERWISE!

It tells us of how God first created Adam and his body!

We read of it in -

Job 10:10

"Hast thou not poured me out as milk, and curdled me like cheese?"



WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

This speaks of how God made the bones FIRST in MOLDS by pouring out liquid calcium which then formed and SET into the necessary shape!

Yes! The **BONES** were the first thing that God must have created when He was making man

 much like how today when building a BUILDING

the first thing that is constructed are the pillars which will hold the building together.



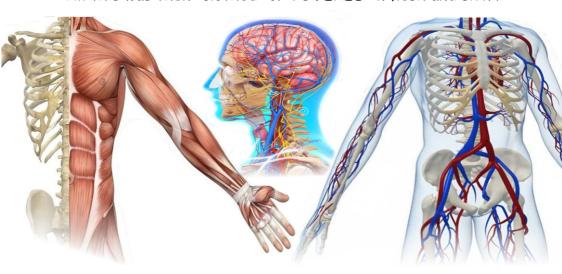
THEN WHAT DID GOD DO? We read further in -

Job 10:11

"Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews."

Yes! After creating the bones and to facilitate movement, the bones were attached with "sinews" or MUSCLES which in turn were connected with arteries and veins which carried the "life" through the blood that flowed in and out.

All this was then "clothed" or COVERED in flesh and skin!



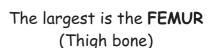
And this is just the "OUTER" or BASIC story of the creation of man!!

We haven't yet got to the "INNER" story of the various organs - LUNGS, STOMACH, LIVER, INTESTINES, EYES, EARS, KIDNEY, HEART ETC.

That would make this a **BIOLOGY** class!
Let us though now study a few **STATISTICAL FACTS OF**

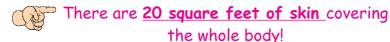
THE HUMAN BODY as found hereunder -





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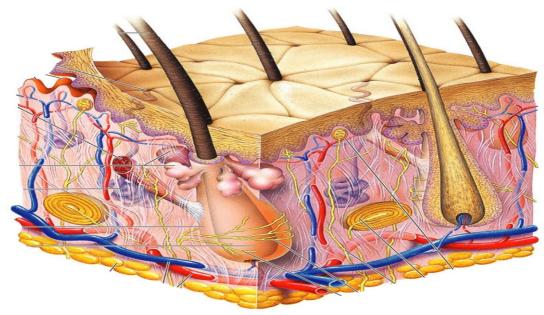
The stirrup bone is only 3mm(0.13in) long.

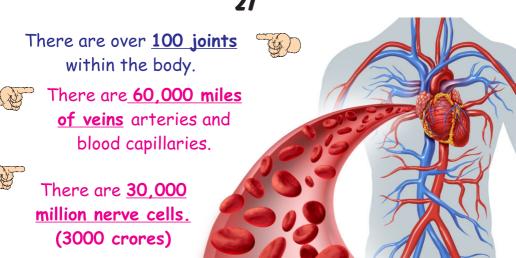


There are about <u>5 million (50 lakhs) hairs</u> in the body and each lasts a period of 3 yrs

There are <u>650 muscles</u> in the body.

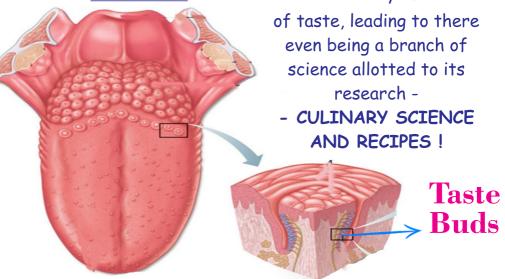






There are <u>9,000</u>

taste buds that cause such a variety of sensation



There are <u>4 million receptors (40 lakhs)</u> in the skin for **feeling** the various variations of touch and heart and cold.



Then we come to the very HEADQUARTERS of control of the body - THE BRAIN!



The signals in the brain are
like a great telephone
exchange like a most complex computer
composed of grey and white
matter.

It is mind boggling to consider the number of messages received and acted upon by the brain in one second! JUST THINK ABOUT IT!

Thus truly we can understand the meaning of the words"I am fearfully and wonderfully made....."

......and thus agree with the scriptures which says-

"....marvelous are thy works and that my soul (myself) knoweth right well...."

Having thus seen and learnt the TRUTH about the soul - then.....from where came THIS IDEA of a UNDYING soul?

Let us see that answer in

Genesis 3:4

"And the serpent said unto the woman ,Ye shall not surely die:"

Yes! It was through the "father of lies" (SATAN) that

THIS FIRST LIE was first spoken in opposition to the truth of God in

Genesis 2:16,17.

"And the LORD God commanded the man (the soul), saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou (soul) shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou (soul) eatest thereof thou (soul) shalt surely die."



Yes! Adam was A....SOUL!

And God was informing him of the dangers of THE DEATH OF HIM AS A SOUL.

when God said - "....thou shalt surely die..."

THUS, the "thou" was a reference to.....ADAM the SOUL! And God's simple statement to Adam the soul was that if he disobeyed then he......, the soul WOULD DIE!

YES! THIS WAS THE TESTIMONY OF GOD IN THE GARDEN OF EDEN !!!

Today 99.9% believe Satan and DISBELIEVE THAT TESTIMONY OF GOD.

WHY IS THIS? It is because we read the answer in....

Isaiah 5:20

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!"

Yes! Satan has made "light" (truth) to be DARKNESS and the "darkness" (errors/false teachings) to be THE LIGHT......for we read that he is the "father of lies" (John 8:44)

Thus the world now is completely filled with "darkness" or UNTRUTH as we read in Isaiah 60:2 - "....darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:"

But we wonder <u>WHY</u> is it that the people of the world

READILY ACCEPT THIS LIE OF SATAN?

It is because, of the reason that we read of in....

Ecclesiastes 3:11 (Read Only from NIV)

"He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set ETERNITY in the hearts of men;...."

In the KJV Bible and some language translations based on the KJV we find the words -

"...He hath set the world in their hearts..."

But the more accurate TRANSLATION of this Hebrew word is found in the NIV and the word is..... "eternity"!

Yes! God himself has put "eternity" (an eternal hope for the future) in the hearts of men but Satan has TWISTED and CONTORTED that hope to be in Heaven or Hell and not on this earth as is THE PLAN OF GOD in....the future resurrection of the dead and.....in the kingdom to be established on the earth (Matthew 6:10)

For we read the continuation of that verse in -

Ecclesiastes 3:11 - "...so that no man can find out the work that God maketh from the beginning to the end."

Yes! With all mankind at the present being unable to understand THE DIVINE PLAN OF GOD from the Word

of God...., Satan is **EASILY ABLE** to **DISTORT** the **TRUTH** and -

"....put darkness for light and light for darkness."

So what is THE REAL CONDITION of the soul in death?

We read of the answer again in -

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."



This shows that after death it is.....LIFELESSNESS.

Thus a dog which cannot be compared **EVER** to a living lion in power and glory is

considered to be BETTER than the lion,

when the lion is dead for in life there is power and glory but in death there is NOTHING, for death is



This is clearly expressed again in



Ecclesiastes 9:5,6

"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." "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."

Yes! The dead KNOW and.......CAN DO NOTHING!

The BELIEFS of "life after death" and REVENGE "after death" have NO BASIS IN THE BIBLE and are merely MYTHICAL BELIEFS.

All the MOVIES and STORIES of the dead souls coming back to avenge themselves upon the living is NOT

BIBLICAL TRUTH!

This is very clear as we read from......

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."

Yes! There is **NO** work or knowledge or wisdom in the grave! Yes! The soul in death has......**NO EXISTENCE AT ALL**.

Then we read of another matter regarding the soul after death in -

Psalms 6:5 / 115:17

"For in death there is no rememberance of thee: in the grave who shall give thee thanks?

"The dead praise not the LORD, neither any that go down into silence."

Yes! The dead **DO NOT** and **CANNOT** praise God for they "go down into silence"!!

Our Roman Catholic friends are unaware of this and are deceived INTO WORSHIPPING THE DEAD like Mary and the saints who like all of the dead have gone



And then we read of another matter in....

Job 7:9,10

"As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away: so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more." "He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more."

YES! THE DEAD CANNOT RETURN TO THEIR HOMES AGAIN!

Hindus and Muslims are unaware of it and are subject to great superstitious beliefs and fears of the "dead" returning back to trouble them!!

Thus the habit of dropping **poached rice** all the way from the home to the burial or cremation ground when the dead body is being taken for burial or cremation.

The belief is that the dead person's "spirit" will try to return back home that night and by dropping much poached rice, the "spirit" would have to gather all the grains on its return back and that would take much time -

even until the dawn of the next day - when the "sprit" could no more operate, as spirits, it is believed can operate ONLY at night!

But nobody has asked or thought of the question -



Finally we read in

Job 14:21

"His sons come to honor, and he knoweth it not;

and they are brought low, but he perceiveth it not of them."



Many are deceived into thinking **DEAD** parents and friends can see them as is evident in many award ceremonies and other functions where award winners seen looking skyward remember THEIR RECENTLY DEAD FAMILY MEMBERS and believe that the dead can see them at THAT VERY MOMENT!!

AND WHAT EMOTIONAL MOMENTS THEY ARE !!

How many have shed tears witnessing these scenes and BELIEVING them to be TRUTH!

BUT THE BIBLE TEACHES US.....THAT IS NOT SO !!

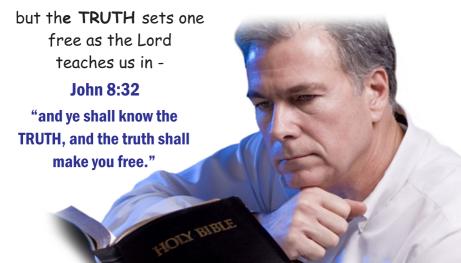
Satan has been deceiving mankind through



"GHOSTS"



and through the practice of speaking to the dead



Yes! **TODAY** we have heard from the Word the **TRUTH** about the **SOUL** and indeed it has "made us free".

Today we studied THE CONCEPT of the doctrine of the SOUL in the Bible.

But there are scripture passages that seem to give the idea that the "soul"

.....LIVES ON EVEN AFTER DEATH.



JESUS BEING TRANSFIGURED upon the mountain and seen speaking to the dead "souls" of Moses and Elijah (Matthew 17: 1-3)





THE THIEF ON THE CROSS and the belief that his "soul" went immediately to heaven. (Luke 23:42, 43)

THE STORY OF THE RICH MAN AND LAZARUS and their LIVING experiences after death (Luke 16:19-31)



Yes! These are some "BIBLICAL CONTRADICTIONS" on the subject.

We will take it up for STUDY in PART - 2 of our STUDY of the SOUL in the next class.

- AMEN -

