

LIFE, DEATH, & RESURRECTION

LIVING SOUL

At creation, God made the first human being out of chemical elements—carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, and nitrogen, etc. He breathed life into the man, and the man became alive. “The Lord God formed a man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being” (Genesis 2:7). God puts life into a body and starts it going.



Life + sin = death

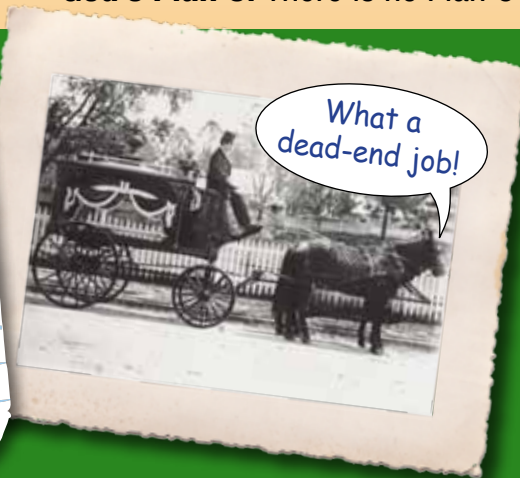
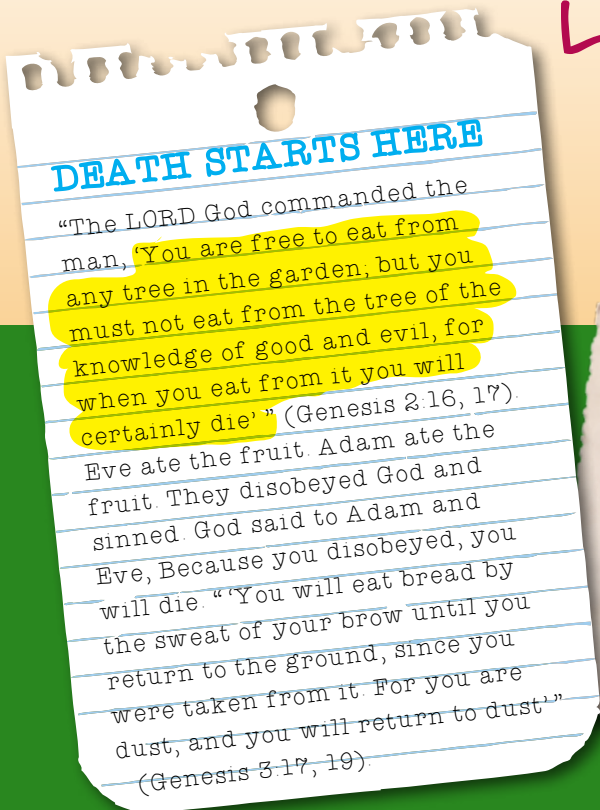
“The payment for sin is death”
(Romans 6:23)

God’s Plan A: No death for people

God’s Plan B: Resurrect people from death

God’s Plan C: There is no Plan C

The chemistry of life? *No one knows.*



Body - life = DEATH

DEATH IS A SLEEP

Death is creation in reverse. Your life stops. You turn back into dirt. It’s a one-way trip to the cemetery.

What happens after a person dies?

Nothing. The Bible says they have gone to sleep.

Where does it say that? In Ecclesiastes 9:5-10 and tons of other places.* Does a “soul” leave your body and float up to heaven (or down to that other place)?

No. When Lazarus died, Jesus said His friend was “sleeping” (John 11:11). Lazarus was still in his tomb when Jesus resurrected him.

*Daniel 12:2; Mark 5:39; Acts 7:60, etc.

So there is more to the story ...

RESURRECTION

Because Jesus died on the cross, you can believe that He died for you. When you believe that, you know that you will be resurrected and will not die the **SECOND** death.

The **FIRST** Death

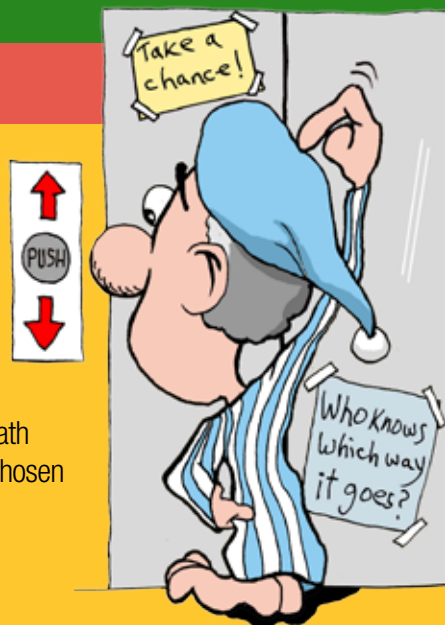
- the death God predicted for Adam and Eve
- a person stops living, goes to sleep, returns to dust
- someday it will probably happen to you and me

The **RESURRECTION**

- at the second coming of Jesus, God breathes life back into everyone who died believing that Jesus died for their sins
- the **FIRST** death is over for them
- people who believe in Jesus and are alive at His second coming will never die the **FIRST** death
- all of the living sinful people die the **FIRST** death on that day
- the dead sinful people stay dead

The **SECOND** Death

- after the second coming of Jesus and the Millennium, God resurrects all the sinful people from the first death
 - He pronounces judgment on them; they have chosen to reject eternal life
 - at that time, 100% of sinners die the **SECOND** death
 - the **SECOND** death lasts forever
 - it is complete and permanent cremation of a person
 - you do not want this to happen to you



HELL

The Hebrew word for the grave (the place where the dead are buried) is Sheol. The Greek word is Hades, which means “see no more.” It’s what happens to people in the first death.

What is hell? *It is a state of being without God, i.e., dead. Eternal hell is being dead (without God) forever.*

How did people come up with the idea that hell is a fiery place for sinners to be tortured forever? *They put together God’s fire from heaven + the false idea that people have a living soul after they die*

When you put those two ideas together, you need a place for sinners to be burned forever. That place was called hell. But hell is not a place at all.



GHOSTS & SPIRITS

You don’t need to worry about spooky spirits and ghosts.

Are they real? *Yes.*

Are they the spirits or souls of dead people?

No! Ghosts and spooky spirits are the devil’s angels—evil spirits. That is all.

Can we talk to dead people?

No. Dead people are asleep until Jesus comes back to earth.

Who do mediums and spiritualists talk to? *The devil’s angels—evil spirits. That is all.*

What’s wrong with witchcraft, wizardry, sorcery, Wicca, Harry Potter, and Halloween? *They are all systems of religion or other practices that call up and/or worship the devil and his angels. STAY FAR AWAY FROM THEM.*

“Do not . . . seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them” (Leviticus 19:31).



DEATH IS GONE FOREVER

When all the sinners are destroyed in the lake of fire, death goes into the fire too. “Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. The lake of fire is the second death” (Revelation 20:14). “The last enemy to be destroyed is death” (1 Corinthians 15:26).

Nothing and no one will ever die again.

All sadness, pain, and suffering are gone forever. For everyone who believes in Jesus and is faithful to Him, it’s all about life from then on, forever and ever.