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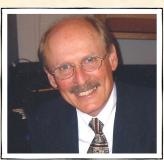
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Acts 21

On to Jerusalem

1 After we had torn ourselves away from them, we put out to sea and sailed straight to Kos. The next day we went to Rhodes and from there to Patara. 2 We found a ship crossing over to Phoenicia, went on board and set sail. 3 After sighting Cyprus and passing to the south of it, we sailed on to Syria. We landed at Tyre, where our ship was to unload its cargo. 4 We sought out the disciples there and stayed with them seven days. Through the Spirit they urged Paul not to go on to Jerusalem. 5 When it was time to leave, we left and continued on our way. All of them, including wives and children, accompanied us out of the city, and there on the beach we knelt to pray. 6 After saying goodbye to each other, we went aboard the ship, and they returned home.

7 We continued our voyage from Tyre and landed at Ptolemais, where we greeted the brothers and sisters and stayed with them for a day. **8** Leaving the next day, we reached Caesarea and stayed at the house of Philip the evangelist, one of the Seven. **9** He had four unmarried daughters who prophesied.

- **10** After we had been there a number of days, a prophet named Agabus came down from Judea. **11** Coming over to us, he took Paul's belt, tied his own hands and feet with it and said, "The Holy Spirit says, 'In this way the Jewish leaders in Jerusalem will bind the owner of this belt and will hand him over to the Gentiles.' "
- 12 When we heard this, we and the people there pleaded with Paul not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, "Why are you weeping and breaking my heart? I am ready not only to be bound, but also to die in Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus." 14 When he would not be dissuaded, we gave up and said, "The Lord's will be done."
- **15** After this, we started on our way up to Jerusalem. **16** Some of the disciples from Caesarea accompanied us and brought us to the home of Mnason, where we were to stay. He was a man from Cyprus and one of the early disciples.

Paul's Arrival at Jerusalem

- 17 When we arrived at Jerusalem, the brothers and sisters received us warmly. 18 The next day Paul and the rest of us went to see James, and all the elders were present. 19 Paul greeted them and reported in detail what God had done among the Gentiles through his ministry.
- **20** When they heard this, they praised God. Then they said to Paul: "You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law. **21** They have been informed that you teachall the Jews who live among the Gentiles to turn away from Moses, telling them not to circumcise their children or live according to our customs. **22** What shall we do? They will certainly hear that you have come,

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23 so do what we tell you. There are four men with us who have made a vow. 24 Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everyone will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself are living in obedience to the law.25 As for the Gentile believers, we have written to them our decision that they should abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality."

26 The next day Paul took the men and purified himself along with them. Then he went to the temple to give notice of the date when the days of purification would end and the offering would be made for each of them.

Paul Arrested

27 When the seven days were nearly over, some Jews from the province of Asia saw Paul at the temple. They stirred up the whole crowd and seized him, 28 shouting, "Fellow Israelites, help us! This is the man who teaches everyone everywhere against our people and our law and this place. And besides, he has brought Greeks into the temple and defiled this holy place." 29 (They had previously seen Trophimus the Ephesian in the city with Paul and assumed that Paul had brought him into the temple.)

30 The whole city was aroused, and the people came running from all directions. Seizing Paul, they dragged him from the temple, and immediately the gates were shut. **31** While they were trying to kill him, news reached the commander of the Roman troops that the whole city of Jerusalem was in an uproar. **32** He at once took some officers and soldiers and ran down to the crowd. When the rioters saw the commander and his soldiers, they stopped beating Paul.

33 The commander came up and arrested him and ordered him to be bound with two chains. Then he asked who he was and what he had done. **34** Some in the crowd shouted one thing and some another, and since the commander could not get at the truth because of the uproar, he ordered that Paul be taken into the barracks. **35** When Paul reached the steps, the violence of the mob was so great he had to be carried by the soldiers. **36** The crowd that followed kept shouting, "Get rid of him!"

Paul Speaks to the Crowd

37 As the soldiers were about to take Paul into the barracks, he asked the commander, "May I say something to you?"

"Do you speak Greek?" he replied. **38** "Aren't you the Egyptian who started a revolt and led four thousand terrorists out into the wilderness some time ago?"

39 Paul answered, "I am a Jew, from Tarsus in Cilicia, a citizen of no ordinary city. Please let me speak to the people."

40 After receiving the commander's permission, Paul stood on the steps and motioned to the crowd. When they were all silent, he said to them in Aramaic....

Honest Questions

September 6, 2025

In the last two issues of our newsletter, we have presented the case for the seventh-day Sabbath of the Bible, and we have shown how false religion has hijacked "God's holy day" (Isaiah 58:13) and replaced it with Sunday, the first day of the week, calling it "the Lord's Day" and a day of worship. Thus, the two following "honest questions" have been submitted at the perfect moment to follow up with what has just been printed in more detail at the following links:

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Honest Question: Since the resurrection of Jesus was on Sunday, shouldn't Christians now worship on Sunday?

Bible Answer:

"Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the LORD your God. In it you shall do no work...." Exodus 20:8-10.

"If you keep your feet from breaking **the Sabbath** and from doing as you please on **my holy day**, if you call the Sabbath a delight and the LORD's holy day honorable, and if you honor it by not going your own way and not doing as you please or speaking idle words, then you will find your joy in the LORD.... **The mouth of the LORD has spoken**." Isaiah 58:13, 14.

Comments: Not only is this a good question, it is an important question and one which the majority of Christian churches today would answer in the affirmative. In fact, this reasoning is probably the most popular defense for the change of the Christian Sabbath from Saturday to Sunday.

The resurrection of Jesus from His sacrificial death for our sins is the crowning act of His work as our Savior. Had He not risen from the dead that Sunday morning after His crucifixion, our faith in Him as Savior and our hope of eternal life would be futile! The resurrection of Jesus was the confirmation that our salvation was secured, and what an awesome morning that was! Paul makes clear the importance of this day:

"If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty. ... If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! Then also those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable." 1 Corinthians 15:14, 17-19.

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So can we say that this great event of the salvation story justifies the change of God's holy day, established in Eden and literally "set in stone" as the fourth of the Ten Commandments, to Sunday? What is the rationale? Did the God who gave us His Law give us also any indication of a change in that Law, changing the original Sabbath to Sunday? Some have suggested that there are two or three texts in the New Testament which show that the early Church worshipped on Sunday, but a careful look at these verses and a reasonable mind would see that that is false. Some twist Scripture to say what they need it to say to justify their actions. God never told us to keep Sunday holy in honor of His resurrection, nor did the Christian Church ever worship on Sunday until paganism crept into the Church in the third and fourth centuries.

God told us through the prophet Daniel, 900 years before it happened, that "the little horn" power of Daniel 7 would "think to change times and laws," and the power represented by "the little horn" did exactly that! And now all of Christendom worships on Sunday, unwittingly in honor of the authority of that "blasphemous" power!

So how do we as Christians celebrate and honor the resurrection of Jesus Christ? There should be some precedent given in Scripture by which we can rightfully commemorate such a grand saving act of our Savior, should there not? — and there is! Baptism by immersion is a drama every Christian needs to act out in commemoration of Christ's resurrection. Christian baptism is a reenactment of, and an act of faith in, our participation in the death, burial, and resurrection of the one Who became us at Calvary, "becoming sin for us that we might be reckoned the righteousness of God in Him" 2 Corinthians 5:21. After His death, Jesus then rested in the tomb on the Sabbath day, and rose to completely secure our eternal life! Paul says,

"Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Romans 6:3, 4.

"You were **buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith** in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead." Colossians 2:12.

"There is also an antitype which now saves us – baptism..., through the resurrection of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 3:21.

Honest Question: Will God keep people out of salvation because they don't observe the Sabbath?

Comments: Heaven is a place where those who have put their faith in Jesus will live eternally in His presence and in an amazingly wonderful land beyond our wildest imaginations! They will be men, women

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and children who have realized their sin and unworthiness to receive such a gift – eternal life in a place where there is no evil, no death, and where you never have to have your guard up against people with bad intentions or selfish motives. It will be a safe place, a beautiful home with wonderful people to be around who are as perfect as Adam and Eve were at creation.

And those who are there will be so grateful to God for His amazing grace that gave them the right to be there that they will worship and adore Him with all their hearts.

Sometimes people think of heaven as an escape from hell, an eternal vacation where all their wishes can finally be fulfilled. And sometimes people want to know what the minimum requirements are to get to go to heaven. "How good do I have to be? What are the rules I have to follow to get in? What things do I have to eliminate from my life, or add to who I am and do, to qualify?"

The Bible tells us that there is <u>nothing</u> we can do or be that gives us the right to heaven! Heaven is a gift of grace to all who realize their helpless, sinful condition and throw themselves on the mercy of God, clinging to Christ's life of perfect righteousness and perfect obedience to God's will for us as their personal possession, firmly grasped with the hand of faith! Such a person will not only have the confidence that Christ's merits are sufficient to give them the right to heaven, but holding such a precious gift in their hands, they will look for every way possible to honor their Savior with a life that is in keeping with His will for them. Those who live as followers of Christ at the end of time are described as:

Bible Answer:

"... those who keep God's commandments and [hold fast to the gospel of Jesus]." Revelation 12:17.

"... those who keep the commandments of God and the faith of Jesus." Revelation 14:12.

"The Lie About Death"

We are now in a new series of studies entitled, "Doctrines of Demons" – a phrase that comes directly from the Bible. Paul says,

"Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and <u>doctrines of demons</u>." 1 Timothy 4:1.

In our last issue, we addressed a false doctrine that is embedded in the very fabric of Christianity today, the "False Sabbath." Inspired by the Devil himself, man has taken one of the very commandments of God, written on stone with His finger, and has changed the sacred Sabbath day from the "seventh day of the week" to "the first day of the week" and has called it "The Lord's Day!" – a change that Scripture said would take place 900 years before it occurred! (Daniel 7:25).

In this study, we examine a lie of Satan himself, told to Eve in Eden six thousand years ago – a lie that is still being told, <u>and believed</u>, in Christian churches today. This lie is extremely deceptive and dangerous – one which has far-reaching effects upon the lives and destinies of those who believe it. The lie goes like this:

"Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, 'Has God indeed said, "You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?" And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die." Then the serpent said to the woman, 'You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:1-5.

A number of years ago, I had the privilege of seeing a demon-possessed nineteen-year-old-girl by the name of Mary delivered from demon-possession, just as in the days of Jesus and the Apostles. I was present and saw the absolute control the demons had of her whole being, and then, as I helped lower her into the baptistry in surrender of her life to Jesus Christ, I felt her body physically released from demonic control and witnessed her miraculous deliverance from the demons.

The devil had taken control of her body and had begun manifesting his dominion over her as a result of her talking to a demon, thinking she was talking to her beloved boyfriend who had died. She would go to the cemetery in her grief, sit at his graveside, and talk to him of her love for him and of the loss she felt from his death. Before long, he began talking back to her in the voice she knew and loved. **But it wasn't her boyfriend who was talking to her!**

In Eden, Satan, in the guise of a serpent, talked to Eve, as written in the verse above. And the lie that he told her was the same lie many Christians believe today — "You will not surely die." People say to one another things like, "My father is with Jesus," or "Honey, God has called your mommy to be with Him," or some other "comforting" words indicating that a loved one is now in heaven.

In this study, I will show you what the Bible teaches us about death, and though it could initially make you feel sad to know that what you have thought was true of the ones you have lost in death, I guarantee that when you see the truth of life, death, and the resurrection as revealed in Scripture, you will find great comfort in knowing the truth.

Let's start at the very beginning in the Book of Genesis. The Bible says, "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" – the heavenly bodies, the plants and trees, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and all the creatures which live on the earth. And, on the sixth day of creation week, He created mankind – first Adam, then Eve! (Genesis 1). The Bible actually records the conversation that took place in heaven regarding the creation of man –

"Then God said, 'Let Us <u>make</u> man in <u>Our image</u>, according to <u>Our likeness</u>; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God <u>created</u> man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them." Genesis 1:26, 27.

While God called "good" everything He had made during that creation week, when it came to the creation of mankind – of creatures who would reflect His own likeness, with personality, intellect, the power of reason, an inherent appreciation of good, and the ability to enjoy companionship with God – God put great care and love into the creation of Adam and Eve. In the second chapter of Genesis, we are told how God went about creating man. The investment that God put into the creation of Adam and Eve can be valued only by the price He would one day pay for their redemption with the precious blood of the Creator! The Bible says,

"And the LORD God formed man of the <u>dust</u> of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the <u>breath</u> of life; and man <u>became a living being (or soul)</u>." Genesis 2:7.

The Components of Human Life

Knowing how man was put together at the beginning of life helps us understand what happens at death. The verse above indicates that: **dust of the earth + breath of life = a living being [Hebrew:** *nephesh*].

NOTE: *Nephesh*, is translated in the KJV as "soul" and literally means, "living creature". In Leviticus 23:30, *nephesh* is translated "person"; in Joshua 10:28,35, "people"; and in Ezekiel 18:4, it says, "The soul [*nephesh* or person] who sins shall die."

When Adam and Eve sinned, they were removed from the Garden of Eden, and God told them that one day they would die, just as He had told them they would!

"Then God said to Adam, 'Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, "You shall not eat of it," 'cursed is the ground for your sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. ... In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread **till you return to the ground,** for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return." Genesis 3:17, 19.

Solomon reiterates what God told Adam about death when he says, "The dust returns to the earth as it was, and the life's breath returns to God who gave it." Ecclesiastes 12:7.

David also confirms the words of Moses and Solomon when he says of the dead,

"You [God] take away their breath, they die and return to their dust." Psalms 104:29.

"Put not your trust in princes, in a son of man, in whom there is no help. When his breath departs he returns to his earth; on that very day his plans perish." Psalms 146:3, 4.

The Bible distinguishes between three inseparable components of human life – components of a "living soul" or "person" (nephesh) – and two verses in the New Testament help us understand the distinction between these components and how they are impacted at death.

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify **you** [a person] completely; and may your whole **spirit**, **soul**, **and body** be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23.

"For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, **piercing even to the division of <u>soul</u> and <u>spirit</u>, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12.**

Looking again at how God created man in the beginning, we see the very same terms used by Paul. Note the comparison:

- 1) The "body" formed from the "dust of the ground"
- 2) The "spirit" "the breath of life" (in the Greek, pneuma is translated "spirit" and is defined in the interlinear Greek New Testament as "the vital principle by which the body is animated" a fitting description of "the breath of life" of Genesis. Pneuma is the root of words we commonly use, like "pneumonia", "pneumatic", etc.)
- 3) The resulting "soul", "living creature", or "person"

A living soul is thus composed of **the elements of the earth** (carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, calcium, phosphorus, potassium, magnesium, etc.), **the spark or spirit of life from God**, and **the resulting person** with personality, emotions, and intellect given to us by God at creation, making us a creature "in His likeness"! It wasn't until God "breathed into [Adam's] nostrils the breath of life" that Adam **became** a "living soul."

So, we must ask, what happens at the time of death to every "living soul"?

Death Is an Unconscious State Until the Resurrection

At the time of death, the body is like a computer which has been placed in the "sleep mode." There is no conscious life after death – no soul that continues to live in heaven or hell, aware of its surroundings of bliss or its torture of hell fire. Death is an unconscious "sleep" for every person until Jesus returns and brings the dead back to life. Again, Solomon says,

"The living know that they will die, but the dead do not know anything ... they no longer have a part in anything that happens on earth. ... Enjoy life with your beloved wife during all the days of your fleeting life that God has given you on earth, for that is your reward in life and in your burdensome work on earth. ... There is neither work nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom in the grave, the place where you will eventually go." Ecclesiastes 9:5, 9, 10.

When Peter was preaching to the crowd on the Day of Pentecost, he said regarding David, "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch **David**, that he **is both dead and buried, and his tomb** is with us to this day. ... For **David did not ascend into the heavens**.... Acts 2:29, 34.

Conditional Immortality

The lie of Satan that is still so prevalent in the Christian Church today is, "You certainly will not die." Most Christians still believe that at death, the soul continues to consciously live, either in heaven or in hell, depending on the life one has lived. The Bible does not teach "the immortality of the soul"! Only God is immortal (1 Timothy 6:16), and immortality is a gift that comes to us from God and is bestowed upon us at the time of Jesus' return. Following the death of every human being, there is nothing that continues to live in heaven or hell - no consciousness of the bliss of heaven or the torture of hell. This is a doctrine of demons! The Bible teaches that when anyone dies, they rest in the grave, or other place of burial, until Jesus returns and brings the dead back to life to see His return and receive their inheritance of eternal life or eternal death. Don't forget what Jesus said in the best-known verse in the Bible, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16. Everlasting life, though ours by faith the moment we believe in Jesus, does not become an eternal conscious reality until Jesus returns. Two chapters later in the Gospel of John, Jesus said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming ... when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. ... For the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth – those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation." John 5:25, 28, 29. There is no such thing as life after death, until Jesus returns. Until then, the dead sleep an unconscious "sleep" in their grave. Immortality is

conditional on our faith in Jesus Christ, the Life-giver. Those who refuse to place their faith in Him will "perish" in eternity – the Bible says they will die a death from which there is no waking!

"Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection [at the second coming of Jesus]. Over such the second death [the eternal death to which we are condemned apart from a saving faith in the Life-giver] has no power." Revelation 20:6.

And Paul describes the first resurrection at the approaching return of Jesus when he says,

"I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning **those who have** <u>fallen asleep</u>, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him [back to heaven] those who **sleep** in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede **those who are asleep**. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And **the dead in Christ will rise first** [the first resurrection of the previous text]. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18.

What the Bible Says About the Sleep of Death

Deuteronomy 31:16 — "And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, you shall *sleep* with thy fathers."

2 Samuel 7:12 — "When your days are fulfilled, and you *sleep* with your fathers...."

I Kings 1:21 — "...when my lord the king shall *sleep* with his fathers...."

Job 7:21 — "Now shall I sleep in the dust; and you will seek me in the morning, but I shall not be."

Job 14:12-14 — "So man lies down, and does not rise. Till the heavens are no more, *they shall not awake, nor be roused from their sleep*. O that You would hide me in the *grave*, that You would conceal me until Your wrath is past, that You would appoint me a set time, and remember me! If a man *die*, shall he live again? All the days of my appointed time will I wait, till my change comes" [at the resurrection].

Psalms 13:3 — "Consider and hear me, O LORD my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death."

Daniel 12:2 — "And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

John 11:11-14 — "These things He said, and after that He said to them, 'Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.' Then His disciples said, 'Lord, if he sleeps he will get well.' However, Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought that He was speaking about taking rest in sleep. Then Jesus said to them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead."

Acts 7:60 — "And he [Stephen] kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, 'Lord, lay not this sin to their charge.' And when he had said this, **he fell asleep**."

Acts 13:36237 — "For David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, **fell asleep**, and **was buried with his fathers**, and **saw corruption**. **But** he, whom God raised again [Jesus], saw no corruption."

- 1 Corinthians 15:6 "After that, He [Jesus] was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but **some have fallen asleep**."
- 1 Corinthians 15:17, 18 "If Christ is not risen, then all those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished."
- 1 Corinthians 15:51 "Behold, I tell you a mystery; We shall not all **sleep**, but we shall all be changed...." [at the return of Jesus].
- 1Thessalonians 4:13-15 "But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have **fallen asleep**, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him **those who sleep in Jesus**. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede **those who are asleep**."
- 2 Peter 3:4 "Scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts, and saying, 'Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers **fell asleep**, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.'"

Concluding Remarks

In this last portion of our study, I will attempt to synthesize all that is written above. While it may seem cumbersome to read all the biblical references I've included above, it is necessary that I have done so that no one miss the clear message of the Bible – a message that is vigorously contested by popular Christian theology in this day as we are approaching the coming of Jesus.

When man was created, God took the materials of earth to form him. He then made him live by placing within him the very life spirit of God – the spark of life that made him a living person. He created him to have personality, emotion, character, intellect, and the ability to reason – attributes of God Himself. As long as a man or woman live, they continue to live **only because the life of God continues to flow through their being**. At death, the vital life given them returns to God, and they die. All of the functions of the person cease to exist, including an awareness of the passing of time – **just as in the sleep of night**. There is no conscious thought or experience of heaven or hell, or anything else. They are like a computer that has been placed in a "sleep mode", never to be awakened until the resurrection when Jesus returns to earth and calls the dead to life to give them their inheritance of faith, or their reward of unbelief – eternal **death**. The Bible calls it "the second death" (Revelation 2:11; 20:6, 14; 21:8). When Jesus comes, He will reignite in the saved the life given them at conception, restore to them their physical, mental, and spiritual faculties, and having the attributes and personalities they had before death – all without the presence or marks of sin, perfect in body, soul and spirit just as man was created in the beginning!

The doctrine of death held by the Christian world today opens believers up to the present, and particularly the coming, deceptions of Satan as he will seek to use the voice of demons to persuade every living creature to believe his lies and be lost. There is a reason the Bible is so clear about the subject we have studied in this issue. Deception is Satan's "modus operandi" in sweeping as many into hell with him as he can. He will use "signs and wonders "to deceive if possible, the very elect." He will wow the senses of the world to trick them into giving their allegiance to the Antichrist. He will likely even use demons to impersonate the dead, loved ones of those he seeks to persuade to believe his lies! He's done that before, and the final battle is about to begin when Satan and his agents will take off their gloves and enter the battle for the souls of men and women with all the vicious tactics they can muster.

A Final Message

For those who endure the last era of life on earth –

"Do not fear those who kill **the body** but cannot kill **the soul**. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy **both soul and body** in hell." *Jesus* (Matthew 10:28).

Next Week - "The Lie About Hell"

Next week, we will see how what one believes about death determines what one believes about hell – another lie of Satan that completely discredits who God is, making Him a monster who causes the wicked to burn in hell for eternity!