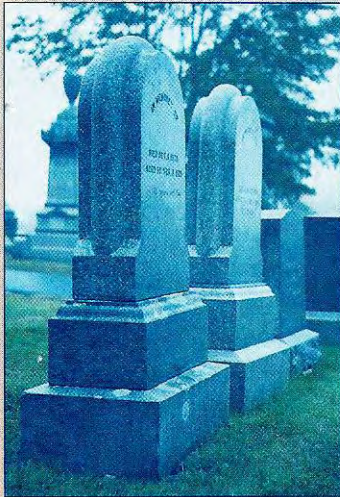


DOES LIFE CONTINUE AFTER DEATH?



What Happens to Us When We Die?

WHY THE QUESTION ARISES: Most of the world's religions teach that something inside a person continues living after death. Some hold that the dead can harm the living or that God punishes the wicked by condemning them to eternal torment in a fiery hell.

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES: At death, humans cease to exist. "The dead . . . are conscious of nothing at all," states Ecclesiastes 9:5. Since the dead cannot know, feel, or experience anything, they cannot harm—or help—the living.—Psalm 146:3, 4.

See also Genesis 3:19 and Ecclesiastes 9:6, 10.

Note: Why are the above statements misleading when compared to what the verses are saying? Because these verses are talking about the body which has no feeling or remembrance after death.

As you will see in the following scriptures the soul and spirit are separated from the body when the life of the flesh ceases. Hell is real and all the unsaved (all who are not truly born-again) will be tormented forever.

1Kings 17:21 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's **soul come into him again**.

Acts 7:59 And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, **receive my spirit**.

This is why the Apostle Paul said that saved are absent from the body and present with the Lord in heaven.

2Cor 5:8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Luke 16:22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Matt 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: 46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Rev 19:20 And the **beast** was taken, and with him the **false prophet** that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the **beast** and the **false prophet** **are**, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

1000 years later the two men (false prophet and antichrist) were still being tormented in the lake of fire!