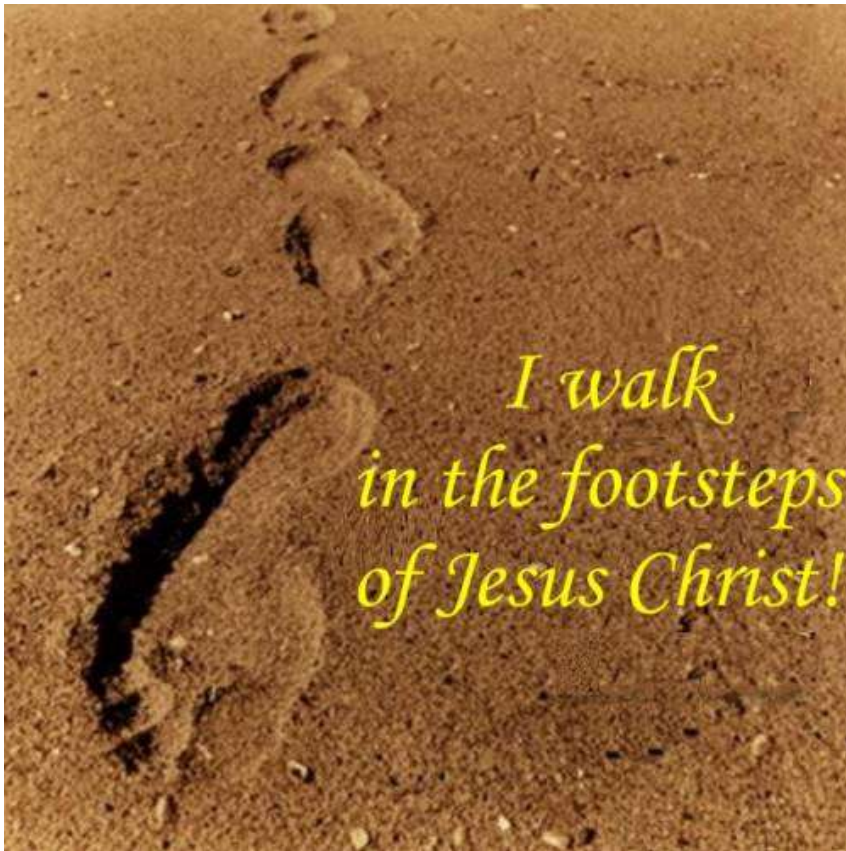


# Kirkland's Theme for 2017



## **STEP UP – Spiritually.**

Col 3:1 – “keep seeking the things above where Christ is seated”

## **STEP IN – Relationally.**

Jn 13:34 – “by this all men will know that you are my disciples if you have love for one another”

## **STEP OUT – Evangelistically.**

Mk 16:15 – “go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation”

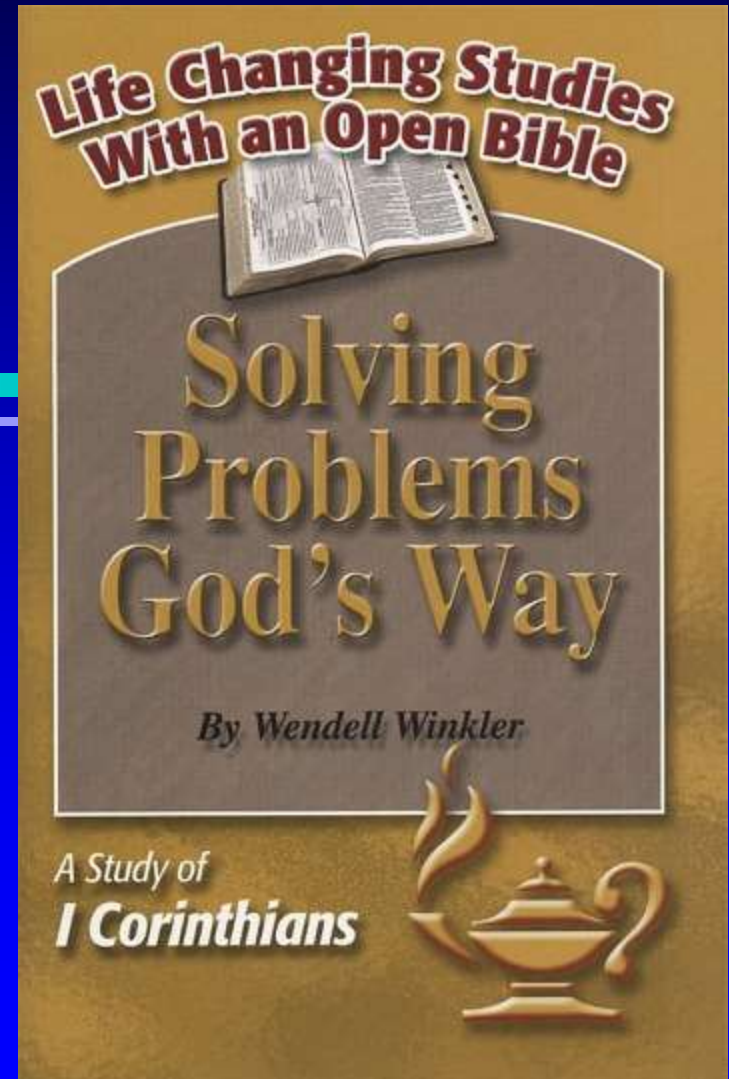
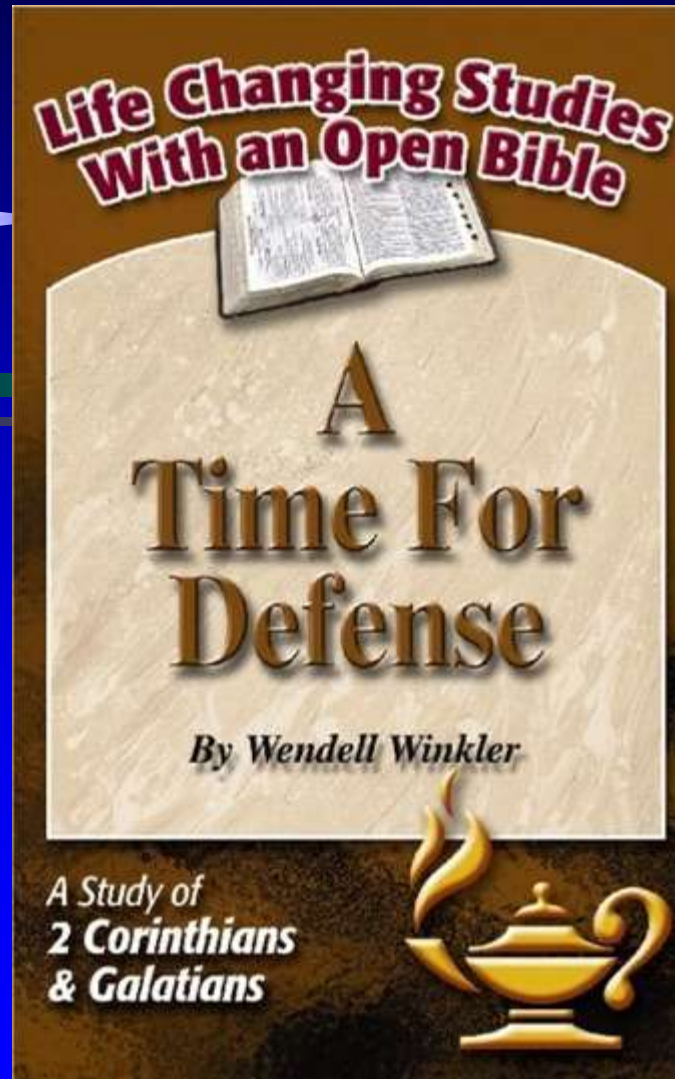


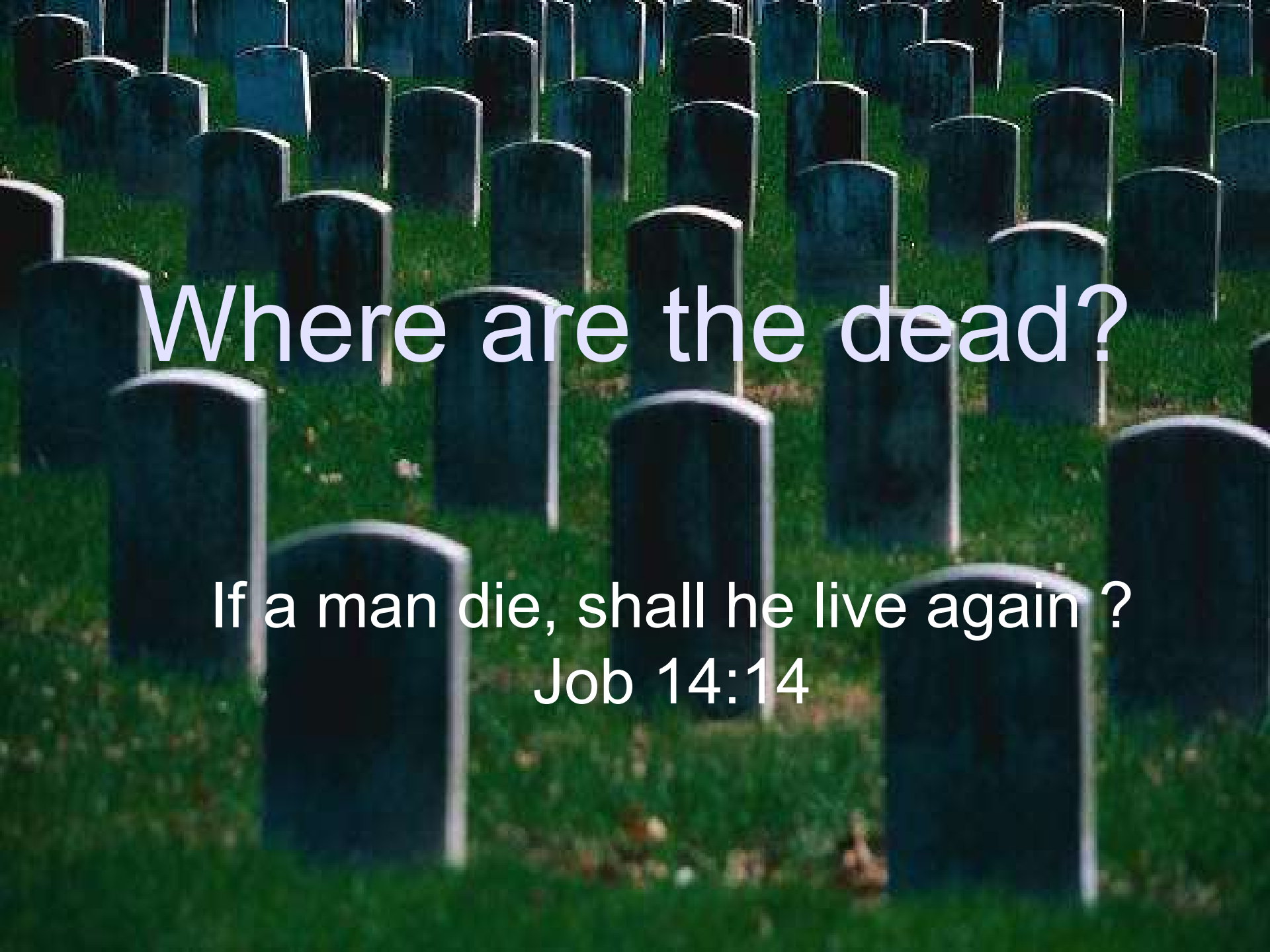
Looking at the Bible Message from Beginning to End

New Training Classes  
To begin April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Kirkland Church of Christ**  
Spring 2017

# New Adult Bible classes begin April 2.





Where are the dead?

If a man die, shall he live again ?

Job 14:14



# Different Viewpoints

- Atheists –
  - Nothing. Like the animals!
- Buddhist
  - Reincarnated



# Christian Denominations

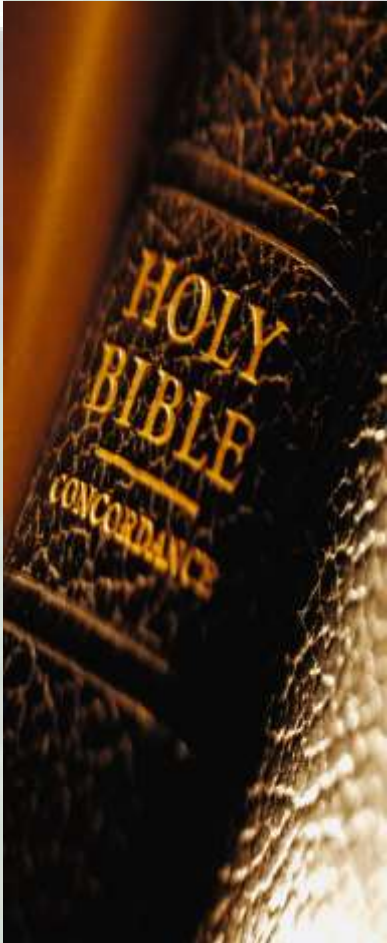


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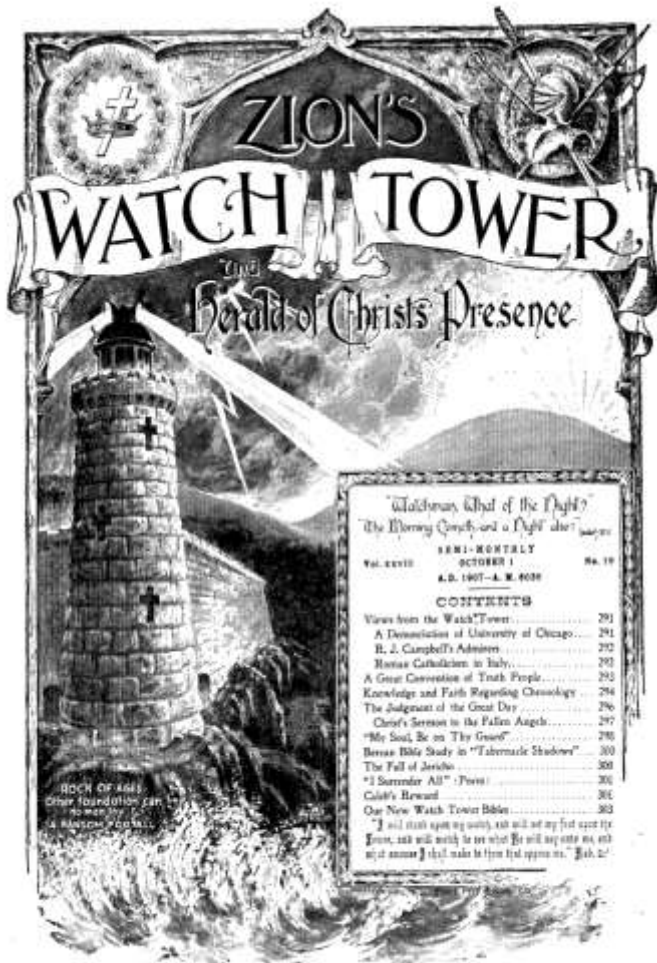
- Not baptized or faithful – Hell.
- Most go to *Purgatory*.

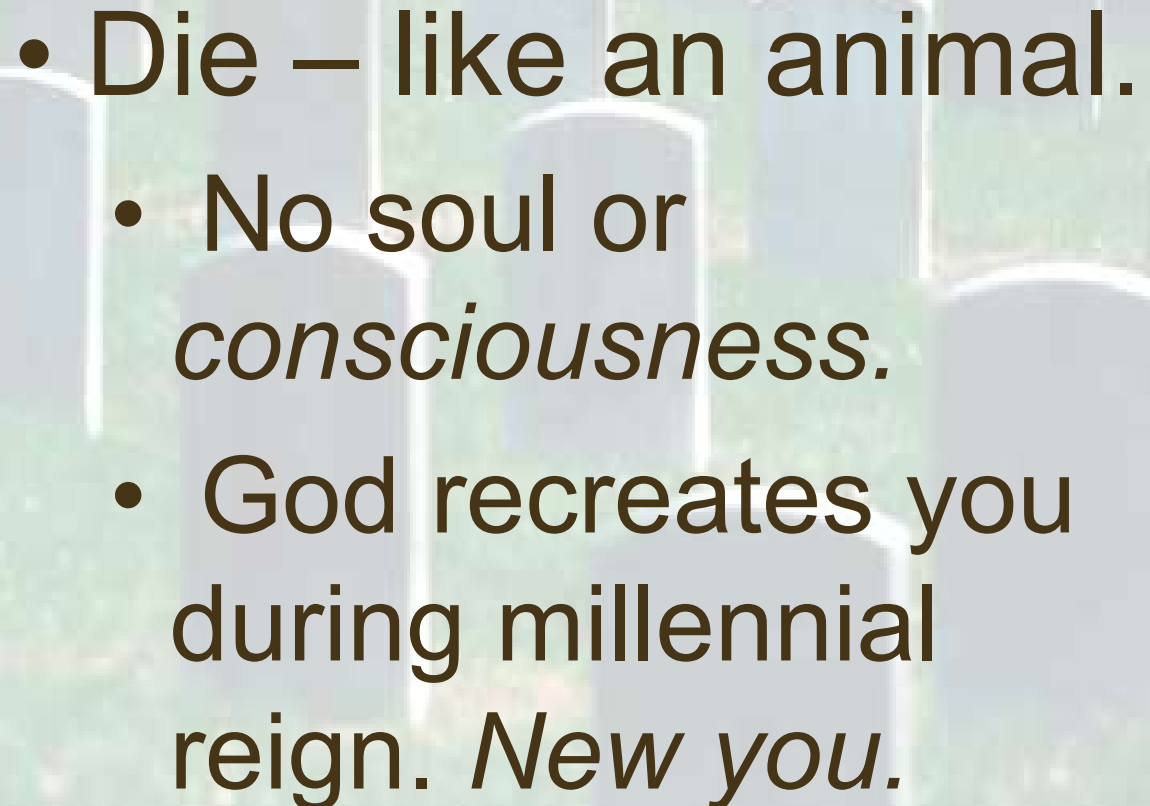
# Christian Denominations

- **Baptist.**
  - Go straight to heaven or hell.



# Jehovah Witnesses



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- Die – like an animal.
    - No soul or *consciousness*.
    - God recreates you during millennial reign. *New you.*

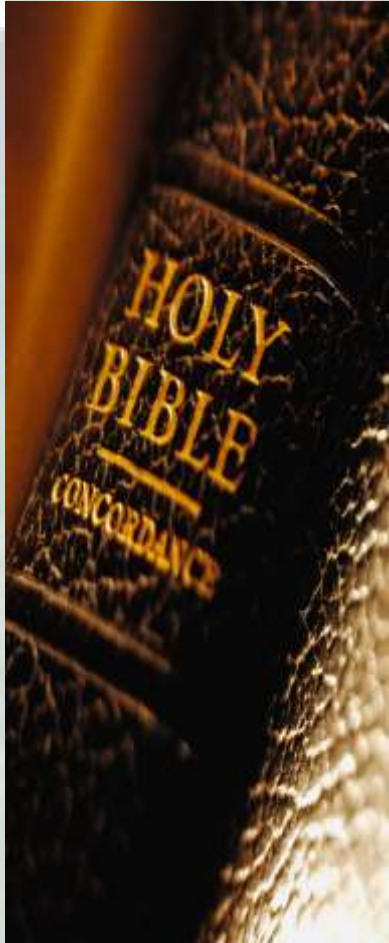




SEVENTH-DAY  
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- “Soul Sleeps.”
  - No consciousness.
  - *Await 2<sup>nd</sup> coming and resurrection of dead.*

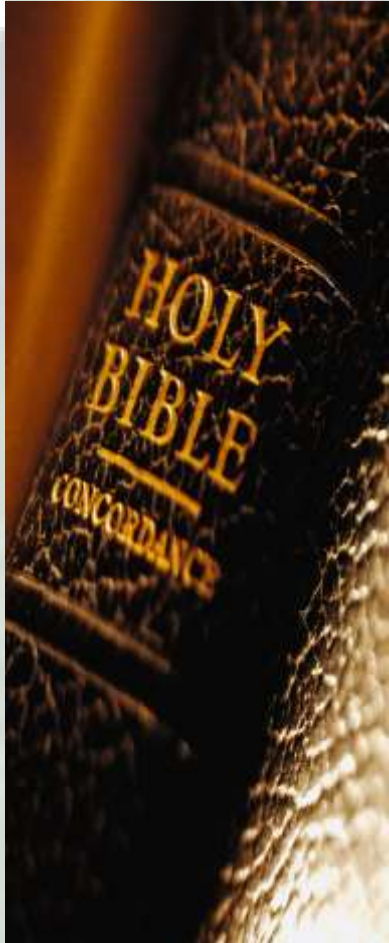
**No one has ever come back  
from the dead to tell us!**



- ***Widow of Zarephath's son (I Kgs 17:22).***
- ***Widow at Nain's son (Lk 7:14).***
- ***Lazarus (Jn 11:43-44).***

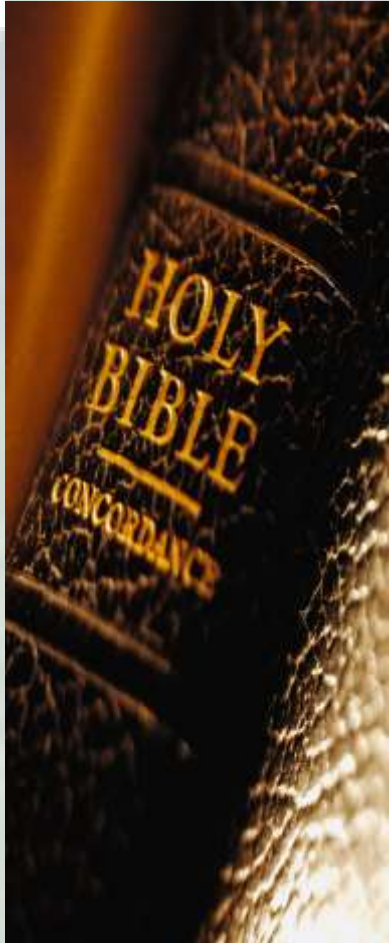
***Amazing Silence!***

# Apostle Paul's visit to the “third heaven” (2 Cor 12:3-5).



- *“caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which a man is not permitted to speak.”*
- *Why?*
  - *Deut 29:29*

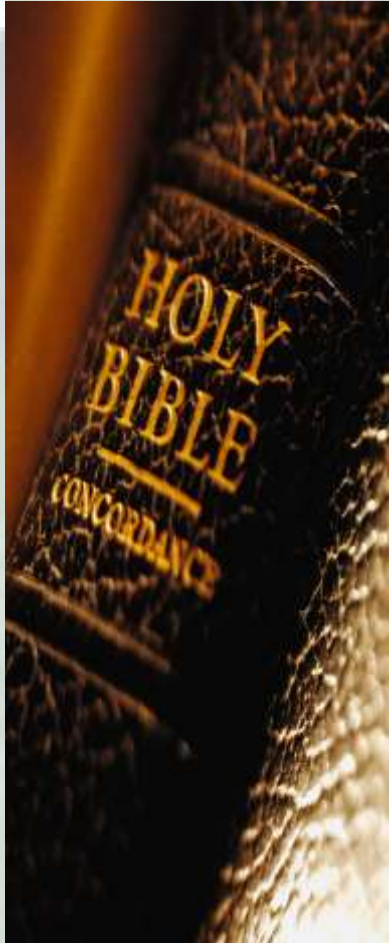
# Our Goal in this study



- ***Abide in HS revelation.***
- ***Explore Word studies.***
- ***Reference the early Christian writings.***

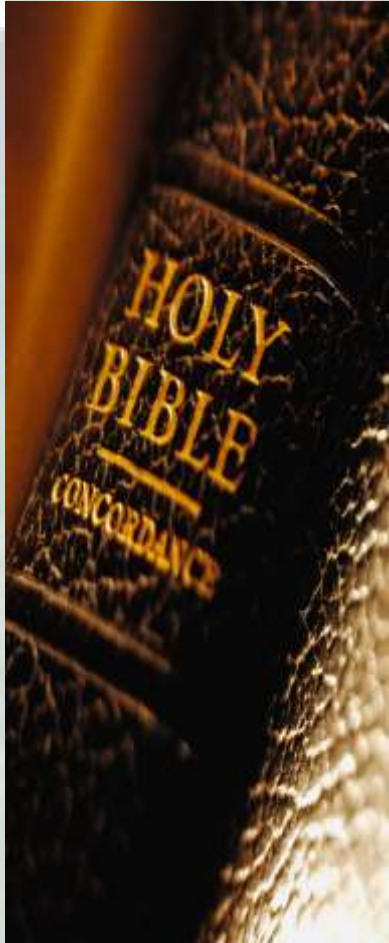


# Three Parts—Part One



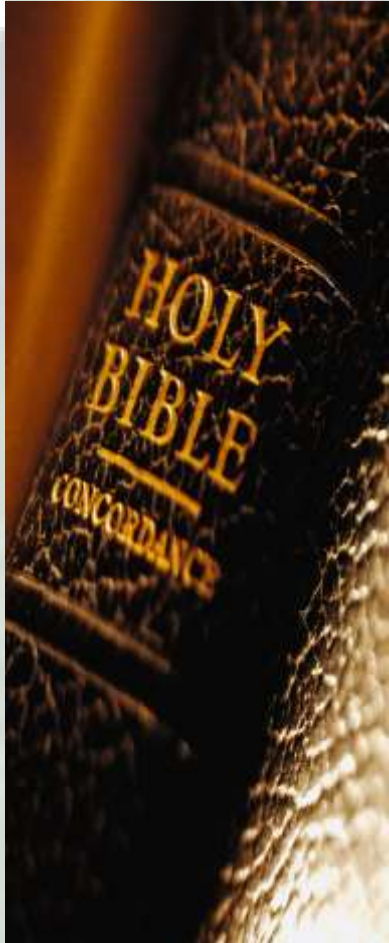
- What is man?
- The Destination of the *Body* and the *Spirit*
- The *Hadean* World.

# What is man?



- ***Ps 8:4/Heb 2:6***
- *A body of dust. (Gen 2:7, Ecc 12:7)*
- *Also like God, a spirit.*
  - Gen 1:27 “own *image*.”
  - Gen 2:7 “breath of **life**.”  
(Is actually *plural*).

# Zechariah 12:1



- “Thus declares the LORD who stretches out the heavens, lays the foundation of the earth, and **forms the spirit of man within him.**” NASU

# God infuses the soul into man



***Body + Spirit = LIFE***

***Body - Spirit = Death***



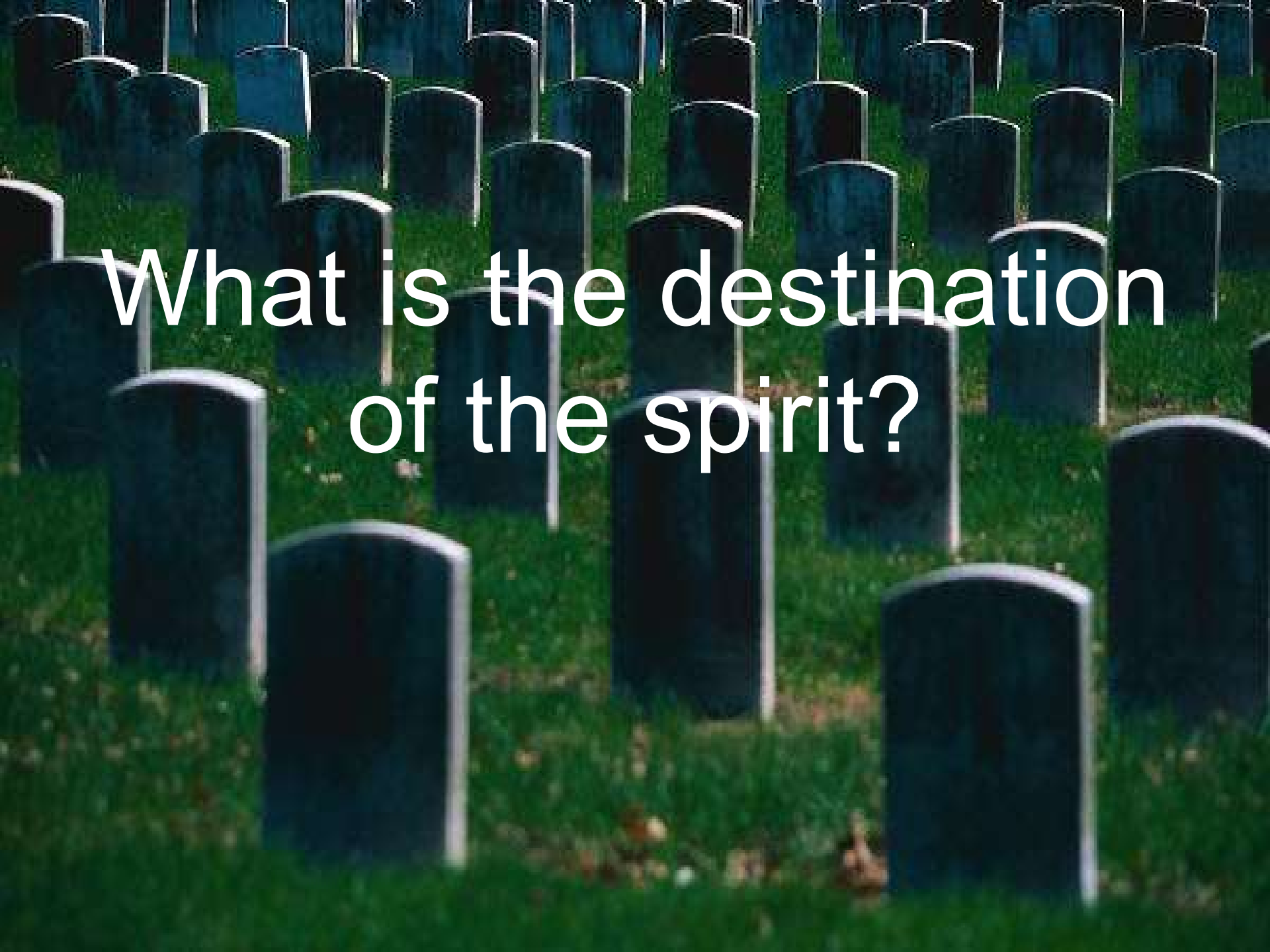
# Body – Spirit = Death

- “For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead” (Jas 2:26). NASU

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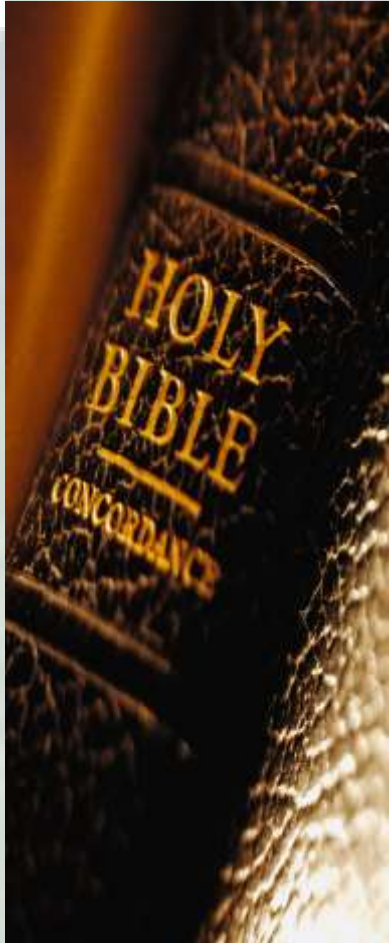
# What is the destination of the body?

“The dust returns to the earth as  
it was.” Ecc 12:7a



What is the destination  
of the spirit?

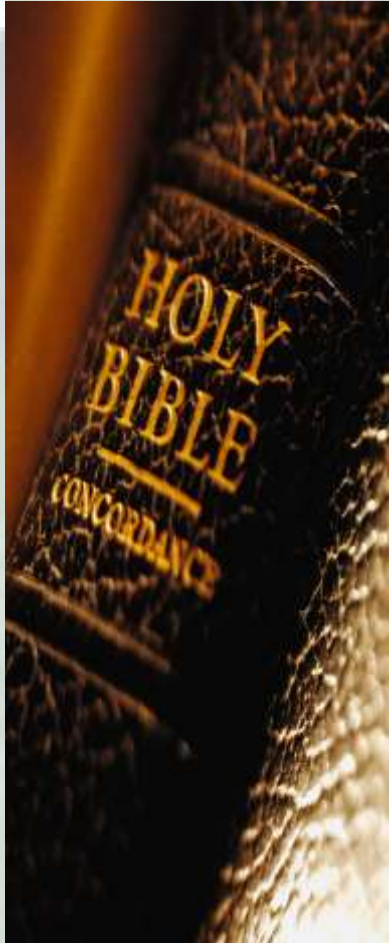
# Where the spirit does not go.



- **Does not go into the grave.**
  - By definition = separates.
  - 2 Cor 5:1 Body = *tabernacle.*
- **Does not go into purgatory!**



# Where the spirit does not go.



- Wicked don't go directly to Hell.
- Righteous may not go directly to Heaven.
- Jesus did not when he died, neither did the patriarchs.

# The Case of Jesus



- Lk 23:43 “Today thou shalt be with me in Paradise.”
- Jn 20:17 “I have not yet ascended to my father.”

***Paradise not heaven***

# The Case of Jesus



- *Where is Paradise?*
  - *Acts 2:27 “Thou wilt not leave my soul in Hades neither will the Holy One see corruption.”*

***Paradise is in Hades***

# The Nature of the Hadean World

- The Rich Man and Lazarus in Lk 16: 19-31
  - Spirits go into Hadean World
  - Righteous – “Abraham’s bosom”
  - Wicked – “Tartarus”
  - Great Gulf fixed
  - Before the Christian age

# The Hadean Realm

***Paradise***  
***"Abraham's bosom"***

***Great Gulf***

***Torments***  
***"Tartarus"***



# Intermediate state for angels

*“And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgment of the great day”(Jude 6).*

# How does this relate to the Lord's supper?



- “I will build My church; and the gates of Hades will not overpower it” (Matt 16: 18-19).

# How does this relate to the Lord's supper?



- 1 Cor 15:20  
“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the **first fruits of them that slept.**”

# Will we remember?

- *Rich man in Lk 16 wanted to warn his family.*
- *Wicked...remember:*
  - *Sermons*
  - *Invitation song*
  - *Every opportunity they had!*
- *Are you ready for the first death?*

# Cyprian 250 AD



- *“Once you depart yonder, there is no longer any place for repentance. Here life is either lost or saved. Do not let anyone be restrained from coming to obtain salvation, either by his sins or his years. To him who still remains in this world, no repentance is too late.”*



# Will we be conscious beyond death (Rev 6:9-10)?

- “I saw underneath the altar the **souls** of those who had been slain because of the word of God, and because of the testimony which they had maintained; and they cried out with a loud voice, saying, *"How long, O Lord, holy and true, will You refrain from judging and avenging our blood on those who dwell on the earth?"*