

*"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." Psalms 22:29 KJV*

God is a God of separation. "God divided the light from the darkness. And God said, 'Let the earth bring forth the living creature **AFTER HIS KIND**, cattle, and creeping thing, and beast of the earth **AFTER HIS KIND**.'" Cellular structures are separate from their surroundings. Atoms, protons, and neutrons have invisible force fields separating them. You are separate from every other single creature in the universe.



Even identical twins are different. Just as there is only one God, there is only one, you, and there will forever only be one, you. "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**." The breath of God separates the dead from the living. Man is only a "living soul" with the breath of God. "God is a Spirit...even the Spirit of Truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth Him not, neither knoweth Him: but ye know Him; for He...shall be in you." The word "spirit" comes from the Latin "spiritus," literally, breath, from the root "spirare" to blow or breathe. The Holy Spirit is the breath of God! He is the "Keeper" of men's souls. God's presence or absence defines a "living soul" or a dead soul. His Presence "breathes" life eternal into every soul that receives Him. "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God. In Him was LIFE, and the LIFE was the LIGHT of men. When we were dead in sins, [God] hath quickened us together with Christ." Not in the sense of being "next to" Christ, but in the sense of being "made by" Christ. The cake is WITH the ice cream, but the cake is made WITH flour. We are made alive "with Christ, the Word, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, for by grace are ye saved through faith." Being made alive "with Christ." Faith is acquired only one way. "Faith cometh by hearing...the Word of God." Didn't your mom ever say to you, "Did you hear what I said?" She wasn't concerned with your hearing ability, but with your obedience. "Hearing God's Word" means obeying it. "Hereby we do know that we know Him, IF WE KEEP His commandments...happy are ye, IF YE DO THEM!" If you don't obey God's Word, YOU DON'T KNOW HIM, He doesn't KNOW you, and you're still DEAD in sin! Death is separation from Life! Sin separates us from God who is LIFE! "Many will say to me in that Day, 'Lord, Lord...' And then will I profess unto them, 'I NEVER KNEW YOU: depart from me, ye that work iniquity. And whosoever was not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the Lake of Fire. This is the second death.'" You better make sure God knows you!

My life is hid with Christ in God,  
Invisible upon the sod,  
I am alive by grace through faith,  
And I shall see Him face to face! ~CGP

Christ's presence keeps men forever alive. You'll spend eternity with God, alive eternally, or without God, dead eternally. You must let Christ, God's Word, be your life, now, if you want immortality. Jim Elliot, missionary martyr, wrote, "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."

*"And when [Jesus] had called the people unto Him with His disciples also, He said unto them, 'Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.'"*  
Mark 8:34-35 KJV