

"Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin;" 1 Peter 4:1 KJV



The physical body, the visible flesh we inhabit, is "sold under sin." Man was created in God's image; three yet one. Soul, body, and spirit, just like the Father, the Word made flesh, and the Holy Ghost. "For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these THREE are ONE." A soul without God is a soul without Life. "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." If Adam "became...living," he had to have been without Life or dead. Think for a moment; When you speak you must breathe to do so. God "breathed" Life into Adam. God IS His Word! Salvation is necessarily in three parts; of the spirit, sealed upon belief by faith; of the soul, progressively through obedience to God's Word; and of the body, finally at Christ's return. Paul wrote, "Behold, I shew you a mystery; We (believers) shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trump: for the Trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible (mortal flesh) must put on incorruption (immortal flesh), and this mortal must put on immortality. There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the Trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." God's Word delivers the faith, "faith cometh by...the Word," which causes man to believe God's Word. Faith in God brings the presence of God via His Word in our soul (thoughts). Faith, believing, compels us to obey. Repentance is obedience and obedience is the evidence of faith. A man may say he believes, but without obedience he has a dead faith! "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the DEVILS ALSO BELIEVE, and tremble. But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works (obedience) is dead?" When we through faith obey the Word of God, we go against the lusts and desires of our sinful body, which we inhabit temporarily. but know this; the mind is the soul. Not the brain, but the invisible world of thought that is uniquely you. IT is the eternal soul created in God's eternal image and will never cease to be! When the death of your body occurs, your soul and spirit depart and leave the body lifeless, dead. It is important that your spirit unite with God's Holy Spirit, through faith, before you depart the flesh. You can only avail yourself of God's mercy and grace while you are in the body, because "after this, the Judgment." If your spirit is not quickened, resurrected, returned to the fellowship of God through repentance before your death, you will remain forever separated from Him! "God is a Spirit, and those that worship Him, must worship Him in spirit and in Truth." Until your spirit unites with through loving obedience to God in a reversal of Adam's disobedience, you are dead, without God, while you live. When you humbly admit this condition, confess it to God, and repent, He once again joins His Spirit to yours through faith in His Word. That means you believe AND obey it. "And you hath He quickened, who were DEAD in trespasses and sins (disobedience)." Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Thy Word is Truth.' In the beginning was the Word...and the Word was God. ALL THINGS were made by Him. In Him was Life; and the Life was the Light of men. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." God assumed humanity, lived a sinless life, and laid down that Life in full payment of Adam's debt. He did it because; "God so loved the world." God created man for companionship and desires to be your friend, but it must be your choice on His terms. Do you desire an eternity of separation and terror without Him in the Lake of Fire? If not, you must deny the flesh which cannot ever know or commune with God, and let it suffer while

your soul obeys the Truth faithfully. It is not both; it is either/or. You will either obey God and live eternally united with Him, or you will obey your body's desires/lusts and die eternally separated from the Life that God is! Your choice determines your eternal destiny. Suffer awhile and live eternally or pleasure awhile and die eternally. How long is forever? Think about it!

I suffer but a candle's breadth,
To rid myself of endless death,
That I might live eternally,
With He who gave Himself for me. -CGP

You are loved beyond your wildest dreams by "The One" who can fulfill your wildest dreams "*exceeding abundantly above all that [you] ask or think.*" What fool would choose otherwise!

"The Spirit (God's Word, the Spirit of Truth) itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with Him (obey God's Word), that we may be also glorified together. For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory which shall be revealed in us." Romans 8:16-18 KJV

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