

Doctrinal Studies

The Soul (The Battle for Soul Control)

There is an all out battle for Soul control today. Each Christian must know that he will either be controlled by the Lord or by Satanic forces. He will either be controlled by the Holy Spirit and the Divine Road Map (the Bible) or by the influence of Evil and/or carnality.

1. Please note some characteristics of the Soul (see diagram [Characteristics of the Soul \(Mind\)](#)):
 - The Soul has Awareness.....Acts 20:7-12
 - The Soul has Mentality.....Luke 12:16-21
 - The Soul has EmotionLuke 12:23-33
 - The Soul has ChoiceActs 3:23
 - The Soul has Conscience.....Romans 9:1-3
 - The Soul has a Distorter.....Jer. 17:9, Rom. 5:12
(the sinful nature)
2. When a person accepts Jesus Christ as his Savior, ONLY the Soul is saved--NOT the Body! Psa. 19:7 "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the Soul..." Psa. 34: 22 "The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and none of them that trust in him shall be desolate."
3. The real battleground in life is the Soul (the comprehending part of mankind). Psa. 143. We are to say, "I am a Soul; I have a Body." We usually say, "I have a Soul."
 - Gen. 1:26 "And God said, Let us make man in our image after our likeness...."
 - Gen. 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them."
 - Gen. 2:7 "And the Lord God formed (jatsar-yatser) man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life (lives - Soul and Spirit); and man became a living Soul."
4. Definition of Soul (Am. Col. Dict. pg. 1153) "The principle of life, feeling, thought, and action in man, regarded as a distinct entity separate from the body, and commonly held to be separable in existence from the body; the spiritual part of man as distinct from the physical."
5. Spiritual Death resides in the Soul. Rom.5:23
 - Sin originated with Satan---Isaiah 14:12-14
 - Entered the World through Adam---Romans 5:12
 - Was and is universal---Romans 3:23, 3:10.
 - Jesus Christ...the ONLY EXCEPTION---I Peter 2:22, Hebrews 4:15
 - Sin incurs the penalties of spiritual and physical death---Gen. 2:27, 3:19; Ezek. 18:4,20; Rom. 6:23
 - There is no remedy but in the sacrificial death of Christ---Hebrews 9:26, Acts 4:12
 - And only comes to man by Faith in Jesus Christ--Acts 13:38-39
6. The Soul becomes the place of misery. Psa.6:3 "My soul is sore vexed." Psa. 106:15 "And He gave them their request; but sent leanness into their soul." Psa. 119:25, 28, 81
7. The Soul is the area for the worst type of sins: Job 21: 25 "Another dieth in the bitterness of his soul and never eateth with pleasure." Zech. 11:8
8. The Soul is also the place for great happiness. God's magnificent plan includes great soul happiness. I Pet. 1:22 "Ye have purified your souls by obeying the truth."
9. Physical death is the parting of the Soul from the Body.
 - Psa. 16:10 "For thou wilt not leave my soul in Hell neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption."
 - 2 Cor. 5:8 ""We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."