

WEEK 1

INTERACTION BETWEEN SPIRIT, SOUL AND BODY.

Have you given any thought as to how your spirit, soul and body interact with each other?

YES NO

What would be your answers to the following questions?

Is every human on the face of the earth spirit, soul and body?

Do animals have a spirit and a soul?

What happens to you when you physically die?

Over the next weeks we are going to look at **how** mankind (humans) was created which will answer the question many ask:

- **Who am I, What's my purpose on earth?**

Using the Word of God, the Bible as our source, let's go to the beginning of history and creation to get insight on this matter.

Genesis – means: The coming into being of something; the origin is where we begin the discovery.

We all have a worldview on life but the question to ask is:

Is our personal worldview one which answers humanity's questions, who am I? and what is the purpose of my existence?

SCRIPTURES TO READ (NIV Translation)

Genesis 1:1: Genesis 2: 7: Genesis 2:16-17: Genesis 5:5: John 3:16:1 Corinthians 13:4-7

Genesis 1:1; "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth".

Genesis 2: 7; "Then the Lord God formed a man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being."

If you are breathing right now you are a living being.

Genesis 2:16-17; "And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

Genesis 5:5 tells(tells) us that Adam lived physically until he was 930 years old, then he died.

So what kind of death was God talking about in Genesis 2?

This is a major key for us to understand how we were created and who we really are.

What does the dictionary say about the word "**die**"? Die means: = Verb (of a person, animal, or plant) Stop living. Perish - pass away - expire - decess – depart.

The only restriction that God imposed on Adam was that he should not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

The penalty for breaking that restriction was that: " **on that very day** that you eat of it you shall **certainly die**".

Why would God say this?

Because of His unfailing love for mankind. His love for humanity has never changed. – Read John 3:16

To understand His love read

1 Corinthians 13:4-7. God is love.

The day Adam and Eve ate of the Tree of knowledge of good and evil, was a fatal day for humanity.

Why would God allow this?

God gave all humanity a free will, to make choices, because **His love for us is not controlling or manipulative.**

Two very significant consequences would happen if Adam and Eve chose to disobey God's instruction.

1. The first is that if Adam ate from the tree, death would happen immediately, on that very day.
2. The second is that this would happen certainly. The phrase "you shall **CERTAINLY** die" has exactly the purpose to put emphasis on the fact that death would happen 100%, certainly, on that day.

The consequence of their choice had nothing to do with God. This was the free will choice of Adam and Eve.

Think about how

- Our choices result in consequences.
- Mankind's choices result in consequences.