

SSB - WEEK 2

In Genesis 3:1-6 we see how Satan deceived Eve and Adam into violating the only restriction God had imposed on them.

Adam and Eve continued to have life in their bodies for many years after they ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

What do you think happened on the day that Adam and Eve ate from that tree?

Did they die as God said, or didn't they die?

Only the Word of God can answer this.

If we are wanting His Word (the Bible) to give us answers, we have let it speak for itself (scripture must interpret scripture).

The Devil said, when he deceived Eve, "you will not certainly die". (Gen 3:4) So, if they didn't die that day, as God said, then Satan was right and God was wrong, which is impossible.

Keep in mind that God cannot lie: **READ** (Numbers 23:19)

GOD SAID THAT THEY WOULD CERTAINLY DIE THAT VERY DAY, THEY DID INDEED DIE THAT DAY.

Adam and Eve continued to live physically, so it is self-evident that they must have had another form of life, in addition to the life of their bodies.

We have to search the Scriptures to see how man was created.

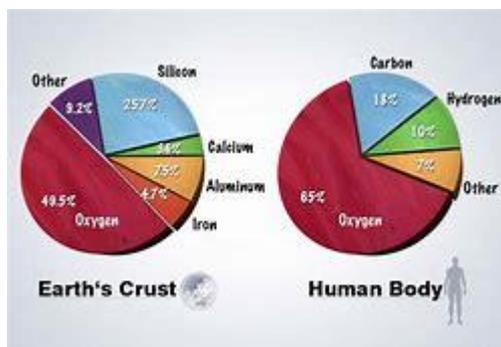
There was more to man than just a body and what made him human.

Knowledge of what made up the life of the first man will also enable us to see what was lost in that day.

Genesis 2:7. says: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground....."

Which part of man did God form of the dust of the ground? **HIS BODY.**

Elements of the human body can be found in the ground.



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. (NIV)

God formed man's body of the dust of the ground. However, this body didn't have life. It was just formed, without life.

The Word of God tells us that God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living BEING **SOUL**– Different Bible Translations use different words for Soul Different translations on the word 'being' but all mean the same thing.

KJV – soul - NIV – being – AMP – living being - ESV – living creature

(We will use the word "Soul" for the purpose of this teaching).

What is soul?

Your mind, will, emotions and conscience the New Testament counterpart to the Old Testament word for soul, nephesh, is psyche.

The two words carry a similar range of meanings. Both can describe the person or the person's life as a whole.

Soul is what gives life to the body.

Without the soul the body is dead.

Leviticus 17:11, 13-14

"For the life (nephesh) in Hebrew] of the flesh is in the blood.... Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood, and cover it with dust; For it [i.e. the blood] is the life [nephesh] of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life [nephesh] of it: therefore I said to the children of Israel "You shall not eat the blood of any flesh: for the life [nephesh] of all flesh is its blood"

Genesis 2:7

The soul (nephesh in Hebrew) is what gives life to the body. Here in Leviticus we see that "the life of the flesh is in the blood". In the above passage the word "life" is a translation of the Hebrew word "nephesh" that is translated as "soul" in Genesis 2:7 as well as in 471 out of the 753 of the places where it occurs.

The Word of God again is very precise:

What is "nephesh" or soul?

Genesis 2:7 **soul is what gives life to the body.**

Where is the "nephesh", the life of the body, the soul?

It is in the blood

Leviticus 17:11-14: "For the life (nephesh, soul) of the flesh is in the blood".

How does this soul life pass from generation to generation? Through the **blood**.

Acts 17:26 "And He has made from ONE BLOOD every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth".

Here's is some light scientific reading on DNA

DNA is more than 99% similar between any two people. All the differences in how we look, feel, behave and the differences in our health are due to less than **1% difference**.

DNA comes in long strands called chromosomes, which are kept inside the nucleus of a cell. Every one of our cells has a nucleus with all of the DNA. Each cell is different, not because of the bits of DNA in it, but because of the bits it uses to make things.

Each strand of DNA is made up by joining together nucleotides. There are four different nucleotides called adenine (A), thymine (T), cytosine (C) and guanine (G). If you could see the nucleotides in a strand of DNA it would look something like this:

AACGTATTGACATAGGGGGGCCTACTTA

It is quite extraordinary that just four different nucleotides make up the code of every single living thing. The order that these nucleotides are in determines the difference between a brain cell, a toenail, a blood cell and whether or not we have a certain disease.

So if you wrote out the DNA sequences of two people and matched them up together, they would look **almost exactly the same**. There would be about 1 difference in every 100 nucleotides (it's actually more like 1 in 1000). These differences determine whether you have blonde hair or brown, whether you are tall or short.

You are more similar to people you are related to because your DNA came from the same place; your great, great, great grandparents, or something like that. Your DNA is a combination of your Mum and Dad's DNA, half from each. So you are half the same as your Mum, half the same as your Dad. If you looked at the DNA of a friend you are not related to, they would also be half the same as their Mum, and half the same as their Dad, but they would be quite different to you. This is because the last common ancestor (person who is related to you both) was so many hundreds or thousands of years ago, that a lot of changes have occurred in the DNA sequence since then."

Psalms 139:13-16

For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them.

Acts 17:26. The "one blood" of this passage is the blood of Adam which passes from generation to generation and actually is the blood that all of us have.

Animals also have a soul, which again is in the blood.

Leviticus 17 – 11,13-17 the life of all flesh is in the blood.

READ Genesis 1:20-21, 29-30

"And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly the moving creature [nephesh, soul] that has life [nephesh, soul] and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open firmament of heaven. And God created great whales, and every living creature [nephesh, soul] that moves, which the waters brought forth abundantly, after their kind, and every winged fowl after his kind: and God saw that it was good"

Genesis 1:29-30 Then God said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds in the sky and all the creatures that move along the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give every green plant for food." And it was so.

Not only man but also the animals have "nephesh" i.e. "soul". **This is not strange at all, if we understand that soul is what gives life to the body. When you die there is no more life, no more soul. The same happens with the animals.**

Soul is for animals is the same as it is for man i.e. what gives life to the body.

There is no problem about what is defined as soul in the Bible, the problem is created when we go to the Bible with the preconceived idea that **soul is immortal**.

If soul was immortal, then really the souls of the various animals would also be immortal, since they have "nephesh" as man has "nephesh". **Soul is not something immortal. It just gives life to the body.** When you stop having life in your body, you have no more soul.

The Bible teaches that God formed the body of man of the dust of the ground, and that He gave to that body life i.e. soul. The same is also true for the animals. They also have body and soul.

Every man in the world, believer or unbeliever, has body and soul.

It can therefore be concluded that since Adam died when he was 930 years old. When he ate from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil he obviously didn't lose his body or his soul.

Then what part of Adam died that day?