



## DEADLY DELUSIONS

### BIBLE REFERENCE GUIDE #13

- Revelation 1:18** Jesus has the keys to death—He has power over the grave.
- Genesis 3:1-4** The first recorded lie in the Bible was about death: “Thou shalt not *surely* die.”
- Genesis 2:7** Body + breath = a living *soul*.
- Psalms 104:29** Body — breath = death (body returns to dust).
- 1 Timothy 1:17** This is the only time the word “*immortal*” is used in the Bible.
- 1 Timothy 6:15,16** Only God has immortality.
- Ezekiel 18:4** Souls that sin, die. (See also James 5:20)  
*NOTE: A soul in the Bible is always a man, bird, fish, or animal—anything with a combination of a body and the breath of life. It is never a conscious entity apart from the body. Examples: Acts 2:41; Gen. 46:27; Acts 27:37; Revelation 16:3.*
- Ecclesiastes 12:7** The body returns to dust; the spirit (breath) returns to God.
- Job 27:3** Note the meaning “*Spirit*” in the margin: “The breath which God gave him.”
- Luke 23:46** Jesus commended His spirit (breath of life) into His Father’s hands and died.
- Genesis 7:22** Breath of life = Spirit of life (see marginal reading). This “breath” is the power of God which He imparts to living creatures to give them life. This power is removed at death and is not returned until the resurrection.
- James 2:26** Body without spirit (margin: breath) is dead.
- Ecclesiastes 3:19,20** A man and animal die the same way.
- Acts 2:29, 34** David is not yet in heaven.
- John 11:11-14,17** Jesus called death a *sleep*.
- Ecclesiastes 9:5,6** The dead know nothing; they have no memory, and all feelings perished.

**Job 7:8-10** The dead do not return to their homes (see also Job 16:22).

**Ecclesiastes 9:10** There is no work, knowledge or wisdom in the grave.

**Psalms 115:17** The dead do not praise the Lord.

**Job 14:12-14** Job puts it all together in this passage.

**MAN DIES AND DOES NOT COME UP OR AWAKE FROM DEATH'S SLEEP UNTIL THE RESURRECTION DAY!**

**1 Corinthians 15:51-55** Mortals put on immortality at the second-coming of Jesus. This is when our change occurs. Those who are saved in Christ will all be changed at the last trumpet call (Matt. 24:31) as Jesus comes. The righteous dead will then be raised, changed, and given everlasting life.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** When Jesus comes with a shout, the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call, the dead will then be raised to meet Jesus in the air and forever be with Him.

**John 6:39,40,44,54** Four times in this chapter Jesus says the resurrection will occur “at the last day” which is referring to the day of Christ’s visible return.

**John 5:28,29** Both the righteous and the wicked dead are in the grave awaiting the voice of the “Life-giver”—Jesus Christ, but the resurrections of the righteous and the wicked occur at different times (see also Revelation 20:5).

**2 Timothy 4:6-8** The crown of righteousness awaiting the faithful is given at the appearing of Jesus Christ. The appearance is with all the angels and in the glory of the Father also (see Matt. 24:30; Matt. 16:27).

**Luke 23:43** The comma has been often misplaced in this verse. This verse when correctly punctuated perfectly agrees with the rest of the Bible on the subject of death. The usage of the word “Today” by Christ modifies the words, “Verily I say unto thee,” See also Zech. 9:12 for another similar usage of the word “today.” Christ did not tell the thief they would be together in heaven that very same day of Christ’s death, but merely that the thief would be a saved man in paradise in the day when all the saved are there together with Christ.

**2 Corinthians 5:8** Paul never tells his listeners in this verse that they go directly to heaven upon death. He has already made the issue clear in his letter of 1 Corinthians 15:51-55 and in many other places in Scripture. In 2 Cor. 5:8 he merely tells the church that it is his earnest desire to leave the earthly body and be clothed with the heavenly body. When the time comes (at the resurrection when Jesus returns) then he is clothed with his heavenly body and will forever be with Christ.