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THE SOUL NEVER DIES

We are made in God's image. That means we are also made as a trinity, body, soul, and spirit. The body dies and deteriorates when the spirit departs. Neither our spirit nor our soul ever dies.

When God made Adam and breathed the spirit (human spirit) into him, man became a living soul [Genesis 2:7 and 1 Cor. 15:45]. However, our soul determines our eternal destination. God made our soul with a free will to determine whom we shall serve and to decide how to live our life. We can choose to follow God or to follow Satan, the god of this world.

Upon salvation, the now redeemed [born again] spirit is seated with Christ in heavenly places. [Ephesians 2:6.] At death of a believer, the soul joins the spirit that is already seated in Christ in heaven. [2 Corinthians 5:8.] At death of a non-believer, the unredeemed human spirit and soul are cast into hell and are tormented forever [Luke 16:24-26; Matthew 18:34-35].

Mark 9:43-44 says, ***"And if thy hand offend thee [causing you to live in sin], cut it off. It is better for thee to enter into life maimed [handicapped] than having two hands to go into hell into the fire that never shall be quenched, where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."*** It is by the decisions of our soul's free will that determines how we live and unto whom we live. If our soul's choice is to live by the ways of the world, then we have chosen the broad [and easier] path that leads to hell. Mark 9:48 repeats for emphasis, ***"Where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched."***

It is your soul that makes all your decisions, so I encourage you by Psalm 118:17 to decide that you, ***"shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD."***

It is your decision to make. Will you be rewarded at the judgment seat [Bema] of Christ for your decisions of good works following your salvation? It is there that we will either be given rewards or fail to receive a reward.

Yes, if you are saved, you are rewarded for your faithfulness in works following salvation, Ephesians 2:10, ***"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*** These good works form the basis for our rewards at Christ's judgment seat. [Bema seat.]

Notice in Psalm 118:17 that one of our chief works is to ***"declare [testify of] the works of the LORD."*** We must open our mouth and speak of God's goodness to all those with whom we come into contact. That lays up treasures [rewards] in heaven for us. That is a function of our eternal undying soul.