

Where Are The Dead?

The Bible is not silent on the subject of "where are the dead"
To describe where the dead are, we ought to understand what man is
It is important to understand the nature of man
We are not just simply flesh, we have a spirit
This is just a shell and the real nut is inside

In the beginning God created man
In Gen. 2:7

" And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

This verse shows us the nature of man
You see when the Spirit of God is joined with the dust of the earth, man becomes a living soul when he is born.
The union of the Spirit of God and the dust of the earth is "Birth"

Zechariah 12:1

" The burden of the word of the Lord for Israel saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him."

Notice that man does have a Spirit.
You are not just dust of the earth, God breathed into you the breath of life.

Job 32:8

" But there is a spirit in man: and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding."

I think these are enough Scriptures to show you that you do have a Spirit and you are not just breath as our Jehovah Witnesses believe you are.
God put His Spirit in you, and when He put His Spirit in you, He created a living soul.

James 2:26

" For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

When a spirit leaves a living soul ; he's dead
So when a person dies they will go to:
* Abraham's bosom
* Hades
And there is a great gulf fixed between them

Luke 16- 19-31

23,24- notice that the rich man is in torment

26----- There is a gulf fixed between Abraham's Bosom and Hades

You cannot go down to Hades, and people in Hades cannot go up to Abraham's Bosom.

The Spirit either returns to Paradise or Hades

The righteous dead go to Paradise

The unrighteous dead go to Hades

Those in Paradise are comforted

Those in Hades are tormented

And a great gulf fixed between them

Your body came from dust and it goes to the grave

Your Spirit came from God and it goes to God, but it goes

either to Abraham's Bosom or Hades

Another name for Abraham's Bosom is "Paradise"

NOW WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

If a person had accepted and had faith in Christ he is in Abraham's Bosom or Paradise.

That is why Jesus could say to the thief on the cross right before he died: "today thou shalt be with me in paradise."

And when Stephen said "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." He went Abraham's Bosom or Paradise.

But the wicked dead go to Hades and notice in Hades they are tormented

He is in fire, and he can see what is going on up in Abraham's Bosom or Paradise.

Notice that both are alive--- the righteous and wicked

They have a conscience, memory, your aware, you have your senses, you are still who you were.

It does not say if Lazarus could see the rich man.

But it does say that the wicked could see the righteous.

Death is a separation of your spirit from your body.

That is what death is.

Daniel 12:2

" And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt."

What is sleeping?

What is sleeping, is what's in the grave

Now some cults and denominations teach that you are soul-sleeping

That when you die, you are asleep and you have no conscience
Peter, Paul, John, James, and all my relatives are in a state of sleep
That don't know what is going on.

The Bible teaches that this man Lazarus was being comforted
You can't comfort someone that is asleep
You cannot torment someone that is asleep
They are alive and they have a conscience, memory, and they remember the way it was
while they were on earth

What do you call it; when the spirit comes back into the body

Resurrection

The Bible talks like this
The Bible talks about a inward man and a outward man
Thou the outward man perish
The inward man is renewed day by day
You are not a dog, beast, they are flesh.
And when they die, they die all over.
You are a man created in the image of God with a spirit
And once God created you, you became a eternal being
And while you lived in this life, your spirit was in you

Matt. 10:28

**" And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul;
but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."**

You see, your soul is one thing, and your body is another

Rom. 7:18-22

**" For I know that in me dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with
me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.
For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. I find
than a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the
law of God after the inward man:**

If you could press a button and never have a lustful thought, would you press it.

"I would"

If you could press a button and never have a jealous thought, would you press it.

"I would"

I want to do right, but the flesh is willing and the spirit is weak.

verses 23-25

**" But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my
mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.
O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**

I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin."

All the promises are in Christ.

"In Christ" is one of the key phrases in the Bible

Abraham's Bosom , Hades, Great Gulf----- all mean Hades

Hades means "the abode of the dead"

Everybody in Ohio is in the United States

Not everyone in the United States is in Ohio

Everyone who dies is in Hades

But not everyone who dies is not in Hades ,where the torment is going on

Some of the people are in Paradise

Abraham's Bosom is also in Hades

And the righteous dead go to that part of Hades where there is comfort

But the wicked dead are in torment, they are alive, conscience,

I tell you if your not concerned about the lost now, believe you and me when you go to Hades you'll get concerned about the lost

At death, the body goes to the grave

Your spirit goes to the god who gave it

The believe that the Bible teaches that the righteous and the unrighteous are aware of what's going on here on earth.

Hebrew 12:1,2

" Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."

John 5:28,29

" Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, And shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation."

Now everybody is going to be rasied in that hour

When Jesus comes again; all the graves are going to give up their bodies

And the spirit are going to come back and rejoin the bodies

The Bible says that when Jesus comes again that He is going to bring our loved ones with Him.

They are in Paradise and Christ is in Heaven

Christ stops by paradise picks them up when He comes

And He comes back here to the earth and the christian spirit returns back into their old bodies

This mortal must put on immortality

This corruption must put on incorruption

There are going to be some people that will be alive when Jesus comes

1 Thess. 4:15-17

" For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

If Jesus came right now, before you and I ascended up into heaven the graves would be open; your loved ones who were christians that have gone on and died; their spirits are going to be brought back with Jesus; rejoined into their bodies, and they are going to be caught up to meet the Lord first and afterwards we that are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words. Everybody is going to be raised.

What was sleeping was in the dust of the earth

You see, your soul doesn't sleep

Soul-Sleeping is a false doctrine

The only thing that is sleeping is your body.

But when your spirit returns with the Lord Jesus, then your body is going to be raised and it's going to be changed

You are going to have a new and glorious body like unto His glorious body

The union is birth

Separation is death

Spirit goes to God who gave it

Body goes to the dust of the earth

At the resurrection, when the spirit and body are joined together again

After the resurrection, is the judgment

Those who have obeyed the gospel are going to go to heaven

And those who have not obeyed the gospel and have rejected Jesus Christ are going to be casted away from Him into the lake of fire and they are going to be separated from His presence and the glory of His power.

Read 2 Thess.1:7-12

So when Jesus comes, He is coming in flaming fire

There are 2 purposes:

- * To punish the wicked
- * Coming to be glorified in the saints

Those who have not obey the gospel are going to be judged and casted into the lake of fire

And the righteous who have accepted God's Son Jesus; will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

He is going to punish them with a everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord

They are not going to be in His presence

They are going to be removed from His presence and from the glory of His power.

There will be no use of trying to pray while in Hell

Jude 14,15

" Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince (convict) all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage."

He is coming to execute judgment

He is coming to convict men if their unrighteous deeds

That's at the judgment

At the judgment you are going to stand there in your own body and spirit and stand before the judge of the universe

Nobody is going to offer any excuse

You might give the preacher a 1,000 of them

You are not going to tell God what you tell me.

You are going to be exposed, helpless, and speechless

The Christians are going to give an account as stewards but we won't give an account of our sins because they are gone

Jude 24,25

**" Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,
To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen"**

Jesus is going to present me faultless before the Father

I confessed him here on earth, and He is going to confess me before the Father which is in heaven

"Father I want you to meet Danny"

I'll give an account how I acted as a Christian, my stewardship, my talents, how I spent my money.

I'll give an account that way to the Lord Jesus at the judgment seat of Christ

But God will look at me and I will be holy and blameless, and ushered into the presence of God