

WILL THE SOUL OF MEN LIVE FOR EVER?

When YAHWEH formed man from the dust, that's all he was, dust in a human form; in that condition there was no life in him. For him to become a living soul YAHWEH had to breathe into him the breath of life; it was then man's life and personality –spirit and his soul. His personality identifies him in the ways he acts and reacts, his likes and dislikes; his personality is intrinsically connected with the organs of his body. His heart shows emotions- happiness, and sorrows. Salomon says, A happy heart is medicine and a cheerful mind works healing but a broken spirit dries up the bones. A happy heart brings healing to the emotions; the heart is a physical organ of the body, but the emotion is a feeling; a cheerful mind works healing; again, the brain is the organ of intellect comprised of the mind; these are part of life of man and with his death, they cease to exist. The soul of man is comprised of the intellect, will and emotion. As we see above, the feelings of emotions, the faculty of thoughts, all depend on the organs of the body to function; without a body they do not exist.

This abstract part of man is called the soul; it cannot be touched, it can only be seen through behavior. The soul- man's personal identity, is not regenerated when his spirit is regenerated, but it goes through the process of sanctification and it is molded to be more like YAHSHUA; for that to happen man must submit his soul to the sanctification of the HOLY SPIRIT every day for it to be renewed. YAHWEH'S Spirit does not take control of the soul of man without his submission; it is up to man to surrender his soul to the HOLY SPIRIT for His complete control; and without the control of the HOLY SPIRIT, the soul is only sense and reason. Paul said, the soul, (the mind of the flesh) is hostile to YAHWEH, for it does not submit itself to YAHWEH'S law; indeed it cannot (Romans 8:7). The spirit of man is revived and sealed with the presence of the HOLY SPIRIT guaranteeing his salvation after his conversion to YAHSHUA. We must take note that it is not the soul – the mind of the flesh that is revived and sealed with the HOLY SPIRIT for its salvation; but it is his spirit that is sealed which will live forever. When man dies his soul ceases to exist because it is carnal and not spiritual. That part of man is corrupted and deceiving as the Bible says, the heart of man is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly perverse and corrupt and severely, mortally sick! Who can know it (Jeremiah 17:9)? Man's heart is stubborn and contrary to YAHWEH. Paul, a faithful servant of YAHWEH, had this to say concerning his soul: For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is in my flesh (soul). I can will what is right, but I cannot perform it; for I fail to practice the good deed I desire to do, but the evil deeds that I do not desire to do are what I am doing (Romans 7:15-24). The desires of the flesh embedded in the soul keep man from being faithful and obedient to YAHSHUA. Only with a renewed and sanctified mind, can one please YAHWEH; Paul said in Romans twelve verse two, Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of YAHWEH. The mind- the soul is to be in constant renewal for man not to fall into sin. King David, called the man after YAHWEH'S heart, is an example of the fact that the soul is not regenerated; YAHSHUA said, the spirit is willing but the flesh (all that comprises the flesh- the emotions, the will, the intellect) is weak. The soul of man battles against YAHWEH'S laws and refuses to submit to Him; it is an enemy of YAHWEH. By expressing itself through pride, hate, anger, lies, murder, hypocrisy, infidelity, gossip, and many other feelings which Paul directed to the

Colossian Christians it confirms its enmity against YAHWEH. "But now put away and rid yourselves of all these things: anger, rage, bad feeling toward others, curses and slander, and foulmouthed abuse and shameful utterances from your lips! Do not lie to one another, for you have stripped off the old self with its evil practices (Colossians 3:12-17)". If the soul had been regenerated with the spirit it would not have had the need to be sanctified or renewed, and we would be without sin. But the soul when being transformed into the likeness of YAHWEH'S Son, YAHSUA through sanctification, it will reach a level of spiritual maturity, but not completely. The success of the spiritual maturity very much depends on the will of the mind, and submission of heart. Only YAHSUA had the perfect soul, pure and without sin; His will, emotions and intellect were always in perfect harmony with His Father's, YAHWEH. YAHSUA'S soul was never in need to be renewed; His soul was never in subjection to temptation to sin; the spiritual man, like Paul, always faces the battle of the soul against the Spirit of YAHWEH in him (Romans 7:18-25).

Paul said, we have borne the image of the man of dust; we are earthly mind; **the perishable cannot inherit or share in the imperishable.** Our new body will not keep its fleshly soul, for it is perishable and under the course of sin. We sin with our soul and perform it with our body. When man dies, his earthly mind, emotion, and will die with him; this is a fact worthy to take in consideration for your thoughts. Psalm 146:4 confirms this fact in these words, When his breath (man's breath) leaves him, he returns to his earth; in that very day his thoughts, plans and purposes perish. **The resurrected body of the Bride of Messiah will have a new personality, a new soul, one like YAHSUA'S,** perfect. The last man (YAHSUA) became a life giving Spirit and just as we have borne the image of dust (the soul), so shall we also bear the image of the heavenly one (I Cor. 15:49-53). No longer will we have our soul battling against YAHWEH'S HOLY SPIRIT, but we will always be in submission to do His will; to worship Him, to serve Him with love that is eternal and unblemished, one that will be perfect, as He is perfect. At that day the Bride of YAHSUA will be "permitted to dress in fine lines, dazzling and white- for the fine lines is the righteousness of the saints (Rev. 19:8)".