

13. Is there a resurrection of the unjust as well?

ANSWER - Yes. 'There shall be a resurrection both of the just and of the unjust'. **(Acts 24:15)**

14. What is the difference between them in that case?

ANSWER - There is a great difference. They will 'all appear before the judgement seat of Christ' to receive in the body, according to what they have done. **(2 Cor. 5:10)** While the righteous will enter an immortal state, the unjust will suffer 'indignation and wrath, tribulation and anguish', **(Rom. 2:8,9)** and disappear finally in corruption of the 'second death' — or death a second time. **(Gal. 6:8; 2 Pet. 2:12; Rev. 21:8)** 'The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell therein for ever ... But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end of the wicked shall be cut off'. **(Psa. 37:29-38; 2 Thess. 1:9)**

15. Is there not a single passage in the Bible that declares that man will not die?

ANSWER - Yes: there is one: 'Ye shall not surely die': **(Gen. 3:4)** but the author of the saying was the serpent, who was a liar. **(2 Cor. 11:3)**

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Bible Immortality

Bible teaching concerning immortality, cannot be made more evident than by the following questions and answers.

1. To whom does the Bible apply the term “immortal”?

ANSWER - To God: The King eternal, IMMORTAL, invisible the only wise God'. **(1 Tim. 1:17)**

2. Does not the Bible allow that man is immortal as well?

ANSWER - No; it says God alone is immortal: 'The King of Kings, and Lord of Lords: WHO ONLY HATH IMMORTALITY'. **(1 Tim. 6:15,16)**

3. Does it never apply the term 'immortal' to man?

ANSWER — Never. On the contrary, it speaks of 'mortal man'. **(Job 4:17)**

4. Is man entirely cut off from immortality then?

ANSWER - No; but it is a thing he has to seek for in order to obtain it: 'By patient continuance in well doing SEEK for glory and honour and immortality'. **(Rom. 2:7)**

5. Is then, the doctrine of immortality as taught by the Greek philosophers, Socrates, Plato, and others, a mistaken doctrine?

ANSWER - It must be so: 'Jesus Christ... brought

life and immortality to LIGHT through the gospel'. **(2 Tim. 1:10)** If he brought it to light, how can the philosophers have done so, three or four hundred years before?

6. May not the doctrine of philosophers and the doctrine of Christ have been the same, though promulgated at different times?

ANSWER — They are not the same: they differ on all points. Paul says the wisdom of the philosophers was 'foolishness' in God's estimation; **(1 Cor. 3:19,20)** and he told believers to 'beware' of philosophy, **(Col. 2:8)** which he speaks of as 'vain deceit' and 'babblings'. **(1 Tim. 6:20)**

7. Wherein does Christ's doctrine differ from the doctrine of the philosophers?

ANSWER — Christ teaches that men have no immortality in themselves; **(John 6:53)** that they are mortal men — men in whom death works as a law of their being, because of sin; **(Rom. 5:12; Rom. 7:24, 2 Cor. 1:9)** and that only those who believe and obey him will receive immortality. **(John 8:12,24 & 10:27,28)**

8. Can you express it more shortly and in Bible terms?

ANSWER - Yes; 'The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord'. **(Rom.6:23)**

9. Is immortality received in the present state of existence, then?

ANSWER - No; it is conferred at the return of Christ: 'When the Son of Man shall come in his glory ... the righteous (shall go) into life eternal'. **(Matt. 25:31,46)** 'At the last trump ... this mortal shall PUT ON IMMORTALITY'. **(1 Cor. 15:52,53)** Those that have done good shall come forth to the resurrection of LIFE'. **(John 5:29)** 'They which shall be accounted worthy ... (SHALL NOT) DIE ANY MORE'. **(Luke 20:35,36)**

10. What becomes of them in the meantime?

ANSWER - If they die, they 'sleep in the dust of the earth'. **(Dan. 12:2)** They are 'THE DEAD in Christ'. **(1 Thess. 4:16)**

11. Do you mean to say there is no consciousness in the death state?

ANSWER - Yes. The Bible explicitly declares it. 'IN DEATH, there is no remembrance of thee'. **(Psa. 6:5)**

'THE DEAD KNOW NOT ANYTHING'. **(Eccl. 9:5; Psa. 146:4)**

12. What becomes of the unjust then?

ANSWER - They also sleep in the dust; but at the resurrection they come forth to condemnation. **(John 5:29)**

