

STAGE 2: WHAT IS MAN?

Two beings: the visible "me" and the invisible "me"

The visible being	The invisible being
The flesh/body	The spirit
Made from the dust of the ground	Made a living being when God breathed into the flesh
Its existence is limited (i.e., it expires)	The eternally-existing being
Like a clothing for the spirit, it follows wherever the body goes	Like a body
<u>Not</u> true "me"	The true "me"

A. The true "me" = the spirit

- Humans dream
- "Near-death-experiences" (NDE)

B. Man

- God created man in His image
- The constitution of man
- The person (the "soul")
- The living being

Three functions: the spirit, the soul and the body

Two beings: the spirit and the body

C. Life and breath

- Zoë and Jesus

D. The life after death

- Where is Hades?
- Abyss (Lk8:26, 31)
- Where do believers go?

Abraham's side" (OT): where the spirits of the ancestors of faith are

"Paradise" (NT): where the spirits of those saved by the blood of JX go

- Unclean spirits

E. Resurrection

- Jesus Christ the firstfruit of resurrection
- Man lives twice and dies twice

The order of resurrection

1. JX – the “firstfruit of resurrection” (1Co15:23)
2. Saints – the “first resurrection” – at the second coming of Jesus Christ (1Co15:23; Rev20:4-5)
3. The dead – the “second resurrection” – after 1000 years (1Co15:24; Rev20:5, 12-15)

Destination after resurrection

1. Saints – the first resurrection --> to the “new Jerusalem” --> the throne (Lk22:30; Rev21:10, 26)
2. Believers (those who died before His second coming) – the second resurrection --> to “the darkness” outside the city (Mt25:30)
3. Believers (during or after His second coming) – the second resurrection --> to “outside” the city (Rev22:15)
4. OT believers – the second resurrection --> to “outside”
5. Unbelievers (regardless of time) – the second resurrection --> to hell (Rev20:12-15)

“Saints” vs. “believers”

- **Saints:** those cleansed by water and sanctified by the word (1Co1:2; Eph5:26)
- **Believers:** those who called on the name of Jesus and were barely saved from the fire (1Co1:2, 3:15)

*The man of spirit never forgets: “I am a soul! This is my flesh!”

- 1) For what should I live? — the goal of life is for me soul! For eternal life!
- 2) What do I EAT to live? — does not worry about the food for the flesh (Mt6:25-33), obeys the word of Christ (Jn6:63, 68, 12:50);
- 3) What do I DO? — the top priority of life is determined: first — proclaiming the kingdom of God (Lk9:59-62); and
- 4) HOW do I live? — according to the spirit putting death to the deeds of the flesh (Rm8:12-13) — distances himself from the wicked, those without hope (Ps1:1), the worldly, the carnal, of the devil, the fleshly (1Jn2:16).