

God Breathed in Man The Breath Of Life

Ge 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."

We understand, God created mortal man: then God breathed into the mortal man the breath of life, and man became a *living soul*. This work of God sets man apart from all other created beings. There is no scriptural record that any other created being became a *living soul*.

What is the importance of being a "*living soul*?" Living means *to live, to revive, keep or make alive, give (promise) life, nourish up, preserve alive, quicken, recover, restore to life, God save alive, be whole*. God and man communicated in the garden. God made every provision for man to have every need filled in the garden. In the Garden of Eden, God and man had a relationship, which is described in the new Testament as the love relationship of a man and his wife.

Action was required of God in making the creature man into a *living soul*, which is a definition of love. Love is not just a feeling, as people suppose in life today. To demonstrate the love God had for man, God communicated with man in the garden. Communication requires knowledge of a language understood by both.

A man demonstrates his love for his wife by communication and by his actions. If a man loves a woman, he must show her by his actions, and tell her by communicating, or she will never be aware of his love.

The Word of God, the King James bible, teaches plainly: every person has a soul, seen in: **Mt 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."** The body and soul of every person will live eternally in one of two places:

- The souls that are not "*living souls*," who are not in communication and do not have a love relationship with God, will spend eternity in hell, the eternal lake of fire with their father the devil.
- The "*living souls*," those who are in communication and have a love relationship with God, will spend eternity in the eternal heaven, the place that Jesus Christ has gone to prepare for us.

Through disobedience to God, man lost the status of a "*living soul*," and became a soul that was dead in trespasses and sins. The fallen man is not a dead soul, in the sense that the natural body dies, because the soul does not die. It is a soul that has lost the love relationship and communication with God.

The expulsion from the Garden of Eden, and the loss of love relationship with God, established a need for the restoration of this relationship between God and the "*living soul*." For this to come to fruition required the action of God to demonstrate his love toward mankind, which action was made effectual in Jesus Christ.

Christ demonstrated his love for us by his actions, and communicates the knowledge of his love through the preaching of the gospel. If Jesus, who is the Son of God, had not loved us: he would not have come to earth, taken a body of flesh, suffered the most horrible torment and anguish, died upon the cross, lay in a tomb, resurrected himself, and ascended back to heaven. Jesus has given us knowledge of himself through his love letter, which he has written to us of his love for us, the King James bible.

How is it that we come to know that we are "*living souls*" and that Jesus Christ loves us? This happens through knowledge and communication. How do you hear and understand my voice when I am speaking to you? For you to hear my speech I must breath the words out of my mouth. Wherefore, when we hear speech, we are hearing the breath of another. Now consider, just as God, in creation, breathed in man the breath of life, and man became a *living soul*; so, today, Jesus, in the new birth, breathes into a person the breath of life and that person becomes a "*living soul*." Did the first man Adam choose to be a *living soul*? No, Adam had nothing to do with becoming a *living soul*. Likewise, today, if you are born again, you have nothing to do with the process of being made a *living soul* and inheriting eternal life in Christ.

It was only after the creation of Adam the *living soul*, that God began to communicate with him. This same original principle established by God is still in effect today. Jesus breathing the breath of life into a person and creating a *living soul*, happens first. After this happens, Jesus begins to communicate with *the living soul*.

This principle can be seen in the Old Testament in: **Eze 16:6 ¶ "And when I passed by thee, and saw thee polluted in thine own blood, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live; yea, I said unto thee when thou wast in thy blood, Live."** Here is a mortal body that has life, yet God, in his infinite mercy, spoke to that person and they became a *living soul*.

Even Job understood this concept, seen in: ***Job 33:4 "The Spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty hath given me life.*** Job was a born-again *living soul*.

In this present age of Salvation by the Grace of God, this same principle of the creating the *living soul* still exists. Jesus breathes into the person the breathe of life and creates the child of God in the new birth, and they become a *living soul*. After this happens, Jesus begins to communicate his love to that *living soul*. Jesus does this through the preaching of the gospel, which communicates to the *living soul*, that Jesus has already done the work of salvation by grace, and he has given to the *living soul* eternal life in Christ. This is the action of Jesus manifesting his love for his people.

The Holy Spirit makes the Word of God effectual in the *living soul*, seen in: ***1Co 1:18 "For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*** The Word of God does no effectual work in the unregenerate, seen in: ***1Co 2:14 "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.***

We see evidence of this in: ***Ac 10:44 ¶ "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.*** The context here is when Peter was sent to the house of Cornelius. To get the point we are trying to make we must understand the definitions of the words "*fell*" and "*Holy Ghost*." *Fell* means *embrace or seize, or to fall upon or into*. *Holy* means *sacred*. *Ghost* means *breathed*. Thus, we understand that as God, in the beginning, breathed into the natural man the breath of life, and man became a *living soul*: so, Jesus breathes into each individual, that is to be a child of God, the breath of life, and they became *living souls*, born again children of God, who are now inhabited by *Holy Ghost*. These are now able to hear the preaching of the gospel. Thus, we understand there were, at the assembly at Cornelius's house, people who were already born again. As Peter preached the gospel of salvation by grace to them, the *Holy Spirit* seized their minds and the sacred breath of God, the true gospel, was made effectual in their bodies, minds, and souls. Notice, especially, "***the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.***" There must be a *living soul* to hear the communication of God. Any present who heard not, were not *living souls*.

Consider two things:

- How were you created in nature? How did you come into existence in human form? Scripture teaches us, in ***Ps 33:6 "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.*** that even our natural bodies are the creation of God. Just as God made man in the beginning, God provided mankind with a means of procreation, which is by the divine purpose of God. Thus, it is easy to understand that you are not your own creation but the creation of another.
- Being born again, you are a new creation, which you did not create. Understand, you cannot create a *living soul* nor eternal life, which is the sole work of Jesus Christ. As a child of God, you are not the creator, nor the owner, as seen in: ***1Co 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?*** Since you are not your creator, and you do not have ownership of your body, natural or spiritual, what vain imagination of your mind is it that thinks you can save yourself eternally, or that you can just do what you want to do without consequence?

Each child of God becomes a new creation, a *living soul*, just as God created the unfallen man in the beginning, by God breathing into the body the breathe of life, which restores to lively state the created being's soul. This helps us understand that everything that pertains to God, and the eternal purpose of God, is all his creation, and by his design.

Wherefore, we have immense joy and rejoicing in the Lord Jesus Christ our creator, and our owner. Oh God, help us to never rise up, in our humanness, and claim that we are self-made. Oh God, help us to always render and ascribe all glory and honor to you. Oh God, help us to always remember we are your creation, slaves serving under your Lordship, and give the due honor and glory to your Holy Name. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your perfect work of creation, and the breathe of eternal life, which made us into "*living souls!*" Hallelujah! Amen!