

ALTERNATIVE THEORIES TO THE AFTERLIFE Part IV

Reference: miscellaneous Scripture

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Historical evangelical Christianity teaches that at the precise micro moment someone dies, his soulish essence and personhood evacuates his material being and he goes on to continue to be himself somewhere else: in eternal conscious happiness in heaven or in eternal conscious torment in hell.

This multi-part message addresses some after death alternatives to that traditional evangelical position.

ONE...**purgatory**

TWO...Christian **universalism**

THREE...**annihilation** sometimes called **conditional immortality** and **terminal punishment**

FOUR..._____

Definition: at death someone's soul (i.e. someone's essence) continues to exist in an inert (meaning unable to move) unconscious _____ like state inside his body

The most predominant group that teaches soul sleep is the Seventh Day Adventist denomination.

Question: Where do people get the idea that the soul sleeps inside the body after death?

Answer: Throughout the New Testament Christians that died were said to be _____.

Reference: **John 11:11-14** (see screen)

Scripture uses the grammatical metaphor of sleep to describe the _____ at death not the _____.

One of the most often used and misused passages in an attempt to prove soul sleep is found in:

Reference: **Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6 and 10** (see screen)

Some biblical passages that categorically disprove soul sleep:

Reference: **Ecclesiastes 12:7**, "*Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it.*"

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Reference: **I Kings 17:17-23** (see screen)

Reference: **Luke 16:19-31** (see screen)

This account specifically mentions that this rich man's soul experienced four of five senses in hades.

- _____ ...**verse twenty-three**
- _____ ...**verse twenty-four**
- _____ ...**verse twenty-four**
- _____ ...**verse twenty-five** through **verse thirty-one**

Reference: **James 2:26**, "*For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*"

Definition: Death is a _____.

Reference: **Acts 7:54-60** (see screen)

Reference: **II Corinthians 5:6, 8** (see screen)

Reference: **Philippians 1:21-24** (see screen)