

Mount Pisgah Baptist Church
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Thursday Night IMPACT Bible Study
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MAIN TOPIC: "The Reasons Why We Have Problems"
SUBTOPIC: "How Much of God Do You Want?"

Yes No Not Sure It may cost me too much Would like to have a
"close relationship" with God? **"How close"** of a relationship, do you want to have with Him?

Every individual will "eventually" need to make a decision. And that decision will be, **"How much of God do you want?"** It's up to you!!! Not up to God!!! You can have as much of God, as you want to have!!

Let's go back to the very beginning, and *see how much of God did Adam have.*

1). Genesis 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**. He became an alive person.

The dirt/clay that God "formed" and "shaped", *all of a sudden*, started to *breath*. It was awakened, gained consciousness, and started to live!

This cadaver, this body, this corpse...*could not*, and *did not move*, "until" God "breathed" into him.

What God gave Adam, has a name. It's called the **"breath of life"**. And, it's found "several times", in the Bible.

2). Genesis 6:17- And, behold, I, even I, do bring a flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy **all flesh**, wherein is the **breath of life**, from under heaven; every thing...shall die.

3). Genesis 7:21-22-²¹ And **all flesh** died that **moved (key word)** upon the earth, both of **fowl**, and of **cattle**, and of **beast**, and of **every creeping thing** that creepeth upon the earth, and every **man**:

²² **All** in whose nostrils was the **breath of life,...all...**, died.

Here God names *every* creature, *all flesh*, in the earth, that had received what Adam had received, the **“breath of life”**. Not only did Adam have this **“breath of life”**, but also every animal, insect, bird, etc... had it as well.

Every creature that you might see **moving/move**, they are able to get around, for “one reason”, they have the **“spirit of life!!!”**. This is also called and referred to as, the **“breath of life”**. They are the same. The **“spirit of life”** is the same thing as the **“breath of life”**

So, always be aware of this: all animals **“move”**, because they have the **“spirit of life/breath of life”**.

QUESTION OF UNDERSTANDING: When you attend a funeral, why is it that the person lying in the casket, does not move?

Now, the **“spirit of life”** is **NOT** the **Holy Spirit!!!** They are two separate things/being, and have two separate functions.

People and animals that are **“without”** the **Holy Spirit move around** each and every day!!!

VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION: What’s the difference between an animal and a man?

Man is made up of **“three”** parts. An animal is not!!!

4). I Thessalonians 5:23- And the very God of peace sanctify you *wholly*; and I pray God your *whole* **spirit** and **soul** and **body**...

5). Hebrews 4:12- For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of **soul** and **spirit**, and of the **joints and marrow**,...

***** Every living creature has the **“spirit of life”**; but *not* everyone of them has a **“soul”**. Only a **human being** has a soul. And, neither does animals have the **Holy Spirit!!!**

6). Mark 8:36-37-³⁶ For what shall it profit a **man**, if **he** shall gain the whole world, and lose **his own soul**?

³⁷ Or what shall a **man** give in exchange for **his soul**?

7). Luke 12:20- But God said unto **him**, Thou fool, this night thy **soul** shall be required of thee:...

Now, when God breathed into Adam, He *also* put **His Spirit**, in side of Adam. This caused man, to be aware of God, enabled him to have fellowship, and to communicate with God. God and man had a "relationship".

Now, when Adam sinned, "some" of this changed, but not "all" of it:

- a. Adam still had a "**body**".
- b. Adam still had the "**spirit of life/breath of life**".
- c. Adam still had a "**soul**".
- d. But what Adam lost, was **God inside of him!!!!**

MAJOR DOCTRINAL POINT: God left!!! Life stayed!!!

8). Isaiah 59:2- But your **iniquities** have **separated** between **you** and **your God**, and your **sins** have **hid** his face from you, that he **will not** hear.

BIG PROBLEM: The problem that Adam had way back then, we also have a "similar" one today.

We have **four** categories of men and women:

- 1). Category One- **Bad**
- 2). Category Two- **Good** (Cold).
- 3). Category Three- **Better** (Lukewarm).
- 4). Category Four- **Best** (Hot).

Revelation 3:15-16- ¹⁵ I know thy works, that thou art neither **cold** nor **hot**: I would thou wert **cold** or **hot**.

¹⁶ So then because thou art **lukewarm**, and neither **cold** nor **hot**, I will spue thee out of my mouth.