

**Prayer List of the Sick and Afflicted:**

Gloria Hale is in the Heartstone rehab center near Bloomington.  
Virginia McKinney is suffering from a case of shingles.  
Ray Sturgill's brother Clay is hospitalized in Kentucky with a UTI and sepsis.  
Mike Parnell's sister, Brenda has cancer and is undergoing radiation.  
Charlie Henard's mother is back at her home in Tennessee.  
Charlie Henard's sister recently had both hips replaced.  
Karen Sproles is still suffering with problems in her knee.  
Iris Hash is being treated for stomach, nasal and back problems.  
Aletia Sturgill, friend of Ray and Liz, is battling a severe case of COVID and is in rehab in Norton, VA.  
Ken and Sherrie Roosa's son-in-law, Darrell Grimes will be going to Nashville, TN to see if he can be enrolled in a clinical trial study for his cancer.

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

**Deepest Sympathy:**

Our prayers are with Ray and Liz Sturgill at the passing of Ray's sister, Anna Maggard in Kentucky.  
Our prayers also go out to Floyd and Judy Coley and David and Sherrie Williams at the passing of their daughter and granddaughter, Ashlee Williams.

**Pray For The Mission Works We Are Supporting:**

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia)

Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru)

**Ladies' Community Outreach Work:**

The ladies of the congregation will be donating items on a monthly basis for the Morgan County Department of Child Services (DCS) and to the local women's shelter. For the month of April, the item to be donated is baby food. If you would like to support this work, please bring this in throughout the month so they can be delivered at month's end.

**Monthly Pitch-in:**

Our monthly pitch-in will be held today, immediately following the morning service. We will reconvene at 1:00 PM for a song service.

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. All men are encouraged to attend.

**Radio Program:**

Please remember to tune in every Sunday morning at 8:00 AM to WCBK 102.3 to hear our radio program which is entitled: "Preparing For Eternity".

**God's Plan For Our Salvation:**

1. **Hearing** the word of God (Romans 10:17; Acts 16:32).
2. **Believing** what is taught (Mark 16:16; Hebrews 11:6).
3. **Repentance** (Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30).
4. **Confession** (Romans 10:9, 10; Acts 8:37).
5. **Baptism** (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; I Peter 3:21; Romans 6:3, 4).
6. **Faithful Christian Living**, after the above five steps (I Peter 2:11, 12; Rev. 2:10).

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***MORGAN STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST***

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**Schedule of Services:**

**Sunday**

Bible Study – 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

Evening Service - 6:00

**Wednesday**

Bible Study – 6:00 PM

**Thursday**

Ladies Bible Study – 11:00 AM

**Radio Program:**

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Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

## THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL

### *The soul outlasts the physical body and all the things of this world.*

“If a man die, shall he live again” (Job 14:14)? We all have asked that question. We ask it as we are by the grave of those we bury. There have been various explanations given by people as to what immortality is. Some say we are immortal only in the sense that the human race continues after we are gone. Others say we continue to live but only in the memory of those that knew us. Still others contend that our immortality is merely a continuation of our influence after our death. But what does the Bible teach about the immortality of a human being?

Solomon wrote, “then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it” (Eccl. 12:7). The death of the body does not mean the cessation of the existence of the spirit of man. Death means there is a separation of the body from the spirit. “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:26).

Jesus taught, “Marvel not at this, for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation” (John 5:28-29). Certainly this contends for existence after physical death. Both good and evil shall be raised. Both enter into judgment. They are separated there because one enters life, and the other enters damnation.

When Lazarus died, Jesus said, “Thy brother shall rise again. Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this” (John 11:23-26)? There is no way to deny the continued existence of man beyond the grave unless you flatly contradict the Son of God. “I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. God is not the God of the dead, but of the living” (Matt. 22:23). At the time Jesus spoke those words, these Old Testament patriarchs had been physically dead many years. Yet, Jesus said God was the God of the living; that God was their God; and therefore they must have still existed somewhere and lived in some sense personally.

In First Corinthians 15, Paul taught the reality of the resurrection. In his concluding remarks he said, “For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality” (1 Cor. 15:53).

Moses led the people of Israel from Egyptian bondage, wandered with them for forty years in the wilderness, but because of his own transgression was not allowed to enter the promised land. He died and the Lord buried him. Yet, hundreds of years later, after John the Baptist had announced Jesus as the Christ, Christ having been born in Bethlehem, and having reached manhood and coming to the mount where He was transfigured, He had a conversation with Moses, and not only Moses, but also the great prophet Elijah who had also physically died long ago. “And after six days Jesus taketh Peter, James and John his brother, and, bringeth them up into a high mountain apart, and was transfigured before them, and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light. And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias, talking with him. Then answered Peter, and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here. If thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. While he yet spake, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and behold a voice out of the cloud, which said, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye him. And when the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid” (Matt. 17:1-6). Who can read this and doubt the Bible teaches life after death, and the immortality of the spirit of man even though the body has died? You may not agree with what

the Bible teaches, but no honest man can deny that it teaches the immortality of man’s spirit.

What are you worth? We are not concerned with what amount of material wealth you may have accumulated. We are talking about the most valuable of all things of your existence. What material possessions you may have will soon belong to somebody else anyway. Your physical body would bring a very small price. We are more concerned than just with the material body. Man is also a soul. “For what is a man profited if he shall gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul” (Matt. 16:26)? Man’s body is but the place where his soul or spirit resides for a while.

### WHY IS THE SOUL SO VALUABLE?

It’s because it will never cease to be. Man may change cars, houses, clothes, etc. You might even rid yourself of your own body. But you must live with yourself as a spirit for eternity. The soul outlasts the physical body and all the things of this world. We are speaking of that which is the inward man, the part of man that has been created in the spiritual likeness of God (Gen. 1:27). The fact that Jesus placed such a value on the soul proves to us that it is of great value. The fact that He died that the spirit might be saved shows the value He placed on it.

Someone may say, “I do not believe I have a soul or that I am a soul.” Whether one believes it or not is not really the question. Whether the Bible is true or not is the question. The Bible affirms we are souls and spirits. But some object on the grounds that the soul cannot be seen and has no measurable weight. But why should we deny something we cannot see in this matter while we accept the reality of so many other things we cannot see? We accept the reality of their existence on the basis of evidence. So it is with the soul of man. Man’s thought-ability, his mind, his reasoning capacity, are evidences that man is not merely an animal, merely physical and nothing more.

### THE LOST SOUL

In Matthew 16:26 Christ mentioned the losing of the soul. James speaks of saving the soul (James 1:21; 5:20). Peter speaks of the salvation of the soul (1 Peter 1:9). He also mentions the purifying of the soul (1 Peter 1:22). Souls can be beguiled and unstable (2 Peter 2:14). The existence of the soul of man is not a debatable matter when one believes the message of the Bible.

### SAVING THE SOUL

What must I do to save my soul in heaven? You must first admit the truthfulness of the inspired record that you have and are a soul. You have to admit that the soul can be lost in hell as well as saved in heaven. You have to admit that the soul will exist in one of two eternal destinies: heaven or hell. You have to admit that you cannot save yourself by yourself. You must acknowledge that God has provided a Savior and that only Savior is Jesus Christ, His Son. Then, in **faith**, you must obey the commands to **repent** of your sins, **confess** your faith in Christ, and be **baptized** into Christ for the remission of your sins. Upon your obedience, God adds you to His church which is composed of the saved souls.

Once a saved soul, you are to **live faithfully** in Christ as His disciple, being the light of the world, the salt of the earth, as a city on a hill to be seen of men that they might glorify the Father in heaven. You must live in the realization that physical death will eventually overtake you as it will all others. You must realize that though you die, you shall be raised, and judged, and sentenced to heaven or hell.

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad” (2 Cor. 5:10). “And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal” (Matt. 25:46). James W. Boyd