

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

Ray Sturgill returned home from the Indianapolis St. Francis. After recovering at home he will have to return to the hospital to have a kidney stone removed.  
Liz Sturgill was admitted to the Indianapolis St. Francis hospital with kidney issues, low hemoglobin levels and pneumonia.  
Sheila Wilson, daughter of Floyd and Judy Coley, has been diagnosed with lung and lymph node cancer.  
Jimmy Lindsay's sister Carol has been ill.  
Jesse Riddle had successful eyelid surgery and is still recovering.  
Continue to pray for Mike Parnell's son, Bill in Arkansas as he battles cancer. He is currently in the IU hospital Indianapolis undergoing procedures to begin chemotherapy treatments.  
Clay Sturgill, Ray's brother, is in the hospital in Virginia.  
Aletia Sturgill, a close friend of Ray and Liz, is in a rehab center in Virginia.  
Ray and Liz's son Jeff had back surgery and is now recovering at his home.  
Doris Parnell will have shoulder surgery on October 31st.  
Bob Hawkins had a second outpatient procedure for a problem with veins in his legs. He will receive additional treatments in the future.  
Gerald Dunn, brother of Susie Riddle, is in a health care institution in Bedford and is experiencing memory issues.  
Virginia McKinney is still experiencing some balance problems and recently fell again. She is also having a biopsy of her thyroid.  
Karen Sproles is still confined at home and is receiving home health services. Her husband Chet broke his leg and is now back home again.  
Iris Hash is feeling some better but is still staying with her daughter.  
John Richardson has been transferred to the Countryside Nursing Home in Avon, IN.  
Terry Richardson is in rehab at The Waters in Martinsville.  
Sam Burch, nephew of friends of Ray and Liz, was seriously injured in an automobile accident.

**Pray For Our Shut-ins:**

Gloria Hale, Karen Sproles, Iris Hash

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

John Grubb (Mission work in Asia), Daniel Goshorn and family (Mission work in Peru)

**Men's Business Meeting:**

The next men's monthly business meeting will be Wednesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:00 PM. All men are encouraged to attend.

**Fall Gospel Meeting:**

Our fall gospel meeting with Brother Ronnie Whittemore will be held November 11-13. Services will be held at 7:00 PM on Friday and Saturday evenings. There will be a pitch-in dinner after the Sunday morning service then a 1:00 PM service to conclude the meeting.

**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 (March through October)

**Radio Program:**

“Preparing For Eternity”

Sunday Mornings 8:00 AM, WCBK 102.3 FM

**Website:**

[www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org](http://www.morganstreetchurchofchrist.org)

Gospel Preacher – Bob Hawkins

# THE IMMORTALITY OF THE SOUL

James W. Boyd

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. Believest 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.