

# TRUMPET CALL

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WELCOME TO THE UPTOWN CHURCH!

# 1 CORINTHIANS 15:51-53

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“Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality.”



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# PRAYER OF INVOCATION

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A pastoral prayer of invocation, adoration, thanksgiving, and illumination.

*Psalm 67:1-2, 105:4*

# PASSING THE PEACE

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## Unity & Reconciliation

*Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 16:20; 2 Corinthians 13:11-12;  
1 Thessalonians 5:26; 1 Peter 5:14; Matthew 5:23-24, 18:15*

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Corporate prayer of our covenantal commitment with our Heavenly Father through the Son of God, which encourages the confession of sin together.

*Matthew 6:9-13; Luke 11:2-4*

Our Father,  
who is in heaven,  
holy is Your Name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.



Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our sins,  
as we forgive those who sin against  
us.

And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.



For Yours is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
forever and ever.

*Amen.*

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# PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

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Worshipping and praising the Lord in song together.

*Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16*

# READING OF SACRED SCRIPTURE

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Live According to the Spirit

*Romans 8:1-17*

# ROMANS 8:1-4

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“There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us...



# ROMANS 8:4-6

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who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.



# ROMANS 8:7-9

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For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.



# ROMANS 8:10-11

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But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.



# ROMANS 8:12-15

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So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”



# ROMANS 8:16-17

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The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.”



# PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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Pastoral & Congregational Prayer

*Romans 8:26-27, 35-39*

# ROMANS 8:26-27

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“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”



# ROMANS 8:35-36

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“Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”



# ROMANS 8:37-39

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No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



# BLESSING & DISMISSAL OF THE CHILDREN

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Call children to the altar for prayer and blessing.

*Matthew 18:1-14, 19:13-14*

# PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS

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Worshipping and praising the Lord in song together.

*Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16*

# DECLARATION OF THE LAW

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The Greatest Commandment with a supplementary passage.

*Mark 12:29-31; Matthew 22:35-40; Luke 10:25-28;  
John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7-8,21; Romans 13:9-10; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8  
Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Leviticus 19:18*

‘Hear, O Israel!  
The Lord our God, the Lord is one.  
And you shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your  
strength.’



This is the first and great commandment.  
And the second is like it:  
‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’  
On these two commandments hang all  
the Law and the Prophets.



For the commandments,  
“You shall not commit adultery,  
You shall not murder,  
You shall not steal,  
You shall not covet,”



and any other commandment,  
are summed up in this word:

“You shall love your neighbor as  
yourself.”

Love does no wrong to a neighbor;  
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

*Romans 13:9-10*





# WITH ALL YOUR SOUL

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*Understanding the Greatest Commandment, Part 6*



# GREATEST COMMANDMENT: THE LAW OF LOVE & LIBERTY

Distinct Laws in the Old Testament

- Shema — **Deuteronomy 6:4-9**
- Priestly Law — **Leviticus 19:18**

Christ Harmonizes these Laws in the NT

- Greatest Commandment (Royal Law) — **Mark 12.29-31; Matthew 22:35-40; Luke 10:25-28; John 13:34-35; Rom.13:9-10; Gal.5:14; James 2:8; 1 John 4:7-8,21**





# GREATEST COMMANDMENT: EXPOSITION

1. Hear, O Israel:  
**The Kingdom**
2. The Lord our God, the Lord is one!  
**The Trinity**
3. And you shall love the Lord your God  
**The Law of Love**
4. with all your heart, soul, mind, strength.  
**Whole Self**



# QUICK SUMMARY

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The Sunday before last...

# THE CONSTITUTION OF MAN

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The composition of the human form. Man is broken into two overarching parts – material and immaterial (physical or spiritual, “flesh” and “spirit”).

For example:

- **Is the mind the source of belief, or is it the heart?**
- **Is the heart the seat of emotions, or is it the soul?**
- **Is the soul different from the spirit, or is it the same thing?**
- When Scripture refers to immaterial aspects, like soul and spirit, is it referring to it in the sense of *function* (i.e., water/ice/vapour) or in the sense of *substance* (i.e., rock v. tree)?



# WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE?

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There are technical distinctions that differentiate each part — it is not word mush or fluffy banter. But they also don't mean what you might think...

**You shall love the Lord your God with all your...**

- **Heart** — moral constitution: *moral law, moral belief, conscience, inner judge*



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**You shall love the Lord your God with all your:**

- **Heart** — “with all you can”
- **Soul** — ?
- **Mind**
- **Strength**



# LET'S CONTINUE

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What does it mean to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength?

# LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR SOUL

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- How do you love the Lord your God with all your soul?
- First, we need to know what the soul is, according to Scripture?
- **What is the soul?**
- What makes the soul *the soul*?  
*Q: What is the “keystone” to the meaning of soul? That if it was taken away it would cease to mean what it is?*
- Is the soul distinct from the spirit?



# LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR SOUL

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- The words soul and spirit seem interchangeable throughout Scripture
- Both words mean/imply “breath” and often used in the same sense: **Genesis 41:8; Job 27:3; Ecclesiastes 3:21; Daniel 7:15; Luke 1:46-47; John 12:27, 13:21**
- This difficulty eventually led to three different views on the unity of the human composition (i.e., the image of God):
  1. **Monism** — one part: body-soul-spirit
  2. **Dichotomy** — two parts: body + soul-spirit
  3. **Trichotomy** — three parts: body + soul + spirit



# LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR SOUL

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- **1 Thessalonians 5:23** — “Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and **soul** and **body** be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- **Hebrews 4:11-13** — “Let us therefore strive to enter that rest, so that no one may fall by the same sort of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, **piercing to the division of soul and of spirit**, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”



# WHAT IS THE SOUL & SPIRIT?

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- **Q:** Is the division function (ice/vapour) or substance (car/tree)?
  - Dichotomy is true in substance: body + soul/spirit
  - Trichotomy is true in function: body + soul/spirit
- What is the “keystone principle” of soul?
- What is the “keystone principle” of spirit?
- What is it not? Compare soul/spirit to its counterpart:  
Material, physical, natural, earthly, body (*soma*), flesh (*sarx*)



# WHAT IS THE SPIRIT?

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## Spirit

- In Hebrew: **ruach** + **neshamah**
- In Greek: **pneuma**
- All mean, “breath, wind, or spirit” or even “life”



# WHAT IS THE SPIRIT?

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The word “spirit” can be used as a blanket term for immaterial, incorporeal, or spiritual stuff in general — it’s a “bookend” (i.e., physical v. spiritual), from a person, to a non-physical being, to its own kind of incorporeal substance:

- **Luke 24:39** — See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me, and see. For a spirit [*pneuma*] does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.”
- **1 Kings 22:22** — “I will go out, and will be a lying spirit [*ruach*] in the mouth of all his prophets.”



# WHAT IS THE SPIRIT?

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- **Ecclesiastes 12:7** — the dust returns to the earth as it was, and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
- **2 Corinthians 7:1** — Since we have these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, bringing holiness to completion in the fear of God.



# WHAT IS THE SPIRIT?

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Spirit includes attributes of personhood, such as deep mental, emotional, rational, and moral traits:

- **Numbers 5:14,30** — “spirit of jealousy” ”
- **Psalms 51:17; Exodus 6:9** — “broken spirit”
- **Galatians 5:22-23, 6:1** — “fruit of the Spirit” and “spirit of gentleness”
- **2 Timothy 1:7** — “spirit of fear” or “power, love, and self-control”
- **1 Peter 3:4** — “gentle and quiet spirit”



# WHAT IS THE SPIRIT?

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Spirit is the “breath of life” from God:

- **Job 27:3** — as long as my breath [spirit, *neshamah*] is in me, and the spirit [*ruach*] of God is in my nostrils...
- **Genesis 2:7** — then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed [*naphah*] into his nostrils the breath [spirit, *neshamah*] of life [*hay*], and the man became a living creature [soul, *nephesh*].
- **John 20:21-22** — Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit [pneuma].”



# WHAT IS THE SPIRIT?

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The spirit is the *highest* part of the human, where the Holy Spirit dwells.

- **Romans 8:16** — The Spirit [*pneuma*] Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God...
- Without the Holy Spirit in your life, the indwelling presence of God, the soul is severed from the spiritual. We are lost, aimless, as good as dead without the Holy Spirit. If you don't have the spirit, you are spiritually dead.
- We are not spiritual without God. We are “soulful”.
- **Ephesians 2:1** — And you were dead in the trespasses and sins...



# WHAT IS THE SPIRIT?

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Without the lifegiving presence of the Holy Spirit, a person remains carnal, bestial, lacking in the likeness of God — the image they bear remains broken and marred.

- **James 2:24** — For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.
- **James 3:14-15** — But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic.



# WHAT IS THE SPIRIT?

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- Spirit is also used to described otherworldly stuff independent of personhood like “spiritual truths” and “spiritual gifts”  
(1 Corinthians 2:13, 12:1)
- We would not *intuitively* substitute ‘spiritual’ for ‘soulful’  
I.e., ‘soul gifts’ or ‘soul truths’
- In other words, the word “spirit” and “spiritual” are the broadest and overarching blanket term that can be applied number of ways.



# WHAT IS THE SPIRIT?

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- While soul/spirit are often used interchangeably, a distinction is made where the spirit directs the soul and perceives divine realities (“spiritual truths, spiritual gifts”) and enables union with God.
- The soul is a little more specific...



# WHAT IS THE SOUL?

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## Soul

- In Hebrew, **nephesh**, meaning, “(breath of) life”
- In Greek, **psyche**, derived from the verb *psycho*, meaning, “to blow”
  
- **But context matters.**



# WHAT IS THE SOUL?

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The soul is the life of a person/creature; the spiritual “lifeforce” that which animates the body.

- **Leviticus 17:11** — For the life [soul, *nephesh*] of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls [*nephesh*], for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life [*nephesh*].



# WHAT IS THE SOUL?

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The soul is also used when referring to a dead body that once housed life, which suggests it can refer to more than just spiritual stuff (**Haggai 2:13**):

- **Leviticus 21:10-11** — The priest who is chief among his brothers, on whose head the anointing oil is poured and who has been consecrated to wear the garments... shall not go in to any dead bodies [*nephesh*] nor make himself unclean, even for his father or for his mother.
- **Numbers 6:6** — All the days that he separates himself to the Lord he shall not go near a dead body [*nephesh*].
- **They are never called “dead spirits”**



# WHAT IS THE SOUL?

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The soul is not restricted to biology or a body. It can be separated from it.

It both occupies/affects the physical and spiritual world (cf. **Acts 3:23; Hebrews 6:19-20**):

- **Genesis 35:18** — And as her soul [*nephesh*] was departing (for she was dying), she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin.
- **Matthew 10:28** — And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul [*psyche*]. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.



# WHAT IS THE SOUL?

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The soul (*nephesh, psyche*) seems to be a broad-sweeping term to describe the spiritual aspect of a living creature, person, or being, which includes a self-reflecting agent or the self, the “I” — it is the “spiritual body”.

Whereas spirit includes the “I” but is also much broader in scope with what it does include (i.e., think buckets/babushkas).

- Peter says in the days of Noah, “eight persons [souls, *psyche*], were brought safely through water.” (1 Peter 3:20).



# WHAT IS THE SOUL?

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- **Acts 2:41-43** — So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls [*psyche*].... And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.
- **Ezekiel 18:4** — Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.
- **Genesis 2:7** — then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed [*napah*] into his nostrils the breath [spirit, *neshamah*] of life [*hay*], and the man became a living creature [soul, *nephesh*].



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- **Revelation 20:4** — Then I saw thrones, and seated on them were those to whom the authority to judge was committed. Also I saw the souls [*psyche*] of those who had been beheaded for the testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life [*zao*] and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.



# WHAT IS THE SOUL?

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The soul also includes deep-seated experiences and bedrock feelings that intensely affect our sense of life or self, such as:

- Sorrow (Psalm 42:6; Matthew 26:38; Mark 14:34; Job 30:24-31)
- Anguish or despair (Deuteronomy 28:65; Judges 16:16; Psalm 43:5)
- Resentment, hatred, or evil (1 Samuel 30:6; Proverbs 21:10, 23:2)
- Deep affection, intimacy, or brotherly love (1 Samuel 18:1-3, 20:17; Song of Solomon 1:7, 3:1-4; Jeremiah 12:7)



# WHAT IS THE SOUL?

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- Sexual desire or spiritual lust (**Genesis 34:3; Exodus 15:9; Jeremiah 2:24**)
- Feelings of overwhelming joy in God (**Luke 1:46-47**)
- Longing desire for God/salvation (**Genesis 23:8; Psalm 63:1,5,8-9; 119:81**)
- Courage in the face of death (**Judges 16:30**)

The soul is mutable and influenced by or subject to the passions/emotions:

- **1 Peter 2:11** — Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against



# THE DIFFERENCE: SOUL V. SPIRIT

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- The soul is spiritual first and foremost, not physical. It is the “spiritual body”.
- Think buckets or babushkas (categorically, not physiologically)

*The spirit houses the soul; the soul houses the heart/mind.*

- Faint analogy/metaphor — light shining through a prism:

If **white light is spirit** and **prism is body**, then **colour is soul**, and different hues of soul are heart and mind.



# THE DIFFERENCE: SOUL V. SPIRIT

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- **Flesh (Body) + Spirit (Soul)**  
2 different substances or “bookends” the soul operates in
- The soul is a “vehicle” for the spirit and more often reduced to an individual person or the “self” than spirit.
- **Your soul brings life to your physical (mortal) body, and your spirit directs your mortal life toward eternal life: God (Holy Spirit).**
- **Death is alienation from God—life itself.**




# HOLISTIC UNION: SOUL & SPIRIT

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- **The spirit (*pneuma*)** is the highest, divine-oriented part of our composition and consciousness that directly connects us with God and His grace. It is the "breath of life" from God, where the Holy Spirit dwells and intercedes.
- **The soul (*psyche*)** is the life principle of the body, the animating "lifeforce" of the body, governing our personality, self-awareness, and mental faculties as the seat of emotion, reason, volition, intellect, beliefs, and memory. **The soul seems to bridge the body and spirit as the bedrock of the living self, our deepest sense of life and "I am".**
- **If soul is "who I am", then spirit is "who we are".**



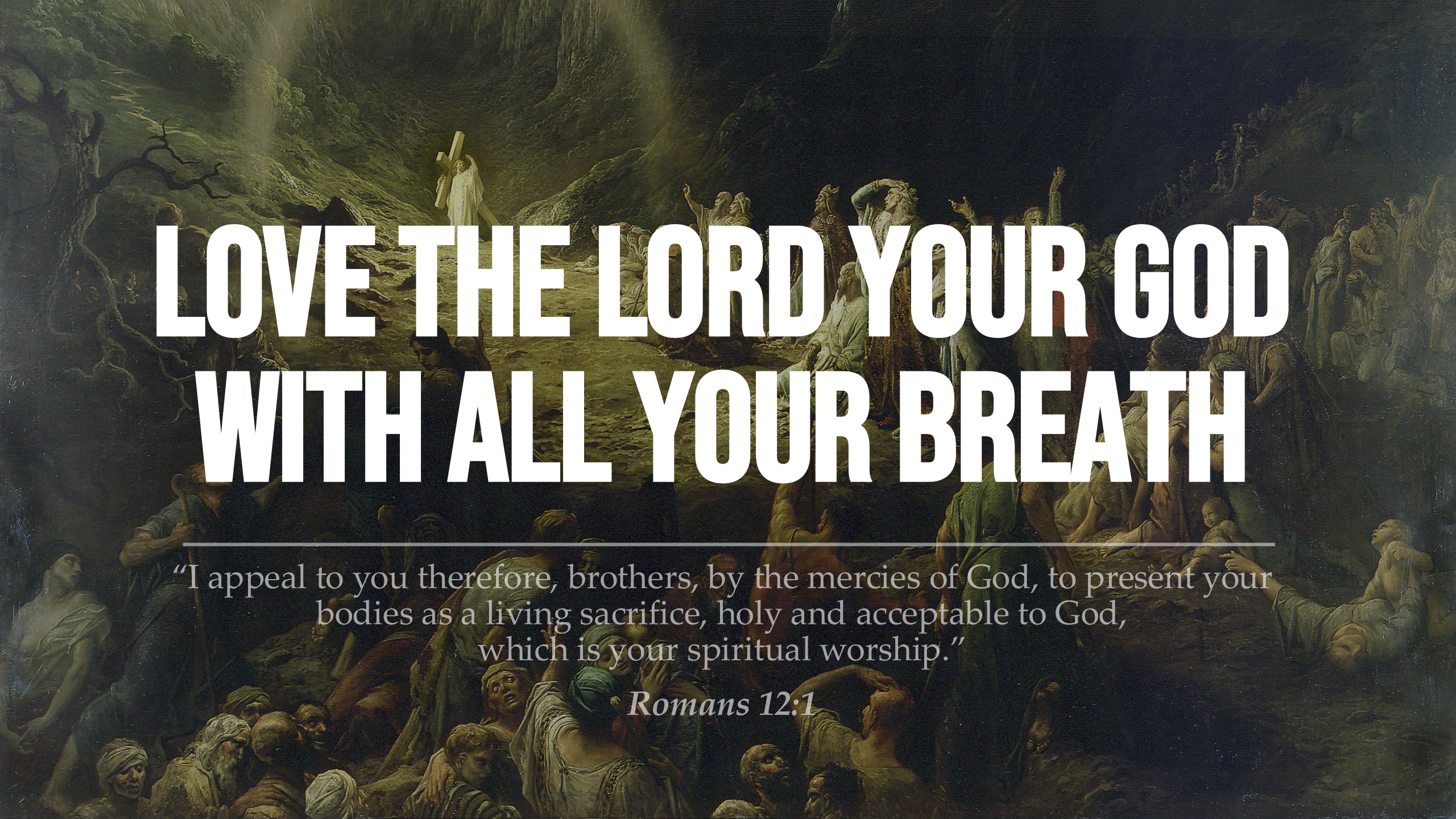


# LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR SOUL

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*Romans 12:1*

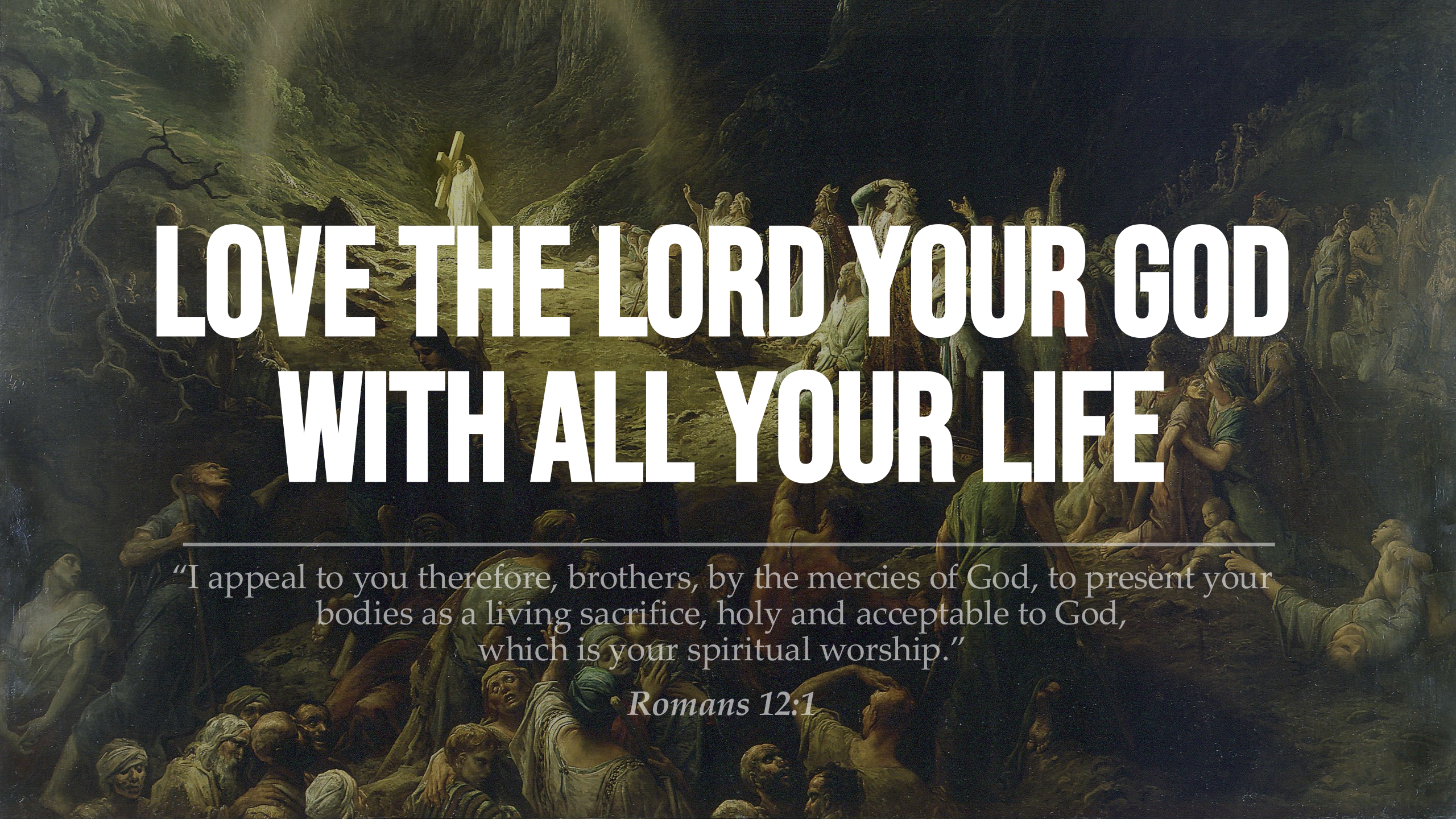


# LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR BREATH

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# LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR LIFE

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# LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR SOUL

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- The law to love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength does not include the spirit and the body, it implies it.
- **This also suggests that love supersedes the soul of a creature.**  
*God is love and God is Spirit, therefore, through God you shall...*
- The command to love God, then, is not limited to spiritual things alone, it is a **full expression of being**, extending from the Spirit to body, from spiritual to physical.



# LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR SOUL

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- Death is separation of soul and body.
- Resurrection is reunion of soul and body.
- **What about the second death?**
- Jesus says body-soul are together as part of judgment/condemnation:
- **Matthew 16:26** — For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?
- **Matthew 10:28** — And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and



# LOVE GOD WITH ALL YOUR SOUL

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## Second Death:

- Eternal separation of your body, soul, and spirit from God
- Complete alienation of your spirit from the Holy Spirit.
- Total amputation of your body from Christ's body.
- And everything in between...
- Bound to be estranged and isolated in outer darkness forever, all for rejecting God, who is the essence of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, etc.





# WHERE IS YOUR SOUL GOING?

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And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

*Luke 1:46-47*



# ARE YOU SURE ABOUT THAT?

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# ROMANS 8:31-34

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What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with Him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.



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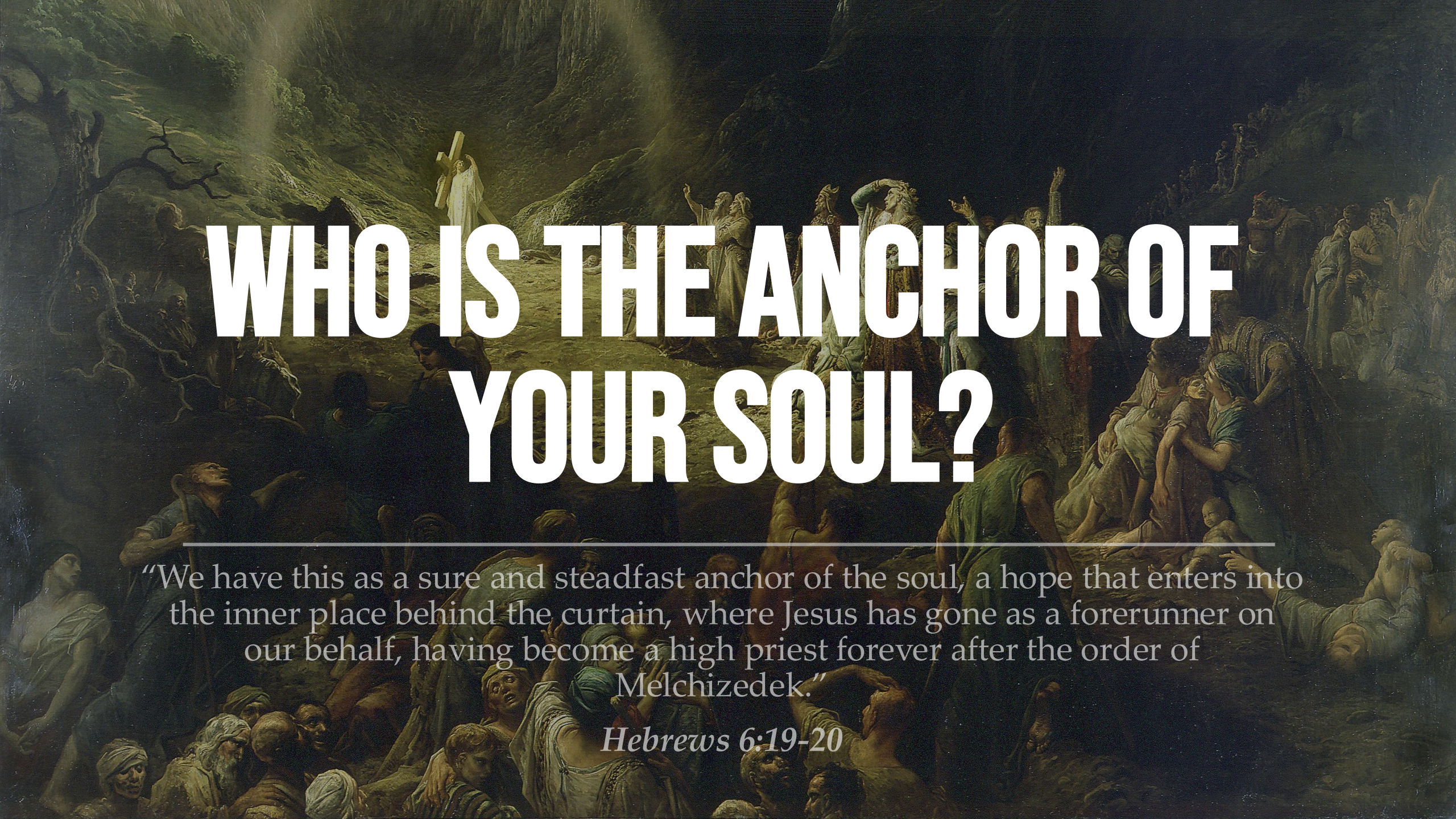


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# WHO IS THE ANCHOR OF YOUR SOUL?

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“We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.”

*Hebrews 6:19-20*



# WHOSE AIR DO YOU BREATHE?

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“And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience.”

*Ephesians 2:1-2*

# PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

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Pastoral Prayer of Application of God's Word.

# CALL THE ELDERS

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Prayer in the Isles — altar call, confession of sin, anointing of the sick, pastoral intercession, along with prayer, praise, and worship.

*James 5:13-16; Psalm 103:2-5*

# JAMES 5:13-16

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Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.



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Worshipping and praising the Lord in song together.

*Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16*

# BENEDICTION

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Priestly Blessing

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May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
And the love of God the Father,  
And the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with you all this week.  
Go in the peace that surpasses all understanding.  
*Amen.*

*2 Corinthians 13:14*



