

THE BURIAL OF THE SOUL OF JESUS

The **burial of the soul Jesus** is one of the most written about events of the Passion; yet it is one of the least taught about in the Christian Church.

This is not surprising since the four Gospel only speak of the burial of the body of Jesus but not of the burial of His soul, as in His Passion.

For this reason, I believe that there is a great ministry opportunity for each of us resulting from this message of **the Burial of Soul of Jesus**.

This study will cover three aspects of the Burial of the Soul of Jesus.

1. We will examine Peter's teaching on the Burial of the Soul of Jesus by the following four points.

- (1 Pet.3:18a) **Christ died for our sins:**
 - Once for all; the just for the unjust; to bring us to God (Acts 2:23).
- (1 Pet.3:18b-20) **Christ was made alive in spirit:**
 - In which He went to make proclamation to the spirits in prison (2Pet.2:4; Jude 6).
- (1 Pet.3:21) **Christ was raised from dead (Sheol):**
 - The Baptism of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:24, 27, 31; Rom.8:11; 1 Cor.12:13; Gal.3:27)
- (1 Pet.3:22) **Christ sits at the right hand of God in heaven:**
 - All angels, authorities, and powers have been subject to Him; Thus His Victory in the Angelic Conflict (Eph.2:8-10; Acts 2:33).

2. Scriptures teach there are three divisions of Sheol: Paradise, Torment and Tartarus.

- **Sheol** is described as from beneath (Isa.14:9); under the earth (Phil.2:9-11); in lower part of the earth (Eph.4:9-10); in the heart of the earth (Matt.12:40).
 - **Paradise or Abraham Bosom** is the place where Old Covenant (OC) believers went after death to await their dispensation's resurrection (John 11:23-26; Gen.37:35; Luke 16:22; Luke 23:43; 1 Cor.15:20-23).
 - **Torment** is the place where all unbelievers go, and have gone, at the moment of physical death through-out all human history (Luke 16:22-31/ 23, 26, 28; Rev.20:11-15) [Death and Hades] To suffer [The second spiritual death].
 - **Tartarus** is the temporary prison of fallen angels until they are cast permanently into the lake of fire (Gen.6-9; 1 Pet.3:19; 2 Pet.2:4; Rev. 20:1-3, 7; Isa.14:15). It is also called the abyss, deep, or bottomless pit (Gen.1:2; Rom.10:7; Rev.9:1, 11).
- The Lake of Fire is different (Matt.25:41; Luke 8:30-31; Rev.20:10, 14-15).

3. Scriptures teach at least four things Jesus did while in Sheol for those three days and nights (Matt.12:40) [Sign of Jonah] (Matt.16:21-23, John 2:19 and Acts 6:12-15).

- **Jesus** kept the appointment with the thief spoken of in (Luke 23:43).
- **Jesus** met with those believers who would be raised after His resurrection (Matt.27:50-53).
- **Jesus** made a public proclamation, in Tartarus [the Pit], of His victory over Satan and to the fallen angels of Gen.6-9.
- (1 Pet.3:19; 2 Pet.2:4; Col.2:14-15; 1 John 3:8; Heb.2:14).
- **Jesus** closed the door to Paradise to believers until the First Resurrection of the Dead (1 Cor.15:20-23; Rev.1:18; 20:1, 5-6).

Our New Covenant (NC) PROMISE:

(2 Cor.5:8) “We (Church Age Believers) are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body **and to be at home with the Lord.**”

(2 Cor.12) “**Caught up** (harpazo) to the third heaven.” [Paul]

(2 Cor.12:4) “**Caught up** to Paradise.” [Paul]

(1 Thess.4:17) “Then we who are alive and remain will be **caught up** together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord.” [The Rapture of the Church]

In closing: As the champion of the gospel of grace salvation, Paul made the burial - resurrection an essential part of the gospel.

GOSPEL WHICH PAUL PREACHED;

(1 Cor.15:3-4) “For I delivered to you as of first importance what I have received, **that (hoti) Christ died (apothnesko/ a.a.ind.3ps)** for our sins according to the Scriptures, **and that (hoti) He was buried (thapto/ a.p.ind.3ps)**, **and that (hoti) He was raised (egeiro/ perf.p.ind.3ps) on the third day according to the Scriptures.**”

NOTE: We learned today that the burial of Jesus involved much more than just the burial of His body; that He accomplished much during those three days and three nights; arising victoriously from both Sheol and the tomb “according to the scriptures”.