

Welcome to Hope Sabbath School—an in-depth interactive study of the Word of God. We are continuing a series of studies on The Cosmic Conflict. Today's topic: SPIRITUALISM EXPOSED.

**1. A pagan teaching infiltrates the Christian church**

- a) Matthew 10:28 Jesus did not teach that we have a naturally immortal soul.
- b) John 6:39-40 Why would we need a resurrection to experience everlasting life if we all possess a naturally immortal soul?
- c) 1 Timothy 6:13-16 Who alone has immortality?
- d) When will those redeemed by faith in Jesus receive the gift of immortality? 1 Corinthians 15:51-55
- e) The Scriptures do not teach that we have an immortal soul. Where did this pagan doctrine come from and when did it enter the Christian church?
- f) Why is the unbiblical teaching of a naturally immortal soul so dangerous?

**2. Teaching about life and death in the Old Testament**

- a) Genesis 2:7 Do we have a soul or are we a soul?
- b) According to the inspired authors of the Hebrew Scriptures, what happens when we die? Psalm 13:3, 17:15, 115:17, 146:2-4, Ecclesiastes 9:5, etc.
- c) What prophecy did the prophet Daniel give concerning those who rest in the sleep of death? Daniel 12:2 (see also John 5:25-29)

**3. Teaching about life and death in the New Testament**

- a) John 11:11-14, 21-25 What testimony did Lazarus give about the sleep of death after his resurrection?
- b) 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 How does the apostle Paul describe death and why is the resurrection of the redeemed so vitally important? (See also 1 Corinthians 15:12-23)
- c) What hope is ours through faith in Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord? 2 Timothy 1:10, 1 Peter 1:3-4

**4. The rise of spiritualism in the last days**

- a) What prophecies did the apostle Paul give about last-day deceptions? 2 Thessalonians 2:7-9, 2 Corinthians 11:13-14
- b) By whose power do these false teachers perform signs and wonders? Matthew 7:21-23
- c) What prophecies did the apostle John give about last-day deceptions? Revelation 13:11-14, 16:13-14
- d) What prophecy did Jesus give about last-day deceptions? Matthew 24:21-26
- e) Share a time when forces of darkness tried to deceive you or someone close to you.
- f) Where are you seeing a rise of spiritualism in these last days of earth's history?
- g) How can we protect ourselves from these last-day deceptions? Psalm 119:105, Isaiah 8:19-20, etc.
- h) How would you try to help a friend who is getting involved in spiritualism?

