

THE NATURE OF MAN

Death Is
Unconsciousness

“His spirit departs, he
returns to the earth; In
that very day his
thoughts perish.”

Psalms 146:4 NASB

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6

5) For the living know they will die; but the dead do not know anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for their memory is forgotten. 6) Indeed their love, their hate and their zeal have already perished, and they will no longer have a share in all that is done under the sun.”

Ecclesiastes 9:10

No thinking and
therefore no
consciousness.

“Whatever your hand
finds to do, do it with
all your might; for
there is no activity or
planning or knowledge
or wisdom in Sheol
where you are going.”
Ecclesiastes 9:10 NASB

God remembers that we
are dust. As for man,
his days are as grass:
as a flower of the field,
so he flourisheth...it is
gone; and the place
thereof shall know it no
more.

PSALMS
103:14-16

14) For He Himself
knows our frame; He is
mindful that we are but
dust. 15) As for man,
his days are like grass;
As a flower of the field,
so he flourishes.”

Psalms 103:14-15 NASB

“When the wind has
passed over it, it is no
more, And its place
acknowledges it no
longer.”

Psalms 103:16 NASB

Death is truly
unconsciousness, even for
the righteous, is
demonstrated by the
repeated pleas of God's
servants to allow their lives
to be lengthened, because
they knew that after death
they would be unable to
praise and glorify God seeing
that death was a state of
unconsciousness.

ISAIAH
38:17-19

“"Lo, for my own welfare I
had great bitterness; It is
You who has kept my soul
from the pit of
nothingness, For You
have cast all my sins
behind Your back.”
Isaiah 38:17 NASB

18) For Sheol cannot thank
You, Death cannot praise
You; Those who go down to
the pit cannot hope for
Your faithfulness. 19) It is
the living who give thanks
to You, as I do today; A
father tells his sons about
Your faithfulness.”

Isaiah 38:18-19 NASB

“Return, O LORD, rescue
my soul; Save me because
of Your lovingkindness.
For there is no mention
of You in death; In Sheol
who will give You
thanks?”

Psalms 6:4-5 NASB

“What profit is there in
my blood, if I go down
to the pit? Will the dust
praise You? Will it
declare Your
faithfulness?”

Psalms 30:9 NASB

“Turn Your gaze away
from me, that I may
smile again Before I
depart and am no
more.”

Psalms 39:13 NASB

17)The dead do not
praise the LORD, Nor
do any who go down
into silence; 18)But as
for us, we will bless the
LORD From this time
forth and forever.
Praise the LORD!”

Psalms 115:17-18 NASB

Death is repeatedly
referred to as a sleep or
rest, both for the
righteous and the
wicked.

(Job 3:11,13,17)

(Daniel 12:13)

“Why did I not die at
birth, Come forth from
the womb and expire?”
Job 3:11 NASB

“"For now I would have
lain down and been
quiet; I would have
slept then, I would have
been at rest,”

Job 3:13 NASB

“There the wicked
cease from raging, And
there the weary are at
rest.”

Job 3:17 NASB

“But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age.”

Daniel 12:13 NASB

The true doctrine of death and man's nature provides a great sense of peace. After all the traumas and pains of a man's life, the grave is a place of total oblivion. For those who have not known the requirements of God, this oblivion will last for ever.

Oblivion- the state of
being unaware or
unconscious of what is
happening.

THE RESURRECTION

The Bible emphasizes
that the reward of the
righteous will be at the
resurrection, at the
coming of Christ

1 Thessalonians
4:16

“For the Lord Himself
will descend from heaven
with a shout, with the
voice of the archangel
and with the trumpet of
God, and the dead in
Christ will rise first.”

1 Thessalonians 4:16

NASB

The resurrection of the responsible dead will be the first thing Christ will do; this will be followed by the judgement. Paul said that if there is no resurrection, then all effort to be obedient to God is pointless

1 Corinthians
15:32

“If from human motives
I fought with wild beasts
at Ephesus, what does it
profit me? If the dead
are not raised, LET US
EAT AND DRINK, FOR
TOMORROW WE DIE.”

1 Corinthians 15:32

NASB

Paul would not have reasoned like this if he believed that he would also be rewarded with his 'soul' going to heaven at death. He believed the resurrection of the body to be the only form of reward.

The whole of 1 Corinthians
15 speaks in detail of the
resurrection; it will
always repay careful
reading.

1 Corinthians
15:33-44

35) But someone will say,
"How are the dead
raised? And with what
kind of body do they
come?" 36) You fool! That
which you sow does not
come to life unless it
dies;"

1 Corinthians 15:35-36
NASB

37)and that which you sow,
you do not sow the body
which is to be, but a bare
grain, perhaps of wheat or
of something else. 38)But
God gives it a body just as
He wished, and to each of
the seeds a body of its own.”

1 Corinthians 15:37-38

NASB

39) All flesh is not the same flesh, but there is one flesh of men, and another flesh of beasts, and another flesh of birds, and another of fish.

40) There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is one, and the glory of the earthly is another.”

1 Corinthians 15:39-40 NASB

41) There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. 42) So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body;"

1 Corinthians 15:41-42

NASB

43)it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; 44)it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body.”

1 Corinthians 15:43-44

NASB

Christ rose from the
grave and had his mortal
body changed to an
immortalized body, so
the true believer will
share his reward.

PHILIPPIANS 3:21

ROMANS 8:11

JOHN 6:43-44

“who will transform the
body of our humble
state into conformity
with the body of His
glory, by the exertion of
the power that He has
even to subject all
things to Himself.”

Philippians 3:21 NASB

“But 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 8:11 NASB

43) Jesus answered and
said to them, "Do not
grumble among
yourselves. 44) No one
can come to Me unless
the Father who sent Me
draws him; and I will
raise him up on the last
day."

John 6:43-44 NASB

1 Thessalonians
4:13-18

Those who died in
Christ

13) But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope.

14) For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus.”

1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 NASB

15) For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16) For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.”

1 Thessalonians 4:15-16 NASB

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.

18) Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18

NASB

"He that raised up
Christ from the dead
shall also quicken your
mortal bodies by his
Spirit" (Rom. 8:11).

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who raised Jesus from the
dead dwells in you, He
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Romans 8:11 NASB

With this hope, we therefore wait for "the redemption of our body" (Rom. 8:23), through that body being immortalized.

“And not only this, but also we ourselves, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our body.”

Romans 8:23 NASB

At his return, Christ "shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body" (Phil. 3:20,21).

20.) For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21.) who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.”

Philippians 3:20-21 NASB

Sufficient evidence has now been produced for us to bluntly state that the popular notion of the righteous going to a state of bliss and reward in heaven straight after their death, is simply not found in the Bible.

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The state of being unaware
or unconscious of what is
happening

The purpose of our analysis is not just negative; by considering these points in detail, we believe that we will express many elements of Bible truth which are vital parts of the picture concerning man's nature.

Our body is re-created
and then given God's
nature.