



WHERE ARE THE DEAD?

“If the mortal body is decayed and returns
to the dust, where will the spirit exist?”

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THE COMPOSITION OF MAN GENESIS 18:27

DUST & ASHES

NOT ONLY *dust in the wind!*

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GENESIS 1:1 – *non-living material*

“In the beginning God **CREATED** the heavens and the earth.”

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GENESIS 1:20, 21 – *living material*

“Then God said, ‘Let the waters abound with an abundance of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the face of the firmament of the heavens.’ So God **CREATED** great sea creatures and every living thing that moves, with which the waters abounded, according to their kind, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that *it was good*.”

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GENESIS 1:26, 27 – *image bearing*

“Then God said, ‘Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God **CREATED** man in His *own* image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”

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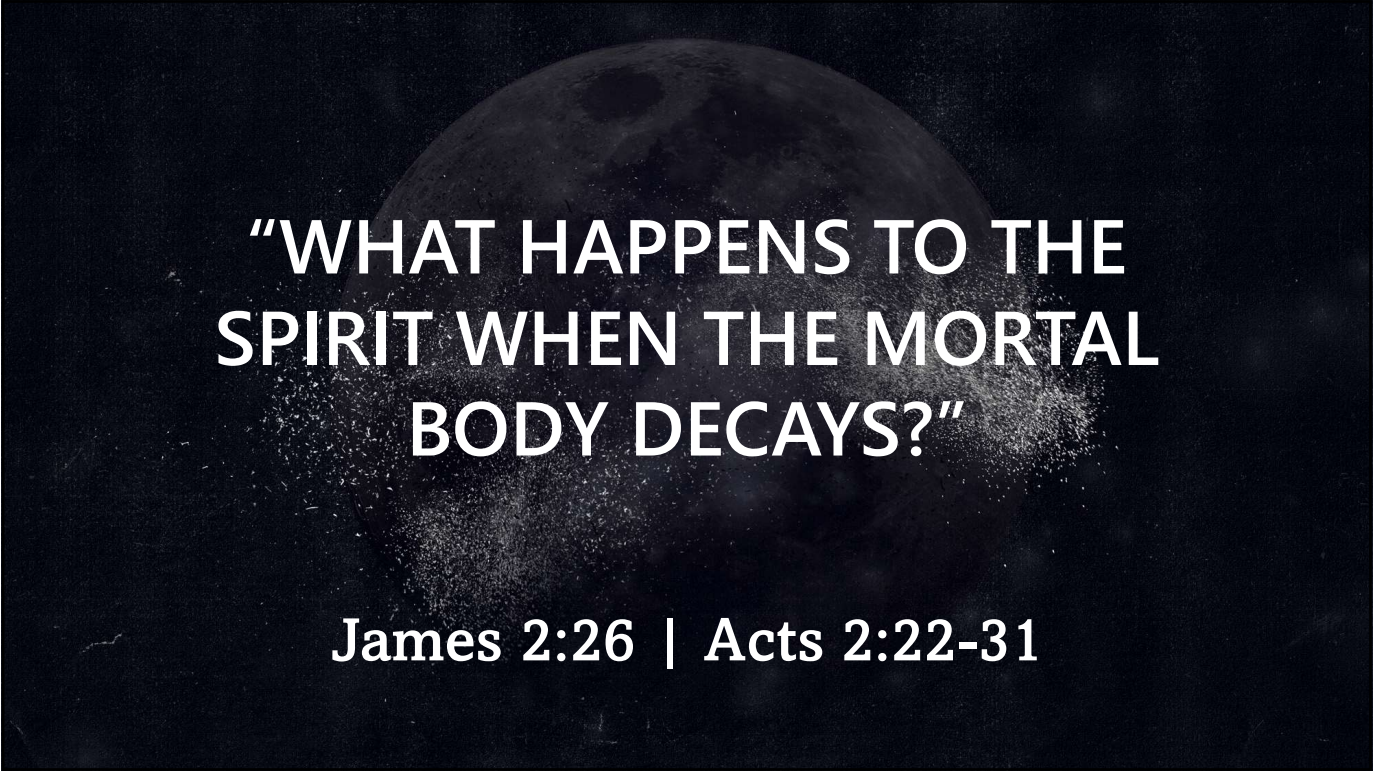
Because we are made in God’s image,
we have a **SPIRIT!**

Is within us

Is the true source by which we identify, perceive,
remember, etc.

1 COR. 2:11

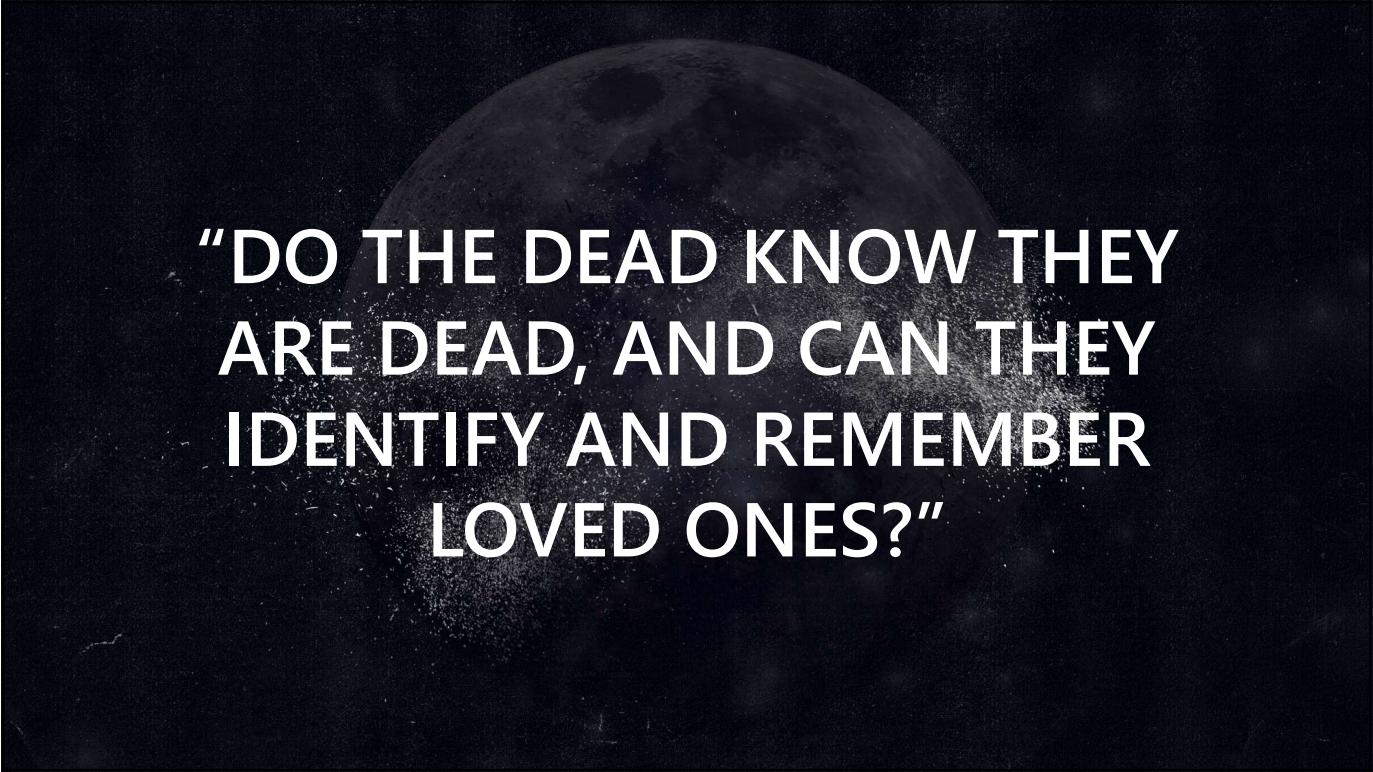
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**“WHAT HAPPENS TO THE
SPIRIT WHEN THE MORTAL
BODY DECAYS?”**

James 2:26 | Acts 2:22-31

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**“DO THE DEAD KNOW THEY
ARE DEAD, AND CAN THEY
IDENTIFY AND REMEMBER
LOVED ONES?”**

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The Gathering

Genesis 15:12-15

Genesis 25:8-10

Genesis 35:29

Genesis 49:29-33



**drew feet up → breathed last → gathered to his people
→ buried many weeks after**

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The King, The Witch, and The Prophet

1 Samuel 28:7-19

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WHAT DID A DEAD MAN DO?

Luke 16:23-32

- Saw others – 16:23
- Cried/asked for mercy – 16:24
- Remembered lifetime – 16:25, 26
- Reasoned – 16:27-31

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**"ARE WE JUDGED AT THE TIME
OF DEATH?"**

Acts 17:31 | John 12:48 | Jn. 5:28, 29

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- The triune composition of man
- The spirit does not die when the body decays
- The spirit exists in Hades
- The dead continue to *know* and *remember*
- The dead are not officially judged until the resurrection of the dead – Jn. 12:48; 5:28, 29

REVIEW