

DEFINITION OF THE SOUL

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Webster Definition:

1. The immaterial essence, animating principle, or actuating cause of an individual life.
2. The spiritual principle embodied in human beings, all rational and spiritual beings,
3. A person's total self.
4. The moral and emotional nature of human beings.
5. The quality that arouses emotion and sentiment.
6. Spiritual or moral force.

A more biblical definition of Soul = the principle of life, feeling, thought, and action in humans, regarded as a distinct entity separate from the body, and commonly held to be separable in existence from the body; the spiritual part of humans as distinct from the physical part.

Jesus tells us in Mark 12:30 that the most important commandment is this, *"And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength."* (NLT)

The soul consists of the mind (which includes the conscience), the will and the emotions. The soul and the spirit are mysteriously tied together and make up what the Scriptures call the "heart." The writer of Proverbs

declares, "Watch over your heart with all diligence, for from it flows the springs of life." (Prov. 4:23 NASB).

"Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ," (1 Thessalonians 5:23 NASB).

Man is made up of physical material, the body, that can be seen and touched. But he is also made up of immaterial aspects, which are intangible -- this

includes the soul, spirit, intellect, will, emotions, conscience, and so forth. These immaterial characteristics exist beyond the physical lifespan of the human body and are therefore eternal.

Important: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28)

Meaning of Scripture: Take care of the soul by making the right choice to accept salvation through Jesus, the Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

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