

A video titled ““Do I REALLY Have Choice If God KNOWS the END?” Bible Q/A with Pr. John Bradshaw & Pr. Wes Peppers” was posted on the It Is Written YouTube channel on 5/26/24. The first question answered was, “When does the soul leave the body.” You can find their answers to various questions at <https://youtu.be/bszTgk7aQko?si=DPzxogh94EPk2teY>.

Sometimes YouTube web address change so if the video doesn’t come up, you’ll have to search by title if you wish to watch the video.

At 0:34 Pastor John Bradshaw hereafter to be referred to as John, says, “And we hope and pray that you’ll be blessed and encouraged to know God more and to dig deeper into the Bible than you’ve ever done before this time.”

The first question covered is, “I would like to know: When someone is about to die, does the soul leave the body once the heart stops beating or before?”

According to Pastor Wes Peppers, hereafter to be known as Wes, “The answer is neither.” John then asks, “Well, when does the soul leave the body?” Wes answers, “The Bible doesn’t say that the soul leaves the body. The Bible doesn’t say that you have a soul. It says rather that you are a soul.”

Wes continued, “In Genesis chapter 2 and verse 7, the Bible says that God formed man from the dust of the earth. He took the dust of the earth and the breath of life, combined those together and the Bible says that man became a living soul.” John noted that “the Bible talks about your soul frequently. But what that means is either your whole person or an aspect of your being.”

At 3:02 John says, “So you have a body, but somewhere in you is a consciousness that exists independent of anything else. Now, your thoughts all come from your brain. Your communication comes from your brain. Your personality comes through the outworking of your brain working through your life. What’s a soul? Would somebody tell me?”

Wes thinks the soul is “very simply the combination of the body and the breath of life.” John is actually right in saying a person has a body and thoughts that come from the brain. He apparently doesn’t know that that intangible element of a person that could be called thought processes also is called the soul of a person as you can learn from an English dictionary. Wes doesn’t get it.

Around that point in the video, I concluded that these gentlemen needed “to dig deeper into the Bible than” they had “ever done before” and I posted the following in the comments section of the video.

“Well, gentlemen, you need to study your bible a bit more (preferably the real one) and you need to study ENGLISH.

These passages teach that we do have a soul that departs the body when we die.

"And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Ben-oni: but his father called him Benjamin." Genesis 35:18.

"And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto the LORD, and said, O LORD my God, I pray thee, let this child's soul come into him again. And the LORD heard the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived." 1 Kings 17:21-22.

Jesus Christ Himself clearly taught that the body AND a soul are part of a person. If you get out an ENGLISH dictionary, you will find that a person can also be called a soul. Like other languages, some words in ENGLISH can mean different things depending on the context. For this reason it can be said that a soul has a soul. Also note that only God can kill the soul in hell; that would be hell fire. That's right, Christian martyrs who were burned at the stake had their bodies destroyed but not their soul.

"And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." Matthew 10:28.

Spirit can mean the same thing as soul depending on the context in which the word is used. And yes, the soul or spirit goes to sleep when we die.

"And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep." Acts 7:59-60.

If you ask, I'll be happy to mail you a tract I've published that should help clear up your apparent confusion.

As expected, my post didn't appear for everyone to see but, to my surprise (apparently after it had passed the approval of someone), it did appear.

Wes noted that "spirit" and "breath" are "used interchangeably." Actually, depending on the context in which they are used, "soul" and "spirit" can mean the same thing. The only verse I can think of now in which breath and spirit are used interchangeably is the following.

"All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils;" Job 27:3 from the King James Version (KJV).

If you use some other bibles, that verse can't be used to teach this because there is no "spirit" in the verse.

"As long as my breath is in me, And the breath of God in my nostrils," Job 27:3 from the New King James Version (NKJV).

"as long as I have life within me, the breath of God in my nostrils," Job 27:3 from the New International Version (NIV).

When ministers haven't studied ENGLISH enough, they fall back on a language you probably don't know so you'll be completely overwhelmed by their erudition even though they probably couldn't call for a taxi in that language if they were in a country in which the inhabitants spoke that language. Wes doesn't disappoint. He says, that in Hebrew breath or spirit is called "*ruach*" and in Greek it's called "*pneuma*." You don't need to know Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, Chaldean or Latin to understand the infallible Protestant Bible in ENGLISH.

John seems to understand that a person is composed of a body and the intangible mental processes occurring in the brain but he doesn't seem to understand that "soul" in ENGLISH means mental process or a person depending on the context in which those words are used.

Here are a couple of definitions of "soul" from the Oxford English Reference Dictionary (revised second edition).

"the moral or emotional or intellectual nature of a person"

"an individual (*not a soul in sight*)"

At 4:25 John says, "So when you die, the soul doesn't leave the body. The soul never leaves the body. The soul is body and breath. When you die, breath goes back to God, body goes back to the dust. You cease to be until God resurrects you and puts that breath in you again. You see, this is one of those misconceptions that has just gotten to the Christian church and we believe it. Why? Because we were told. If we'd only gone to the Bible, read the Bible and checked it, we wouldn't have believed it because the Bible doesn't substantiate this blatantly false idea."

John and Wes should really take this video down and study their Bibles including Genesis 35:18 and 1 Kings 17:21-22. They are confused like ALL Seventh-day Adventist ministers I've listened to when they try to explain what a soul is. If they had asked, I would gladly have mailed them a tract I've been selling on eBay titled *Seventh-day Adventist Death Confusion* that would have cured their confusion but they didn't ask so I'm not wasting the postage.

Though as of 6/2/24 my original comment is still posted for all to see in the comments section of the video, my answer to someone trying to edit the Bible by using the Greek apparently wasn't seen fit to appear though the Greek user's response is still there. That is not fair play and that is why I decided to post this review. Here is the Greek user's response and my answer that disappeared.



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4 hours ago

“And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul [the breath]: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul [G5590] and body in hell.” {Matthew 10:28}



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33 seconds ago (edited)

[@larrybedouin2921](#) Yeah, that makes a lot of sense. Man can kill but body but he can't kill "the breath." It was apparently God who snuffed out the breath of Christian martyrs and destroyed it in hell. By the way, when does hell start?

As for your G5590, you left out some of it. You're almost there though. Get an English dictionary and look up "soul" and then read the following complete definition of G5590 and things may possibly become clear to you. If not, I'm here to help, brother.

“5590. pauchē, psōo-kay'; from 5594; breath, i.e. (by impl.) spirit, abstr. or concr. (the animal sentient principle only; thus distinguished on the one hand from 4151, which is the rational and immortal soul, and on the other from 2222, which is mere vitality, even of plants: these terms thus exactly correspond respectively to the Heb. 5315, 7307 and 2416):-heart (+ -ily), life, mind, soul, + us, + you.”

At 5:39 John says, “And given that we’ve already given the foundation of you are a living soul, not a body that possesses a soul.” No, neither John nor Wes understand that a person is a soul and that a person has a soul just like the Bible teaches. That said, when you die, the soul is in a deep sleep and knows nothing. The soul that goes back to God is the mental process or intelligence that God keeps a memory of and will eventually restore what constituted the mental processes to a new body in an awake state at the resurrection. If you understand this then ALL of those passages about death that Seventh-day Adventist ministers struggle to explain become easy to explain in a rational manner.

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