

judgment.” (Hebrews 9:27) Oh! Who can save our spirit and soul from the righteous judgment of God? Only Jesus can. There is no salvation apart from Him because He came to the world and became a man, to die on the cross for our sins. He was raised from the dead on the third day, ascended to heaven, and gives all believers the Holy Spirit. Whoever believes in Him is not condemned but has eternal life.

Dear friends, God loves you and He has prepared salvation for you. Once you accept Jesus as your Savior, you will freely receive eternal life. In addition, you can count on Him at any time.

Now, please pray sincerely, ‘Lord Jesus, I am willing to accept you as my saviour. Please forgive all the sins I have committed in my life. Come and live in me, grant me your Spirit and your life. I entrust my life to you. In Jesus’ name I pray. Amen!’

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Do men have spirit and soul?

Some people think that when men die, it is just like a lamp with its oil burnt out, and everything ends. Such people are short-sighted and they try to enjoy life whenever they could. Let us think about this carefully. If we just live in this world for several decades and then vanish, what is the difference between men and animals? In fact, men are fundamentally different from all animals. As the saying goes, “Only Man has spirit among all living things.” Men are superior to animals in that we have spirit and soul. This is what God, the Creator, has revealed to us through the Bible. The Bible tells us that God created man according to His image.

Men search for God because they have spirits

Men, unlike the animals, have spirits, souls and bodies. All animals have physical bodies but without spirits. Men, however, have all these three parts. Soul means emotions, will power and thoughts. Spirit is the channel through which we know and communicate with God. That is why wherever there are men there exists religion. With spirit, men naturally search for God, just like a radio receiving electric waves from the radio station. Though we cannot see any electric waves, we have to admit that they exist. In the same way, men have spirits and souls, they naturally longed for God. As Confucius said, “There is a God above our head.” and “There is a God controlling everything in the world.” However, as we are living in sinful darkness, we are deceived by devil to worship idols. As the Bible says, “*The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers.*” (2 Corinthians 4:4). Therefore, many people create fake gods – idols. As said in the Bible, “*For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but*

their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles.”(Romans 1:21-23)

There is no religion in the world of animals. We have never seen monkeys worshiping idols nor a monkey turning to an idol for help when they are being chased by hunters. They have no spirit, so they do not know and cannot approach God. Men are different. An atheist may not believe in God because of his education background or his personal views, but in crisis, when his own intelligence, wealth, power and ability cannot save him, his spirit will lead him to God. So, even atheists will seek for God’s help and turn to Him in crisis.

Men’s fear of ghosts proves the existence of the inner spirit

Animals never fear ghosts because they do not have the channel – the spirit, to get in touch with the spiritual world. Men are different. Imagine an unbeliever walking past a cemetery at night. A cat jumping out all of a sudden will definitely scare him. Although he may assure himself that there is no ghost in the world, his body will be shaking if suddenly a dog jumps out to chase the cat. If he really encounters a ghost, he will be scared to death. This is experienced by many people who have met ghosts.

These people originally do not believe in ghosts, but once they have the encounter, their hair will stand on its end. They will lose control and become numb. However, for believers in

the true God Jesus Christ, they no longer fear ghost. It is the ghosts that fear us because we have Jesus living within us.

Men will think about the future proves that men have spirit

Another thing that differentiates men from animals is that they will think about the future. The first Emperor of China was afraid of death though he has power. He sent a troop of people to look for medicine that may enable him to live forever. In the end, he could not escape from the clutches of death. Actually, men will look for eternity because God has put the spirit in us. The spirit is everlasting, so everyone will think about the future and worry about it.

The Bible says, *“He has set eternity in the hearts of men.”* (Ecclesiastes 3:11) How true! The experience of our ancestors verified this point. As the saying goes, “If one does not receive retribution in this life, he will receive it in the next.” This shows that we believe there is another life after this current one. Another saying goes like this, “When a man is about to die, his words will be kind.” It implies that men believe in eternity. Even the wickedest man will say a few good words before he dies, apparently for fear of the coming judgment.

Jesus is the only salvation

The Bible says, *“For the wages of sin is death.”* (Roman 6:23) Before the holy and righteous God, all men have sinned and are controlled by the power of death. But death is not the end; it is the door leading us to eternity. The end is either eternal life or eternal death. According to the Bible, *“Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face*