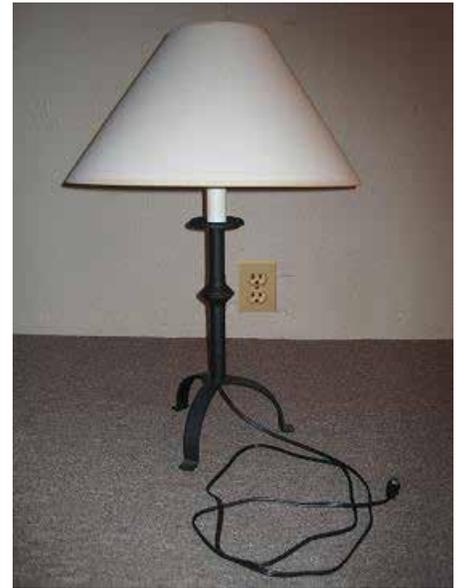


"But as he which hath called you is Holy (pure/virtuous), so be ye Holy in all manner of conversation (lifestyle): Because it is written, 'Be ye holy; for I am Holy.' 1 Peter 1:15-16 KJV

Death is the absence of Life; the departure of soul from body, but it is not the cessation of being. The life of the body is the soul. The life of the soul is the spirit. Until God dwells with your spirit, your spirit is dead, without Life, and so is your soul, because God is Life. *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us...and thou shalt call His name, Jesus. IN HIM WAS LIFE and THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN."* Jesus said, *"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life."* If God is not with your spirit, your spirit is dead, because you are without LIFE. There is little difference between a plugged or unplugged lamp except the flow of current or lack of it. Man is born into the darkness of separation. *"Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. He that believeth not IS CONDEMNED ALREADY."* God is omnipresent. There is no place He is not. God surrounds you like the air surrounds your body, but unless you breath in the air, you die! Until God's Spirit joins you, you are eternally dead, because God will not dwell where sin is present. *"God is Light and in Him is no darkness at all. And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the Breath of Life; and man became a LIVING soul."* Adam did not become a *"living soul"* until God breathed His own Life into him. When Adam sinned, God left, Life left with Him, and Adam *"surely died."* When you call on Christ for salvation and forgiveness, God comes again to dwell with you and by virtue of His presence, you live. *"And you hath He quickened (made living), who were DEAD in trespasses and sins:"* When your spirit is with God, who *"is a Spirit,"* your soul becomes a *"living soul."* Adam and Eve disobeyed, God left, and they died. *"The wages of sin is death. Sin is the transgression of the law."* Obedience to Truth/Jesus/God's Word is evidence of a *"living soul. For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify (kill/subdue) the deeds of the body (lusts), ye shall live."* God's Law constrains our flesh, but only if it remains in our minds DAY AND NIGHT. His presence sustains our spirit. When He is with us, our spirit is united with Life! It is *"Born Again!"* It breathes the *"BREATH OF LIFE."* Our soul chooses (or not) to obey; the flesh or the Spirit; lust or God's Word. You choose where you step, and must likewise choose what you obey. You don't think about your steps to your kitchen. Paths often walked become habit. Obedience, walking in the Spirit, becomes habit, if we think Truth. To be Holy, obey Truth. Obeying God is *"walking in the Light."* You do what you think. Holiness is letting, by obedience to Truth, God's power flow through us to others! Darkness flees before the Light!



To be Holy I must obey,
A Holy God and walk His Way,
I dare not choose my sinful lust,
Or death will reign when I am dust. -CGP

Habitually disobey Truth and you are unholy. Nothing unholy will ever enter Heaven. Are you a *"living soul?"*

"But if we walk in the Light (do God's Word), as He is in the Light, we have fellowship (common interest) one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin." 1 John 1:7 KJV