**One needs to have an understanding of two relationships. The first is the relationship between the “law of God,” and the lost person. The second is between the “commandments of Christ” and the saved person.**

**Division of Light and Darkness  
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When man sinned in the garden, he died spiritually; and when unregenerate man, “dead in trespasses and sins” ([Ephesians 2:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+2.1&t=NKJV)), is made alive today, he is made alive spiritually. The movement of the Spirit ([Genesis 1:2b](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.2b&t=NKJV)) and God speaking ([Genesis 1:3](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.3&t=NKJV)) in order to restore the ruined creation are seen, in relation to ruined man, as simultaneous events. It is the Spirit using the God-breathed Word to effectually perform a supernatural work in unredeemed man. It is at this point — through the inbreathing of God — that life is imparted to the one previously having no life. God breathes into dead man [the Spirit using the God-breathed Word, based on the finished work of the Son, the living Word], and man is “quickened [‘made alive’]” ([Ephesians 2:1](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+2.1&t=NKJV), [5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Ephesians+2.5&t=NKJV)).

At this point, light shines “out of darkness” ([2 Corinthians 4:6](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=2Corinthians+4.6&t=NKJV)), a division is made between the light and the darkness ([Genesis 1:4](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.4&t=NKJV)), and the darkness has no apprehension or comprehension of that which is light ([John 1:5](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+1.5&t=NKJV); cf. [1 Corinthians 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+2.14&t=NKJV)).

It is at this point in man’s salvation that the spirit is separated from the soul. The “spirit” in unsaved man is dead. It is a part of the totally depraved man, with his “body of . . . death,” in which there dwells “no good thing” ([Romans 7:18](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+7.18&t=NKJV), [24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+7.24&t=NKJV)). With the movement of the Spirit, using the God-breathed Word, man's spirit is made alive and, at the same time, separated from his soul.

The “soul” remains within the sphere of darkness, which is why “the natural [Greek: psuchikos, ‘soulical’] man” cannot understand “the things of the Spirit of God” ([1 Corinthians 2:14](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1Corinthians+2.14&t=NKJV)). That which remains in the sphere of darkness can have no apprehension or comprehension of that which has shined out of darkness. There is a God-established division between the spirit and the soul that cannot be crossed over (cf. [Luke 16:26](https://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Luke+16.26&t=NKJV)).

The salvation of the spirit is an instantaneous event where one passes “from death unto life,” but not so with the salvation of the soul. It is a progressive event. It is an event which begins at the point one is made alive spiritually, and it will not be realized until the end of the six days of restorative work [the end of six thousand years of restorative work].

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