

Bones So Very Dry



"The Spirit of the LORD
...set me down in the
middle of the valley. It was
full of bones...and behold,
they were very dry."
(Ezekiel 37:1-3)

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"He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' And I answered, 'O Lord GOD, you know.'" (Ezekiel 37:1-3)

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"Say to the Breath: "Breathe on these slain, that they may live."'I prophesied...and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army." (Ezekiel 37:9-10)

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"These bones are the whole house of Israel.
They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost. We are cut off.""
(Ezekiel 37:1-12, 14)

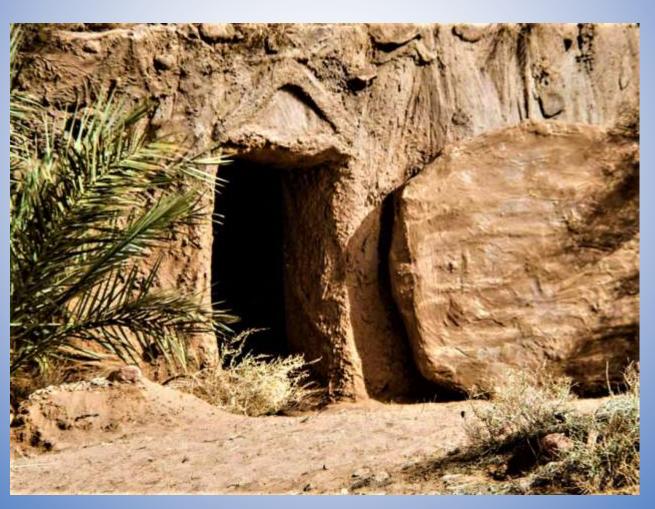
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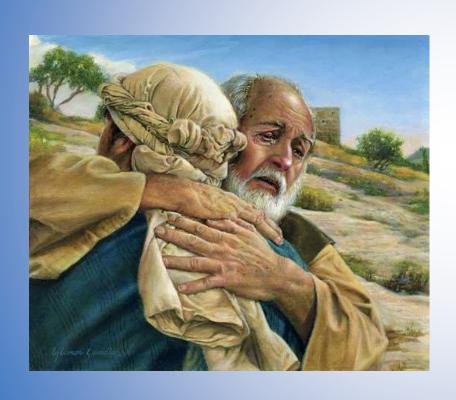
"Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves O my people...And I will put my Spirit within you and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land."

(Ezekiel 37:1-12, 14)

Our Resurrection Begins Now



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"'My son was dead, and is alive again. He was lost, and is found.'"
(Luke 15:24)

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"Even when we were dead in our trespasses, [God] made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved) and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places." (*Ephesians 2:5-6*)

The Resurrection and the Spirit



"[Jesus] breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'"
(John 20:22)

The Resurrection and the Spirit

"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." (Acts 2:38)



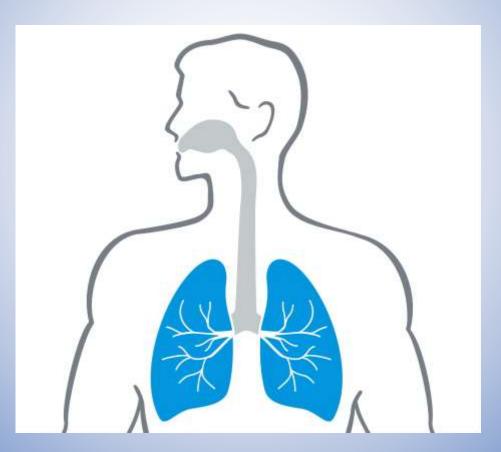
The Witness of Biology

"[God's]...eternal power and divine nature have been clearly perceived...in the things that have been made." (Romans 1:20)

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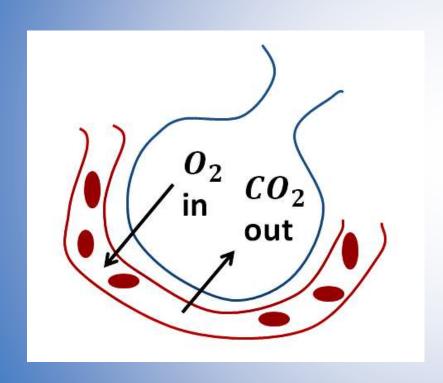
"The LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life. And man became a living being." (Genesis 2:7)

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The Breath of Life

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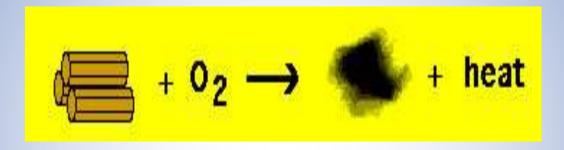


"The life of the flesh is in the blood."
(Leviticus 17:11)

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Our breath regenerates us through a consuming fire:

- Oxygen reacts with food and combusts: providing power, energy, growth & regeneration to our cells.
- Oxygen (breath, spirit) is therefore the source of our strength, focus, and power...our life!

The Witness of Biology



"[Jesus] will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." (Matthew 3:11)

"You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you..."
(Acts 1:8)

Spiritual Matters

"Concerning spiritual matters, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed." (1 Corinthians 12:1)

Spiritual Matters

"The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things?'" (John 3:8-10)

Spiritual Matters

The Spiritual Realm

"We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places." (Ephesians 6:11-12)

Spiritual Matters

God's Spirit

"God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." (John 4:23-24)

"'Make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.'" (Matthew 28:19)

Spiritual Matters

How important is the Spirit in Scripture?

- The word *love* is mentioned around 294 times in the New Testament.
- Truth is mentioned around 101 times.
- The Word of God around 91 times.
- Salvation around 42 times.
- Holiness around 29 times.

Spiritual Matters

How important is the Spirit in Scripture?

 God's Spirit is mentioned around 473 times in the New Testament.

New Life in the Spirit



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The Guidance of Jesus

"The Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."

(John 14:26)

New Life in the Spirit

An Awareness of Sin

"[The Holy Spirit] will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment." (John 16:8)

Freedom from Condemnation

"There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death." (Romans 8:1-2)

New Life in the Spirit

Power to Live According to God's Image

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23)

Power for Effective Prayer

"We do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words." (Romans 8:26)

New Life in the Spirit

Restoration and Wholeness

"The people gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed." (Acts 5:16)

New Life in the Spirit

True Identity, Acceptance, and Belonging

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." (Romans 8:16)

A Guarantee of Our Future Inheritance

"[God] has put his seal on us and given us his Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee." (2 Corinthians 1:22)

We Must Walk in Love, Avoiding any Extreme

"Since you are eager for manifestations of the Spirit, strive to excel in building up the church." (1 Corinthians 14:12)

"Do not quench the Spirit." (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

Through His Spirit We Can Live Life to the Full!

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

Through His Spirit We Can Live Life to the Full!

"I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God." (Ezekiel 36:24-28)

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"I bow my knees before the Father...that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being..." (Ephesians 3:14-19)

Through His Spirit We Can Live Life to the Full!

"So that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God." (Ephesians 3:14-19)

