

## Lesson 14, **LIFE ONLY IN CHRIST**

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#### Notes for the Instructor

Purpose of lesson 14: In this introduction to the state of the dead, it is impossible to answer all of the existing arguments about the immortality of the soul. Rather, the presentation is intended to bring a simple understanding of the subject of death, which has already been raised in studies on the history of Satan, the penalty for sin, and the resurrections of the dead. Thus, it is placed at this point in the series. The overall intent is to help the student cease to fear death, but rather seek for a relation to the Lifegiver which guarantees his future. Thus, the study has another great appeal to be rightly and daily in personal relation to Christ, and opens the door to be more sensitive as studies on obedience soon will follow.

During the study itself: In connection with question 1(c), read the RSV or NIV to help explain the meaning of "a living soul." Also study the term "soul" in 1 BC 223. You should also study, if possible, 3 BC 666 and 4 BC 638, 639, for a fuller understanding of the note at the end of question 5.

Make the sequence of ideas in question 5 very clear: (a) man seeks for immortality; (b) it is brought to light in the gospel; and (c) it is received by man at the second coming.

Appeal: See the last sentence under "purpose" above. Also, question 6 offers us a share in Paul's glorious faith and hope.

Illustration: The diagram emphasizes the difference in the destinies of the one who accepts Christ and lives for him in this life, with the one who refuses the gospel. It visualizes the core appeal of the entire subject.

