

# **The Keavy Encourager**

*(September 14 2025)*

**1 Thessalonians 5:14 (GW)-We encourage you, brothers and sisters, to instruct those who are not living right, cheer up those who are discouraged, help the weak, and be patient with everyone.**

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## WELCOME TO THE KEAVY CHURCH OF CHRIST!

- Visitors: Please fill out a visitor card and grab a Visitor Welcome Kit!
- Communion is available in the front of the building on the table.
- Our website is: [www.keavychurchofchrist.com](http://www.keavychurchofchrist.com), and our email address is [keavychurchofchrist@outlook.com](mailto:keavychurchofchrist@outlook.com) Please share this information with your family, friends, and social media pages!
- If you would like to be subscribed to brother Mark Tabata's email list (for weekday devotionals and other Bible and Bible related studies), please let him know!

## Neuroscience And The Search For The Soul

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The Bible teaches that there is an immaterial and immortal part of man, known as the soul (and please keep in mind that oftentimes the word "soul" is used interchangeably with the word "spirit," even though these are not exactly identical). Several passages of Scripture teach us that the sou/spirit is different from the body of man:

**Genesis 35:18-And so it was, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name Ben-Oni; but his father called him Benjamin.**

**Matthew 10:28-And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.**

**2 Corinthians 12:2-4-I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows—how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.**

**James 2:26-For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.**

Through the years, skeptics have tried to suggest that the soul of man does not really exist. These materialistically driven individuals argue that everything about mankind is reducible to matter, and to matter alone.

However, several leading experts in the field of neurobiology (the study of the brain) have come to far different conclusions than many of their peers. Their research has led them to believe that there actually is an immaterial part of man. One author, Chris Carter, has examined much of the relevant research and written a fascinating book on this topic (and other related ones), *Science And The Near-Death Experience*. Let me share with you the findings of three prominent scientists (Wilder Penrose, John Eccles, and Gary Schwartz) from Carter's Book.

“Wilder Penfield started his career as a neurosurgeon trying to explain the mind in terms of physical processes in the brain. In the course of surgical treatment of patients who have temporal lobe seizures, Penfield stumbled upon the fact that electrical stimulation of certain areas of the cortex could activate a stream of memories that had been laid down years or even decades earlier. In fact, the patient would “relive” the earlier episode, recalling incidents in far greater detail than would be possible by voluntary recall, but during the flashback, the patient would remain completely aware of what was happening in the operating room....On the basis of his experiments and examinations of patients with various forms of epilepsy, Penfield concluded that the mind interacts with the brain in the upper brain stem, an ancient structure that humans share with reptiles. Penfield, who won the Nobel Prize for his work, considers the rest of the brain to be a magnificent biological computer, programmed by the mind. He found that electrical stimulation of most parts of the brain resulted either in memories relived in vivid detail, involuntary movement of a part of the body, or paralysis of some function, such as

speech. By contrast, injury to or epileptic discharge in the higher brain stem always simply resulted in loss of consciousness, leading Penfield to conclude, "Here is the meeting of mind and brain. The psychico-physical frontier is here." Penfield thought that the brain as a computer could accomplish a great deal by automatic mechanisms, but that "what the mind does is different. It is not to be accounted for by any neuronal mechanism that I can discover."...In other words, Penfield argues that if the brain produced or generated consciousness, then we would expect that consciousness itself could be influenced by epilepsy or electrical stimulation in some way other than simply being switched off; that is, we would expect beliefs or decisions to be produced. The complete absence of any such effect in Penfield's experience led him to reject the production hypothesis in favor of dualistic interaction."...A second prominent neuroscientist to endorse a dualistic model of mind-brain interaction was John Eccles, who found the conscious integration of visual experience impossible to account for in terms of known neurological processes because nerve impulses related to visual experience appear to be fragmented and sent to divergent areas of the brain. This difficulty led Eccles to postulate the existence of a conscious mind existing separate from and in addition to the physical brain, with the *raison d'être* of the former being the integration of neural activity. In addition to noting that there is a unitary character about the experiences of the self-conscious mind despite the fragmentary nature of brain activity, Eccles also held that there can be a temporal discrepancy between neural events and conscious experiences\* 10 and that there is a continual experience that the mind can act on brain events, which is most apparent in voluntary action or the attempt to recall a word or a memory. These considerations, combined with his lifelong study of the brain and its neurons, form the basis of his opinions on the mind-body relationship. Eccles hypothesizes that the mind may influence the brain by exerting spatio-temporal patterns of influence on the brain, which operates as a detector of these fields of influence....It needs to be stressed that the findings of modern neuroscience do not alter the argument one bit, as they are equally compatible with both production and transmission. Gary Schwartz, professor of psychology, neurology, psychiatry, medicine, and surgery at the University of Arizona, points out that among neuroscientists with a materialist bent, the belief that consciousness arises from physical processes in the brain is based on three kinds of investigation: Correlation studies (e.g., electroencephalogram, or EEG, correlates of visual perception) Stimulation studies (e.g., electrical or magnetic stimulation) Ablation studies (e.g., the effect of brain lesions). However, analogous methods are applied during television repair with parallel results, yet no one comes to the conclusion that pictures on the screen are created inside the television. Schwartz describes the brain as the "antenna-receiver" for the mind and points out that the evidence from neuroscience, like the evidence from television repair, is

just as compatible with the hypothesis of reception-transmission as it is with the hypothesis of production. Like Penfield and Eccles before him, Schwartz has also come to the conclusion that the mind is a separate entity from the brain, and that mental processes cannot be reduced to neurochemical brain processes but on the contrary direct them. Like Penfield and Eccles, he also thinks that a mind may conceivably exist without a brain.” (Chris Carter, Science And The Near-Death Experience: How Consciousness Survives Death, 668-763 (Kindle Edition); Rochester, Vermont; Inner Traditions)

While it may anger many in our atheistically driven world, several scientists are coming out publicly and acknowledging the fact that man does, indeed have an immortal soul. This is yet another area in which the teachings of the Bible have been confirmed through modern science.

Friends, Jesus Christ came to save your soul from sin (Luke 19:10). He died in your place on the cross of Calvary, was buried, and arose from the dead on the third day after His death (1 Corinthians 15:-18). Believers who repent of their sins and are baptized into Him will be saved (Acts 2:37-38). At that point we are added by God to His church as we become Christians (Acts 2:47). When we fall short and sin as Christians, He forgives us when we repent and pray (1 John 1:8-2:2).

Why not turn your heart and life to Him today?

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen.

### September Prayer List

Kurt And Joanne Martin, Sanders Family, Eddie Craft (Cancer), Jimmy Brooks (Tammy's cousin, cancer), Kathy Mingus (Cancer), Anne Baker (Cancer), Sandi Tabata, Bill and Mary Ruth Browning, David and Ivy Mosley, Molly And Ebb Baker, Margie Turner (Hospice), Jake Robbins (Cancer), Coy Gilliam (Cancer), Roger and Sandra Frazier & Family, Carman Carroll, Bessie Young, Nathan & Patty McDaniel, Edward Young Sr., Ed Young, Mike Clayton (Liver Transplant), Corbin Pennington Junior (Chemotherapy), John Reeder (Cancer), Harmony Mullins, Mike Gill (Cancer), Claude Humphrey (Cancer), Cheryl Moore (Kin T Ellen Colwell), Felicity Lanham (Cancer), Diane Duke, Chris Holt (Friend Of Brother Mark), Piere Daigel (Cancer), Samantha Collins, Jerry Napier, Shirley Farley, Fred Morris, Bob Jones, James Smith And Family, People In Ukraine, Wayne Dockery, Debbie McDaniel, Earnie Baker (Phyllis Sanders Brother In

Law), Ronnie Griffin (Breathing Problems Paul Matney's Brother In Law), Gracie Gregory (friend of Phyllis Sanders), James Theverakan, George Theverakan, Kyle Davis And Family, Pattie's friend Haley, Sherrie Goodwin (Kyle Davis Grandmother In Hospital), Barbourville Work, Beverly Jones, Daniel Parks, Kathy Sears, Courtney Watkins, Leigh Ann, Kenny Young (Recuperating From Knee Surgery), Quintin Nelton, Ronnie Gregory (Recuperating From Surgery), Wayne Sanders (Randy Sanders father), Jack Hale (Recovery From Surgery), Dan Scott, Daniel Parks, Janahra Hill Family (Lost Loved Ones), Marlene Howard, Kenne McKallen, Rod Hill (Cancer friend of brother Paul), John Wayne and Elizabeth Hetteberg, David Mosley Family (Lost Loved Ones), Ryan Skeens, Charlene Reef (Cancer), Rick and Linda Cowden (COVID), Jimmy Turner (Cancer), Kenly Delk (COVID), Phyllis Sanders (Tests), Danny Day, Floyd Book (Mesothelioma)

### Announcements

- We have started a new teaching ministry at the Christian Nursing Home in Corbin every Tuesday at 10:30. Please remember this in your prayers.
- Regularly Scheduled Events; Sunday Bible Class All Ages (Every Sunday @ 10:00); Sunday Worship (Every Sunday @ 11:00 AM And 5:00 PM); Wednesday Evening Bible Class All Ages (Every Wednesday @ 5:00); Keavy Ladies And Supportive Saints (K.L.A.S.S. Every First Sunday Of The Month After Evening Service); Keavy Support Group And Youth Group Meeting (Every Tuesday @ 6:00); Adult Night (Every Second And Fourth Friday @ 6:00); Nursing Home Ministry (Every Tuesday At 10:30 And Every Third Thursday @ 6:00); Keavy Fellowship Meal (Every Last Sunday of The Month After Morning Service)
- Thanks to everyone who came to our outing at Laurel Lake yesterday, and to everyone who helped with it!!

### Bible Class And Sermons

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class: 1 Corinthians

Sunday Morning Sermon: Six Keys To Living The Abundant Life (Colossians 3)

Sunday Evening Sermon: Six Keys To Living The Abundant Life (Colossians 3)

Wednesday Evening Adult Bible Class: 1 Corinthians