

what God has put into it. And in this body there are these billions of cells. Everyone one of them ^{having} ~~has~~ ^{has} all these chromosomes in them and every one of them has a complex structure which is almost a whole world in itself with the complicated structure of which more is being learned all the time and there is still a tremendous amount we don't know. When you think of all that, you take a body having all that in it and just lay it down and bury it in the ground seems almost sacriligious! it seems terrible! Yet there are these billions of them which have been used through the ages, and laid aside, and gone to nothing. God has provided all this for His purposes for us. It can become a marvellous instrument for good, or it can be a terrible thing, if it becomes the boss. It is not bad, not evil, but it becomes evil if it becomes the boss. The spirit is and the body can leave the spirit so it is perhaps not to speak of the sinful nature if we truly know what it means, but we certainly must combine it to some extent with the flesh, with this instrument which God has given us.

So what's going to happen to our spirit after we leave this earth? I personally find it impossible to say that the statement we find in church creeds that we are immediately made perfect in holiness. I know no Biblical basis for it. God has developed the fruit of the spirit within us in this life. Of course there are those who think we sleep until the resurrection and Calvin wrote his first theological work to disprove soul sleep. We are conscious; our spirits are conscious between death and the time of the return of Christ. We believe they are conscious, but I don't believe they are just sitting around strumming harps and singing psalms. I'm inclined to believe, but this is a model, a guess, it is not a provable thing, but ^{that it is reasonable} I'm inclined to think/that God has marvelous purposes for His own beyond this life. That He has marvelous purposes, that none of these will be