

Life and Death

A - DEATH FROM ADAM

1. IN ADAM, GOD CREATED BOTH PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL LIFE

(1) Adam and Eve were created in God's image - Gen 1:26-27 - ²⁶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness... ²⁷So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

(2) God is a Spirit - John 2:24 - ²⁴God *is* a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship *him* in spirit and in truth.

(3) Adam was created physical and spiritual - Gen. 2:7 - ⁷And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

- Life begins when God places our spirit in our physical being, in the womb

2. THROUGH SIN, ADAM WAS CONDEMNED TO BOTH SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL DEATH

(4) God described spiritual death in this promise since he lived physically several hundred years after disobeying - Gen. 2:17 - ¹⁷But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

(5) Paul described physical death since this reference to death and life is referring to the resurrection - I Cor. - 15:22 - ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

- Through sin Adam was condemned to both spiritual and physical death

3. FROM ADAM, WE FACE SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL DEATH

(6) We all have Adam's nature and will die - Rom. 5:12 - ¹²Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:.

- We, like Adam are created a physical and spiritual being
- From Adam we all face spiritual and physical death

4. CHILDREN THAT PHYSICALLY DIE BEFORE SPIRITUAL DEATH (BECOMING LOST) GO TO HEAVEN

(7) David confirmed this in his statement relative to his one year old son that died - II Sam. 12:23 - ²³But now he is dead, wherefore should I fast? can I bring him back again? I shall go to him, but he shall not return to me.

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B – OUR NATURAL COURSE IS ETERNAL DEATH (4 STEPS)

(T-1) Matt 10:28 - ²⁸And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

STEP 1 - SPIRITUAL DEATH NORMALLY OCCURS FIRST

- **Spiritual death what age? Ask a few people when they were lost. It is different for each person**

(7) Paul refers to his spiritual death (becoming lost) - Rom. 7:9 - ⁹For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died.

(8) Jesus referred to Zacchaeus as lost - Luke. 19:10 - ¹⁰For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

(9) Jesus referred to the prodigal son as dead and lost – Luke 15:32 - ³²It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

(10) Bounds – a time to die spiritually (be lost) and physically – Acts 17:26– 27 - ²⁶And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; ²⁷That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

- **Lost is a description of being physically alive and spiritually dead on earth**

STEP 2 - PHYSICAL DEATH - WHEN GOD REMOVES THE SPIRIT FROM THE BODY

- **What is the natural age of physical death? It is different for each one. Consider a few people**

(11) Physical death occurs when God removes the spiritual body from the physical body – James 2:26 - ²⁶For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

(12) Spiritual being immediately goes to Hell - Luke 16:23 - the rich man also died, and was buried; ²³And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments,

(13) Body returns to the earth – Gen. 3:19 - ¹⁹In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou *art*, and unto dust shalt thou return.

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(14) God determines our time to die – Heb. 9:27 - ²⁷And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.

- **At physical death, the body goes to the grave and the spiritual body goes to hell**

STEP 3 - THE RESURRECTION AND JUDGMENT – SINFUL BODY AND SPIRIT REUNITED

(15) Resurrection of the just and unjust – John 5:28-29 - ²⁸Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, ²⁹And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

- **Physical and spiritual bodies are re joined for the judgment**

STEP 4 - ETERNAL STATE OF SINFUL BODY AND SPIRIT

(16) Being cast into hell – the second death – Rev. 21:8 ⁸But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

(T-1) Matt 10:28 - ²⁸And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

- **The rejoined physical and spiritual body are cast into hell after the judgment**

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C – THE MIRACLE OF BEING SAVED AND ETERNAL LIFE (4 STEPS)

(T-2) No more death - Rev. 21:4 ⁴And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death,

STEP 1 - BORN AGAIN IS THE SPIRITUAL REBIRTH AFTER SPIRITUAL DEATH

(17) Must be born again - John 3:3 - Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.

(18) Paul described being made alive - Eph 2:4-5 - ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, ⁵Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

- **At this point we are physically alive (in a sinful body) and spiritually alive**

STEP 2 - PHYSICAL DEATH WILL NORMALLY STILL OCCUR (Enoch and Elijah or end of time)

(19) Dead and present with the Lord - II Cor. 5:8 - ⁸We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

- **Upon physical death, our bodies go to the grave and spiritual being goes to God in heaven**

STEP 3 - RESSURECTION AND JUDGEMENT

(20) God's work is fast – I Cor. 15:52-53 - ⁵²In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal *must* put on immortality.

- **We will be appropriate, both body and spirit, to stand before God at the Judgment**

STEP 4 - ETERNAL STATE OF BODY AND SPIRIT

(21) Matt 25:34 - ³⁴Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

(T-2) No more death - Rev. 21:4 ⁴And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death,

- **Then our body and spirit will go to be with God (everlasting, no end)**