

Sin ...the Touch of Death

In ancient Israel, to touch a dead body was to become unclean. Death carried defilement, and anyone who came into contact with it was shut out from the presence of God until they were purified.

“He who touches the dead body of anyone shall be unclean seven days. He shall purify himself with the water on the third day and on the seventh day; then he will be clean.” (Numbers 19:11-12)

This was not merely a ceremonial law; it was a shadow of a greater reality.

Sin is the touch of death.

It defiles, separates, and renders us unclean before a holy God. Just as physical death made a person unfit for worship, sin makes the soul unfit for communion with God.

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” (Isaiah 59:2)

Sin is not just a mistake. It is a condition, a spiritual state of separation, a realm of darkness that leads to destruction.

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

But there is a greater law at work.

“For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” (Romans 8:6)

When Adam sinned, death entered. Not just physical death, but spiritual death, separation from God, the source of life.

From that moment, mankind was born into corruption, enslaved to a mind that could not submit to God.

“The carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be.” (Romans 8:7)

Sin does not just bring death; it is death.

And yet, in Christ, death itself has been undone.

The Power of His Spirit

The law declared that anyone who touched death was unclean. But Jesus did what no one else could, He touched the dead and made them live.

When He touched the leper, the unclean became clean.

When He touched the dead girl's hand, she rose.

When He spoke to Lazarus, the grave had no choice but to release him.

Jesus did not become defiled by death, He reversed it.

And through His Spirit, He does the same for us.

"If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you." (Romans 8:11)

We were once dead, cut off, unclean, unable to stand before God. But in Christ, we are no longer under sin's defilement. We are washed, we are cleansed, we are made new.

No Longer in the Grave

Sin is the grave. The flesh is the tomb. The carnal mind is the chains that keep men bound in darkness.

But the Spirit of Christ is the resurrection.

To be in the flesh is to be in death. To be in the Spirit is to be in life.

The question is: where do we stand?

Have we touched death and remained in defilement? Or have we allowed the hand of Jesus to raise us up, to breathe life into our bones, to bring us into purity and righteousness?

We do not belong to the grave; we belong to life.

Let us live by the Spirit, and not by the flesh. Let us walk in the life that Jesus died to give.

For the wages of sin is death; but in Him, we are free.

Romans 8:6-11 says, *"For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of*

God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

“Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.” Ephesians 6:10