

The Day Death Died

The Bible speaks of two great men of power. These two men have affected every human life beginning in the Garden of Eden and continuing throughout all eternity. These two men were Adam and Jesus.

In **Genesis 2:16-17**, God told Adam that he could eat of every tree in the Garden of Eden but one, that was the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. He told Adam that in the day that he ate of that tree, he would surely die. Adam disobeyed God's commandment and partook of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. On the day that Adam disobeyed God, he died. Notice the important fact that Adam did NOT die physically that day, but Adam did die spiritually on that day.

In **Genesis 3:22-24**, we read how God drove Adam and Eve out from the Garden of Eden to till the ground from whence Adam was taken. Adam lived physically another 930 years after he ate the forbidden fruit. (**Genesis 5:5**)

The Scripture tells us in **Romans 5:12**, that by one man, sin entered into the world and death by sin. This sin death passed upon all men, for all have sinned. Death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression. (**Romans 5:14**)

Jesus came to restore what Adam lost in the Garden of Eden. Jesus came to restore spiritual life back into the presence of God. Just as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. (**Romans 5:19**) The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ. (**Romans 6:23**) Just as sin reigned unto death, now grace reigns through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (**Romans 5:21**)

Adam lost the power to do the good and became subject to do the evil. The Apostle Paul describes this battle between the flesh and the Spirit in **Romans 7:23**. Here Paul describes another law that is ever present in his flesh which brings him into captivity to the law of sin.

Remember, we are not sinners because we sin; we sin because we are sinners. We are all born with a carnal nature. The judgment against sin was announced in the beginning. (**Ezekiel 18:4, Romans 5:12**) Sin has already been judged. Sin-death has already been announced.

The Bible says that it takes blood to bring atonement for the soul. (**Leviticus 17:11**) Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin. (**Hebrews 9:22**) The word "remission" means "forgiveness", to cleanse, to pardon, to release from the guilt and penalty of sin.

The only blood that was able to bring remission of sin was the sinless blood of Jesus Christ. For God so loved the world, that He got involved with what the world needed most; a savior. **(Luke 2:11)**

God knows that we could not get up to His level, so He came down to our level to give us what we needed most; precious live-giving blood to whosoever would believe and obey. God made Himself a body.

He overshadowed the virgin, Mary. The baby that was born, He called His Son. **(Luke 1:35)** His blood was sinless because it was God's blood. **(Acts 20:28)** The life that was given for the world to be saved was the life that God gave. **(1 John 3:16)** There is only one God and His Name is one. **(Isaiah 9:6-7, Isaiah 43:11, Zechariah 14:9, Matthew 28:19)**

Adam was the death-giver; Jesus is the life-giver. **(John 11:25)** Jesus is the resurrection and the life. Just as death had a beginning; death has an ending. In the beginning, it was spiritual death that occurred in the Garden.

The result was being cast out of a relationship with God. Many ask the question, **“When did death die?”** When the Gospel of the Kingdom of God came, death died.

Physical death did not die, but spiritual death did die. The Gospel of the Kingdom of God was the good news about new life and hope beyond this world. Just as sin and death came through an act of disobedience, salvation and redemption come through an act of faith and obedience.

Many times, throughout the New Testament, this question is asked, **“What must I do to be saved?”** The answer to this question is the Gospel message that brings eternal life. **(Acts 2:37-41)**

Hebrews 9:27 says, it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this, the judgment. The word **“after”** in the original language is **“meta”** which means **“with”**. This means that at physical death, we find judgment, that is sin judgment.

It is only through believing and obeying the Gospel of Jesus Christ do we find the end of death. Jesus said in **John 8:51**, **“... if a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.”** No more death; that is no more spiritual death.

In **2 Timothy 1:10**, the Apostle Paul said, **“...is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.”** It was spiritual death that Jesus abolished at His appearing. No more death; no more spiritual death.

Jesus said this in **John 11:26**, **“And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”** No more death, spiritual death.

The Lord showed the Apostle John a glimpse of the New Heaven and New Earth where death dwells no more. We can read about this in **Revelation 21:1-4**. In the physical realm, we have death, tears, sorrow and pain; but in the spiritual realm, there is no more death or any of the other things associated with these physical bodies.

It is at physical death that we are given a new body for all eternity. **(2 Corinthians 5:1)** This new body has no more death, pain, sorrow, or tears. The promise that God gave to Abraham and his seed was eternal life. **(Galatians 3:16, 1 John 2:25)**

When we believe and obey the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is the Gospel of the Kingdom, we become born again. **(Acts 2:37-39)** Jesus told us what we must do to enter into the Kingdom of God. **(John 3:3,5,7)**

We are all children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. We put on Christ when we are baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ. It is through faith and obedience to the Gospel message of the Kingdom of God that we become heirs of the promise that God gave to Abraham which is Eternal Life. **(Galatians 3:26-29)**

Conclusion

Adam brought sin-death into the world; Jesus brought redemption from sin into the world. Just as disobedience brought spiritual death, so does obedience to the Gospel message bring spiritual life.

When is the day death dies?

The day that we believe and obey the gospel message that Jesus and the Apostles taught, we become born again. When we repent and are baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, our sins are washed away. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we become spiritually alive. When we are born again, our fellowship with God is restored. We regain what Adam lost.

As long as we are in these physical bodies, we have tears, pain, suffering and sorrow. At physical death, we receive our immortal body which has no more pain, suffering, tears, and sorrow throughout all eternity.

When we become born again, we are redeemed from **“sin death”**. This is the day death dies. No longer does death have a hold on us. No more death. Now we have forever in our lives!

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