1Thess #87

Spiritual Death

Keep our brothers and sisters in Australia in prayer. I’m hearing from a good source that their government, are already in the process of implementing a social, credit score type technology throughout their banking systems.

I’m not sure if it is complete or still in the early stages…but it seems to be headed in that direction.

I want to open this up today exactly where we closed it on Sunday;

/Within Theology there are 8 doctrines in relation to the subject of death;

Spiritual Death of the Human Race.

 Positional Death of the Believer.

The Carnal Death of the Believer.

The Believer with - Dead Works.

Sexual Death.

Physical Death of the Human Race.

The Second Death.

The Sin unto Death. \

Let us go down the list and look at each one in this study.

Spiritual Death of the Human Race;

Spiritual death was the penalty of sin, and it was the warning given to mankind in the garden. Gen 2:17, The original Hebrew language has it closer to - “*dying you will die.”*

/Gen 2:17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for on the day that you eat from it **you will** (*mûṯ*) **certainly** (*mûṯ*) **die** (*mûṯ)*.”

*“dying you will die.”*  This speaks to a penalty of death, to be put to death or executed. \

The Hebrew verb MOOTH, is used 3x here speaking to the importance and death which is in view.

It was used for the term of death by execution, to be killed or put to death or even just death itself.

*“Dying*” refers to spiritual death at birth or the fall of man; *“you shall die*” refers to physical death. Spiritual death was the original sin of the man in the garden.

God was warning the man that death would come from the negative decisions.

The physical death and spiritual death would result…perfection would be over.

Fellowship would be cut off.

/The penalty of the original sin of Adam was now imputed to all of mankind. The old sin nature is transmitted through the twenty-three male chromosomes which fertilize the female ovum. We are not sentenced to the Lake of Fire by our personal sins. Only Adam and the humanity of Jesus Christ were born without the OSN because they were divinely created, Adam from the hand of GOD and the soil of the earth. Jesus from the womb of a virgin inseminated by God the HS. \

You can go over to Ephesians chapter two RF.

Personal sin was dealt with on the cross for the whole world. There is only one sin that condemns us to everlasting misery – the sin of unbelief in TLJC.

The penalty imposed at the fall of man was a direct result of God’s divine’s justice system. The penalty is perpetuated in the human race through the imputation of Adam’s original sin to the genetically-formed OSN at the moment of physical birth. Physical birth meaning the breath of life breathed into that baby at birth.

/The OSN is passed on simultaneously with the imputation of human life (breath of life). Spiritual death occurs at the moment of physical birth. The entire human race is born physically alive and spiritually dead because of the two imputations which occur at birth. When biological life emerges from the womb, God creates soul life and imputes it to biological life. This is human life when GOD breaths the spark of soul life apart from just biological life. \

Biological life is the formation of a human body yet it remains mother dependent.

Biological life begins after copulation, but when God imputes the spark of life at birth, biological life ends and physical life begins for a human being. Simultaneously, the sin nature emerges from the womb and there is the imputation of Adam’s original sin to the old sin nature.

This causes spiritual death.

The copulation of two flawed creatures can only create a creature with the same set of flaws. GOD created mankind with a unique ability to reproduce, yet we are all born dichotomous with a body and soul.

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That soul at birth, has a rebellious nature because it lacks the righteousness of Christ. When we are born again, a divine spirit which is a new nature, is breathed into our soul, we are then - Trichotomous, having body, soul and spirit. That new nature holds the righteousness of Jesus Christ in it!

When we look at personal sins, it is only a symptom of a bigger issue - Personal sins are only a sign that you are spiritually dead.

From birth the status of the human race is depravity we know as, spiritual death.

Eph 2:1, tells us - “*And you, being dead in your transgressions and sins,”* (not “because of your transgressions and sins”)

/Eph 2:1 And **you were dead in your offenses and sins,** 2 in which you previously walked according to **the course**(*aiōn*)**of this world**, according **to the prince of the power of the air,** of the **spirit that is now working** in the sons of disobedience.

The age or dispensation of the Cosmic -System - that which happened after the fall in the garden.\

EYE-OWN, is often used for the term of a time period…such as an age or dispensation. It is word sometimes used to describe the world itself, because it has a beginning but so far, it has no ending. It is sometimes used for a long period of time, meaning unbroken or even in some cases everlasting.

/Eph 2:1 *And you were dead in your offenses and sins –*

You were dead (spiritually) because of your birth. Not because you sinned and became a sinner – you were born in sin! We all walk from birth until salvation as a part of the cosmic system.\

*To WALK according to the cosmic system* – according to the ruler of the world, Satan - means you had similarities to Satan and the fallen angels at birth.

Your soul structure resembled that of Satan not God. It had a rebellious nature.

/Eph 2:2 - *the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience.*

This is a counterfeit because there is only one source of spiritual power - it is GOD the HS. This is pointing to trends and lust patterns of the OSN combined with the cosmic system. \

Sons or daughters of disobedience is a description of any person who refuses to believe upon Jesus Christ. Every person who has an unregenerated soul is an enemy of the cross of Christ.

Go to the OT 2Samuel chapter twelve.

The teaching from the NT is clear on spiritual death.

Spiritual Death is separation from GOD.

/Rom 5:12 “Therefore, just as through one man **sin entered into the world and death** (spiritual) through that sin, so (spiritual) **death spread** to all men because **all sinned** (Adamic nature).”

This means we are born physically alive and spiritually dead. \

 If a person should die before reaching an age of accountability, they automatically go to heaven.

Adam made a decision for the entire human race. Our sins are not imputed to us, but to Jesus Christ on the cross.

If a person does not have the mental capacity to understand the gospel, or if they die before they hear the gospel, they are immediately placed face to face with TLJC.

This is easily researched with several Biblical analogies and scriptures.

Now in 2Samuel chapter 12 – Nathan the personal advisor and prophet under David’s authority had warned the King that his relationship with Bathsheba was wrong.

The whole nation of Israel was well aware how David got together with Bathsheba. Though Bathsheba turned out to be the right woman for David, how he went about getting her was evil.

2Sam 12:15 Then Nathan went to his house. *Later* the LORD struck the child that Uriah’s widow bore to David, so that he was *very* sick.

[2Sa 12:16](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2sa/12/16/s_279016) David therefore pleaded with God for the child; and David fasted and went and lay all night on the ground.

2Sa 12:15The elders of his household stood beside him in order to help him up from the ground, but he was unwilling and would not eat food with them.

/2Sam 12:18 **Then it happened on the seventh day that the child died**. And David’s servants were afraid to tell him that the child was dead, for they said, “Behold, while the child was *still* alive, we spoke to him and he did not listen to us. How then can we tell him that the child is dead, since he might do *himself* harm?”

This was the child from the result of King David manipulating a sexual encounter with a married woman – Bathsheba. \

David’s servants knew how much the King loved Bathsheba, this meant he was highly anticipating the birth of this child.

[2Sa 12:19](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2sa/12/19/s_279019) But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; so David said to his servants, “Is the child dead?” And they said, “He is dead.”

/[2Sa 12:20](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2sa/12/20/s_279020) So David got up from the ground, **washed, anointed *himself,* and changed his clothes; and he went into the house of the LORD and worshiped**. Then he went to his own house, and when he asked, they served him food, and **he ate**.

Mourning is a normal protocol for the illness and certainly death of loved ones, yet that can never consume the Bel. \

The Bel who is striving toward SM understands physical life and death, just as they understand spiritual life and spiritual death.

The educated Bel will not be stuck in a valley of darkness, in relation to mourning over the death of people they love. They will pass through that valley and be able to move forward.

 REPEAT

[2Sa 12:21](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2sa/12/21/s_279021) Then his servants said to him, “What is this thing that you have done? You fasted and wept for the child *while he was* alive; but when the child died, you got up and ate food.”

/[2Sa 12:22](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2sa/12/22/s_279022) And he said, **“While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept**; for I said, ‘Who knows, the LORD may be gracious to me, and the child may live.’

There is a time for prayer, weeping and mourning but that has an expiration date as well…a beginning, a middle and an end.\

The mature Bel is never lost in grief, yet they do not deny it, they embrace it and move through it.

/[2Sa 12:23](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2sa/12/23/s_279023) “But **now he has died**; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? **I am going to him, but he will not return to me.”**

David was very clear on BD, he had great insight on every aspect of God’s plan. He knew that child was now face to face with Lord. \

[2Sa 12:24](https://www.blueletterbible.org/nasb20/2sa/12/24/s_279024) Then David comforted his wife Bathsheba, and went in to her and slept with her; and she gave birth to a son, and he named him Solomon. Now the LORD loved him,

This should answer many questions in relation to those who you lost at a young age, or before they heard the gospel of Jesus Christ.

No one who is spiritual dead is condemned because of personal sins or failures. Anyone who is not mentally stable or old enough to be God conscious - is not held in judgment for sins or their OSN.

Mankind is not condemned by the imputation of his or her personal sins, but by the imputation of Adam’s original sin to the genetically-formed old sin nature. Personal sins are the result of spiritual death. REPEAT

Condemnation is based on imputed sin.

Personal sin is not the means of spiritual death, but the result of spiritual death, meaning; that sins are the result of having an old sin nature.

As we get ready to close let me cover this fact - There are two categories of spiritual death.

/1. Real spiritual death. The actual spiritual death of Adam, who made the decision for the entire human race. Resulting in all mankind being born spiritual dead (separated from God).

2. Substitutionary spiritual death. This occurred on the cross, when divine judgement took place. Our personal sins were never imputed to us, Jesus Christ was our substitute, 1 Pet 2:24, 1Pet 3:18; 2Cor 5:21; Isa 53:6; Rom 5:8. \

Let us close with our second principle on the doctrine of death - Positional Death of the Believer.

/Positional death occurs at the second birth, the new birth or regeneration. Positional death occurs through the baptism of the Holy Spirit at salvation. The Believer is identified with Christ in His death, burial and resurrection. Positional death, also is part of retroactive positional truth, the Bel’s identification with Christ in His death and resurrection, as well as HIS blessings, power and victory (humanity of Christ). As seen in Rom 6:1-14.\

Meaning we are in union with Christ and we share in all things with TLJC.

/Rom 6:3 Or **do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus** have been baptized **into His death?** 4 Therefore we have been buried **with Him through baptism** into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so **we too may walk in newness of life**.\

Jesus Christ rejected human good and evil on the cross, anything from the flesh had to be nullified at the cross it has no value or judicial power. Human works and evil fall under sin but the power of human good and evil to elevate or give power to someone was rejected as sins were paid for.

It was a definitive statement that all power and effort recognized under the justice system of GOD is only from the person and work of Jesus Christ.

So positionally, the Bel has done the same, we have agreed with God’s justice system and we can never recognize any other effort or power but Jesus Christ. Therefore, we must avoid evil and human works by consistent residence and function in the plan of God, through the two power options.