

# DOCTRINE OF SIN, PART 5

## Two Deaths

### ROMANS 6:23A ESV

23 For the wages of sin is death...

#### a. CONCEPT OF DEATH

**Spiritual death is the separation of man from God.** Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden show us that **a person can be physically alive, but spiritually dead at the same time.** Because the wages of sin is death/separation, all unsaved people will someday be forever separated from God in the lake of fire, culminating into what is referred to as **the second death.**

### REVELATION 20:14 ESV

14 Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.

It is important for us to understand that these are **NOT** two distinct kinds of dying. **It is all continuity.** The second death of an unsaved person is just a continuation of the spiritual death. **We are born into sin, beginning life as already “dead in our transgressions.”**

### PSALM 51:5 ESV

5 Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

### EPHESIANS 2:1-3 ESV

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

#### b. CONSEQUENCE OF DEATH

### ROMANS 5:12 ESV

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

**Physical death is the separation of the body from soul and spirit.** Because man’s spirit is separated from God, the soul and the body are decaying daily.

### GENESIS 5:5 ESV

5 Thus all the days that Adam lived were 930 years, and he died.

**Everyone is subject to physical death because of the presence of sin in this world and the personal choices we make to sin.**



| HOW SIN DESTROYS                                 |  |  |
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| PAST   | PRESENT  | FUTURE   |
| Adam sinned<br>(Genesis 3:6)                     | Like David, we are born<br>into sin<br>(Psalm 51:5)      | Because of sin, we will<br>physically die<br>(Genesis 5:5)                   |
| Man's SPIRIT is separated<br>from God            | The SOUL (mind, heart,<br>and body) is decaying<br>daily | The BODY will die as a<br>culmination of the entire<br>being of man decaying |
| "The wages of sin is<br>death..."<br>Romans 6:23 | "We are dead in<br>transgressions..."<br>Ephesians 2:1-3 | "I am the resurrection and<br>the life..."<br>John 11:25-26                  |

### ROMANS 6:23 ESV

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

## c. CONQUEST OF DEATH

### 1 CORINTHIANS 15:54-57 ESV

54 When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

55 "O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ lived the perfect life that we never could.** By His grace, we are no longer judged according to our sins, and this "second death" has no power or authority over us.

| HOW JESUS SAVES   |  |  |
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| PAST  | PRESENT  | FUTURE   |
| Through Jesus, I was<br>saved from the <b>PENALTY</b><br>of Sin | Through the Holy Spirit, I am<br>being saved from the <b>POWER</b><br>of Sin | I will be saved from the<br><b>PRESENCE</b> of Sin |
| <b>JUSTIFICATION</b>  | <b>SANCTIFICATION</b>  | <b>GLORIFICATION</b>                               |

From when we separated from our relationship with the Father because of sin, Christ became the bridge to reconnect us.

**ROMANS 8:37-39 ESV**

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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**DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

1. Why do you think it is important for us to understand that apart from Christ we are spiritually dead?
2. How does the Gospel both humble us and give us hope as Followers of Christ?