



New Creation Realities
Lesson 2: Spiritual Death & Our Righteousness

1. Three types of death

The Bible speaks of three types of death.

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Ephesians 2:1-3

We were dead in sin.

John 8:44

Being spiritually dead is, by nature, being children of the devil.

By nature, we were children of Satan.

We go to Hell because of who we are, _____

We need to have a _____, or a heart transplant.

We then go to heaven because God is our Father and that is where we belong.

Ephesians 4:17, 18

People who are not born again are separated from God.

Separation from God is _____

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Definition of PHYSICAL DEATH: The separation of your spirit and soul from your body; the separation of your inner man from your outer man.

2 Corinthians 5:1

Physical death is not the end of life.

It is moving from a physical house to a heavenly house.

2 Peter 1:12-14

Peter refers to death as putting off his tent.

When you die you change addresses.

Philippians 1:21-23

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Definition SECOND DEATH: The destruction of your soul and your body in Hell.

Revelation 20:11-15

Matthew 10:28

2. Physical death entered the world through spiritual death.

Romans 5:12

Genesis 2:7

Man became a living soul.

Genesis 2:16, 17

There were two trees God spoke of in the garden.

- The tree of life
- The tree of knowledge of good and evil

Genesis 2:9

Adam was free to eat from the tree of life.

God commanded Adam not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, not to test him, but so he wouldn't die.

God allows us to do many things. When he commands us not to do something it is to protect us.

For example, God did not say you couldn't have sex. He said you cannot have another man's wife. The way we look at it changes everything.

God was clear. If you eat it you will die. If you don't eat it you will live.

Adam died spiritually. _____

Genesis 2:17 *but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."*

Hebrew Definition YOU SHALL SURELY DIE: In dying you shall die

Because of spiritual death you will die physically.

Jesus came to set us free from spiritual death. _____

3. How did God set us free from spiritual death?

When Adam sinned, God's desire was to bring us back into a relationship with Himself. However, God had to do it all legally.

There could be no "under the table" deals.

Our salvation had to be sure.

Romans 5:12-14

Adam is a "type" of Jesus.

Romans 5:15-21

When Adam sinned, the devil never intended to get the entire human race out of the deal. He thought he only succeeded with Adam.

God said, "I am so angry, I'll tell you what Satan, you can have them all! Because of Adam's sin – every person from now on is born into sin!"

The devil couldn't believe his ears! He was getting everyone.

But what God was doing was setting up a LEGAL SUBSTITUTION – If ONE man sinned and sin captured the entire human race, the ONE man could set the entire human race free from sin!

The Bible is clear that if the devil would have known God's plan for Jesus, he would have never crucified Him.

1 Corinthians 2:7, 8

4. What happened when Jesus was raised from the dead?

In later lessons we will look into detail about what happened to Jesus for the three days and three nights before He was raised from the dead.

We are going to see how Jesus went to Hell and was separated from the Father.

Jesus took our place. He paid the penalty that needed to be paid for us.

In order for us to have a relationship with God, we needed more than just forgiveness of sins. We needed a change of our nature.

We needed His righteousness.

Romans 4:25

This verse tells us that Jesus was raised from the dead because of our justification.

He was raised _____ we were declared righteous.

In other words, when we were justified, He was raised up. It took three days and three nights for the sin of the world.

Isaiah 61:10

The righteousness of God clothes you like a robe.

If you are born-again, you have put on the righteousness of God.

God took His righteousness and _____

Isaiah 61:10 – Message Bible

I will sing for joy in GOD, explode in praise from deep in my soul! He dressed me up in a suit of salvation, he outfitted me in a robe of righteousness,

2 Corinthians 5:17

2 Corinthians 5:21