

**Death – Curse and  
Blessing in One**

**Genesis 3:17-24**

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**Genesis 3:17-24**

17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;  
18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;  
19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.  
20 And Adam called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.

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**Genesis 3:17-24**

21 Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.  
22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:  
23 Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.  
24 So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

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## Death

- Death may be thus defined as the end of physical life through the separation of soul and body (cf. James 2:26).

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## Statistics

- 50,000 Americans Die Each Week
- 2.5 Million Americans Die Each Year

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## Death – Blessing and Curse in One

- The Circumstance of Death

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## 1. Death is a Result of Sin

Romans 5:12

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

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## 2. Man Doesn't Have Power Over Death

Ecclesiastes 8:8

8 There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.

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## 3. At the Time of Death Believers "Transition" Into Heaven

Acts 7:55-56

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,  
56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.

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**4. God Has a Glorified Body  
For Believers**

2 Corinthians 5:1

1 For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, an house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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**5. At Death Believers are  
United With Jesus**

2 Corinthians 5:8

8 We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

Luke 23:43

43 And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise.

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**6. Believers Will Dwell  
With God Eternally**

Revelation 21:3

3 And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, *and be* their God.

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## Luke 16

- V. 23 – The Lost are Delivered to Their Destination
- V. 24 – In Hell There is Physical Torment
- V. 25 & 27-28 – In Hell Earth is Remembered
- V. 26 – There is a Great Separation Between Heaven and Hell

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## Death – Blessing and Curse in One

- The Circumstance of Death
- The Curse Of Death

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## 1. Our Physical Bodies Are Corruptible

### Genesis 3:22

22 And the LORD God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

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## 2. Sin is Paid by Death

Romans 6:23

23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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## 3. We Have an Appointment For Death

Hebrews 9:27

27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

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## Death – Blessing and Curse in One

- The Circumstance of Death
- The Curse Of Death
- The Conqueror of Death

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## 1. The Messiah Will Defeat Death

Isaiah 25:8

8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

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## 2. Jesus Removed the Sting of Death

1 Corinthians 15:25-26; 53-55

25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.

53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

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## 3. We Can Have Eternal Life

John 11:25-26

25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

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#### 4. He Holds the Keys

Revelation 1:18

18 I *am* he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

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#### 5. We Have Been Delivered From the Fear of Death

Hebrews 2:14 15

14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

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## 1. God Has No Pleasure in the Death of the Wicked

Ezekiel 33:11

11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?

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## 2. Why Do Some Die?

Luke 13:2-5

2 And Jesus answering said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galilaeans were sinners above all the Galilaeans, because they suffered such things?

3 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem?

5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

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## 3. We Are All on Borrowed Time

Luke 13:6-9

6 He spake also this parable; A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none.

7 Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: cut it down; why cumbereth it the ground?

8 And he answering said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung *it*:

9 And if it bear fruit, *well*: and if not, *then* after that thou shalt cut it down.

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#### 4. Death Cannot Separate Us From the Love of God

**Romans 8:38-39**

38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,

39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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#### 5. Paul Had a Desire to Die

**Philippians 1:21-23**

21 For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

22 But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not.

23 For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:

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- People ask, "So, what is God saying?" He's saying, "People, you're going to die and you don't have control of it. This is a reminder that I give you life, I give you love, I give you happiness; I pour out common grace and make life rich and rewarding for you. I'm patient. I'm merciful. I'm gracious. But once in a while I have to give you a stark illustration of where you are headed."
- People think that it is their right to live. They think that the key to our life is exercise and diet. But it's not our right to live; It is God's grace that gives us life. When God allows a startling and dramatic tragedy to occur, don't question his fairness. Instead, thank Him for His grace.

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**John 8:51-52**

**51** Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

**52** Then said the Jews unto him, Now we know that thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and thou sayest, If a man keep my saying, he shall never taste of death.

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