

The Three Eternal Destinies #90 *Experiencing the First Death, Part 1*

You are now, as far your fellowship with your Creator is concerned, experiencing the first death. The life you live is death, separation from your Creator; you are dead in your trespasses and sins (Eph 2:1-3). Those who have been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb are experiencing life, because they have heard His voice and followed Him (Jn 10:14,27; 5:24-25).

Ps 62:12; Jer 17:10; Rom 2:6 — *The first death* — We were all born into Adam's death sentence — that is, his sentence to death, which is the first death. There is no way to claw your way out of this first death by your own good deeds, because Heb 9:27. Only by Messiah's death can you be delivered from this death in this present age. But God does not want or desire any to perish, as Paul says (1 Tim 2:4). But since all have sinned as Rom 3:23 says, and the wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23; Heb 9:27), all receive the first death sentence — but not all have practiced abominations, loved lying, etc., as in Rev 22:15, so as to incur the second and eternal death penalty. So everyone's motives will be judged, according to Gen 2:17 and Jms 4:16-17 — *Sin is knowing the right thing to do and not doing it*. Gen 3:22 — *knowing good and evil* — Not doing the good (that you *know*) is evil. Rev 20:12-15 determines your guilt, the degree of degradation (Rom 1:28), whether you went across the line, outside the boundaries of conscience (Gen 3:16-19; 9:1-7; Rom 2:14-16). This is the purpose for the judgment (Rev 20:14-15).

Adam and Eve enjoyed fellowship with their Creator. He had told them "the right (or the *good*) thing to do" in Gen 1:27-28 and Gen 2:15-17 concerning how He wanted His highest creatures to live and conduct their lives for His eternal purpose. But when they broke this first covenant with their Creator (Hos 6:7) they no longer enjoyed this spiritual fellowship with Him but were cut off and dwelt in spiritual darkness and separation (Gen 3:10), which is death — spiritual death (Rom 6:23) which brought on physical death (Heb 9:27) until Jn 5:28,29; Rev 20:11-15; Ps 62:12; Jer 17:10; Ecc 12:14; Rom 2:6). They once enjoyed peace with God but now *condemnation and guilt and death*. Unless one's guilt is forgiven by Messiah in this present age, he must pay for his *own sins* — not Adam's, but one's own sins that he himself committed against his own conscience — that is, if his sins were within the boundaries of the second covenant (Isa 24:5,6). He can pay for them by his own first death sentence, which the judgment will determine.

Adam (and Eve) broke the first covenant (Rom 5:12), but did he break the second?

Born Into the First Death

All mankind have been born into a first death sentence for the purpose of paying for their own sins. There is no way of escaping this first death sentence except in Messiah (Rom 6:2-5,23). When Adam broke the covenant, all mankind who have ever lived after him were born *into* the world and have sinned (Rom 3:23; 6:23; Heb 9:27) and all mankind will eventually die and experience the first death penalty to pay for their sins — *except* the ones who have obeyed the good news of the Son of God. They do not have to die even once (Jn 3:36; 8:51) — that is, see or taste the pangs of death that Messiah tasted for the whole world and everyone who has ever been born into this death sentence (Acts 2:24). This is the death one must be baptized into in order to pass out of death and into life (Rom 6:3-11,23).

Even though a Holy one dies a *physical* death (his body dies), it is not *spiritual death* (his soul and spirit do not go to death) if he obeys the Son (Jn 11:25-26; 8:51). All who continue in His word will be set free from *all things* that lead to death (Ps 18:28; Jn 8:12,31; Rev 2:11; 3:5; 1 Jn 14,16,17,23,24; Rom 8:5-9). Jn 8:31-32 is related to Mt 1:21 — not only forgiven of past sins but learning how to judge ourselves right so we can be forgiven from all sins presently committed (1 Cor 11:24-32; Heb 10:25-31 1 Jn 2:1-2; 1:9; 3:9).

Mt 1:21 presents His work *for* us and His work *in* us (2 Ths 2:13-15). That is Yahshua's work on the cross and in death as a guilt offering (Isa 53:10) and the Holy Spirit's work in us. His work for us forgives us of our past sins and is the basis of our future sins as we confess them. But if we do not confess them we must pay for them ourselves (Rom 6:23). If we commit deliberate sins, as Heb

10:26-27 says, our sins pile up and we will see death, *taste* death, since we are not obeying the Son. This death is not an *eternal* death, but *remedial* (Rev 2:11; 3:5; Dan 12:2,10; Mt 25:2,30). Although it can last for the length of the entire next age, as Dan 12:2 — everlasting or age-lasting = lasting forever in an age, but not forever and ever, the next age plus the age following which is the eternal age, never coming to an end (Rev 19:2-3).

Dan 12:2-3 is where Yahshua received revelation of the foolish and the wise virgins. Mt 25:2 — Both the foolish and the wise were virgins (Eph 1:13). But one half of them had grieved the Holy Spirit who was in them (Eph 4:30). Or, as Rev 3:4 says, they had stained their garments. Only the wise would be worthy to walk with him in white (Rev 3:5) and reign with Him in the next age. But the foolish were not worthy (Rev 19:8; 2 Cor 5:10; Rev 2:26-27; Rev 2:11).

Dan 12:3 — Everlasting shame and contempt as the second death for the virgin in Messiah who did not overcome by Heb 4:15 or would not overcome. The Book of Life in Rev 3:5 is the book that all the virgins in Messiah are registered in. But only those who would not go the throne of grace were erased from it. They were not worthy to rule with Messiah for a thousand years (Rev 20:4-6).

Jn 3:36 is the initial obedience to the Son as presented in the gospel one hears (Jn 3:18; 5:24). But Rev 2:11 and 3:5 is a death for not obeying the word (Jn 8:31,32,51) after one has been sealed with the Spirit and has already passed out of the Second Death of Rev 21:8.

Today people dwell in spiritual darkness (Mt 6:23; Jn 9:39-41), especially Jews and Christians, and they don't seem to care (Jn 3:19). Most Christians are deceived into believing they believe, like Jn 9:39-41. Verse 41 — Their guilt remains because they could not believe in the true Savior, being deceived to believe in a "demon" (Rev 22:17), rejecting the true water of life from the Bride and the Spirit.

Calvin was depraved and he has led *multitudes* into this same depravity (2 Cor 11:15). Eph 5:8 and Mt 6:23 refer to the religious Jews, and now to Christians — especially the *Calvinized* Christians who are in greater darkness than *Lutherized* ones because of the arrogance of their doctrine of the Total Depravity of Mankind and Election. But Lutherized Christians, as well as all other kinds, as well as the whole world have been corrupted by Calvin.

Violating the Covenants

Just as Eph 2:1 says (about all of us before we saw the light), you are dead because of sin (trespasses you committed). By the first man violating the first covenant (Hos 6:7; Gen 2:9,17; 3:3-6) he brought all of mankind into the first death sentence (Heb 9:27). But those who violate the second covenant (Gen 3:16-19) — not all mankind — receive the second death penalty (Rev 20:14-15; 21:8). Although you are now dead spiritually, as long as you are breathing the *breath of life* that God breathed into humanity there is hope of regaining, of being restored, to the spiritual life He intended men and women to have. But if you die physically as Heb 9:27 says, in the same state of spiritual separation from God, there is no longer any hope for a second life if you have been living a life that violates the second covenant in Gen 3:16-19 and 9:1-7 (Rom 2:14-16) and all that is awaiting you is the judgment which will condemn you to the second death and this second death is eternal. There is no resurrection. Once a man dies, judgment follows. In Rev 20:11-15 the wages of the deliberate sins of Rom 1:28-31 or Rev 21:8 is the second death sentence and penalty. The gospel presents Eternal Life in Messiah Yahshua to those who have sinned these deliberate, grave sins — the wages of which is Eternal Death (Rom 6:23; 1 Cor 6:9-11). This is why the gospel means *good news* — good news of the gift of God (Acts 2:38-39), the promised gift of the Holy Spirit (Eph 1:13; Isa 44:3; Jn 7:37-39) to come alive in the Spirit (1 Cor 6:17; Eph 1:13; 2 Cor 5:14,15,17).

Many of you are *Christians* and *Catholics* and you have been told you are *going to heaven* when you die. But still your family even violates the second covenant in Gen 3 and Gen 9, meant for unbelievers (Rom 2:1-3), proving that you are certainly not *going to heaven* but are still abiding in the first death, as Heb 9:27, and will die a physical death and be raised to condemnation (Jn 9:41 and 5:28-29) to the second death, not having been restored to the wonderful joy of fellowship with God. Eph 2:1-3 — Still you are not enjoying wonderful fellowship and joy with the God of Abraham (1 Jn 1:6-7) because

you are not obeying (1 Jn 2:4; 3:23), not even knowing the first things those who claim to know Him are to obey, and you are still eating from the tree of knowledge of good and evil instead of being led by the Spirit of the Creator God.

The knowledge of good and evil is innate in every man (Rom 1:18 - 2:16), whence all men everywhere are to know there is no way out, no escape or deliverance, from this second death sentence, this final judgment, if they have not lived according to the second covenant (Ecc 12:14; Rom 2:15; Rev 20:12-13; Gen 3:16-17) or receive a sent one from God (Jn 7:17-18; 13:20; 3:18-19).