

The Gospel of Christ and the Problem of Sin

The Gospel Addresses The Result Of Sin

TEXT: Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 7:24; 6:23 again

INTRODUCTION:

- A. THIS SERIES HAS EMPHASIZED GOD'S EFFORT TO SAVE US THROUGH THE GOSPEL(**Rom. 1:16-17**).
- B. WE HAVE EXAMINED VARIOUS ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF SIN, AND HOW THEY ARE ADDRESSED BY THE GOSPEL.
 - 1. Faith is the gospel's answer to the love of sin.
 - 2. Repentance, the gospel's answer to the practice of sin.
 - 3. Baptism addresses the state of sin.
 - 4. Remission of sins addresses the guilt of sin.
- C. THIS LESSON DEALS WITH THE RESULT OF SIN
 - THE PROMISE OF ETERNAL LIFE(**Rom. 6:23**).

I. THE RESULT OF SIN.

- A. ONE RESULT OF SIN IS **SPIRITUAL** DEATH.
 - 1. The death referred to by God when He warned Adam & Eve(**Gen. 2:15-17**).
 - a. "...for **in the day** that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."
 - b. They did not die **physically** but they did die **spiritually** in that day.
 - 2. "Spiritual" death is "**separation from God**."
 - a. Death of any sort involves the idea of "separation."
 - b. Just as physical death is the separation of body and spirit(**James 2:26**).
 - 3. "Spiritual" death is what occurs when we sin(**Rom. 5:12**).
 - a. At the age of accountability when we violate God's law(**Rom. 7:9**).
 - b. This is the "death" referred to in **Eph. 2:1-3, 12; Isa. 59:1-2**.
- B. ANOTHER RESULT OF SIN IS "**PHYSICAL**" DEATH(**Gen. 3:16-19**).
 - 1. (**1 Cor.15:22**)We are Adam's **physical** offspring, so we inherit that which is his **physically - physical death**.
 - 2. **Spiritually**, from birth, we are God's offspring. Therefore we are born **spiritually** innocent and alive. Man becomes a spiritual descendent of Adam **only when he does that which Adam did - SIN**.(**Rom. 3:23; 6:23; 5:12**)
- C. THE FINAL RESULT OF SIN IS THE "SECOND" DEATH.
 - 1. This death is referred to in **Rev. 21:8**.
 - 2. This "death" involves ETERNAL separation from God!
 - 3. This "death" Jesus often spoke of and warned about **Matt. 10:28; 25:41-46**.
- D. THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH IN MORE THAN ONE SENSE(**Rom. 6:23**).

II. THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE.

- A. THE GOSPEL SOLVES THE PROBLEM OF **SPIRITUAL DEATH** BY PROVIDING IN ONE SENSE **ETERNAL LIFE** NOW!
 - 1. John speaks of this **life** in **1 John 5:11-13**.
 - 2. **Eternal** in **quality**, knowing God and Jesus, having fellowship with them (**John 17:3; 10:10; 1 John 5:20**).
 - 3. No longer "**dead in sin**," "**separated from God**."
 - 4. "Begins when we rise from baptism in "newness of life"(**Rom. 6:4**).

- a. In baptism our sins are forgiven(**Acts 2:38; 22:16**).
- b. We enter into a new relationship with God (**Gal. 3:26-27**).
5. We were **once dead** spiritually, are **now alive** in Christ!(**Eph. 2:1, 4-9**).
- B. TO **PHYSICAL DEATH**, THE **HOPE OF THE RESURRECTION**.
 1. Jesus spoke of this "hope" in **John 5:28-29**.
 2. Paul wrote of this wonderful "hope" in **1 Cor. 15:20-23, 50-58**.
 3. Based upon Jesus' resurrection(**1 Pet. 1:3; 2 Cor. 4:13-14**).
 4. With such hope, physical death has lost much of its sting(**1 Thess 4:13-18**).
- C. IN ANSWER THE **SECOND DEATH**, THE **HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE**.
 1. In this sense, eternal life is future (**Matt. 25:46; Mark 10:29-30; Titus 1:2**).
 2. This "eternal life" comes AFTER one has:
 - a. Been set free from sin(**Rom. 6:3-7**).
 - b. Become a slave to God(**Rom. 6:17-19**).
 - c. Produced the fruit of holiness(**Rom. 6:22**).
 3. Comes AFTER the resurrection and judgment(**Matt. 25:31-34, 46**).
 4. Comes to those who patiently DO the will of God!(**Rom. 2:4-7**).
 5. Offers honor, peace and glory to those who receive it(**Rom. 2:8-11**).
 6. Is beautifully described by the apostle John in **Rev. 21:1-7; 22:1-5**.

CONCLUSION:

- A. THE GOSPEL ADDRESSES SPIRITUAL DEATH, PHYSICAL DEATH, AND THE SECOND DEATH AS THEY ARE CAUSE BY SIN.
- B. THE PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL IS FOR FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD, THE RESURRECTION FROM THE GRAVE, AND LIFE ETERNAL.
- C. WILL YOU ANSWER THE GOSPEL CALL?