

SPIRITUAL DEATH (#1)

During the serpent's discussion with Eve about Bible study, he asked her opinion of God's policy regarding prohibition of eating from any of the trees of the Garden (Gen.3:1). Satan wanted to know if Eve had a concept of **the truth** of God's Word (Rev.20:2; John 8:30-32).

Taking a lead from Eve's reading "into" the Word of God (Gen.3:3-2-3) [adding 'we can't even touch it!]. Satan took the role of the wise sage of the world to address her fear with a Hebrew absolute infinitive – "You surely shall NOT die (lo-muth / kal impf) (muth / kal infin)." Satan attacked **the truth** of the Word of God and Eve didn't defend it (Gen.3:4-5; Eph.6:10-17).

Principle: A false assumption leads to a false interpretation which leads to a false expectation, leading to false application.

The Angelic Conflict is introduced into the human race regarding the doctrine of spiritual death.

- **God:** "You surely shall die." (Gen.2:17)
- **Satan:** "You surely shall not die." (Gen.3:4)

This lesson will study five aspects of the doctrine of Spiritual Death resulting from Adam's transgression of the Edenic Law (Gen.2:17; Rom.5:18).

1. Spiritual death is imputed to every member of the human race at physical birth because of Adam's transgression (Rom.5:12, 14, 17, and 21).

"Adam introduced sin and death into the world; Christ brought righteousness and life.

- Adam stands for man's condemnation (Rom.1:18-3:20)
- Christ stands for believer's justification (Rom.3:21-5:11)." (NIV) (Rom.5:12-21).

(1 Cor.15:22) "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all shall be made alive."

"All who are 'in Adam' [i.e., his descendants] suffer death. All who are 'in Christ' [i.e., who are related to Him by faith] will be made alive at the resurrection (John 5:25; 1 Thess.4:16-17; Rev.20:6)." (NIV, 1 Cor.15:22)

2. There are 13 judicial charges associated with Adam's transgression. In theology, we refer to it as Adam's Original Sin (AOS).

Alienation	(Eph.2:12-13)	Enmity	(Rom.5:10-11)
Blindness	(2 Cor.4:3-6)	Natural	(1 Cor.2:14)
Condemnation	(Rom.8:1-2)	Perishing	(Jn.3:16; 10:28-30)
Curse	(Gal.3:10-14)	Sinner	(1 Tim.1:15; Rom.5:8, 19)
Darkness	(Col.1:13-14)	Ungodly	(Rom.5:6)
Death	(Rom.5:12)	Unrighteous	(Rom.3:10, 20-22)
		Wrath	(John 3:36; Rom.5:9)

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3. AOS is transmitted to the human race through the male imperfect “Y” chromosome (Rom.5:12-21; John 3:1-7). The female is the carrier (1 Tim.2:14).

This doctrinal principle is important to the virgin conception of Jesus Christ (Luke 1:30-35; Matt.1:22-23; Isa.7:14).

Jesus must be born outside of the curse of AOS (by way of the virgin birth) and remain outside of the slave market of sin (remaining impeccable) in order to redeem those of us born into it (2 Cor.5:21; Heb.4:15; 1 John 3:5).

4. Jesus had to be born and live outside of the curse of AOS to fulfill messianic prophecy (Isa.7:14) and shadow Christology. (Heb.8-10; 8:13; 9:14-28; 10:1-10, 18)

Jesus had to be born ‘free’ in order to die to redeem the human race from AOS (Eph.1:7; Col.1:14; 1 Pet.1:18-19).

(1 Pet.1:19) “But with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish and defect.” (Ex.12) [Passover]

“OT sacrifices were types (foreshadows) of Christ, depicting the ultimate and only effective sacrifice. Thus Christ is the Passover Lamb (1 Cor.5:7), who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29).” (NIV, 1 Pet.1:19)

Faith in the Gospel of Jesus Christ **removes the 13 judicial charges of AOS and adds 37 Grace Provisions resulting in at least 50 things that take place at the moment of salvation.** “How much more” grace to the package of salvation (Heb.9:14; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9, 19; 1 Cor.1:2).

5. All unbelieving members of the human race are born subject to three categories of AOS - death. (Eph.2:1-10, 17-19).

- **Spiritual death** refers to separation from God in time (Rom.5:12-21).
- **Physical death** refers to separation from the living in time (Heb.9:27; 2 Cor.5:6-8).
- **Second spiritual death** refers to separation from God in eternity (John 3:16, 36; Rev.20:14-15).

In Adam one birth results in two deaths.

In Christ two births results in one death (and maybe not even that one!) (1 Cor.15:51-55)

Grace salvation removes the status of spiritual death in time and the second spiritual death for all eternity from the Believer forever (Rom.8:1; John 5:24).