

“Resurrection of the Dead” (#11)
“The Sin Unto Death”

During the month of April, we are studying a new series of lessons entitled, Resurrection of Dead.

Paul is answering questions written by church leaders regarding doctrinally issues associated with the resurrection of Jesus Christ – “How do some of you say?” (1 Cor.15:12)

We studied the **first three biblical deaths** in our last lesson. They were:

- Physical death (nekros) (Eccl.3:2; 12:7; Heb.9:27).
- Spiritual death (thanatos) (Rom.5:12-21; 1 Cor.15:22.)
- Second spiritual death (thanatos) (Rev.20:14-15).

This lesson will continue our study of the five additional biblical deaths.

- **The fourth biblical death is “sexual”.**

Sexual death is the inability to procreate. We will mention two examples of sexual death working in the plan of God: **Sarah and Hannah.**

Both women went through similar test of the faith cycle in the plan of God.

- **Sarah** went through the woman’s curse (Gen.3:16) and barrenness (Gen.11:30; 16:1) and menopause and sexual death to birth (Gen.17:15-21; 18:14; 21:4-7; **Heb.11:11-12**).

(Gen.21:1-4) “Then the Lord took note of Sarah as He said, and the Lord did for Sarah as He had promised. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham called the name of his son who was born to him, whom Sarah bore to him, **Isaac.**” (Rom.4:19-21); (**Matt.1:2**) [lineage of Christ]

- **Hannah** went through the woman’s curse (Gen.3:16) and barrenness (1 Sam.1:5-8, 10, 18-20) and sexual death to birth.

(1 Sam.1:19b-20) “And the Lord remembered her. It came about in due time, after Hannah had conceived, that she gave birth to a son; and she named him **Samuel**, saying, ‘Because I have asked him of the Lord.’” (**Heb.11:32**); (Acts 3:24) [prophet-judge]

- **The Fifth biblical death is “positional”.**

Positional death identifies every Church Age Believer (CAB) with the death, burial, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ.

(Rom.6:3-5) “Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been **baptized into His death** (ta thanatos)? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, **so that as** Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, **so we too might walk in newness of life.** For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection.” (Gal.2:20)

(Gal.3:26-2) “For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.” (John 11:25-267)

(1 Cor.12:13) “For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free, and we were **all made to drink of one Spirit.**”

(Rom.8:11) “But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies** through His Spirit who dwells in you.”

- **The Sixth biblical death is “temporal”.**

Temporal death is the result of carnality in Christian Way of Life (CWL) (1 Cor.3:1-3; Rom.13:13-14).

It is the result of walking by means of the Old Sin Nature (OSN) or flesh (Gal.5:16-17; 1 John 1:8-9).

(James 1:14-15) “But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. That when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.”

(1 Tim.5:6) “But she who gives herself to wanton pleasure (spatalao / p.a.ptc.) [riotous living] is dead even while she lives.” (Luke 15:13-16) An example was Lot’s wife (Luke 17:32; Gen.19:26).

- **The seventh death is “operational”.**

Operational death is a Church Age Believer (CAB) attempting to accomplish the Will of God apart from the faith cycle (2 Cor.5:7; Col.2:6-7).

(James 2:26) “For just as the body without the spirit is dead, so also faith without works is dead.”

(James 2:20) “But are you willing to recognize, you foolish fellow, that faith without works is useless.”¹
(Cor.3:12-14)

Two Examples:

- **Jonah’s** failure of the faith cycle to God’s directive will resulted in operational death and divine discipline.
- **Abraham’s** offering of Isaac avoided operational death by completing God’s directive will by the faith cycle (Gen.22; Heb.11:1, 17-19; 1 John 5:4).

- **The eighth biblical death is the “Sin unto Death”.**

The sin unto death is a reversionistic believer dying under divine discipline.
(Prov.14:14; Ps.118:18; Heb.12:5-11; Heb.3:12, 17).

The sin unto death is based on a principle of sin and not on a specific sin (**1 John 5:16**).

Biblical examples of believers dying under the sin unto death are **Saul** (1 Sam.31:4-6), **Ahithophel** (2 Sam.17:21-23) and **Ananias and Sapphira** (Acts 5:1-10).

They were saved before the sin unto death as well as saved after it (John 10:28-30; 1 John 5:11-13).