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SPIRITUAL DEATH

Request: "I have heard you say that spiritual death is passed onto every member of the human race at physical birth. Could you explain this to me?"

(Romans 5:14) "Therefore, just as (hosper/ intensive particle/ comparative clause) **through** (dia+abl.of agent) **one man** (Adam) **sin** (he hamartia) [Adam's Original Sin / AOS] **entered** (eischerchomai/ a.a.ind.3ps) into the world, **and death** (ho thanatos) [Spiritual Death] **through sin**, and so (houtos/ demonstrative adverb) **death spread** (dierchomai/ a.a.ind.3ps) **to all men, because all sinned.**"

Paul used two different Greek words to explain Adam's transgression: **parabasis** and **paraptoma**.

In Rom.5:13-14, Paul used **parabasis** to explain breaking the stipulations of a legal agreement containing a penal clause of the **Edenic Law** of **Gen.2:16-17** (Rom.5:14) [Adam]; (1 Tim2:14) [Eve] (TD of NT, vol.5, pg.737).

In Rom.5:15-21, Paul used **paraptoma** to explain a breach of a known Mosaic Law

This lesson will study FOUR aspects of how Spiritual Death spread to all mankind as result of AOS.

1. Spiritual death is imputed to every member of the human race at physical birth because of Adam's Original Sin (AOS) (Rom.5:12-21).

(Gen.2:17) "But from the tree of knowledge (tou ginosko/ p.a.infin) of good and evil, you shall not eat for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die (muth/ kal infin.2ps) (muth/ kal impf.2ps)."

- Identify the name of the tree _____
- Identify the negative commandment _____
- Identify the penal clause _____

Paul's theology always contrasted the first Adam 'transgression' with the Last Adam 'grace gift' of justification, righteousness, and eternal life (1 Cor.15:22, 45; Rom.5:15-21).

After spiritual death, Adam and Eve tried to cover their transgression (sin) with fig leaves from the (grace) trees of the Garden of Eden to be accepted into the presence of the Lord (Gen.2:25; 3:7). Later Cain will try a similar works sacrifice (Gen.4:1-5). **It never works (Rom.4:4-5; 11:6).**

2. Christian theologians believe that animal sacrifices began with the prophetic gospel of Christ of Gen.3:15 and shadow Christology. "The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them." (Gen.3:21)

This was certainly established with Abel and passed on through Seth and on through messianic lineage to the birth of Jesus Christ (Gen.4:1-5; Luke 3:23-38; Heb.11:4).

(Heb.11:4) "By **faith Abel** offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks."

3. The writer of Hebrews connected animal sacrifice with spiritual death and shadow Christology of the prophetic gospel of Christ (Heb.1-10) from the First Adam until the historical coming of the Last Adam, Jesus Christ (1 Cor.15:45).

In Hebrew 9, the emphasis is on the **sacrificial blood of the High Priest**, Jesus Christ (Heb.9:11-15).

(Heb.9:18) “Therefore even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood (Heb.10:9-10).

(1 John 1:7) “The blood of His Son cleanses us from all sin.” (1 Pet.1:19)

In Heb.10, the emphasis is on the **sacrificial body of the High Priest**, Jesus Christ, (Heb.10:3-21).

(Heb.10:10) “By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

(1 Pet.2:24) “And He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.” (1 Cor.15:3-4)

John the Baptist called Jesus, “The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” (John1:29; 1 Cor.5:7; 1 Pet.3:18)

4. When they nailed Jesus Christ to the cross, He could not physically die until He became sin for us. (2 Cor.5:21; 1 John 3:5)

This was because He was born without the curse of AOS (virgin conception by The Holy Spirit). (Luke 1:31-35).

- This qualified Him as the Lamb of God **without birth defect** (1 Pet.1:19) [Unblemished].
- Then He must qualify as the Lamb of God **without growth defect** [without volitional sin] (1 Pet.1:19) [Spot] (1 John 3:5).

The last three hours of the cross (Matt.27:45-54), Jesus Christ become the SIN OF THE WORLD and died spiritually. When it was finished (John 19:30) (tetelestai/ perf.p.ind.3ps), He died physically (John 19:30-37) to begin the second phase of the gospel – the burial and resurrection (1 Cor.15:3-4/ read).

Jesus Christ had to die in the way Adam died (first spiritually and then physically) to take away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

Those who reject the gospel of Jesus Christ are warned about **a second spiritual death** that follows physical death and The Great White Throne Judgment (Rev.2:20; 20:6, 14-15).

- Carefully read God’s grace solution to both spiritual deaths:
 - 1 Cor.15:3-4
 - Rom.1:16
 - Eph.2:8-9
 - John 10:28-30.