

# DEATH CAME THROUGH ADAM – THE RESURRECTION COMES THROUGH CHRIST!

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*“For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” (1 Corinthians 15:21 & 22.)*

## DEATH CAME INTO THE WORLD BECAUSE OF ADAM'S SIN: -

● Let us briefly go back to the beginning of this world and the creation of the first man Adam, and find out exactly how death has entered into this world because of his sin.

- Moses has recorded for us the truth that *“God created man in his [own] image, in the image of God created he him” (Genesis 1:27).*

*“God created man, in the likeness of God made he him” (Genesis 5:1).*

The wise man Solomon has recorded the fact that *“God hath made man upright” (Ecclesiastes 7:29).*

● Therefore we can safely conclude that the first man Adam was morally perfect in character at his creation. He was in perfect harmony with his Maker and his will. It was natural for Adam to obey his Maker and his Law.

- *“The LORD God planted a garden eastward in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed.” (Genesis 2:8.)*

*Within the Garden “out of the ground made the LORD God to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food; the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of knowledge of good and evil.” (Genesis 2:9.)*

- The Lord commanded Adam that *“of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat” (Genesis 2:16).*

This would indicate therefore that Adam had both permission and access to eat from the Tree of Life within the Garden. Continual eating of the Tree of Life gives a person the power to *“live for ever” (Genesis 3:22).*

- The Lord also commanded Adam, *“of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” (Genesis 2:17.)*
- Unfortunately, we know only too well that both of our first parents disobeyed God's express command and did indeed eat of the forbidden tree, as Eve *“took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat” (Genesis 3:6).*
- Because of Adam's disobedience of the Lord's express command by listening to his wife's voice, God pronounced the following death sentence upon him, and through him upon all his descendants,  
*“Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: ...In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou [art], and unto dust shalt thou return.” (Genesis 3:17 & 19.)*

The Godhead took the decision that because of Adam's sin, he would be denied access to the Tree of Life, and thus he would eventually die, and not be able to live forever.

*“Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil: and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever: Therefore the LORD God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.” (Genesis 3:22-24.)*

The prophet Hosea has recorded the fact that the two statements made by the Lord to Adam as recorded in Genesis 2:16 & 17, indicate that in reality a covenant existed between Adam and his Maker; a covenant of life and continued existence through access to the Tree of Life, based upon Adam's obedience to the Lord's Command; and conversely, if he disobeyed this covenant, he would be denied access to the Tree of Life, and he would eventually experience death and the ending of his existence.

Hosea has recorded that , *“But they \*like men have transgressed the covenant”* (Hosea 6:7).

**NB: -** \* The margin has for the words *“like men”*, *“Or, like Adam”*; which makes this passage read as, *“But they like Adam have transgressed the covenant”*.

- While we know that Adam and Eve were created in the image of God, after their fall they could only produce offspring after their own likeness and image, as it was recorded of Adam’s procreation of his son Seth that he *“begat [a son] in his own likeness, after his image”* (Genesis 5:3).
- As Adam and Eve were no longer in harmony with the will of their Maker, they were no longer morally perfect; their offspring would be procreated with the same tendency to disobey God and his Law. Jesus himself has recorded for us what is within the hearts of all humanity naturally without the regenerating grace of Christ.  
*“That which cometh out of the man, that defileth the man. For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.”* (Mark 7:20-23.)
- As Adam and Eve were also now subject to death and mortality, so would their offspring. Adam and Eve could not impart to their descendants something that they no longer possessed themselves. This is the death sentence that we all inherit from Adam’s sin – the 1<sup>st</sup> Death – the eventual ending of our earthly existence. The apostle Paul has recorded this truth very simply in the following passages.  
*“Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.”* (Romans 5:12.)  
*“As in Adam all die”* (1 Corinthians 15:22).
- The apostle Paul has recorded for us in the book of Hebrews, the following Divine decree has been passed upon every human being that has ever entered this world *“it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment”* (Hebrews 9:27).

### **THE RESURRECTION OF ALL THE DEAD COMES THROUGH CHRIST: -**

- The apostle Paul testified when on trial for his faith, *“that there shall be a resurrection of the dead, both of the just and unjust”* (Acts 24:15).
- The apostle Paul has testified when preaching to the Athenians, that God has indeed appointed a Day of Judgment for the world, and has given assurance of this fact to all people, because of his raising up Jesus from the dead.  
*“And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent: Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by [that] man whom he hath ordained; [whereof] he hath given assurance unto all [men], in that he hath raised him from the dead.”* (Acts 17:30 & 31.)
- Jesus has indicated that he has been given the *“authority to execute judgment also, because he is the Son of man”* (John 5:27).

He carries out this role through raising up all the dead in the two resurrections: - the 1<sup>st</sup> one for the just who are to be resurrected unto eternal life; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> one for the unjust who are to be resurrected unto condemnation. Jesus executes the judgment upon all humanity through the two resurrections of the dead, and gives to them at that time their eternal reward.

*“Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”* (John 5:28 & 29.)

### **THE RESURRECTION OF THE JUST AT THE 2<sup>ND</sup> COMING IS BASED UPON THE TRUTH THAT JESUS HAS INDEED BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD: -**

- Jesus himself testified to the apostle John when he was exiled on the island of Patmos, that because he had experienced death and had conquered the grave that he had the keys of death and the grave. This of course implies that he shall use these KEYS to open the prison house of the grave for his followers.  
*“I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell <sup>1</sup> and of death.”* (Revelation 1:18.)
- The apostle Paul has recorded for us how vital Christ’s resurrection from the dead is for all the saints who shall die, in the following words,  
*“But if there be no resurrection of the dead, then is Christ not risen: And if Christ be not risen, then [is] our preaching vain, and your faith [is] also vain. ... Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.”* (1 Corinthians 15:13, 14 & 18.)

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<sup>1</sup> The Greek word that is translated as *“hell”* is the word *“hades”* – See Strong’s Concordance, Greek, No. 86. It is synonymous with *“the grave”*.

- How thankful we are that Paul asserts so positively the truth that Jesus has indeed risen from the dead, *“But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.”* (1 Corinthians 15:20.)

He goes on to testify that *“they that are Christ’s”* will be raised up *“at his coming”* (1 Corinthians 15:23).

### **JESUS IS THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE: -**

- Jesus proclaimed the importance of his role in the resurrection when he stated to Martha, *“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live”* (John 11:25).
- The apostle Paul has recorded that *“Christ, [who is] our life”* (Colossians 3:4).
- Jesus testified concerning himself, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life”* (John 14:6).
- The apostle John wrote when referring to Jesus as being the Word of God, *“in him was life”* (John 1:4).

He also described Jesus in his 1<sup>st</sup> General Epistle, *“the Word of life; (For the life was manifested, and we have seen [it], and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)”* (1 John 1:1 & 2.)

The apostle John also recorded *“that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son”* (1 John 5:11.)

This is why John could then write in the next verse, *“He that hath the Son hath life”* (1 John 5:12).

### **“I WILL RAISE HIM UP AT THE LAST DAY”: -**

- *“And this is the Father’s will which hath sent me, that of all which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up again at the last day.”* (John 6:39.)

*“And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”* (John 6:40.)

*“No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.”* (John 6:44.)

*“Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.”* (John 6:54.)

- *“The Son quickeneth (that is, makes alive – compiler) whom he will”* (John 5:21); and when he calls those who sleep in the grave, they *“shall hear the voice of the Son of God: and they that hear shall live”* (John 5:25).
- It is at this Resurrection of the Just that Jesus raises those who *“have done good, unto the resurrection of life”* (John 5:29), so that *“neither can they die any more”* because they *“are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection”* (Luke 20:36).
- The Resurrection of the Just and the glorification of the saints are outlined in the 15<sup>th</sup> Chapter of 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians, as taking place at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus Christ.  
*“Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?”* (1 Corinthians 15:51-55).

### **THE 2<sup>ND</sup> RESURRECTION: -**

- The apostle John in the Book of Revelation has recorded the fact that the resurrection of the unjust takes place 1, 000 years **after** the resurrection of the just takes place.  
*“And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and [I saw] the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received [his] mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This [is] the first resurrection. Blessed and holy [is] he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such*

*the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.” (Revelation 20:4-6.)*

It is at this resurrection that the Lord sits upon his Great White Throne in judgment of the resurrected unjust.

*“And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell <sup>2</sup> delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:11-15.)*

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