

Death Defined

Death is commonly defined by as a lifeless body. Something that is unable to move on its own having no responses and no senses, cold and limp. In a state of decay.

But God defines death in different terms saying to Adam at the tree "in the day that you eat of it you show surely die". We know that physically his body lived on for some 900 plus years, but in the day that he ate of the tree he surely died because he lost the Spirit of God. For it was God having created Adam from dust then breathing in him stated that he became a living soul but of Adam when he fell he lost the Spirit of God in his soul and became dead. Like Jesus said of the prodigal son "this one who is dead has returned to me and now is alive therefore cloth him with the finest garments and apparel".

This is what God does to us through Christ as he clothes us in Christ in the finest clothing and apparel being Christ himself, we put this on. This is our gift from God in Christ. We put on this righteousness and put off our Adamic self righteousness.

The first man was breathed into by God and became a living being. When that man sinned he lost the Spirit of God and became spiritually dead. And so all humanity is dead to the things of the immortal eternal invisible God and Gods boundless timeless eternal always ready called the Kingdom at hand. This is the purpose for the gospel. To restore us to this position with Him. To be reborn of the spirit. "That which is flesh is flesh and that which is spirit is spirit, ye must be born again". And "only those born of the spirit can see and enter the Kingdom". John 3

This then is the reason why man must be born again to be like Adam before the fall. He needs to receive the breath of God and become a human being and a living soul. This is why Paul said we conclude that if one man died for all that all are dead. It is that man being born again, being born from above, is born of a new spirit. That's what makes us new. We are then a new creation. That's why Paul goes on to say "therefore we regard no one according to the flesh" that in Christ we are a new creation. "The old things have passed away all things become new". And this "becoming new" is us being restored to what Adam lost receiving the breath of God and becoming alive. Becoming alive as it is "in Christ" saying "he who has the Son has life he who has not the Son has not life". 1 John 5

So then the definition of what death is, is not by human standards of being a lifeless body but according to God's standards, it is by not having his spirit and not having interaction with him through his spirit to His things in spirit for "God is spirit and truth and seeks such". To become dead is to become separate from God in spirit. To loose the eternal spirit and return to the dust is the body's destiny.

Man was removed from the garden saying "He drove man out of the garden and placed a flaming sword which turned every way to guard the tree of life, Lest he eat and live forever". Lest he become eternal. He lost the spirit and access to the fruit of life he became a walking dead. And so goes all humanity. They do not have the spiritual facilities to interact with the always present invisible God. The "I am with you always". The Lord who says "I change not". "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever".

All the animals are dead to God. And this is what man became in the fall. Intuitively he fell from the ability to interact with God because he could not see or hear Him. This is why scripture speaks to those who "have ears to hear". It is the fallen man who reads scripture that turns the message into religious observances for the human to do. But it is us who "come to the light to clearly see that what is required of me is done in God. (John 3.21) We receive the gift.

It is through the religious observances that we can learn about God and redemption "but when that which is perfect comes, then that which is in part is done away with". That which is perfect is a new understanding, and that is what expires the observances. As Paul described in Galatians that "we are under guardians and teachers until faith comes" not until a 2nd coming Jesus. There will never be a carnal conclusion like the 2nd coming gospel supposes. It was to the spirit that man fell and that is the redemption. Spirit. Scripture says that "flesh and blood will not inherit the Kingdom ". But our born again spirited man does rule over what used to be a lifeless body.

This is the main conclusion in the book of Romans and chapter 8. It is the spirit of Him who raised Christ from the dead, who now lives in you who gives life to your dead body. That if we live by the mandates of the flesh we remain dead, but if by the spirit we put off the dead deeds of the body and put on the new man, we live while we have this decaying mortality. And as many as are led by the spirit? These are Gods offspring. So humanity is divided into two groups. Those "in Adam" of whom it is said "in the day that you eat you shall surely die, and those "in Christ". In His day we

shall surely live. This is resurrection of spirit which is life and not the body like a rapture for "flesh and blood does not inherit the Kingdom. (1 Corinthians 15)

So it is the carnal man who interprets scripture in a way that relates to his carnal senses that does not receive the things of God because ' the carnal man cannot understand the things of God because they must be spiritually discerned, comparing spiritual things with the spirit".

It is in this way that the end time theories only temporarily appease the carnal senses. After the expiration of one theory they run to another and they totally miss out on knowing Him who winks around us. He need not manifest Himself in a visible way for our calling is to become like Him. Our heavenly calling has to do with our invisible part. This is to become Godly. If He becomes visible then He would be a transgressor of His own immutable laws. He would become something that is foreign to Him. If He becomes a figure in time and matter He would destroy that too for we are called not to look at what is seen. For what is seen is temporary but that which is unseen is eternal". Even as Peter says that "all things shall be burned so that what is eternal (invisible) will remain". And those in the faith chapter "who look to the city whose building and maker is God".

So it is those who do not "have ears to hear or eyes to see" who know Gods works but do not know His ways because they are looking to time and matter and not the invisible. These are dead to the things of God. "He who has the Son has life, he who has not the Son has not life" 1 John 5