

**Genesis 2:15-17: "In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."**

We all know what happened, Adam rebelled against God's command after the serpent tempted Eve, seduced her, and lied to her; told her that God was lying to her. She then took the fruit and brought it to Adam, and they both ate of that which God had forbidden them.

The crown jewel of God's creation had fallen, the image of God was defaced in the man and his wife, they were no longer innocent, but they had willfully sinned against God! Romans 5:12

But then, in Genesis 3:15, God graciously promised that "A Man", a human, A MOST EXCELLENT MAN would come to "RECLAIM" fallen humanity, to redeem and rescue them for God... FROM SATAN'S GRASP.

"This Promised Man" would be born from the fallen woman, he would righteous and without sin, (His Father would not be a sinful man), He would come to free Adam's now helpless race.

"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between THY SEED (the wicked), and HER SEED (the righteous)".

God told the serpent, that Man will crush your head, and free captive sinners from death and from your tyranny over them.

From the time of the promise/prophecy of Genesis 3:15, the devil, (who BTW IS NOT omniscient) hunted God's people TO KILL THAT MAN-CHILD and STOP the righteous One before He could come and defeat him and break his stronghold on fallen sinners.

Satan got to work right away with Cain-Abel, Pharaoh-Israel, Saul-David, Haman-Esther-Israel, Herod.

**But in all of Satan's rage against Christ, he failed, when the fulness of time came, Christ came into the world, in the likeness of sinful flesh, to redeem, reclaim, and save sinners.**

And He did just that when He suffered and died on His cross. In Christ's death on the cross, He took upon Himself the full weight and penalty of God's justice for our sins! Our guilt, our condemnation was laid upon Him!

"God made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him".

But we must not miss "The Resurrection of Jesus Christ" from the dead, IT IS VITAL in the gospel of Jesus Christ! For if Jesus, the Son of Man, that Excellent and Sinless Man did not rise from the dead, we would ALL still be dead on our trespasses and sins! Without hope in the world!

1 Corinthians 15:12-22. Who would deny more than 500 eyewitnesses who saw Christ alive after His cross?

Read V1-9

Christ rose from the grave on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day according to the scriptures, notice (V5-6-7-8), (4) times Paul repeats, and "He was seen", of Cephas, then of the 12, then by more than

500 brethren at once, then by James, then of all the apostles (AGAIN), and finally, He was seen by Paul! Not to mention many of the women who saw Him, Mary Magdalene who was the first to see Him, the (2) disciples on the Emmaus Road. Acts 1:1-3

**I want to go back to our opening passage, "In the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die". 1 Corinthians 15:22: "For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive."**  
**John 11:25**

If you're born-again by the Spirit of God, you have been raised from spiritual death, resurrected to spiritual life. Every one of us is born into this world "dead in our trespasses and sins", because of that, every one of us stands in need of LIFE!

We cannot be reserrected as sinners or recovered by human means, we must be resurrected, raised to life, forgiven for our sins, MADE NEW by the power of God! Our sins MUST be dealt with...1 John 3:4-5, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:13-14.

So now IN CHRIST, to you who believe!

John 5:24-26, 11:23-27, Ephesians 2:1-6, Back-1 Corinthians 15:22

**So, understand, if you have been born-again by the Spirit of God, you have been MADE ALIVE; you have "passed from death unto life."**  
**John 5:24**

But death is still before us! These aging bodies will die when we reach that boundary and shoreline of life, which God has appointed to each of us.

After Adam had sinned, when God pronounced the curse upon him and the entire creation (because of his sin), God said:

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; (in death), for out of it you were taken, for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return".

Because of sin, death is before every human. But Christian, you have been made alive in Christ, you can now die in hope of the resurrection!

1 Corinthians 15:19-20

So, for you child of God, when you die, your body shall be laid in the grave, but your soul shall ascend into the presence of God in heaven until the resurrection at the last day! When the last day comes, you will be raised from the grave like your Lord! 1 Corinthians 15:23, 42-57

As children of God, we are to live with earnest and great expectation of the redemption of our bodies, hope of the resurrection!

Romans 8:19-23

**I will finish this morning with a couple of thoughts. Romans 8:11-14**

If you're in Christ, born-again by the Spirit of God, forgiven for your sins, raised to spiritual life, you would be defined as one who is "led by the Spirit of God", who mortifies the

deeds of the body. NOT dead in your sins, or a servant of sin, but ALIVE in Christ, and a servant of Christ and of righteousness! You're a new creature/creation in Christ! Saved people live ALOFT, their conversation (citizenship) is in heaven!

Colossians 3:1-3. This is you, child of God!

**For you who are not saved, YOU ARE dead in your trespasses and sins!**

You are separated from God, condemned and guilty before God because of all your sins. In your current condition, you have no hope of heaven, you cannot live in hope, and you cannot die in hope of eternal life.

For you, the resurrection will only bring stern judgment, followed by eternal damnation!

If you've heard the gospel of Christ and not believed it, you're in a dangerous place!

STOP listening to the lies of the world and the god of this world. What a terrible thing to OPEN your eyes in hell, knowing that you will never, ever be saved.....knowing that you're there because you believed the devil's lies!

John 3:36, Isaiah 55:6-7