

WE WILL CONSIDER

- Sin and death came into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God.
- Sin comes from inside us, not from a supernatural 'devil'.
- Dead people return to dust and are unconscious.
- Thankfully, we can be saved from sin and death through Jesus Christ.

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Why do Sin and Death Exist?

Humans have two big problems: we all sin and we all die. These are not very pleasant subjects to discuss, but the good news is that God has given us a way to be saved from sin and from death.

“Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned.”

Romans 5:12

In Genesis 2, God gave Adam and Eve a law and told them that if they disobeyed the law they would die (Genesis 2:16-17). A snake with the power of speech tempted Eve to disobey God's law. She and Adam chose to sin and were sentenced to death (Genesis 3:1-6, 19). Since then, all Adam's and Eve's descendants are troubled by temptation to sin and all die (Romans 3:23, 1 Corinthians 15:22).

Where does temptation come from?

“Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” - James 1:14-15 (KJV)

The Bible clearly teaches that sin comes from inside us. We are drawn away by our own desires and choose to sin ourselves. Jesus taught that “There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him” (Mark 7:15). There is no physical creature called a 'devil' that makes us sin – we already have all kinds of sin in our heart:

“What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Mark 7:20-23

What Happens When we Die?

“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”

Genesis 3:19

When Adam sinned, God told him that he was made of the dust and would return to dust (Genesis 3:19). The Bible teaches that dead people have no memory, thoughts or feelings: “The living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing, and they have no more reward, for the memory of them is forgotten. Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished...Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might, for there is no work or thought or knowledge or wisdom in Sheol, to which you are going. (Ecclesiastes 9:5-6,10) When we die, we simply return to the dust. No part of us continues to live on in another place.

The Good News

“God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.”

John 3:16

Jesus Christ, although the son of God (Matthew 3:17) was a man who was tempted to sin just like us (Matthew 4:1-11). The wonderful thing about Jesus is that he never gave in to his temptations: he never sinned (1 Peter 2:22). Even though he never sinned, he died because he was human (Hebrews 2:14). Because he was obedient to death (Philippians 2:8), God raised him from the dead never to die again (Matthew 28, Hebrews 7:25).

Mark 16:16 tells us that whoever believes and is baptised will be saved. Baptism is a symbol of dying and rising with Jesus Christ (Romans 6:2-4). If we are baptised we can be forgiven for our sins and live a new life of obedience to God (Acts 2:38).

When Jesus Christ comes back to the earth as King, he will raise the dead (1 Corinthians 15:51-54) and give eternal life to those who are faithful. We will be given new bodies that cannot be tempted to sin

(2 Peter 1:4). As perfect children of God we will not be able to commit sins (1 John 3:5,9). We will be immortal – living for ever, equal with the angels and continually serving God (Luke 20:36)

What great news!!

More information

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