

"THE ANTI-LIFE"

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THE BIBLE SPEAKS ABOUT DEATH IN THREE WAYS.

1. PHYSICAL DEATH - The Consequence of Sin

Rom. 5:15 *Many people died because of the sin of that one man. (NCV)*

Rom. 5:14 *But from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, everyone had to die, even those who had not sinned by breaking a command, as Adam had. (NCV)*

a. It is Universal to Humankind

Rom. 5:12 *Sin came into the world because of what one man did, and with sin came death. This is why everyone must die – because everyone sinned. (NCV)*

Psalms 89:47-48 *Remember how short my life is, how empty and futile this human existence! No one can live forever; all will die. No one can escape the power of the grave. (NLT)*

b. It Separates Spirit and Body

Eccl. 12:7 *You will turn back into the dust of the earth again, but your spirit will return to God who gave it. (NCV)*

c. It is used as Temporal Judgment

Gen. 9:5-6 *"And I will require the blood of anyone who takes another person's life. If a wild animal kills a person, it must die. And anyone who murders a fellow human must die. If anyone takes a human life, that person's life will also be taken by human hands. For God made human beings in his own image." (NLT)*

2. SPIRITUAL DEATH - Sin Disconnected Man from God

Isa. 59:2 *But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. (NKJV)*

a. It is the Outcome of Man's Choice

Rom. 5:18-19 *Yes, Adam's sin brought condemnation upon everyone . . . Because one person disobeyed God, many people became sinners. (NLT)*

1 Cor. 15:21 *So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, Adam, now resurrection from the dead has begun through another man, Christ. (NLT)*

b. It Resulted in a Depraved Human Nature

Rom. 3:10-12 *As the Scriptures say: "There is no one who always does what is right, not even one. There is no one who understands. There is no one who looks to God for help. All have turned away. Together, everyone has become useless. There is no one who does anything good; there is not even one." (NCV)*

Eph. 2:1 *In the past you were spiritually dead because of your sins and the things you did against God. (NCV)*

3. SECOND DEATH - The Penalty of Sin

Rom. 5:18 *So as one sin of Adam brought the punishment of death to all people, one good act that Christ did makes all people right with God. And that brings true life for all. (NCV)*

Rom. 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (NRSV)*

Rev. 20:14-15 *This is the second death – the lake of fire. And anyone whose name was not found in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire. (NLT)*

Heb. 9:27 *Man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment. (NIV)*

a. It is a Permanent Separation from God

Rev. 21:8 *"But cowards, those who refuse to believe, who do evil things, who kill, who sin sexually, who do evil magic, who worship idols, and who tell lies – all these will have a place in the lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death." (NCV)*

2 Thes. 1:8-9 *He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the majesty of his power. (NIV)*

c. It is an Eternal Punishment

Matt. 25:46 *"And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous will go into eternal life." (NLT)*

Matt. 25:41 *"Then the King will say to those on his left, 'Go away from me. You will be punished. Go into the fire that burns forever that was prepared for the devil and his angels.'" (NCV)*

Rev. 20:10 *And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. (NASB)*

Rev. 14:10-11 *They will be tormented with fire and burning sulfur in the presence of the holy angels and the Lamb. The smoke of their torment will rise forever and ever, and they will have no relief day or night. (NLT)*

CHRIST HAS WON THE VICTORY OVER DEATH ON THE CROSS.

Col. 2:15 *God stripped the spiritual rulers and powers of their authority. With the cross, he won the victory and showed the world that they were powerless. (NCV)*

1 Cor. 15:22 *Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. (NLT)*

John 5:24 *"I tell you the truth, whoever hears what I say and believes in the One who sent me has eternal life. That person will not be judged guilty but has already left death and entered life." (NCV)*

John 11:25-26 *"I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die like everyone else, will live again. They are given eternal life for believing in me and will never perish." (NLT)*

Rev. 20:4-6 *They came to life again, and they reigned with Christ for a thousand years. This is the first resurrection. (The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years had ended.) Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power. (NLT)*