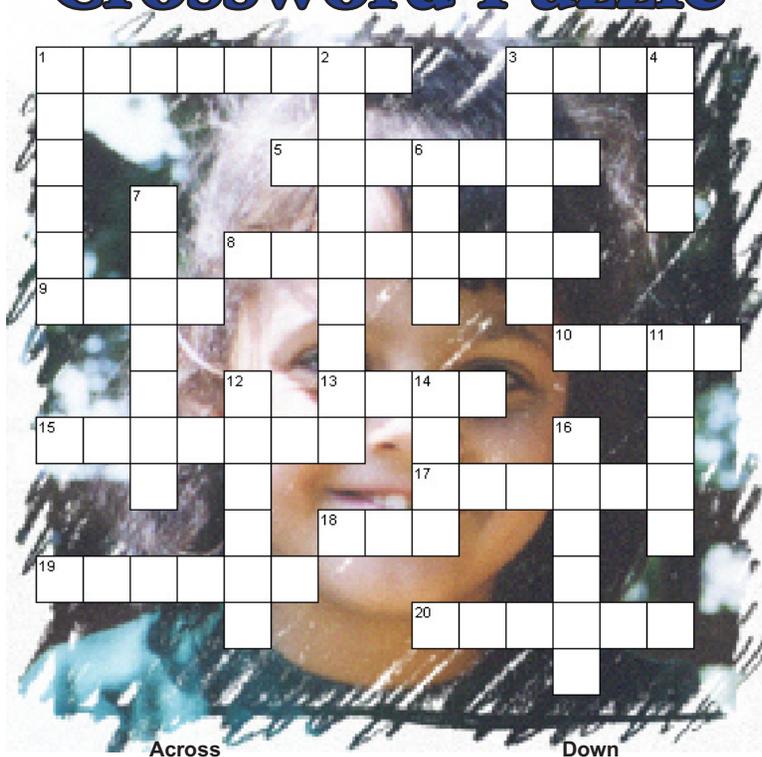
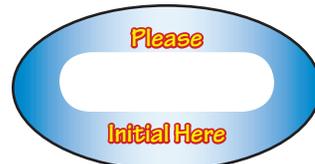


Crossword Puzzle



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| 1. The first death is when the _____ body dies. | 1. Because these _____ never received God's life... |
| 3. ... spirit, _____ and body... | 2. Death was entirely _____. |
| 5. Man's spirit enables him to _____ God. | 3. The lake of fire is the _____ death. |
| 8. After physical death is _____. | 4. The _____ of fire. |
| 9. Adam and Eve's garden. | 6. As _____ goes on, death continues to work in man... |
| 10. ... spirit, soul and _____. | 7. This will be _____ separation... |
| 13. Death works for our whole _____. | 11. _____ was not part of God's plan... |
| 15. Fallen man is _____ of God's feelings of displeasure and wrath. | 12. God _____ Adam and Eve... |
| 17. Death will have its full _____ in man. | 14. Lake of _____. |
| 18. Adam's spouse. | 16. Those who refuse God's salvation will _____ eternal death. |
| 19. On the day Adam _____, he actually did die - he died in his spirit. | |
| 20. They do not hear God... they _____ the feeling of reproof in their conscience... | |

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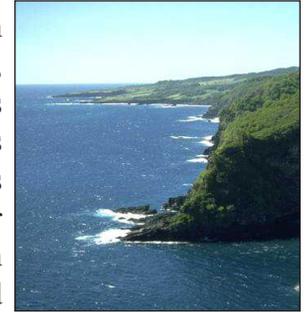
The Truth and Experience of God's Salvation

- Lesson Seven -

The Results of Man's Fall Death (2)

I. Overview.

Death comes to fallen man in different stages. Today, the spirit of fallen man is dead. Because of this he is unable to contact God. As time goes on, death continues to work in man over his entire lifetime. Death causes him to age, to weaken, to become sick and eventually to physically die.



God created man with three parts - spirit, soul and body.

As a final result of death, all those who refuse to receive God's salvation will suffer eternal death. They will all be raised to stand before the great white throne of God for His final judgment. Because all of these people will be those who never received God's life, they will all be cast into the lake of fire – spirit, soul, and body. The lake of fire is what the Bible calls the “second death.” In this way, death, which first infected man in the Garden of Eden, will have its full result in fallen man. He will be eternally separated from God and will suffer forever in the lake of fire.

II. Memory Verse.

“But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, of it you shall not eat; for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

(Gen. 2:17)

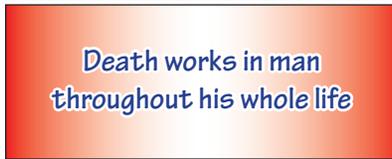
III. Lesson.

The first mention of death in the Bible is in God's warning to Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Death was not part of God's original plan for man, it was entirely avoidable. However, God clearly warned Adam that the day he ate of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil he would surely die.



Death Works in Man

Regardless of the warning they had received, Adam and Eve disobeyed God. After they disobeyed, they did not actually seem to die. We must understand, however, what God meant when He said that Adam would die in the day he ate of the forbidden tree. For this we need to consider some verses.



First Thessalonians 5:23 tells us that God created man with three parts: spirit, soul and body. On the day that Adam sinned he actually did die – he died in his spirit. Man's spirit is his part that enables him to contact God and to fellowship with Him. Man still has a spirit within him, but his spirit is "dead." This means that it no longer functions as it was created to, that is, it is no longer able to contact God.

The Bible tells us that man is now "dead" in his offenses and sins. Man lives in sin and offends God, but he is unaware of God's feelings of displeasure and wrath. As in Noah's day, the Spirit of God is striving with the sinners to bring them to repentance. However, they do not hear God, rather they harden their hearts in ignorance and reject the feeling of reproof in their conscience and continue to sin against God.

Death Eventually Conquers All Men

Death continues to work in man through sin during his entire lifetime. Eventually death overcomes every man. No man can escape death. Eventually God's word is completely fulfilled, and every man dies.

The first death is when our physical body dies. After that is the judgment. Whoever's name is not found in the Lamb's book of life will be cast into the lake of fire. This is called the second death. This will be an eternal separation from God and all of His blessings. We must understand how terrible a thing it is that man sinned against God and received death into himself.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What is the "second death"?

2. In what way did Adam and Eve die on the day that they ate of the forbidden tree?

3. Why can fallen man not hear God?

4. What is the final result of death?

