

# THE ORIGIN OF DEATH

If I do all manner of great works and have all forms of knowledge and yet I have no love, I am nobody. If I do not see a reflection of myself in my brethren and fail to discern I am one flesh with the brethren, I am nothing. If I still see God as one without me, I am ignorant and dead. If I am enveloped in constant fear and torment with respect to my standing and relation with God, I am dead. If I cannot say for sure that I love the name of the Lord and am one with His eternal purposes, I am dead. If I cannot say for sure that I am pleasing God, then I am dead.

**1Corinthians 13:1** Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become *as* sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. **2** And though I have *the gift of* prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, ---- **13** And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these *is* charity.

If I fall into any of these categories, does it mean I am doomed and condemned forever? No, it does not mean that I am condemned and doomed eternally. Christ was revealed from Heaven to get us out of that low state of existence called death, so that we can be enlightened with the light of the living. God's ways are not the ways of man; neither is His thoughts the thoughts of men. His thoughts are thoughts of pure love towards all men, to bring them, to an expected end of peace and life to the fullest.

That thought pattern of men that reveals God in a negative light, are only projections from the minds of men who are spiritually dead and therefore annihilated in their minds from the reality of God's true nature of love. We live when we are aware of His immeasurable and unfailing love; we live when we recognize and love the brethren; we live when we know that we are constantly pleasing Him. We live when we know and can boldly confess without a shadow of doubt that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. We live when we know that we are TRULY in oneness with Him.

As we awaken we will become aware of the fact that we were once alive but we died somewhere along the line. Paul says he was once alive without law, but He died when the law came into being.

**Roman 7:9-10 For I was alive without the law once: but when the commandment came, sin revived, and I died. 10 And the commandment, which *was ordained to life, I found to be unto death.***

In reality the commandment (conscious knowledge of good and evil) and sin (transgression of the commandment) became alive as Paul was born and initiated into this material world. Paul died simply because He was conformed into this material world in a flesh and blood consciousness, in a conformation similar to that of Adam in the day of His fall. Like Adam, His true original nature while he lived, is that of the incorruptible and immortal God, which is spiritual by nature. Only that spiritual man created in the image and likeness of God fulfills the law without even being consciously aware of it; he spontaneously fulfills the commandment without laboring to do so. The spiritual man created in the image of God cannot and does not sin because it is not in its nature to do so. The Dog does not fly, because it is not in its nature to do so. The Crow does not bark because it is not in its nature to do so. So that man created by God does not and cannot sin [1 John 3:9, 1 John 5:18]. The man of the earth, or the man of flesh and blood cannot fulfill the law because by nature it is devilish and of the earth and therefore cannot fulfill the law which is in reality spiritual and heavenly.

No matter how a man tries, He can never fulfill the holy commandment of God, which in truth remains valid through eternity. The commandment is only fulfilled in the knowledge of Christ; for this reason He says I came to cause you to fulfill the law because without fulfilling the law you can not enter back into God's kingdom of unlimited favors and blessings [Matthew 5:17-20].

That true original root sin which man commits is His conformation to an earthly carnal identity in contrast to the spiritual image of Christ that is His real identity. Like Adam, we all listened to that which is of the Devil (The wisdom of this age) and we have ever since been conforming ourselves to the earthly beastly nature. The beast or serpent is simply the wisdom from the spirit of man or of this world that promotes earthly and carnal knowledge above the knowledge of God. This wisdom (From the tree of knowledge of good and evil) is the one thing that God com-

manded man to abstain from fellowshiping with. God's eternal commandment as our heavenly Father to every one of us is to keep ourselves in His true spiritual and immortal image, which is Christ. As long as we sow to the flesh (carnal minds) by conforming ourselves into a flesh and blood identity, we reap death. In death the thorns and thistles of sorrows, anguish, emotional pains, torments and unbelief sets in. That glorious God-like state of immortality and incorruption is lost for an image of the dust, which represents vanity and emptiness. In man's transgression, that once princely incorruptible image is now lost to dust, for this reason, it says dust you are and to dust you will return.

Dust to dust, is the lowering of the dead into the lower places of the darkness of the earth called hell. In that state of death the law is revived, and the knowledge of transgression of the law also awakens within man. The sense of nakedness and unworthiness awakens in man so that in the secrecy of His heart He now views God as an adversary. Man now views God as one far away from Him and therefore invents and introduces devices of religion and morality to get to God. No matter how He tries, man is never able to please God and never able to get back into the blessings of God's Paradise where all things work out for His good. He is left with the option to toil and sweat for His sustenance because He feels all alone with no helper.

While man lives on in a sense of annihilation and unworthiness before God, a voice still sounds in the background; the voice keeps saying, "Who told you that you are naked, have you eaten of the lie of the devil?"

If I have no love, I am like dust of the earth with no value whatsoever, on which people neither walk upon without regard of nor thought of. If I still feel naked and unworthy to stand boldly before my heavenly Father in love, I am still dead. If I still feel far away and separate from God in my consciousness, then I am dead. If my life is constantly in suspense before me and I still fear and feel anxious for my tomorrow, then I am dead in my sins and trespasses. What is the meaning of the term, "sins and trespasses"? It is our conformation from our true spiritual image into an identity synonymous with this material world. This downgrading conformation causes man to lose knowledge of the living God and His part in Him. To be dead is to lose knowledge of the God of love and our part in Him.

## PHYSICAL DEATH NOT TRUE DEATH

Shedding of the physical body is not death in reality; the fact that men move about doing things does not in anyway mean they are truly alive. True death is a spiritual concept and not a physical concept. It is important that we are able to understand this precious truth. Spiritually speaking one might be dead physically and be alive in God, or one can be dead physically and be dead spiritual. In likewise manner, one can be alive physically, and be dead, just in the same way one can be alive physically and be alive in the knowledge of God.

God had commanded Adam not to partake of fellowship in darkness typified by the knowledge of good and evil; He said in the day that Adam ventures to eat of that tree, He will die. We know from the scriptures that even after Adam's transgression, He went on living physically until nine hundred and thirty years during which he bore children [**Genesis 5:1-5**]. Even though Adam lived on in the flesh, He was dead in reality, because He was leaving a life cut off from the true and divine life of God. Living a life in the flesh has no eternal significance, it is like living the life of the beasts of the field which come into existence and then die off. The flesh profits nothing it is the spirit that is life [**John 6:63**].

No wonder Jesus called those who opposed Him during the days of His ministry coffins with dead men's bones on the inside. Meaning they had outer appearances of people bubbling in life, but in reality they were dead [**Matthew 23:26-29**]. This is the state of man living the Adam-like life today; in all His pomp and carnal majesty, he is dead due to His ignorance of the true and living God.

On one occasion, Jesus once said let the dead bury the dead, while those of them called to follow the Christ unto life move on [**Matthew 8:21-22**]. This means that Christ is here, to call us out of a realm of death into a realm of abundant life in God.

The appearance of the grave and all the things we see on this physical realm, are all shadows and pointers to the true realities of the spiritual realm. They are the thoughts of God manifested physically for men to understand. In the same way a dead man cannot see nor hear nor talk nor walk, so also is the state of man dead in His sins and trespasses. They do not perceive, see nor walk in the light of God's glory; the limi-

tedness, destruction and the darkness of this world is His portion. Like John the Baptist once said, the wrath of God abides in such a person.

In the state of death, man loses a knowledge of who He is; He also loses knowledge of His glorious inheritance in God's kingdom. Just look around the world today, all these people are offspring of God; if they are offspring of God then why all the anguish and pain? It is simply because they are dead in their sins and trespasses. These ones are cut off from the glorious unlimited life of God and the power of death feeds on them sweetly. They live in the lower realms where the worms never die. The continuous process of dust to dust is the mechanism that works for men cut off in ignorance of the Adam-like consciousness.



