

## What Everyone Should Know about Sin and Death

### I. In the beginning...

#### A. There exists a living God...

1. He created everything that exists (Gen 1:1)
2. He created man in his own image (Gen 1:27)
3. He put man in a perfect world and gave man dominion over all of the things on the earth (Gen 1:28)
4. God desired to bless, sustain, and take care of man (Gen 1:29-30)
5. Because of his great love for man...
  - a. God gave him important work in the Garden of Eden (Gen. 2:15)
  - b. God gave him instructions on how to live on the earth (Gen 2:16-17)
  - c. God gave man a companion – a perfect helper (Gen 2:2-25)

#### B. The fall of man

1. The serpent lied, tempted, and deceived the couple (Gen 3:1-5)
2. The woman ate the forbidden fruit and gave it to man who was with her and he ate also (Gen 3:6)
3. Their eyes were opened (Gen 3:7)

#### C. Separated from God!

1. Sin entered the world
2. They were cast out of the garden and separated from the tree of Life (Gen.3:22-24)
3. They died spiritually (Isaiah 59:1-2; Ephesians 2:1)



### II. A story of two laws

#### A. An immutable and universal law: The wages of sin is death (Rom 6:23)

1. We are all subject to the law of sin and death as we have all sinned (Rom 3:23)
2. We deserve death – eternal separation from God
3. All of us have a date with death (Heb 9:27-28)

#### B. There is another law...The law of forgiveness – He that forgives, pays for that forgiveness

### III. Why did Jesus come and die?

- A. Because God desired to forgive us
- B. To offer himself as the perfect sacrifice (Heb 2:14-18)
- C. For a time, God permitted that the sacrifices were sufficient to forgive sin
- D. All of the sacrifices of animals prefigured the perfect sacrifice of Jesus
- E. The law of Forgiveness: God had to pay the consequence of sin
- F. God had to die!

### IV. The separation from God and the nature of Christ

#### A. Sin causes separation between God and Man – The Holy God cannot come into contact with sin



#### B. For this reason, Jesus became flesh

1. 100% human
  - a. Mat 1:21
  - b. Gal 4:4
2. Jesus, member of the Godhead – 100% divine
  - a. Col 1:15

b. John 1:1, 14, 18

3. God now talks to us by way of his Son (Heb 1:1-3)

C. Jesus shares in both natures

1. God/Man
2. Man/God

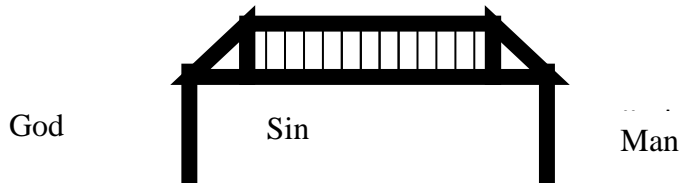
D. Jesus and the Father are one (John 14:8-11)

V. But why?

A. He came and suffered to be able to identify with our weaknesses – Christ understand the human situation (Hebrews 4:14-16)

B. He came to be the mediator between God and Man (1 Tim 2:5)

C. Jesus is the bridge

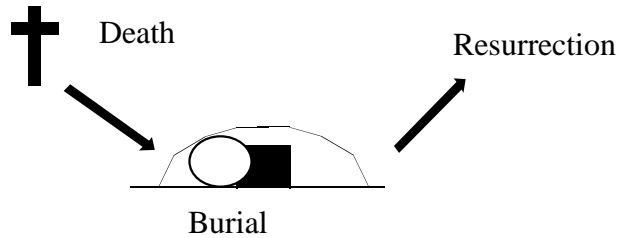


D. He came and died to establish a new pact between God and man (Heb 8:6-7)

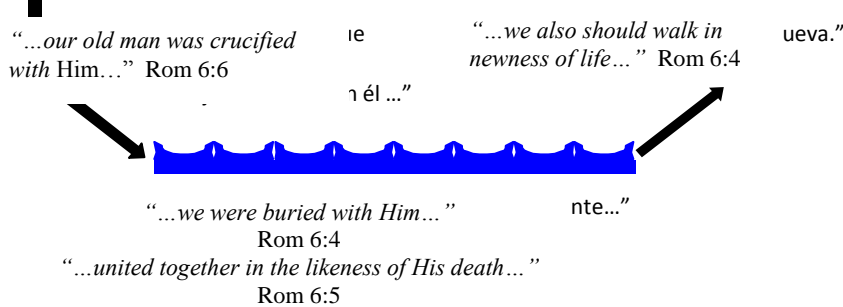
1. The pact (testament, agreement) that God had before is outdated by the death of the testator of the new
2. We are no longer under the law (Gal 3:19-27)
3. Christ is heir and we become co-heirs with Him (Rom 8:17)

VI. If Jesus is the bridge between God and Man, then how do I cross that bridge?

A. The Gospel (1 Cor. 15:1-4)



B. The “form” of obedience (Rom 6:17)



C. Resurrected to walk in a new life

1. New Life (2 Cor 5:17)
2. Forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38)
3. The promise of the Holy Spirit (Acts 2:38; 5:32)

VII. The clear commandment of the Lord Jesus

- A. Some say – Baptism = Salvation + Belief
- B. Others say – Belief= Salvation+Baptism
- C. Jesus says – Believe + Baptism = Salvation

VIII. After I give my life to Christ in baptism, then what? (John 14:15)