

Whose **SINS** Killed You?

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This study is dealing with personal sin, general sin and why you die. It is the intent to show the Bible as the final authority and not any certain interpretation of them, but what the Bible says as it is self-interpreting by comparing Scriptures with Scriptures within their context. In this study we will be dealing with “original sin” and the fault basis for personal judgment the outcome being death.

Ephesians 2:1, “And you hath he quickened, **who were dead in trespasses and sins;**”

The passage does not say born dead; it does not even come close to this. All men (adults: as in mankind) are dead in trespasses and sins, but you were NOT born that way. You must view Ephesians 2 with its context:

Ephesians 2:5, “Even **when** we were **dead in sins**, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)”

The context shows that you were dead in sins at a certain TIME: “when”. Not at birth but during life: and dead in sins is the death of the spirit of man in you. This death is not so much a ceasing of life; but a relationship with God. In innocence there is a relationship with God very similar to that of the animals that are innocent, yet they die because that death entered the world as did sin, not just mankind, but all of creation was affected by it even the ground. See Genesis 3.

Notice that being dead has to do with your own sins, and not someone else. You cannot blame anyone else for your dirty rotten sins. You design them, orchestrate them, act them out, and hid them. They are YOURS. And you WILL give an account of YOUR sins. Adam is NOT to be blamed for YOUR sins, he has his own to account for.

Colossians 2:13, “And **you, being dead in your sins** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses;”

YOU being dead IN YOUR SINS is very decisive. Your sins KILLED you, not Adam's sin. Death passed upon all men because Adam was the first man that sinned, but there is no such thing as "original sin" that is in you that killed you before you were born: that would mean you have been judged guilty before you sinned yourself. No, you are guilty of YOUR sins and the axe falls when YOU are held accountable after innocence is over, the sins you have committed already are then imputed to you and your spirit dies.

Isaiah 59:2-6, "But **your iniquities** have separated between you and your God, and **your sins** have hid his face from you, that he will not hear. For **your hands** are **defiled with blood**, and **your fingers** with iniquity; **your lips** have spoken lies, **your tongue** hath muttered perverseness. None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; **they conceive mischief**, and bring forth iniquity. They hatch cockatrice' eggs, and weave the spider's web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth, and that which is crushed breaketh out into a viper. **Their** webs shall not become garments, **neither shall they cover themselves with their works: their works are works of iniquity**, and the act of violence is in their hands."

You cannot fix yourself because your works are works of iniquity so you cannot clothe yourself God has to do that:

Isaiah 61:10, "I will greatly rejoice in **the LORD**, my soul shall be joyful in **my God**; for **he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness**, as a bridegroom decketh himself with ornaments, and **as a bride** adorneth herself with her jewels."

Notice all through the Bible your sin is pointed to YOU, and NOT to Adam.

Psalms 38:18, "For I will declare **mine iniquity**; I will be sorry for **my sin**." That did not say to be sorry for Adam's sin!

Psalms 32:5, "**I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid**. I said, **I will confess my transgressions** unto the LORD; and thou forgavest **the iniquity of my sin**. Selah." Adam was not involved in YOUR SINS.

Numbers 32:23, “But if ye will not do so, behold, **ye have sinned against the LORD:** and **be sure your sin will find you out.**”

It is still YOUR sin, and your sin if not dealt with remains with you:

John 9:39-41, “And Jesus said, For judgment I am come into this world, that they which see not might see; and that they which see might be made blind. And some of the Pharisees which were with him heard these words, and said unto him, Are we blind also? Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, **ye should have no sin:** but now ye say, We see; therefore **your sin remaineth.**”

Psalms 51:3, “For I acknowledge my transgressions: and **my sin is ever before me.**”

Now did Adam die physically? When? Genesis 5:5, “And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: **and he died.**” After 930 years! WAIT, it said he would die in the day he ate of the fruit. He would have had to die in some way that day! Genesis 2:16-17, “And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for **in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**” So if the day is a thousand years only, then you have to make all the days in Genesis 1000 years in length, so where do you end that? If Adam lived 930 years, and the reckoning of those years are lunar years of 360 days each, then that would be 334,800 days and if a day is a thousand years then that would be 334,800,000 years! So you see the nonsense here in making all the days equal to 1000 years? There is a typology in the Bible about this, but you cannot make that overshadow the clear words of the Scriptures when it says “...in THE day that thou eatest...” it is definitively that very day, something in Adam DIED! We know it was NOT physical death that happened because of sin also, but was 930 years later. It was not his soul, because he was a living soul from creation till he physically died, and his soul was then disembodied and went to paradise, because God shed the blood to make Adam & Eve clothing after they sinned.

So you know that Adam died in that day because God said he did. And because of that death, Adam was no longer innocent. All people born physically in life are born innocent, yet born in sin. But sin is not imputed to them: Romans 5:12-14, “Wherefore, as **by one man sin entered into the world,** and **death by sin;** and so **death passed upon all men,** for **that all have sinned:** (For **until the law sin was in the world:** but **sin is not imputed when there is no law.** Nevertheless **death**

reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, who is the figure of him that was to come.”

Sin is NOT imputed where there is no law, so the imputation of sin would mean that they are not charged for sin; and if not charged for sin, then they are innocent of their own sins. There is no such thing as innocent guilt. If not charged for sin, then the charge of death of the spirit would not happen until they are charged for their sin and then their spirit dies. So the children are safe while they are in innocence.

1 Corinthians 15:21-22, “For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” The catch phrase “in Adam” is misunderstood by those that account the doctrine of “original sin” which is the doctrine that you are born dead because you were “in Adam” when he sinned and therefore “in Adam” all die. This perversion of the Scriptures is a private interpretation and would disallow any children into heaven. This is the very doctrine that perpetrated the damnable doctrine of Baptismal Regeneration. Those that adhere to this private interpretation eventually have to account for spiritual death from birth and how anyone dead can enter into heaven.

1 Corinthians 15:45, “And so it is written, **The first man Adam was made a living soul**; the last Adam was **made a quickening spirit**.” The fact is that Adam was made a living soul. The “you” inside is the soul, not your spirit; so the spirit can die, and still be alive, because that death is the death of the relationship between your creator and you. The spirit does not die and cease to exist, nor does it cease to function as a life giving force to your being. It does not know God, and it cannot seek of itself to be born again. The spirit is dead to spiritual things. It is a separation or a severing between God and man and that is why we must be reconciled back to God.

The next thing that happens to those that pervert the Scriptures for ulterior motives or to make themselves someone important and take for themselves the preeminence is to say something as foolish as: Adam was not in the transgression only Eve was and then quote this passage: 1 Timothy 2:13-14, “For Adam was first formed, then Eve. And **Adam was not deceived**, but **the woman being deceived was in the transgression**.” And the sin of the woman (Eve) was given in the very

passage as deception, and not blatant disobedience. And they completely miss the fact that Adam's "transgression" was DIFFERENT than Eve's "transgression".

Romans 5:14, "Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of **Adam's transgression**, who is the figure of him that was to come."

What was Adam's transgression; remember Scripture with Scripture: 1 John 3:4, "**Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.**" And Adam transgressed the law that was giving to him: Genesis 2:16-17, "And the LORD God **commanded** the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But **of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.**" It was a COMMAND and therefore a LAW: Something happened to Adam and Eve after they ate from the fruit: Genesis 3:6-8, "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and **gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat.** And **the eyes of them both were opened,** and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons. And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and **Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God** amongst the trees of the garden." Notice that their EYES were opened, and so a physiological change happened to them, because they became GUILTY IN themselves and they HID themselves from the presence of the Lord God: a separation from their creator.

The Lord's statement after confronting Adam: Genesis 3:11, "And he said, **Who told thee that thou wast naked?** Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I **commanded** thee that thou shouldest not eat?" Notice that again it was a COMMANDMENT. Then the passing of the sentence for Adam's sin was this: Genesis 3:17-19, "And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I **commanded** thee, saying, **Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground** for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, **till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art,** and **unto dust shalt thou return.**" Physical Death was pronounced upon Adam who already died spiritually that very day.

So we see that from this there is “sinfulness” in Adam that is passed down; but NOT his sin itself. And there is “death” that is passed down; but NOT his death itself. The death of the spirit, and the body happen to us all because of our sins; yet the soul of man can get a covering as Adam did, but the shedding of innocent blood. By that Adam and Eve got clothing made BY GOD: Genesis 3:21, “Unto Adam also and to his wife did **the LORD God make coats of skins**, and clothed them.” They tried to make their own clothing, but it was not good enough because there was no blood in the fig leaves: Genesis 3:7, “And **the eyes** of them both were **opened**, and **they knew** that they were **naked**; and **they sewed fig leaves together**, and **made themselves aprons**.” And in spite of them making these fig leaves they still hid themselves from God. They knew that their coverings were faulty and they would have to face God in their guilt.

Psalms 32:1, “**Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered**.” The covering is done by God; Romans 4:6-8, “Even as David also describeth the blessedness of the man, unto **whom God imputeth righteousness without works**, Saying, Blessed are they **whose iniquities are forgiven**, and **whose sins are covered**. Blessed is the man to **whom the Lord will not impute sin**.” Imputation is hardly understood by those that espouse the damnable doctrine of original sin. They do not understand it because they have never received it; or they are just ignorant of the Bible. Psalms 32:2, “Blessed is the man unto whom the LORD **imputeth not iniquity**, and in whose spirit there is no guile.” Imputation goes in two ways; God imputes His righteousness to the sinner, and God imputes the sinner’s sins to Himself.

Romans 4:9-25, “Cometh this blessedness then upon the circumcision only, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say that **faith was reckoned to Abraham for righteousness**. **How was it then reckoned?** when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but **in uncircumcision**. And **he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had yet being uncircumcised**: that he might be **the father of all them that believe**, though they be not circumcised; **that righteousness might be imputed unto them also**: And the father of circumcision to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that **faith** of our father Abraham, which he had **being yet uncircumcised**. For **the promise**, that he should be the heir of the world, was **not** to Abraham, or to his seed, **through the law, but through the righteousness of faith**. For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made

void, and the promise made of none effect: **Because the law worketh wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.** Therefore it is **of faith**, that it might be **by grace**; to the end **the promise might be sure** to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of **the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all**, (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were. Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be. And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb: He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God; And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform. And **therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.** Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was **imputed** to him; **But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;** Who was **delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.**” We see by these that circumcision happens after Abraham believed and it was imputed to him for righteousness, and then afterwards he got the sign of circumcision. The order of events would be thus:

1. Faith in what God said
2. Imputed Righteousness and the imputation of our sins to Christ Jesus
3. The New Birth of the spirit that is born of the Spirit
4. The salvation of the soul by spiritual circumcision
5. The resurrection from the dead of the physical body.

2 Corinthians 5:18-21, “And all things are of God, who hath **reconciled** us to **himself** by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that **God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them;** and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, **be ye reconciled to God.** For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that **we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**”

It is not automatic: you MUST receive God's provision by receiving Jesus Christ as your personal savior: John 1:12-13, “But as **many as received him, to them**

gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **Which were born**, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but **of God.**”

Once you get saved, you are still to walk by faith not by the law: Galatians 3:3-7, “Are ye so foolish? **having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?** Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain. He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, **doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?** Even **as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.** Know ye therefore that **they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.**”

Jesus Christ is the one who suffered death and became the author of eternal salvation: Hebrews 5:7-9, “Who (Jesus) in the days of his flesh, when he had offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears **unto him that was able to save him from death, and was heard in that he feared;** **Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered;** And **being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation** unto all them that obey him;”

Jesus Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant: Hebrews 12:23-24, “To the general assembly and **church of the firstborn,** which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and **to the spirits of just men made perfect,** And to **Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,** and to **the blood** of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.”

Perfection is completed IN CHRIST: 1 John 4:17-18, “Herein is **our love made perfect,** that we may have **boldness in the day of judgment:** because as he is, so are we in this world. There is **no fear in love;** but **perfect love casteth out fear:** because **fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.**”

Romans 3:24, “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is **in Christ Jesus:**” and Romans 8:1-2, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are **in Christ Jesus,** who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life **in Christ Jesus** hath made me free from the law of sin and death.” And Romans 8:35-39, “**Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?** shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, For thy sake we are killed all the day long; we are accounted as sheep for the slaughter. Nay, in all these things we are more than

conquerors through him that loved us. **For I am persuaded**, that **neither** death, **nor** life, **nor** angels, **nor** principalities, **nor** powers, **nor** things present, **nor** things to come, **Nor** height, **nor** depth, **nor** any other creature, **shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**”

So, it is YOUR sins that killed your spirit; and will eventually kill your body. If you are not careful you could lose your own soul: Mark 8:36, “For what shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose his own soul?**” And what a tragic loss that would be: John 8:24, “I said therefore unto you, that **ye shall die in your sins**: for **if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.**” Jesus Christ claim to keep you from losing your own soul because of YOUR own sins that you can DIE physically in and pay for them yourselves when you don’t have to. What a tragedy that would be, I mean, really? When you don’t HAVE TO?

1 Timothy 1:15, “This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that **Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners**; of whom I am chief.” God made a way through Jesus Christ to save your soul from paying for your own sins. You will not pay for anyone else’s sins. But you stand in jeopardy to pay for your own sins. You will pay for them threefold: spirit, body & soul.

Acts 16:30-31, “And brought them out, and said, Sirs, **what must I do to be saved?** And they said, **Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ**, and **thou shalt be saved**, and thy house.”

John 1:12-13, “But **as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God**, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”

Romans 10:9-10, “That if thou shalt **confess** with thy mouth **the Lord Jesus**, and shalt **believe in thine heart** that **God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved**. For with **the heart man believeth unto righteousness**; and **with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.**”

What will you do with the Lord Jesus Christ? Trust him today.

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