

Scripture: Genesis 3

Singing: 124:1-5 – 388:1-5 – 290:6, 11 – 362:1-3

A. In review of our last studies ...

- The facts of our current spiritual condition are raw and ugly

- The cause of our current spiritual condition is fruit of our choice

B. In addition to this, we face a 3rd part of bad news ...

- Gen. 2:17 – Rom. 5:12-21 – 6:23a – Gal. 3:10 all speak about *death*

THE TRUTH ABOUT DEATH

I. It is deserved separation II. It is eternal reality
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I. THE TRUTH ABOUT DEATH: *DESERVED SEPARATION*

A. Death is not the *end of life or existence*

1. God established a relationship with us (Gen. 2:16-17)
 2. Gen. 3:6 informs us *how this spiritual relationship ended*
 - a. Adam committed spiritual adultery
 - b. The effect was instant: Gen. 3:7-8, 10
3. Through this separation from God, we lost everything beautiful!

B. This separation is *well deserved* (Rom. 6:23)

1. Adam knew full well what was coming (Gen. 2:17)
 2. Therefore remind yourself daily that we experience what we deserve
 - a. we were able to resist Satan's temptation
 - b. there was no need to be dissatisfied with the portion God gave us

C. This separation did not only affect us as mankind (Gen. 3:8, 11)

II. THE TRUTH ABOUT DEATH: DEATH IS ETERNAL

A. How do we define eternal?

1. The 'time-line' definition vs. the 'size-line' definition

2. Both eternal death and eternal life are *everlasting journeys*
 - a. Gen. 4:16 vs Eph. 2:7

3. We need to learn to think in a God-honouring way about *eternal hell*
 - a. hell is place of *God's ultimate revelation of wrath & displeasure*
 - Rom. 1:18-32 & 2 Thess. 1:8-9

 - b. hell is *an increasing journey of desolation*
 - Rev. 9:6 and 18:22-23

B. In this life we *experience* initial phase of this spiritual separation from God

1. We are born as children of wrath (Eph. 2:3)
 - a. this explains the reason why we are what we are (Rom. 3:10-18)

 - b. this explains the reason for Gen. 6:11-12

TAKE ALONG ...

A. God's anger is the *jealousy and pain of His love*

- #### B. God is grieved with what He sees in our world and heart (Gen. 6:5-6)
- a. He swears that He has not pleasure in our death (Ezek. 33:11)

 - b. He reveals He is ready to pardon – to start again (Is. 55:7-9)

 - c. Each day we live in rebellion shows His long-suffering (2 Peter 3:9)

C. God is calling you today to return to Him (Is. 1:18)

FOR YOUR FURTHER PROFIT ...

1. Why did the gentlest human being, the Son of Man, speak the most of all prophetic voices about hell?
2. To come to know the only comfort in life and death begins with *knowing what we need this comfort for*. Have you taken the devastating reports to heart and have you taken each aspect to the heart of God?
3. Define what hinders you from partaking in the only comfort in Jesus Christ. Take the time to *write out* your answer before God.