

Life & Death

Intro: It was a matter of Life & Death

Webster's Dictionary

Life – Existence, vitality, span between birth and death

Death – Extinction of life, state of being dead

Origin of Life:

Genesis 2:7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Origin of Death:

Genesis 2:16-17 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

* Die – Stem = Qal (Fact)

Mood = action, process or condition which is incomplete

Gen 3:3-4 – Satan's Temptation

Gen 3:8 – Hid – separation from God

Gen 3:19 – For dust you are, And to dust you shall return

Gen 3:22 – God prevents man from “living forever”

* Physical Death – Part of God's plan to bring life!!! (V19 & 22)

Whose Choice?

Life - God's Choice – Physically & Spiritually - Forever

Death - Man's Choice – Spiritually – Separation from God

Gen 4:7-8 – Sin brought Spiritual Death, then brought Physical Death!

God's Plan

Romans 5:12-19 – Sin & Death through one man

Romans 6:5-11 – Died with Christ – will live

Ephesians 2:1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,

John 3:16-17 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

John 5:24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 8:51 Most assuredly, I say to you, if anyone keeps My word he shall never see death.”

John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

Resurrection?

John 5: 26-29 – All will be resurrected, some Life, some Condemn

* (KJV) Damnation – (GK) Krisis = decision to separate

Mark 9:42-48 – Jesus defines Life & Death = Heaven & Hell!

Second Death

Rev 20:11-15 - Judgment to Eternal Life or Eternal Death

Hebrews 9:27-28 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Solution

1 Corinthians 15:50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption.

I Corin 15:54-57 - Sting of Death?