

Lesson Notes:

A Matter of Life and Death

Genesis and Psalms tell us that we are born into sin. In Romans 6:23 Paul tells us that the wages of sin is death or separation from God. Jesus, through his atoning sacrifice bridges the separation between God and Man and enables us to have a personal relationship with our creator.

Scriptural Principles

- 1) **We are born dead in sin** – David tells us in **Psalm 51:5** that we are born into sin. Paul tells us in **Ephesians 2:1** that God has quickened us who were dead in trespass and sin.
- 2) **The Wages of Sin.** – In **Romans 6:23** Paul tells us that the wages of sin is death. The prophet Ezekiel tells us in **Ezekiel 18:20** that a sinful soul shall die.
- 3) **Death is the separation from God** – In **Genesis 2:17** God warns Adam and Eve not to eat from the tree of Good and Evil or they would surely die. In **Genesis 3:7-8** Adam and Eve began to look at their world differently after they had sinned. In **Psalm 40:11-13** David feels the separation from God due to sin.
- 4) **Jesus is the bridge that overcomes our separation from God.** – In **Matthew 27:50-51** we see that the veil was torn in half upon Jesus' death. This meant that through Jesus' sacrifice the gulf between God and Man is bridged. In **John 14:6** Jesus tells his disciples that he is the way, the truth and the life and is the way to our father in heaven. In **Ephesians 2:5** Paul tells us that we are saved through grace through Jesus Christ.
- 5) **How do we save a Dead Man?** – In **Ephesians 2:8-9** Paul tells us that we are saved through Grace. Also in **Ephesians 2:4** Paul tells us that we are “quickened” or made alive through Christ Jesus.