

#23 EMAIL RESPONSE ON SPIRITUAL DEATH VS. SPIRITUAL SEPARATION FROM GOD

Dear A_____,

When Adam and Eve sinned, they spiritually died at that time. Their physical death would come later. Their sin of eating the forbidden fruit is what caused death to enter the world. At this point for Adam and Eve, only the blood sacrifice of Christ and His spiritual work of conversion will stop them from perishing (ceasing to exist).

As for Adam and Eve's marriage relationship with Christ, it did not end until they made their aprons of fig leaves. If Adam and Eve would have come to Christ in faith and asked for forgiveness, their marriage to Christ would have continued and they would not have been cast out of the Garden. Their faith would have made them acceptable just as the faith of the OT faithful made them acceptable. However, the penalty of death that was given to Adam and Eve would have still been in place. For this reason, Christ was sent by His Father to be mankind's Savior.

This scripture cannot be broken:

Eze 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Because Adam and Eve will die because of their sin, Christ's death on the cross and His spiritual work of conversion is necessary so that they don't perish (they will still die though) but can live on as a new creation that has no sin. In other words, the child of the devil will perish because of his sin but the new child of God will live because he has no sin.

With what I stated above in mind, we need to answer this question: What is the difference between spiritual death and spiritual separation from God?

Spiritual death and spiritual separation from God are two different things.

Spiritual death means that the person's spirit is dead. When the person dies, their dead spirit will return to God and they will cease to exist - they are dead.

Spiritual separation from God means that the person's relationship with God has ended. That will only happen when the person is unfaithful and approaches God by their own works (apron of fig leaves).

I hope what I stated above makes it clearer for you. Please ask any questions you might have.

YBIC,

Joe