

The Word of God – 22

Now to go back to where we ended our last study, we will recall that God had told Adam that in the day that he ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil he would surely die, and we had seen that what died that day was Adam's and the Woman's spirit. That part of their being that had a direct connection with God. They experienced a separation from God.

Now can we be absolutely certain that this is what happened?

Yes – With their bodies we would have no problem. Their physical bodies did not die that day but continued for nearly 1000 years.

But what about their souls? According to - Le 17:11 *'For the life of the flesh is in the blood,*

Life = Hebrew word – nephesh = life / soul

Life and soul in the Hebrew language and the Greek language – psuche - are translated from the same word and are interchangeable.

So as the soul/life is in the blood and their blood continued to flow their soul did not die.

However, remember that sin did impact all three parts of their being. Their spirit died; their soul became corrupted – it now had a sin nature.

The soul has to do with the natural life of a person and is the seat of a person's emotions, feelings and desires focused on the person's man conscious existence – I think, I need, I want.

After the fall they were afraid for themselves, they tried to cover themselves and hid from God. All manifestations of a focus on self. Before the fall there was no fear and no need to try and hide.

Their bodies began to decay – although their bodies didn't die instantly that day, they did begin a process that resulted in their returning to the dust from which they came.

The Man's and the Woman's attempt to provide a covering for their sin by the work of their own hands, using fig leaves, was completely futile – only God is able to provide a covering for sin, which He does in the slaying of animals and giving Adam and the Woman tunics of skin to wear to cover their nakedness.

This incident gives us our first picture of what redemption will involve – death and shed blood. And pictures for us the imputed righteousness of Christ that we receive at our new birth.

It is at this point, for the Man and the Woman, that their dead spirit passed from 'death into life'.

But note this – although that part of their being that had connection with God had now been restored, they did not return to their original condition before the fall. They still had no covering of glory, and they were not placed in the position of rulership for which they had been created.

Nor has any person since that time – except for the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Man and the Woman still possessed a sin nature and their bodies continued to decay.

If we bring this into our own experience, we find this in – Eph 2:1 ¶ *And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins,*

We were born dead in trespasses and sins and through the death and shed blood of Christ we are made alive.

Our spirit, that part of our being that relates to our God conscious existence is restored and is no longer separated from God allowing us to receive spiritual truth.

At the moment of our eternal salvation, our body remained the same, none of us received a covering of glory and none of us hold the position of rulership for which we were created.

There is no doubt then that our spirit is eternally saved as a result of our faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross.

Yet we still have a sin nature - 1Jo 1:8 ¶ *If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

And our body is still in the process of decay.

But if we are ever to fulfill the purpose for which God created us we will have to be in the same condition as Adam and the Woman before the fall – a live spirit, a soul without a sin nature, an immortal body covered with glory.

A quick calculation will reveal that we have one of the three, but not all of the three.

And if God's purpose for us is to be fulfilled – which it must – just remember our opening scripture, then there must also be provision for the salvation for our soul and body – and as we don't have that salvation now, it must remain something out ahead of us.

And it is no surprise that this is what scripture shows.

This will have to wait until next time, if the Lord is willing