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I. In the beginning all of creation oozed with life and there was no death

- A. Everything God made oozed with life-**Gn1:31**-God saw everything that he made and behold it was very good (Good-H2896-Well, beautiful, bountiful, pleasant, sweet, prosperity, right, excellent)
1. God is good, God is life therefore life is good and good is life-**Ps34:8**-O taste and see that the Lord is good; **1Jn5:20**-This is the true God eternal life; **1Jn1:5**-God is light; **Jn1:1:4**-The life was the light
 2. Life and good go together-**Dt30:15**-I have set before you this day life and good and death and evil
- B. Death was not a part of God's creation-There was no death in the earth; Nothing was decaying or dying; Everything was strong, thriving, flourishing
1. God is a God of life and He is all about life-**Jn11:25**-I am the resurrection and the life; **Ps36:9**-For with you is a fountain of life; **Jn6:48**-I am the bread of life; **Ac3:15**-Prince of life; **Rm8:11**-The Spirit is life; **Rev11:11**-The Spirit of life from God enter into them; **Ph2:16**-The Word of Life; **Rev21:27**-They which are written in the Lamb's book of life; **Rev2:10**-I will give you a crown of life; **Rev22:14**-That they may have right to the tree of life; **Rev21:6**-I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely
 2. This is the message Jesus preached: God is life-**1Jn1:5**-This is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all
 3. No death/darkness in God means it doesn't come from Him-**1Sm24:13**-Wickedness proceedeth from the wicked; **Mt12:35**-A good out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things; and an evil man out of he evil treasure brings forth evil things; **Ps36:9**-For with thee is the fountain of life
 4. The end will be like the beginning was-Because God doesn't change we can get an idea of what it was like in the beginning, but looking at what it'll be like in the end
 - a. There will be no curse and no death and so there was none in the beginning-**Rev21:4**-God shall wipe away tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away; **Rev22:3**-There shall be no more curse
 - b. There will be no hurt or destruction and so there was none in the beginning-**Is11:6**-⁶The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them ⁷And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. ⁹They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain
 5. Death was never part of God's plan-God never designed anything He created to die; None of God's creation was intended to go through this cycle of death where you are born, grow, hit your peak and then slowly begin to decay until you die; God's plan is that you stay at your peak
 6. Testimonies about Heaven-Couldn't hurt the flowers; Keith Moore's Dad in the prime of his life
- C. In the beginning man oozed with life in all three parts of his being. spirit, soul and body
1. Man's spirit was alive unto God-They started off alive unto God-**Gn2:17**-In the day you eat thereof you shall surely die.; You can't die if you're already dead
 - a. Man was more than just his body, he was a spirit-**Gn2:7**-God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul;

- b. God's not a dead spirit and neither would man be who was created in His image-**Gn1:27**-God created man his own image, in the image of God created he them
 - c. This man was full of life and light just like God-**Ps8:5**-Crowned (encircle, compass) him with glory (splendor, majesty) and honor (glory, majesty, splendor)
2. Man's soul was a live unto God-He knew nothing of sorrow, fear, mental anguish – This came after sin-Gn3
 3. Man's physical body was alive unto God-Their physical bodies were eternal, not susceptible to weakening, decaying, aging and death
- D. Man had eternal life-They would exist eternally with God spirit, soul and body never to decay, weaken or be destroyed; His eternal existence was one full of life; He had God's nature, His inward condition was acceptable
1. Eternal life deals with the quality of your existence, no the length of your existence-Everyone will exist forever, but the state of our existence we enter will not all be the same-**Mt25:41**-Depart from me, you cursed, **into** everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels 46 And these shall go away **into** everlasting punishment (torment): but the righteous **into** life eternal

II. When death entered the world it worked to bring destruction to everything in the Earth

- A. Death entered into this world by sin-You have force here that wasn't here before-**Rm5:12**-Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men
- B. Death is a destructive spiritual force that works to weaken, to decay and to destroy-**Hb2:15**-Destroy him that had the power (force) of death; **2Cor4:12**-So then death works (active, operative, be at work, to affect, put forth power) in us, but life in you; **2Cor7:10**-The sorrow of the word works death; **Rom7:13**-Sin working death in me
1. Death is not just something that happens to your body-The weakening, decaying, destruction and dying of the body is the result of this force called death being at work
 2. Death entered and began to work-The moment they sinned this force of death entered and began to work to weaken, decay and destroy everything God created – To infect the whole earth with the curse
- C. Death was not the work of God, it didn't come by God, it came by man-**1Cor15:21**-Since by man death came
1. Man had dominion in the earth-It was his domain to rule-**Gn1:27**-Let them have dominion over all the earth
 2. Sin is about yielding & access not just about right & wrong-**Rm6:16**-To whom you yield yourselves servants to obey his servants you are to whom you obey whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness
 - a. By yielding they gave him access in their domain to carry out his will; He did nothing until they yielded
 - b. The cost of yielding to the enemy-It's death & destruction in your life-**Rm6:23**-The wages of sin is death
- D. Death kissed creation-Death is working to destroy to everything in creation-Hurricanes, tornados, earthquakes, draughts, floods the rage of animals, the dying of plants all of that is the workings of the force of death; **Rm8:20-AC**-For the creation was subjected to frailty, to futility 21 That nature (creation) itself will be set free from it's bondage to decay and corruption; **Gn3:17**-Cursed is the ground
- E. Death infected man's spirit-They ate of that tree and died spiritually, they went from life to death on the inside-**Gn2:17**-In the day you eat thereof you shall surely die; **Eph2:1**-Who were dead in trespasses and sins
1. The lost the nature of God-They took on the nature of nature of sin and death, became sinners inside, and the inward condition was unacceptable to God-**Eph2:3**-Were by nature children of wrath; **2Pet1:4**-You might be partakers of his divine nature
 2. Your inward condition determines your eternal location-Being unrighteous inside he lost eternal life and now he's destined for a miserable eternal existence in hell-**1Cor6:9**-Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God...And such were some of you: but you are washed, but you are sanctified, but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the spirit of God

- F. Death infected man's body-God did not create their bodies to die, but their bodies were to be eternal; Now his body ages, decays, breaks down and eventually is destroyed never to be recovered; He lost his body that day and when it dies he's never going to get it back-**Gn3:19**-*In the sweat of your face shalt you eat bread till you return unto the ground; for out of it wast you taken; for dust you are and unto dust shall you return.*
- G. Man was left with a problem of which he had no answer-His problem was death; He's dead spiritually, he's taken on the nature of sin and death, he's lost eternal life, a miserable eternal existence in hell stands before him, the death and loss of his body awaits him, he has no hope and is without God in the world
1. In this state death was to be feared-It was the beginning of misery in hell, the eternal loss of your body
 2. Covenant w/ God allowed for some things-Through covenant God was able to enter back into people's lives who would trust him and care for them some, but death still reigned, man was still dead, would lose his body, had the nature of sin and death, didn't have authority over the devil, didn't have eternal life
 3. God made Satan a promise that struck every part of his being with fear-**Gn3:15**-*I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her seed; it shall bruise your head, and you shalt bruise his heel*

III. Jesus defeated death for us in dying and being raised from the dead

- A. Jesus came to get life back for us-**Jn10:10**-*I am come that you might have life and have it more abundantly*
1. He came to undo sin and death, which was the work of the devil-We focus too much on the sin and not enough on the death-**1Jn3:8**-*For this purpose was the son of God manifested, that he might destroy (undo, reverse) the works of the devil*
- B. If we are going to live and have life somebody has to die, to bear death-The punishment for sin is death and justice demands the wages of sin be paid-**Rm6:23**-*The wages of sin is death*
1. Jesus satisfied the demands of justice for us-**1Jn4:10**-*Sent his son to be the propitiation our sin; Propitiation-Expiate-An act by which wrath is appeased and forgiveness is given; The act of making satisfaction for an offense, guilt is done away with, and the obligation to punish the crime is canceled*
- C. Jesus died for us, in our place, he bore death for us so we wouldn't have to die-**1Th5:9-10**-*For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ, Who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with him*
1. He's going to let death eat him up spirit, soul and body so that you never to-**Ph2:8**-*Being found in the fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient to death; Is53:10*-*When you shall make his soul and offering for in...He shall see the travail (misery, pain) of his soul and be satisfied...he hath poured his soul out unto death; Is52:14-ERV*-*It is true that many were shocked when they saw him. He was beaten so badly that he no longer looked like a man*
 2. He was made sin, he was made a curse, he became poor, He bore my sicknesses, He carried our sorrows (mental pain)-**2Cor5:21**-*For he has made him to be sin for us; Gal3:13*-*Being made a curse for us; 2Cor8:9*-*He became poor, that you through his poverty might be right; Mt8:18*-*He took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses; Is53:4*-*Surley he has carried our sorrows*
- D. In being raised from the dead he defeated death, proving death could not hold him-**Rev1:18**-*I am he that lives, and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and death*
1. Death wasn't strong enough to keep Him dead-**Rom6:9**-*Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dies no more; death has no more dominion over him*
 2. Jesus died and rose again eternally alive spirit, soul and body-His spirit, soul and glorified body were intact
 3. His body was risen as a resurrected glorified immortal body that would never die again-**Lk24:30-31**-*And it came to pass, as he sat at meat with them, he took bread, and blessed it, and broke, and gave to them. And their eyes were opened and they knew him; and he vanished out of their sight. 36-As they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. But they were terrified*

and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are you troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as you see me have

- E. Jesus broke the power of death and brought life and immortality to light-2Tm1:10-But now is made manifest by the appearing of our savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel-TL-Who broke the power of death; TP-Dismantled death, obliterating all its effects on our lives, and has manifested immortal life in us by the gospel; VO-Through his resurrection He wiped out death --- (Immortal-Having no principle of alteration or corruption, exempt from death)
1. Jesus got life back for us and once again man can have eternal life-Jn3:14-And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: that whosoever should believe in him should not perish, but have eternal life
 2. You can be born again, recreated on the inside-You can lose the nature of sin and death and take on the nature of God-2Co5:17-If any man be in Christ his is a new creature: old things are past away and all things are become new; 2Co5:21-For he hath made him sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him
 3. You're going to exist forever in a state of life-You're not going to lose your spirit to hell and exist forever in a state of misery and death-Jn3:5-Except a man be born again, He cannot see the kingdom of God; Mt25:46-These shall go away into every lasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal
 4. You're not going to lose your body to the Earth-You'll get it back and it'll be glorified; kissed by life-2Co5:1-We have a building of God, a house not made with hand eternal in the Heaves; 1Co15:52-In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality
 5. You can live on this earth experiencing victory over death, a foretaste of what is to come-Jn5:24-He that hears my word and believes on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life; Hb6:5-Tasted of the powers of the world to come

IV. We've been delivered from the fear of death because death is no longer a threat to us

- A. Before Jesus came death was the dreaded end-The loss of your spirit to hell, the loss of your body to the earth, and eternal existence of misery
- B. Jesus delivered us from the fear of death-Hb2:14-For as much then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage
- C. He tasted/experienced death for me so I'll never have to taste/experience it-Hb2:9-That he by the grace of God should taste (experience, try flavor of, partake of, eat) death for every man
1. You will never experience death or the pain of death-If Jesus carries his coming your spirit will slip out of your body like a hand slipping out of a glove and you'll be staring Jesus face to face; You're body will lay down to rest, but when the last trump sounds you're body will come out of that grave glorified and you'll slip back into that thing and it'll be better than the best it ever was on the Earth; Act2:24-Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death
 2. You've done all the dying you'll ever do-Jn11:26-Whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die Pr12:28-In the way of righteousness is life; and in the pathway thereof there is no death
- D. Death has no sting, the grave has no victory, we have victory over death-1Co15:54-So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. 55 O death where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory. 57 But thanks be to God which gives us the victory through Jesus Christ

E. Death is no longer a threat

1. You can't threaten me with death, with a virus, with famine with the end of the world-**Mt10:28***-Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell*
2. Satan has been brought to nothing, He has been stripped, He is a zero-What does the enemy have left to threaten me with?