

What Are You Working For? – Pastor Mike Smith (excerpt: see [link](#) for full publication)

A young woman who recently videotaped her own dying experience for a TV documentary said, “I don’t know what’s going to happen next. Maybe I’ll be taught about my next life after I leave my body.”

That she decided to WAIT until she died to find out something this crucial is not only sad, but incredibly foolish. Once we die, it is too late to do anything about our eternal destiny.

The Bible, which is God’s revelation of truth to man, teaches us something about ourselves and the afterlife. It emphatically declares that all of us are under the penalty of death.

Romans 3:23 - All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.

1 John 1:8 - If we say we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us.

God cannot have a relationship with any of us because we fall short of His perfect standards. This means that we are born into this world physically alive but spiritually dead. We inherited this condition from the first man, Adam, who died spiritually the instant he first sinned.

Genesis 2:17 - From the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you will not eat , for in the day that you eat from it, you will surely die [spiritually] .

Genesis 3:6 - ... and she [Eve] took from its fruit and ate, and she gave also to her husband [Adam] with her, and he ate.

Genesis 3:8 - ...and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.

While Adam and Eve did not die physically right away, they fell under God’s condemnation and their relationship with Him was broken. God cannot overlook sin. His perfect righteousness and justice must condemn it in order for Him to remain perfect and just. God would not be God if He compromised His character.

So, Adam and Eve had a real problem. They were separated from God, and there was nothing they could do about it. But there was something that God could do. His love and mercy was as boundless for them as it is for us today. God the Father commissioned His only Son, Jesus Christ, to take the punishment for our sins. He was uniquely qualified to be the substitute for us since He was born of a virgin and lived a perfect, sinless life. He voluntarily gave Himself to be a sacrifice for us.

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SUNDAY
February 18, 2024

John
15:12

PRELUDE	
HYMN # 550	COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD
HYMN # 78	MY HOPE IS IN THE LORD
OFFERTORY	
SUNDAY MESSAGE	EXODUS 20-21
BENEDICTION	

Memory Verse # 11
In peace I will both lie down and sleep, For You alone, Lord, have me dwell in safety.
Psalms 4:8 (NASB)

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