

The Three Deaths.

1. Eternal Death. – forever separation from God in Hell. “the Second Death” - Rev. 2:11, 20:6,14, 21:8.
2. Physical Death. – not biologically alive anymore. - Gen. 5:5, 8, 11, 23:2.
3. Spiritual Death. – separated from God and His life, spiritually bankrupt and destitute. - Isa. 59:1-3, Rom. 7:10-11, Jam. 1:13-15.

Transgressions = ‘falling to one side’, intentionally deviating from the righteousness of God.

Sins = unintentionally ‘missing the mark’.

- Really DEAD???
- Matthew 8:22 “leave the dead to bury the dead”
 - Luke 15:24 “my son was dead and is now alive”
 - Revelation 3:1 (Sardis) “I know your works. You have the reputation of being alive, but you are dead.”

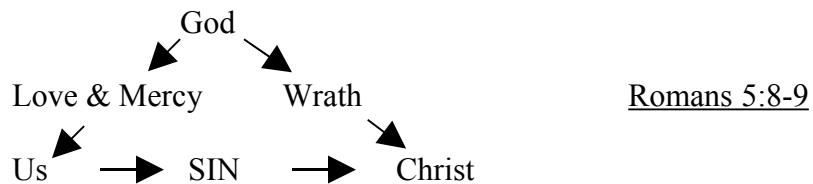
But What About All The Good Things I Do of God?

Isaiah 64:6 “But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

Characteristics of the Walking Dead - Isaiah 30:9

1. Those that walk according to the world’s plan. - “Do your own thing. Have it your way. “My way.”
2. Those that follow Satan’s ways of rebellion. - Under Satan’s influence, fulfilling their physical needs.
3. Those that display a character of disobedience. - Refuse to obey the one who gives them breath.

BUT GOD!



The Beautiful Parallel

Ephesians 1:20

God made Jesus alive.
 God raised Christ out of the tomb and into glory.
 God seated Christ in the heavenlies.

Ephesians 2:5-6

God made us alive in Christ.
 God raised us up to glory with Christ.
 God seated us with Christ in the heavenlies.

But why? - To make everything new! – Romans 6:4

New life (“alive with Christ”), outlook (“raised us up”), power (“seated in heavenlies”), walk (“good works”).

“By grace you have been saved, through faith...” -

Faith involves ...

1. **BELIEVING**
 - that Jesus is both necessary & able to make you right with God & to free you from your sins.
2. **RECEIVING**
 - Jesus into your life as your sole most valuable possession: as Savior, Lord, your EVERYTHING.

“What must I do to be saved?” (Matthew 19:16-22)

The Gift of God

Have you received God’s free gift?
 How important is that gift to you now?