## THE CASE FOR THE DEATH OF ADAM AND THE DEATH HE DIED



The debate between Don Preston and Ed Stevens continues and it has come to an impasse with Don Preston refusing to allow publication of Ed. Stevens 3rd Negative. He says it is in breach of the rules.

Any way I have gleaned a great deal from this debate enabling me to crystallize my understanding.

I present this to encourage you all to follow through with the debate, get the papers from Don Preston and Ed Stevens.

The debate has not gone as far as Don Preston would like as he want to deal with the rapture this is due to the issue of the issue relating to the death of Adam and the kind of death experienced.

Any way my crystallized learning is as follows and I stand to be corrected- but I think I am right and speak according to the scripture.

In the case of Adam the penalty for his sin was death according to the terms in the day that they eat they would surly die. It was corporal death that was expressed and this was understood by Adam Eve and Satan. The death in trespass and sin was a complimentary aspect to this as demonstrated by their experience. The moment they eat of the forbidden fruit their eyes were opened, knowing good and evil. The guilt of sin lying on the conscience shame came upon them and a fearful looking forward to judgment.

It was the Righteousness or Justice of God that demanded and required satisfaction for Adam and Eve's sin.

Sin could not nor would not be overlooked, sin must be paid for. In order for Adam to be forgiven and to be made acceptable with God a full atonement for his sin had to take place and a covering of righteousness provided.

In order for Adam to experience this salvation, which involves forgiveness, God had to make the way and he did so by means of the Animal sacrifice, blood shed and skin covering. It was away consistent with His Justice.

How ever the symbols and sacrificial process of the physical suffering of the deceased animal and its blood was the appointed outward means provided by God in order for man to hope and partake of the grace of sins forgiven.

This also prepared the way for faith and a dependence upon God, to do what seems an impossible task, for his mercy do be demonstrated and to experiences a felt sense of forgiveness based upon the Righteousness and justice of God.

The sacrificial death of the animal in the garden in it self did not take away the guilt of Adams sin nor prevent Adams death in the day of his sin but rather the righteous eternal purpose of God in Christ did.

This purpose was hid in Christ and ready to be revealed at the appropriate time.

Also the physical corporal death of Adam's body was now inevitable if they could not now eat of the fruit from the tree of life. Further to this the ground was cursed, Eve was subjected to child bearing sorrow. Sickness, disease, storms, flood, judgments for sin, world catastrophes, man being held accountable for all his actions.

This is how were all find ourselves when born into to world Salvation for each person is individual and was expressed by David Psalm 17:15. As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with thy likeness.

This is the expressed testimony of every believer who has received Christ whose atoning blood was spilt when he died on the cross. This bought the forgiveness of sins and paid the debt due to the Justice of God. This is that righteousness revealed from heaven. Mercy shown to man, peace by the blood of Christs and praise to the glory of the grace of God.

Such believers experience the forgiveness of sins by faith in the person of the lord Jesus, whose blood was shed for them. They having experienced regeneration, just like Adam , the new birth, the knowledge of Justification and a continued work of the Spirit of God in their lives. This is desire of David is the future hope of every believer today and is to occur when the

last victory over corporal death occurs since for death is said to be the last enemy. This death is swallowed up in victory 1 Cor 15. 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.