

# Munfordville Church of Christ

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Genesis 3:21, *“Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”*

When man sinned it brought death into the world. Mankind was driven from the garden of Eden and lost access to the tree of life. With this, death started to come to all.

We see the first person to die was Able when he was killed by his brother Cain. After that, every person who has lived has died or will die. There were only two exceptions—Enoch and Elijah. They both did not have to die but were taken by the LORD. Even Jesus Himself died in order to give Himself for our sins.

Was Able the first death? He was the first human death, but consider that animals had to die to make the coats of skins for Adam and Eve. After that, the sacrifices made for sin required the lives of animals. Sin affects every life form. Even the animals.

The LORD placed mankind here with no death, pain, and suffering. Man was given a paradise, but it was taken away by sin. Not just for man, but for all life, including the animals.

Thankfully, the LORD provided a way whereby we might recapture eternal life and paradise. Jesus came as a perfect and sinless sacrifice and was offered for our sins. That permits those who obey and live for the LORD to once again have access to eternal life. That life is not here, but in Heaven.

Even the angels do not die, but Jesus lowered Himself to die in order to provide the perfect sacrifice for our sins. We are told in Hebrews 2:9, *“But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”*

Jesus arose on the third day following His death. In Luke 24 when the women and others went to the grave of Jesus to anoint His body, they were met by two men in shining garments. The two men asked the women a question that offers much comfort to us. They simply asked in Luke 24:5, *“Why seek ye the living among the dead?”*

Jesus was not among the dead. The next three verses say, *“He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. <sup>8</sup>And they remembered his words.”*

He was, and is, still living. Jesus said in Revelation 1:18, *“I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.”* It’s interesting to use the term “dead” in past tense, but with Jesus, that is possible. He was dead, but no longer. He is alive “for evermore.” What a wonderful and comforting thought.

Not only is Jesus alive for evermore, but we too shall live forever with Him. We are told in I Thessalonians 4:16-17, *“<sup>16</sup>For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ*  
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Sunday 9 AM & 5 PM — Wednesday 6 PM

# News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Becky Hatcher, Joanna Locke, Rachel Riffle, Linda Terry, Sherry Crabtree, Larry Compton, Clay Bozarth and Sandy Duncan**

—Congratulations to **Patrick Crabtree** and **Kelly Grider** on the birth of **Everleigh Rose**. She was born on Tuesday, February 28. She weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. and was 20.5" long. The grandparents are **Mark & Sherry Crabtree**.

—There will be no services at the building here tonight. We are meeting with the Larue County congregation for our singing night. Services are at 5:00 p.m. Central. We will meet here at 3:30 p.m. and take a van for any who want to ride together.

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shall rise first: <sup>17</sup>Then we which are alive [and] remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Whether we have already died when the LORD returns or are living at that time, the saved go to ever be with the LORD.

This is truly a comforting thought that we will never die, and always be with the LORD. Paul writes in the very next verse, "*Wherefore comfort one another with these words.*"

They truly are words of comfort. It's how we strengthen ourselves when loved ones die in the LORD. Psalm 116:5, "*Precious in the sight of the LORD [is] the death of his saints.*" The world doesn't think of death as precious, and to the lost, it's not. But to those in the LORD, it's a precious sight to the LORD.

That's how we should think about our own death. It's not a time of dread, but a wonderful time. Near the end of the Bible John wrote in

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Sunday, February 26, 2023		
Classes	14	Mark 5:1-13
Preaching	21	Jude 1:1-25
Contribution	\$1145.00	
Evening	14	Amos 7:1-17
Wednesday, March 1, 2023		
Classes	11	Colossians 2:1-23

Visitors— Feb 26 (PM)Margaret Sandidge (Hardyville, KY)

## Bible Quiz

The LORD said He would set a what in the midst of His people?  
Last Week's Answer— Ivory (Amos 6:2)

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Revelation 14:13, "*And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed [are] the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.*"

If we are living for the LORD at the time of our death, it is a blessed time. It will be the greatest day of our life as we are ushered into everlasting life. —Marty Edwards❖

## —God's Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)