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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, or suffering. Man was given a paradise, but it was taken away by sin. This was 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, ⁷Saying, The Son of man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. ⁸And 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 comfortable thought.

Not only is Jesus alive forever more, but we too shall live forever with Him. We are told in I Thessalonians 4:16-17, *“¹⁶For 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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News

—Continue to remember **Alice Vanderstoep, Jean Coffey, Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Shirley Edwards, Clay Bozarth, Vicki McDaniel, Ken & Erin Davis, and Louise Greer.**

Sandy Duncan is home following two knee surgeries to remove infection. She will be on an IV antibiotic 4 to 6 weeks.

—Just a reminder that next Sunday morning we go back to Daylight Saving Time. We will continue to have just one in-person service at 10:00 on Sunday mornings. Sunday evening and Wednesday evening will be online at 6:00. We hope to return to all in person services by June 1.

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shall rise first: ¹⁷Then 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 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 28, 2021		
Classes	—	—
Preaching	10	Job 1-2, 42
Contribution	\$1115.00	
Evening	--	Revelation 4:1-11
Wednesday, March 3, 2021		
Classes	--	Psalms 9-10

Visitors— Feb 28 (AM) Linda Sloan (Munfordville)

Bible Quiz

John saw a rainbow where in Heaven?

Last Week’s Answer— With Him in His Father’s throne (Revelation 2:21)

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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)