

THE ISSUES OF DEATH

INTRODUCTION

We shall be looking at a topic that many do not like discussing about much and by reason of which many are not vast in its knowledge due to lack of in-depth enquiry as a result. Many therefore walk by a superficial understanding and in much presumption concerning it as it were. This being not good enough have resulted in the enemy of our soul, the Devil using the ignorance of it thereof to hold mankind in bondage by lies and fears thereby.

It is something that all creations of God, whether they be man on earth and/or angels, are liable to experience if they walk continually in disobedience to the commandments of their Creator, the Lord God. We are talking about that which is called DEATH. Till date in the world, the issues concerning death are still shrouded in a lot of superstitious beliefs and assumptions, thereby giving rise to differing doctrines on it and errors in understanding.

Unfortunately, the Ministers of the People (MOPs) of the Churches as an organization/business (CAO), in whom majority trust have not unambiguously given incisive spiritual knowledge and understanding concerning death, but rather have like the world, gotten many to be fearful of physical death due to ignorance and the errors concerning the issues of death. A lot of questions abound of which unclear answers are given concerning it. Why death and when was it revealed in creation at the initial? Is Satan behind deaths? Is he the spirit or angel of death? Does Satan have power over death? Is death an endpoint to life? Are there many deaths that a created being can experience? Is death spiritual or physical only?, Etcetera.

These questions and many more we shall venture to answer in this literature in the doctrine of Christ by the grace of God, so that your faith may not be based on the wisdom of men and in ignorance as it is for many CAO believers today. To be able to answer these pertinent questions accurately, we would have to see death beyond just for human beings on earth alone, to where the heavenly hosts in form of angels are concerned.

Most discuss on death centers around Human beings, but that is not its starting point. The issue of death goes beyond that and started with spiritual beings. Our Master and Lord Jesus the Christ gave knowledge of this in his teachings and at whose feet they that hear his words shall learn by the Spirit of truth that he gives unto them. **Mtt 25:41; Mtt 13:34-36**

We recommend you get and read our previous literatures, especially the ones titled “The Fear of the LORD” and “The Tripartite Being Called Man” in order to receive foundational spiritual insights as a prelude to reading this literature.

THE TRUE MEANING OF DEATH

The way that the world views the phenomenon called death is quite different from the way that God does, who conceptualized and purposed it into being. Men, as flesh, understand death more from a carnal point of view basically and this is captured in their definitions of it, but angels understand it differently from a spiritual viewpoint, just as Christ does. **Isa 55:7-9; Jam 2:19; Mtt 8:28-29**

The natural definition of death from the English dictionary is “the cessation of life and all associated processes; the end of an organism’s existence as an entity”.

And this fundamentally defines how Men relate with death in their thinking and ways, but from God’s spiritual point of view such is erroneous as it obtains in the world today. The error in the understanding of the true meaning of death can be said to stem right from the error in the understanding of the nature of Man at his creation by God from the very beginning. Therefore, many associate death with human beings majorly, and not with spiritual beings like the angels. Fortunately, Jesus the Christ of God came and gave us spiritual understanding of these things by the truth, that we might no longer be held in the bondage of ignorance by the lies and deception of the god of this world, Satan, the great deceiver. **Jn 18:37; Jn 8:30-32; Rev 12:9**

The Master brought to the fore the immortal, spiritual nature of man at creation before the world began by his gospel, but many do not hear him in his doctrine. Adam was a spiritual being like the angels before his fall. But after the fall, Adam was made a little lower than the angels as a human being for the suffering of physical death. This foundational truth unfortunately eludes many of the CAO and their adherents in their understanding till date, and therefore the blindness in them remains. **Hebr 2:6-7,9,14; Jn 9:39-41**

2 Tim 1: 9 Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began, **Vr.10** But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel:

Mk 10: 6 But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

Gen 5: 1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; **Vr.2** Male and female created he them; and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created.

Jn 10: 34-36 (Vr.34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? **Vr.35** If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

God instituted Death in the spiritual even before the creation of Man as a means of punishing rebellion and disobedience to His commandment by any of His created beings. The region of death is of the earth beneath, and not the divine heaven above. Death gives vent or expression to the wrath of God against disobedience. Death is a consequence that results from iniquity and sin being found in created beings of God. Death is of a spiritual nature as carnality, from the start, and not physical as only seen after the fall of man. Death from origin is everlasting and a wage for disobedience.

God is a Spirit and all that He created He did so as spiritual cum everlasting first and foremost. Death is of a spiritual process and not just a one-off physical thing or occurrence as many presume. Death has a beginning, middle and an ending portion or stage to its processes. The beginning of death commences when iniquity and sin is found operational in a created being of God, while being cast into the lake of fire is the ending process of death, which is called the second death. There is no escape possible from that point of death onwards because it is forever. **Jn 4:24; Rev 20:10,14-15**

Jn 5: 24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation [*of the second death*]; but is passed from [*the process of*] death unto [*the process of*] life.

So those that walk in sin and iniquity, God the Father punishes with death in the spiritual and this progresses till the ending point, which is the second death, if not averted by God through His Son Jesus Christ for the case of fallen men, but not for the case of fallen angels. Death has been in place from the beginning even before Man was created and was there to deal with Lucifer and his angels at their fall. **Gen 1:1-2; Ezek 31:14-15; Mtt 25:41**

Gen 2:15-17 (Vr.16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die [*the death process shall commence*].

Gen 4:9-16 (Vr.13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment [*of the process of death*] is greater than I can bear.

Therefore, death is not annihilation or extinction of a created being, but a tool of judgment by which God punishes those that are condemned and brings to a complete halt to every operation of rebellion and disobedience to His commandments eventually. Death is a divine condemnation meted out against those that walk in sin and iniquity. It quells all their wickedness and evil amongst the creations of God at the end. Through the means of the process of death, the disobedient shall be sieved or separated from the obedient at last. Death brings about a separation between the Creator and the created as per the withdrawal of the abiding witness of the Spirit of God in such a creation as it were. **Gen 2:21-24; Mtt 13:41-43,47-50; Isa 59:1-15**

Rom 3: 23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 6: 23 For the wages of sin is death;

Isa 59: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

Death is a punishment that is carried out in order to imprison, entrap or banish those that are condemned to it. Their liberties in the Spirit are cut off, and they are held captive thereby. Death has to do with compulsory confinement as determined by God unto damnation for the disobedient ultimately in an everlasting state of banishment and torment after final judgment. Unfortunately, men see death from a carnal, physical viewpoint, while God conceived it from the spiritual angle. Death is more of the spiritual rather than of the physical, but men do not understand it as so, but through the Master's teachings we come to this understanding. **2 Cor 3:17; Jn 6:53; Lk 13:1-5; Mtt 10:28**

I Tim 5: 6 But she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth.

Hebr 10:26-31 (Vr.26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, **Vr.27** But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. **Vr.28** He that despised Moses' law died [*bodily*] without mercy under two or three witnesses: **Vr.29** Of how much sorer punishment [*of soulish death*], suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

I Jn 3: 14 We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death. **Vr.15** Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer [**Jn 8:44**]: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Mtt 25:31-46 (Vr.41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels: **Vr.46** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

The natural man understands death as a termination of life in this world and nothing else, but the spiritual man understands it as divine punishment for unrighteousness that culminates in the everlasting torment of damnation, wherein there is weeping and gnashing of teeth. Those that are dead are still alive but in a different state or condition and place as it were. **Mtt 13:41-42; Lk 12:42-48**

THE REVELATION OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE CAPTIVITY OF DEATH

As we have previously described, death is a punishment as a consequence of sin and iniquity which brings about a separation of one condemned to it from the ever abiding Spirit of God that ought to be within him. So without transgression of God's laws, there would have been no need for the enactment of the punishment called death. And there shall come a time when there shall be no death any longer when complete obedience and righteousness shall reign on the new earth as it is in heaven. Death is like a cloud or shadow that hangs over or follows those that are disobedient to God and envelopes them at the end. Such are abiding in death even while they live. **Rev 21:1-4; Prov 12:28; I Cor 15:53-54**

Not much was spoken of death and its operations in the Bible outside of men on earth until the revelation of iniquity being found in a chief angel of God in heaven called Lucifer, the anointed cherub due to transgression. And by his fall into the nether parts of the earth was hell and death's operation made manifest as to receive him with his rebellious angels. Lucifer was received in hell by death at his fall. Death was enacted against Lucifer as punishment for sin and iniquity being identified with him. Hell and death was already prepared by God even before the fall of Lucifer, for them to have received him at his fall.

Ezek 28:12-19 (Vr.13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created. **Vr.14** Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so : thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **Vr.15** Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. **Vr.16** By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I

will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

Mtt 25: 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

By reason of the activation of the process of death came the revelation of the ultimate place of destruction prepared by God called the Lake of fire, for all rebellious spiritual beings of all ages after the final judgment of God at the end, this our Master Jesus made us to know also. This is called the second death for all that shall be cast into it, having been experiencing other shades of death in one form or the other before then. **Rev 21:8**

A created being can die many deaths before the final of all deaths called the second death, but many have been kept ignorant of this truth. Death is a process that has a beginning and an ending as it were. Satan and his rebellious angels are currently undergoing this process until the end comes. The ending process of death is the second death. So Satan abideth in death with all those that walk in disobedience to God's commandments till that appointed end shall come.

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Rev 20: 7-15 (Vr.10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever. **Vr.13** And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. **Vr.14** And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **Vr.15** And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

But meanwhile, before the lake of fire occurrence, certain holding realms were already established in the lower parts of the earth, wherein is found Hell for such that awaiteth this final judgment of the second death. Hell is the unseen region on earth wherein all those that are held captive by death are kept for some time during this process. In this region there are several holding cells, habitations, or compartments having their different gates of entry as it were but collectively referred to as "the gates of hell". **Mtt 16:18**

In this region you find such gated estates or pits as the bottomless pit or abyss, Abraham's bosom, place of torment with unquenchable fire, spiritual graves or Hades, rivers/seas, etc, each having keys for unlocking their various entrances. Rebellious angels are held captive in the bottomless pit among other locations, while dead sinful men are held in the torment of fire

regions of hell too. **Jude 1:6; Rev 1:18; Rev 9:1-2,11,14; Rev 20:1,3; Lk 16:22-24; Mk 9:43-48; Nah 2:6; Ezek 29:3-5; Job 38:17**

Still concerning Lucifer, the Bible gives us a similitude or epitome of him and his fall into the condemnation of death in the following scriptural verses:

Ezek 28:1-10 (Vr.6 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thou hast set thine heart as the heart of God; **Vr.7** Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. **Vr.8** They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas. **Vr.9** Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou shalt be a man, and no God, in the hand of him that slayeth thee. **Vr.10** Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

Ezek 31:1-18 (Vr.14 To the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves for their height, neither shoot up their top among the thick boughs, neither their trees stand up in their height, all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit. **Vr.15** Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day when he went down to the grave I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the floods thereof, and the great waters were stayed: and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. **Vr.16** I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to hell with them that descend into the pit: and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, shall be comforted in the nether parts of the earth.

Isa 14:4-24 (Vr.9 Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. **Vr.11** Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee. **Vr.12** How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! **Vr.15** Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit [*by the angel of death*]. **Vr.18** All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. **Vr.19** But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet. **Vr.20** Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial [*in the lake of fire*], because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.

Lucifer was delivered unto death as Satan by reason of his fall to hell, to the sides of the pit in the nether parts of the earth. Wherein he abides and operates his kingdom headquarters till date, awaiting the damnation of the second death when his short time shall be up as already ordained by God. Presently, Satan is not bound in chains yet (but he would be during the Millennial reign of Christ on earth), but roams in the regions of darkness and death with some of his angels as unclean spirits cum devils (that is demons), having been cut off from the kingdom of light as it were. It is in the regions of darkness, shadows, and lies that they can only operate and not in the truth and light. **Rev 12:7-13; Ezek 31:14; Rev 20:1-3; Eph 6:11-13; Colo 1:13; Acts 26:18; Lk 22:53**

Job 1:6-7 (Vr.7 And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

I Pet 5: 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Mtt 8: 28-34 (Vr.28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. **Vr.29** And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? **Vr.31** So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

Mtt 12:43-45 (Vr.43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

The other fallen angels which were not made to operate as unclean spirits are being held under chains in the bottomless pit and in the waters, until the judgment of the second death decreed for them all. Presently, the beast is being held bound in the bottomless pit until the appointed time for his release into the world, while Satan as an unclean spirit, the spirit of the antichrist is roaming the earth devouring many by deception. Those that are found in the shadows of death and abide in darkness are captives with him therein. **Rev 19:19-20; Mtt 4:16; Lk 1:79; I Jn 2:11; Jn 3:19-20; Jn 12:46; Hebr 1:7,14; Isa 27:1; 2 Cor 11:13-15; I Jn 4:3**

Jude 1: 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Rev 11: 7 And when they shall have finished their testimony, the beast that ascendeth out of the bottomless pit shall make war against them, and shall overcome them, and kill them.

Rev 9: 1 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star fall from heaven unto the earth: and to him was given the key of the bottomless pit. **Vr.2** And he opened the bottomless pit; and there arose a smoke out of the pit, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the pit. **Vr.3** And there came out of the smoke locusts upon the earth: and unto them was given power, as the scorpions of the earth have power.

2 Pet 2:3-4 (Vr.3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. **Vr.4** For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness [*in the bottomless pit*], to be reserved unto judgment [*of the second death*];

Satan is not the lord over hell and death as the CAO tend to erroneously portray to men, but rather he is a captive of death and an inmate of hell. Satan is not the angel of death as many are made to presume nor is he in charge or in control of hell and the spirit of death; instead he is under their influence as all sinners are. Satan is a servant of sin and therefore subject to death and hell. It is not in his power to determine when and who shall die at anytime, or who shall go to hell as many are deceptively made to believe, but God alone; rather Satan himself abideth in death. It is God and His Christ that hell and death are subject to as their agents not to Satan. **Rev 1:18; Rev 6:7-8; Rev 20:1-3,13-14; Jn 8:34-35; Jn 19:10-11; Lk 12:4-5,16-21; Exo 12:12-13,23; Deu 32:39; I Chron 21:1-17**

THE TRUE MEANING OF “SPIRITUAL DEATH”

Satan and his fallen angels are currently under the condemnation of death in the spiritual, but the CAO do not identify them as so in their doctrines, but use the term “spiritual death” for fallen man only unfortunately. Therefore the definition and understanding of the coined term “spiritual death” by the CAO is misleading and makes for gross ignorance amongst their adherents as it were. But coming from our opined perception of the meaning of death, we can confidently identify fallen angels with “spiritual death” in the same vein as with fallen men. How?

There is a pertinent need for one to understand the difference between spirits and angels in our attempt to explain the issues of death, without which such spiritual understanding will elude you. Angels have flesh and bone as spiritual beings, but spirits do not, for they are as the wind. Angels can be transformed into spirits for ministration purposes and back into angels. Angels can be bound but spirits cannot, although both can be cast out as it were. Angels can die, but spirits cannot die. How? Fallen angels are subject to the punishment of the second

death, but spirits return back to God who gives them. **Lk 24:39; Hebr 1:7,14; Mtt 25:41; Mtt 8:29; Eccl 12:7; Hebr 12:9; Rev 9:14-15**

Lucifer experienced “spiritual death” from the time that he was cast out of the heaven of God’s holy angels to hell, to the sides of the pit in the lower parts of the earth, because of wickedness found with him. What exactly was the implication of this punishment of death? It meant that the spirit of life, wisdom, truth which was of God in him by the anointing, was taken or withdrawn from Lucifer and the spirit of evil, sin and death from God came upon him from thence forward. Lucifer moved from the brightness of the light into darkness of death as Satan without any room for redemption. **Jn 3:19-20; Ezek 31:11**

I Sam 16:13-15 (Vr.14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. **Vr.15** And Saul' servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.

Lucifer experienced separation from the sweet fellowship with the living Spirit of God in righteousness as the anointed cherub unto fellowship with evil spirits in unrighteousness and death as Satan. This resulted in his divine beauty and wisdom being corrupted in pride and iniquity. How? from being spiritually minded to being carnally minded in knowledge and understanding; from loving righteousness to loving iniquity and hating righteousness. Death is of carnality and Lucifer fell into it from his previous height of spirituality as it were. **Hebr 1:9; Isa 14:12; I Cor 2:6-8; Ezek 28:14,16**

Ezek 28:7 Behold, therefore I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations: and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall defile thy brightness. **Vr.8** They shall bring thee down to the pit, and thou shalt die the deaths of them that are slain in the midst of the seas. **Vr.10** Thou shalt die the deaths of the uncircumcised by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. **Vr.14** Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. **Vr.15** Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee. **Vr.16** By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. **Vr.17** Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. **Vr.18** Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.

Lucifer experienced one of the greatest punishments that can ever befall a spiritual being, which is, being made carnal in understanding; with that Satan is mindful of or consumed with that which has to do with the flesh, dust and the earth and no longer of the holy Spirit and the divine. So the spiritual things of God he no longer has understanding of nor can he be able to discern them. This is a captivity and bondage that only God can bring about or can liberate a created being from as He pleases. Satan became cursed as a servant of sin forever in death, bondage of corruption. **Jn 8:41,44; Jn 10:10; Job 2:4-7; I Cor 2:10-16**

Gen 3: 14 And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:

Isa 14: 12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! **Vr.10** All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become [carnal] weak as we? art thou become like unto us [*in carnality*]?

Mk 14:38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.

Mtt 16: 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the [*spiritual*] things that be of God, but those [*carnal things*] that be of men.

Jn 8: 34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin [*like the Devil*]. **Vr.35** And the servant abideth not in the house for ever: but the Son abideth ever.

Those that are “spiritually dead” do not dwell in God in love, neither does God dwell in them by His Spirit nor do they have the hope of eternal life in them. They cannot obey the law of God which is spiritual, nor keep His commandments which are true; no matter how much they might try or even desire to, this is the bondage of “spiritual death” as it were. Such can never please God no matter what they do, being made carnal and sold under sin. **Rom 7:14-24; Rom 8:5-8; I Jn 3:24; I Jn 2:9,11; Eph 2:12; Hebr 11:6**

Rom 7: 14 For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.

Spiritual death means “Carnality” or to be carnally minded, being dead in sin and iniquity, held bound in the belief of a lie. Actually, there is no such term as “spiritual death” in the Bible, for it is a term coined by men, which leads many to error in understanding by the CAO definition of it as a term. We shall continue to use it as a term in this literature anyways because it is the popular term that many use and know, though we have identified it truly as carnality.

Rom 8: 6 For to be carnally minded is death;

Eph 2: 1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; **Vr.2** Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: **Vr.3** Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. **Vr.4** But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, **Vr.5** Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Many in there erroneous understanding are given to praying “fall and die” prayers against evil spirits and enemies, “binding and casting them to the abyss” all to no avail. They teach that “spiritual death” is separation from the presence of God in an erroneous sense, but the truth is that the presence of God is everywhere, whether it be in heaven or hell. No one can escape the presence of God. It is not limited to a particular place or location. When the CAO adherent leaves a “building or temple” where the Church gathers, they are made to believe that they have left the presence of God. These are all erroneous indoctrinations that many have been made to believe the lies thereof. So a true and better understanding of the term “spiritual death” we have tried to opine above so that your faith might not be based on the wisdom of men, but on the wisdom of God instead. **Job 1:6-7; Job 2:1-2,7; Gen 3:8-10; Gen 4:13-16; Jonah 1:3; 2 Thess 2:9-13**

I Cor 3: 16 Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? **Vr.17** If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are [*if the Spirit of God dwelleth not in you, then you are “spiritually dead” as it were*].

Prov 15: 3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. **Vr.11** Hell and destruction are before the LORD: how much more then the hearts of the children of men?

Ps 139:7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? **Vr.8** If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. **Vr.9** If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; **Vr.10** Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me. **Vr.11** If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me. **Vr.12** Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

To be truly separated from the presence of the LORD actually means the Holy Spirit of the Lord being taken away from within you and you dwelling in sin and iniquity. Adam was created to have the Spirit indwelling in him for him to live eternal, but that was not to be. God restores that Spirit in us through the baptism with Christ’s Spirit. **Jn 14:15-17; Jn 20:22; Gal 4:3-5**

The Psalmist in his own understanding of the enormity of this separation declares thus:

Ps 51: 3 For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. **Vr.4** Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. **Vr.6** Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. **Vr.10** Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. **Vr.11** Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me.

THE FORMS OF DEATH RESULTING FROM THE FALL OF ADAM

God created and formed Adam as a spiritual being having a similar nature as the angels at his creation. When Adam was formed from the dust of the ground and became a living soul he was given the Spirit of God to be with him even as God breathed into him. By the Spirit of God upon him, Adam was able to have sweet fellowship with God in truth on a regular basis in the Garden of Eden where he was put for trial purposes. **Gen 2:5,7,15; Gen 3:8; Jn 20:22**

God put Adam in the garden to humble and prove him, for to know what was in his heart, whether he would keep His commandment or not. This was to be done before the commencement of the divine mandate/dominion prophesied for Man to carry out on earth at his creation, which was predicated on his complete obedience to God's will and not in disobedience. **Gen 1:26-28; Deu 8:1-3,16; Ps 7:9; Jer 17:0-10; 2 Cor 10:3-6**

Gen 2: 15 And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. **Vr.16** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: **Vr.17** But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

God intimated Adam of what disobedience to this commandment shall surely result in, which is death, the very same thing which Satan suffered at his own fall from heaven and abided in on earth. Death is the wage or punishment for sin, while eternal life is the gift of God for obedience. The very same "spiritual death" process was to befall Man at his own fall due to disobedience. **Rom 6:23**

As we had opined before, the fall into "spiritual death" actual results to conversion from true spirituality in the Spirit of God to a false "spiritual state" which is, carnality. Man switched from living after the Spirit to living after the flesh; from cleaving unto God alone in the Spirit as one to cleaving unto flesh and becoming one thereof; from having the wisdom that is from above to the wisdom that is from beneath, from truth to lies, from light to darkness, from life to death

with Satan as it were. These are the resultant effects of the withdrawal of the Spirit of truth from within Man and the coming of lying spirits in him due to unrighteousness. Adam was spiritually alive before he became spiritually dead in sin. **Jam 3:13-18; Rom 7:9-11; Acts 26:17-18; I Cor 6:16-19; I Cor 12:13; Eph 4:4**

Gen 3: 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: **Vr.5** For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. **Vr.6** And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise [*in carnality*], she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. **Vr.7** And the eyes of them both were opened [*carnally*], and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together, and made themselves aprons [*carnal knowledge operation begins*].

The Devil was able to accomplish this against Adam through moving him to lust for another flesh different from that of animals. By the time that God caused Adam to fall into a deep sleep [*a semblance of death*] in order that Woman may come forth, sin came knocking. The Woman came forth from the depths of sleep thereafter and brought about death upon Adam, having been beguiled by the Devil. God neither sleepeth nor slumbereth and Adam was created in His image and likeness. So how come he was made to fall into deep sleep? **Gen 2:20-24; Gen 4:6-7; Ps 121:3-5; Jn 11:10-14**

Gen 3: 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? **Vr.12** And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest to be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. **Vr.13** And the LORD God said unto the woman, What is this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

The Woman's eye opened unto carnal wisdom by belief in the lies of the Devil and was thus made blind to the truth of God and same thing happened to Adam as well when he ate too. They received not the love of the truth in the garden and God condemned them to belief in a lie in the world to which He cast them out into. **2 Thess 2:9-12**

So everyone born of the flesh through woman into this world receives not the Spirit which is of God but the spirit which is of the world unto being carnally minded or "spiritually death" as natural man. And such have pertinent need to be born again in order to receive the Spirit which is of God in Christ Jesus. **I Cor 2:12-14; Rom 8:15; Jn 20:21-22; Mtt 3:11; Jn 1:7,9**

Jn 3: 3-12 (Vr.6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. **Vr.7** Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

“Spiritual death” is the portion of every man born into the world, not by reason of choice or any offense that he has committed, but by reason of birth in the Adamic nature as it were. And such is also condemned to suffer a new form of death introduced then, which was bodily/physical death. **Ps 51:5; Job 14:1-5; Rom 8:18-21**

Rom 5: 12-19 (Vr.12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and [*bodily*] death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **Vr.14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, **Vr.17** For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; **Vr.18** Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation [*into carnality*];

Adam was created and formed with the intent of him living eternally in righteousness and obedience to God had he eaten of the tree of life instead, but the fall brought about death and his producing the fallen man as offspring in the world of unrighteousness. **Gen 3:20-24; Gen 4:1-2; Gen 5:3; Rev 2:7**

The fallen man is born into “spiritual death” from birth and also is condemned to “physically death” at the end in this world. Therefore a sinner is twice dead in this world of sin and death and shall also die the “second death” in the world to come if not saved by Christ Jesus. Unfortunately, many believers are ignorant of the knowledge of the second death, and some have not even heard of it, being under blind guides as their religious leaders in the CAO system. **Mtt 15:12-14; Jn 10:8**

Jude 1:10-13 (Vr.12 These are spots in your feasts of charity, when they feast with you, feeding themselves without fear: clouds they are without water, carried about of winds; trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots;

INTRODUCTION OF PHYSICAL DEATH INTO THE WORLD

Why the need for the introduction of physical death in fallen man by God unlike in the case of fallen angels?

By reason of Adam’s disobedience, he was to die surely the second death being a spiritual being at his fall, in the same manner as Satan and the fallen angels. But God in His infinite mercy made provision for a redemption plan through His Son, Jesus the Christ. This was to be in place only for the offspring of Adam that are to be born of Woman as human beings first and not for men as spiritual beings, the way that Adam was born of God and the way that Eve came forth from Adam at the start. **Gen 5:1-3**

Gen 3:16 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; **Vr.15** And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

I Cor 11:7-12 (Vr.8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man [*at the beginning*]. **Vr.11** Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. **Vr.12** For as the woman is of the man [*before the fall*], even so is the man also by the woman [*after the fall*]; but all things of God.

For this divine plan to be fulfilled, Adam and Eve were to be made a little lower than the angels in the flesh as human beings. They were to produce seeds, the children of the world, which shall suffer the punishment of physical death bodily due to the Adamic sin, first in the world, before being resurrected as spiritual beings to face the judgment of their soul. A judgment that would determine the kind of everlasting reward or wage that they shall receive for their deeds committed upon the earth. **Gen 4:1-2; Gen 5:3; Rom 3:23-25; Rom 6:23; Lk 24:36-43; I Pet 4:6**

Gen 3:17-19 (Vr.17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life; **Vr.19** In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return [*bodily death decreed*].

Hebr 2:5-7 (Vr.6 But one in a certain place testified, saying, What is man, that thou art mindful of him? or the son of man, that thou visitest him? **Vr.7** Thou madest him a little lower than the angels [*as human beings*];

Hebr 9: 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die [*physically*], but after this the judgment:

Rom 5: 12-19 (Vr.12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death [*bodily and spiritual*] by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: **Vr.14** Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression,

In line with the divine restoration plan, Jesus Christ as a spiritual being was also to be made in the form of a human being as the first man Adam was made after his fall. Why? in order to bring salvation to the offspring of Adam in the world, through the shedding of blood for the remission of sin. This option of salvation through repentance, God makes available only to Man as human being and not to Man as a spiritual being hereafter. By birth through woman, man becomes a human being for the possibility of repentance and remission of sins unto salvation

before physical death, but by the resurrection from the dead he becomes a spiritual being as Adam was at the very beginning and Christ was at his resurrection. **Lk 20:34-36; Gal 4:3-7**

Jn 1: 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. **Vr.2** The same was in the beginning with God. **Vr.14** And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us,

Hebr 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. **Vr.14** Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; **Vr.15** And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. **Vr.16** For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham.

Phil 2:5-11 (Vr.6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: **Vr.7** But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: **Vr.8** And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Lk 13:1-5 (Vr.4 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them [*bodily death*], think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? **Vr.5** I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish [*in the second death*].

Rev 13: 8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world [*found in sin and death*].

Physical or bodily death is only a “transition death” that deals with the body of man that is flesh and blood. By this form of death, a conversion or redemption of the body occurs; the soul and spirit of the man are freed from his terrestrial body in order to depart this physical world and then to put on a celestial body for living in the world beyond in an afterlife. Physical death does not punish the soul and spirit, but only the terrestrial body of man. The flesh sees corruption and the soul goes to hell in order to await redemption from the power of the grave cum hell by God. **Eccl 3:17-21; Ps 104:29; Ps 30:9; 2 Cor 5:1-4; I Cor 15:40,44,53; Rom 8:23; Acts 13:33-37; Acts 2:29-32; Ps 49:15; Hosea 13:14; Jn 5:21,25-29**

Jam 2: 26 For as the body without the spirit is dead,

Eccl 12: 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.

Phil 3: 21 Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body,

Lk 16:19-31 (Vr.22 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; **Vr.23** And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.

Lk 20:33-36 (Vr.34 And Jesus answering said unto them, The children of this world marry, and are given in marriage: **Vr.35** But they which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: **Vr.36** Neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God, being the children of the resurrection.

When a man dies in the flesh as a human being without receiving salvation through Jesus Christ during his life time in the world, then there is no other chance of salvation for his soul, when he resurrects from the dead as a spiritual being. It is only the punishment of the second death that awaits him thereafter. **Rev 20:4-6,11-15; Lk 13:1-5,23-30; Mtt 7:20-27**

Hebr 9: 27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

2 Cor 5: 10 For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Jn 5: 28 Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, **Vr.29** And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.

Man, as human being, is meant to receive salvation through Christ Jesus in this world. This is God's plan of escape for mankind from the everlasting judgment of punishment that is to come hereafter when men become spiritual beings at resurrection. This is the ultimate demonstration of the love and mercy of God to mankind through His Son. This knowledge and understanding in the truth we preach in the true gospel of Christ to the world, unlike the CAO in their another gospel.

Rom 5: 8 But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **Vr.9** Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath [*to come even the second death*] through him. **Vr.10** For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. **Vr.11** And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement [*by his blood*].

Unfortunately, the CAO by their another gospel keep many ignorant of this truth and make them to believe subtly, that this our transient state as human beings is all there is to living, unto fearing bodily death all their lifetime still being in sin. They cause men to seek to be at home in

this vile flesh, focusing them continually on the pursuit of worldly riches, glory and fame in order to live in pleasure, enjoyment and comfort therein, what an error. This is the result of carnal mindedness, minding earthly things in fleshly lust. Those that have the spirit of the world in them are carnally minded, while those that have the Spirit of truth in them are spiritually minded. **Hebr 2:14-15; 2 Cor 4:3-6; 2 Cor 5:1-11; I Tim 6:3-12; Rom 8:7; I Jn 4:4-6; I Jn 2:15-17; Mtt 6:19-21; Mtt 16:26**

Rom 8: 5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. **Vr.6** For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. **Vr.9** But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his. **Vr.10** And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Colo 3:1-4 (Vr.1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. **Vr.2** Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

There is a world or kingdom beyond this terrestrial plane, to which we shall be found in after dying to this physical life cum world. It is through bodily death that we enter into that celestial plane, by putting off this terrestrial body in order to put on the celestial body. This is what putting off mortality to put on immortality entails and it is what those that have a lively hope in Christ are called unto and earnestly desire as an inheritance. **I Cor 15:35-43, 44-57; Lk 20:35-36; Mtt 19:27-29; Phil 3:18-21; Hebr 3:1**

Lk 22: 28 Ye are they which have continued with me in my temptations. **Vr.29** And I appoint unto you a kingdom, as my Father hath appointed unto me; **Vr.30** That ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

CONCLUSION

The ignorance amongst men pertaining to the spiritual understanding of the issues of death, even amongst those that claim belief in the gospel of Christ, is what keeps them in bondage to physical death till date. Those that have received the Spirit of truth that is in Christ Jesus, having the true understanding of death by revelation do not fear physical death any longer, but rather they have the fear of the second death, which causeth them to depart from all evil; this is the fear of God in them. Christ taught us of this fear in his doctrine, for all those that believe the true gospel. **Prov 8:13; Prov 14:16,27**

Mtt 10:28 And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Lk 12: 4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. **Vr.5** But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Jn 12:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. **Vr.25** He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. **Vr.26** If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be:

Whosoever fears bodily death have not yet been truly delivered from the belief of a lie concerning it. Why? because sin comes with death and the fear thereof and God shall destroy them both. Those that have been given the Spirit of Christ in baptism, which is of love, power and of sound mind, being led by him have been delivered from the fear of death and understands the victory they have over it in Christ Jesus. This is a bitter pill of truth to swallow for many that have been deceived in the faith by the wisdom of men by which they operate believing the another gospel of the CAO. The fearful shall not inherit the kingdom of God, be warned. **Rom 8:14-15; 2 Tim 1:6-7; Hebr 2:14-15**

Rev 21: 7 He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son. **Vr.8** But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Death is a spiritual process that has a pathway leading to its ending place, the lake of fire, which is the second death. It is not just a one-off physical occurrence, but a graduated, progressive journey in carnality unto everlasting destruction. There is an escape route for this path of death for men in Christ Jesus if they find it while yet in the world. It is the pathway of spirituality in the Spirit of life and word of truth. Jesus Christ is the only such way of life to the Father in heaven.

Jn 14:1,6

Jam 1:13-16 (Vr.14 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. **Vr.15** Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Death has gates that ushers men into its path which ends up in an inescapable chamber at the end of the road for those condemned eternally. The gateway into death is of iniquity and sin. Death and Hell having finished their work as agents of God shall also be destroyed in the lake of

fire at the end. **Prov 16:25; Prov 2:11-22; Prov 4:13-19; Ps 1:1; Hosea 13:14; Rev 20:13-14; I Cor 15:26; Rev 6:7-8**

Prov 14: 12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

Mtt 7: 13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction [*death*], and many there be which go in thereat:

Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ through his gospel of truth did not come to deliver us from physical death in the world, but rather he came to deliver us from carnal mindedness (which is known to many as “spiritual death”) in the fear of physical death. And to make us spiritually minded in the fear of the second death unto receiving eternal life at the end instead. How? through repentance and remission of sins by his blood in baptism unto receiving the gift of the Holy Ghost. He that has the Spirit of life within him need not fear the spirit of death without. **I Jn 4:4; Acts 2:37-43; Lk 24:44-49; Mk 16:15-18; Jn 3:3-21; Lk 13:1-5; Rom 5:8-11; Prov 19:23**

Jesus the Christ did not come to save our mortal body from death, but rather to crucify/mortify it in order to save our soul from soulish death in the lake of fire. This he does first by delivering us from “spiritual death” in the world; that is, from minding earthly things unto minding heavenly things that is of the kingdom of God by his Word and Spirit that those that hear and obey him receive. And being the Shepherd and Bishop of our soul, he shall redeem our soul from hell and death unto his heavenly kingdom on that day. **I Pet 2:25; Phil 3:18-21; Hebr 9:15**

Ps 68:20 He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death.

Rev 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.

Therefore, the true saints of God ought not to be afraid of what man and Satan can do (so let not your hearts be troubled), because unto our God and His Christ belongeth power over hell and death. And He shall deliver and save us that endureth to the end forever.

May our good Lord preserve your spirit, soul and body blameless unto that day of his coming, in Jesus Christ name. Amen.

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