

How Did Everything Get So Messed Up?

Wide Angle-Part 4

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What Went WRONG? A Crazy Little Thing Called SIN...

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned... Romans 5:12

It's No MISTAKE: What Sin Is...

hamartia (Greek): Falling SHORT...

...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
Romans 3:23

parabasis (Greek): Going BEYOND the boundary

...[Christ] has died as a ransom to set [us] free from the sins (transgressions) committed under the first covenant. Hebrews 9:15

akatharsia (Greek): Personal POLLUTION...

For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. 1 Thessalonians 4:7

What Difference Does It Make: Life After the FALL...

...for when you eat of it you will certainly die. Genesis 2:17

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5

- **Death as Relational DISCORD with Each Other**

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Genesis 3:7

The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it. Genesis 3:12

- **Death as Spiritual DISTANCE from God**

Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man, "Where are you?" Genesis 3:8-9

- **Death as Physical and Emotional DISEASE and DISCOMFORT for All**

To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with pain you will give birth to children." Genesis 3:16

I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God. Romans 8:18, 21

- **Death as Natural DISASTER in Creation**

Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return. Genesis 3:17b-19

For the creation was subjected to frustration... We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Romans 8:20a, 22

- **Oh Yeah, Death as DEATH!**

What Was God Thinking? Reasons He Allows It to CONTINUE...

- **To Give Us a CHOICE...**

This day I call the heavens and the earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live. Deuteronomy 30:15

- **To Demonstrate His PATIENCE...**

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9