



SAVED!

A STUDY OF NEW
TESTAMENT CONVERSIONS

Week 4

Genesis 3:19

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.”

What is this describing?

Death

There IS life after DEATH: Scientists reveal shock findings from groundbreaking study

LIFE after death has been "confirmed" by scientists who have discovered consciousness continues even once a person has died.

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What does the Bible say
happens when you die?

Luke 16: 19-31

“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

“The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried.

Question

Do rich people die?

In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

“But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

Acts 7: 54-56

When the members of the Sanhedrin heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him. But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.”

What does Jesus say
happens after you die?

Jesus tells us very clearly
that there is life after death
and your destination is either

1. With Abraham and Jesus
in comfort

2. In Hades in torment

Do you agree?

What determines which path
we will take when we die?

Our relationship with Jesus
Christ or in other words
Our Salvation!

Genesis 3: 22-24

And the Lord God said, “The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.” So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken. After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

What would have happened
if man had eaten from the
tree of life?

There would be no death and
man would be like the fallen
angels, unable to die and
unable to be forgiven

In other words as Christians when we die we enter into a new spiritual existence, no longer bound by the sinful flesh which has died and has been left behind.

Why does God have these separate paths that we can choose to follow after death?

Sin!

What is sin?

Sin is transgression or violation of God's law.

The word "sin" comes from the Greek word that means "to miss the mark".
Literally: to miss the bulls eye of a target.

Spiritually: to sin is to miss the standard God has appointed for us.

Who has sinned?

All of us!

Romans 3:23

*for all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God*

Romans 3:10

There is none righteous, not even one

Romans 5:12

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned

What do you say to
someone who feels they can
get to heaven as long as
they live a good life and are
a good person?

Psalm 51:5

*Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my
mother conceived me.*

What happens to a child or
infant when they die if we
are sinful at birth?

Deuteronomy 1:39

And the little ones that you said would be taken captive, your children who do not yet know good from bad—they will enter the land. I will give it to them and they will take possession of it.

2 Samuel 12: 22-23

He said, “While the child was still alive, I fasted and wept; for I said, ‘Who knows, the Lord may be gracious to me, that the child may live.’”

“But now he has died; why should I fast? Can I bring him back again? I will go to him, but he will not return to me.”

Matthew 18:2-3 (NLT)

Jesus called a little child to him and put the child among them. Then he said, “I tell you the truth, unless you turn from your sins and become like little children, you will never get into the Kingdom of Heaven.

Matthew 19:13-14

Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”

Common Misconceptions about Sin

Can you sin if you don't
know Gods laws?

We Can Sin:
Even If We Do Not Know Better
Ignorance is no excuse

Acts 3:17, 19

Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.... Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord

We Can Sin:
Even If We Do Not Know Better

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

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2 Chronicles 34:14-21

For over three hundred years, the children of Israel had not done what God commanded.

Two hundred years later, Ezra and Nehemiah would read the same book and the people would realize they had not been keeping the laws of God.

Can you sin if you
don't feel guilty about it?

We Can Sin: Even If We Have a Clear Conscience

Acts 22:3-5

Then Paul said: “I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in this city. I studied under Gamaliel and was thoroughly trained in the law of our ancestors.

I was just as zealous for God as any of you are today. I persecuted the followers of this Way to their death, arresting both men and women and throwing them into prison, as the high priest and all the Council can themselves testify. I even obtained letters from them to their associates in Damascus, and went there to bring these people as prisoners to Jerusalem to be punished.

We Can Sin:
Even If We Have a Clear Conscience

Acts 23:1

“And Paul, looking intently at the Council, said ‘Brethren, I have lived my life with a perfectly good conscience before God up to this day’”.

We Can Sin:
Even If We Have a Clear Conscience

Proverbs 21:2

“Every man's way is right in his own eyes, But the LORD weighs the hearts”.

Proverbs 16:2

“All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight,

Is it sin if what you are doing
is legal?

Acts 5:29

“But Peter and the apostles answered and said, ‘we must obey God rather than men’.

Can you think of some examples of acts that are legal in the United States, yet would be considered sin?

Can it be a sinful act if the church you are going to or the preacher or priest or pope approves of what you are doing?

We Can Sin: Even If approved by your church

I John 4:1

“Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world”.

1 Timothy 4:1

“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons...”

We Can Sin:
Even If approved by your church

Matthew 15:14

“Leave them! They are blind guides. If someone who is blind leads another who is blind, both will fall into a pit”.

Teachers of error—error will still cause a soul to be lost no matter how sincere they are.

Is it sin if you don't get
caught?

We Can Sin:
You will always get caught!

Hebrews 4:13

“And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do”.

Psalm 139:7-8

“Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.”

We Can Sin:
You will always get caught!

Numbers 32:23

“But if you fail to do this, you will be sinning against the LORD; and you may be sure that your sin will find you out”.

Hebrews 4:13

“Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account”.

Is it sin if what you did is
not as bad as what
someone else did?

We Can Sin:
Even If It Is Not As Bad As What
Someone Else Did

James 2:9-10

“But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one point, he has become guilty of all”.

We Can Sin:
Even If It Is Not As Bad As What
Someone Else Did

Galatians 6:4

“Each one should test their own actions.
Then they can take pride in themselves
alone, without comparing themselves to
someone else”.

Can you sin if what you
trying to do is good?

We Can Sin:
Even If We Were Trying To Do Good

2 Samuel 6:6-7

“When they came to the threshing floor of Naxon, Uzzah reached out and took hold of the ark of God, because the oxen stumbled.

The Lord’s anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God.”.

We Can Sin: Even If We Were Trying To Do Good

This is very common today when we allow culture to influence the Church because we are afraid that the Bible will offend someone.

Do you agree that the Truth can be difficult to speak and may be seen by those living a sinful life as hurtful and we are trying to do good by not bringing it up?

We Can Sin:
Even If We Were Trying To Do Good

Galatians 6:1 (NLT)

“Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path.”

We Can Sin: Even If We Were Trying To Do Good

Ezekiel 33:7-9(NLT)

“Now, son of man, I am making you a watchman for the people of Israel. Therefore, listen to what I say and warn them for me. If I announce that some wicked people are sure to die and you fail to tell them to change their ways, then they will die in their sins, and I will hold you responsible for their deaths. But if you warn them to repent and they don't repent, they will die in their sins, but you will have saved yourself”.