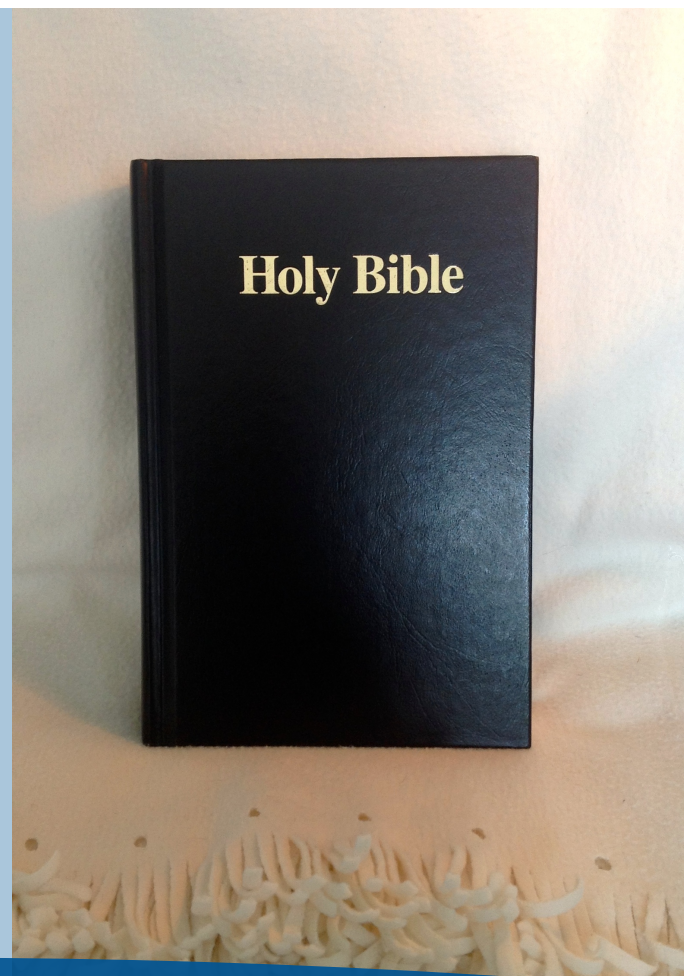


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WHY
DO WE
GROW OLD
AND DIE?



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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ?

ROM 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your **mortal body**

ROM 8:11 ... he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your **mortal bodies** by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

ICOR 4:11 ... we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus's sake, that the life also of Jesus might be manifest in our **mortal flesh**.

(Mortal Grk. thnetos liable to die)

We die because we are Mortal. So why are we Mortal?

ICor 15:

21 For since **by man came death**, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

22 For as **in Adam all die**, even so in Christ shall all be made alive

ROMANS 5:

12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and **death by sin**; and so **death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned**:

“For that all have sinned” says in most Bible margin “in whom all have sinned” which is more correct we will return to this later.

WAS ADAM MORTAL BEFORE HE SINNED ?

GENESIS 1

27 So God created man **in his own image**, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and, behold, it was **very good**. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day.

God created Adam out of the dust of the ground as a living soul, or natural body of life, “very good” in kind and condition.

So the answer to whether Adam was Mortal before he sinned is **NO** Adam was neither mortal nor immortal before he sinned but “Very Good”.

WHEN WAS ADAM MADE MORTAL?

God placed Adam under a law through which the continuance of life was contingent on obedience.

GENESIS 2:17 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**.

YOUNGS LITERAL TRANSLATION

GENESIS 2:17 and of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou dost not eat of it, for in the day of thine eating of it — **dying thou shalt surely die**

Adam broke this law, and was adjudged unworthy of immortality, and sentenced to return to the ground from whence he was taken

GENESIS 3:19 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.**

ADAM WAS PHYSICALLY GENETICALLY CURSED

This sentence defiled Adam and became a physical law of his being, and was transmitted to all his posterity.

The Serpent prompted Adam to break this law. For this God cursed the serpent also with a physical genetic change for the worse :-

GENESIS 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:

ADAM REDUCED TO A VERY BAD STATE NO LONGER A VERY GOOD STATE AND WE INHERIT IT

The "very good" state only existed as transitional with the certainty of being changed to mortal or immortal.

ROM.7:

18 For I know that in me (that is, **in my flesh,)** dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.

22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

23 But I see another **law in my members**, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to **the law of sin which is in my members.**

24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the **body of this death?**

A nature in which dwells "NO GOOD THING" cannot be describes as "Very Good".

OUR FALLEN STATE ENDS IN DEATH

ROMANS 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned **sin in the flesh:**

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ROMANS 5:21 so that, as **sin reigned in death**, so also grace would reign through righteousness which brings eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

So "sin in the flesh" "reigned in death" supreme until Christ rose.

A SECOND 'ADAM' - THE LORD JESUS

ROMANS 5:14 Nevertheless **death reigned from Adam** to Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the similitude of Adam's transgression, **who is the figure of him that was to come.**

“who is the figure”

ICORINTHIANS 15:45

And so it is written, The **first man Adam was made** a living soul the **last Adam was made** a quickening spirit.

*So we see, just as what Adam did, and what God did to his body
Affects all those in Adams family (ie. all the race).
So also what Christ did, and what God did to his body
Affects all those in Christ's family (ie. those who , "put on Christ")*

WRONGLY INTERPRETED PASSAGES

So why is it that so many Christians teach that we die because we sin or that there are two reasons why we die?

*The problem lies in not looking at the context of the passages that they misunderstand.
There are three main passages that are used*

*the soul that sinneth, it shall die.
Ezekiel 18:4*

*death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned
Romans 5:12*

*For the wages of sin is death;
ROM 6:23*

So lets look at the context of these passages

“THE SOUL THAT SINNETH IT SHALL DIE” Eze 18:4

This is not speaking of dying naturally, but of premature death inflicted judicially by God for moral “crimes” according to the Law of Moses, as:

Deut 24:16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

*So wilful sin brought capital punishment. ie If you sin you die.
The Law also contained blessings and cursings providentially brought upon individual Israelites or the nation. This is the context of:*

Ezekiel 18:

2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge?

3 As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Israel.

4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul {nepshesh} of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die.

Ezekiel 18:17 [He] That hath taken off his hand from the poor; that hath not received usury nor increase, hath executed my judgments, hath walked in my statutes; he shall not die for the iniquity of his father, he shall surely live.

“DEATH PASSED UPON ALL MEN, FOR THAT ALL HAVE SINNED”

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and **death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:** {margin: “in whom all have sinned”}

Hebrews 7:

9 And as I may so say, Levi also, who receiveth tithes, payed tithes in Abraham.

10 For he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchisedec met him.

Common sense must tell us that we naturally die because we are mortal- not because we sin. Infant mortality tells us that even Babies that have never sinned are still ‘subject to death’ which is the meaning of the word - mortal. Romans 6:23 is not teaching that we die because we sin but rather of the two possibilities for those responsible who will be judged

DEATH	OR	LIFE
ROMANS 6:23 For the wages of sin is death;		ROMANS 6:23 but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
GALATIANS 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption;		GALATIANS 6:8 but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting
ROMANS 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die:		ROMANS 8:13 but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

**NOT TWO REASONS WHY WE GROW OLD AND DIE ONLY ONE
BECAUSE WE ARE BORN UNDER THE GENETIC CURSE OF MORTALITY**

Dictionary Definition

MORTAL (of a living human being, often in contrast to a divine being) **subject to death.** “all men are mortal”

Ecclesiastes 9:

3 All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous, and to the wicked; to the good and to the clean, and to the unclean; to him that sacrificeth, and to him that sacrificeth not: as is the good, so is the sinner; and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath.

4 This is an evil among all things that are done under the sun, that there is **one event unto all:** yea, also the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and madness is in their heart while they live, and after **that they go to the dead.**

1Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive