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**“What Happened When Adam Sinned-PART 3?”**

Review. Once Adam and Eve sinned, they were placed in an unsolvable conundrum. Sin was a barrier for God. He could not embrace us without being contaminated. The only solution was death for every sinner. However, one human being without sin could die on behalf of every sinner. The problem was every human being was completely infected with a sinful nature. God's solution was for Jesus to come and die in our place. Born as a human, Jesus could live the perfect life, and then give us credit for His actions. He would be the prototype of what we could become as we allowed Him to live in us. He would die in our place as a man, thus meeting the legal requirements of justice and paying the price for sin.

The decision to die on our behalf came because we are more valuable to God than eternity. Jesus Christ was willing to leave all the riches of heaven, as well as the perfect love, adoration and acceptance He received, and lay down His life for you and me. Wow! 2 Cor. 8:9. God chose you over heaven. He wanted to spend an eternity with you. In God's eyes, you are more valuable than worlds. The creator of the universe was born as a baby, grew up as a teenager, and lived as a man. His death absorbed all of our guilt from sin. With the contamination of sin removed, God could then restore His relationship with us before the fall.

You may look at the world today and say, “If Jesus died to restore things, it doesn't seem to have worked. Pain and death are everywhere. Evil is more popular than good. God still seems hard to find. Great relationships are not easy to maintain.” The reason why everything has not changed is because the death of Jesus only frees believers from the guilt of sin, but not from the effects of sin. The death of Jesus allowed God to look at us as legally perfect, because our guilt has been removed, but we are not YET functionally perfect. The effects of sin remain.

The effects of sin remain because Adam choose to sin. It was his free choice. His choice brought in disease, and death. If God removed the results of Adam's choice he would be undoing Adam's freedom. We could not be free human beings if God magically spoofed away the result of every sin we commit. If we are to remain free, God has to let Adam's choice stand. We now live our lives with the damaging effects of sin. The good, and evil suffer alike. We all walk through the valley of the shadow of death. However, when we enter into a relationship with Jesus, He draws us into His perfection. When we die in Jesus, the effects of sin die with our bodies. God will then resurrect us with a new body that is free from sin. As we choose righteousness, the results of that choice must stand. We are free to have whatsoever we choose. This is how the war is played out. Deut. 30:19, 20; Joshua 24:14,15.