



“Why God Wants You Dead AND Alive”

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Series: The Maker’s Timeline (Part 4 of 5)

Genesis and Romans

- Creator *and* Creation
- Image of God *and* Morality
- Broke from God’s Plan *and* broke what was best about human beings
- Planet gets cursed *and* what does Romans say happened to it?
 - » “waits”
 - » “subjected to frustration”
 - » “bondage to decay”
 - » “groaning”
 - » “not only (creation) but we ourselves” (8:23)
(Human beings have the same symptoms as the planet)

Who got us into this?

*“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

“LIFE IS MORE THAN THE PRESENCE OF VITAL SIGNS AND DEATH IS MORE THAN THEIR ABSENCE.” - V. JOHNSON

Who can get us out of this?

*“For if, by the trespass of the **one man**, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God’s abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the **one man, Jesus Christ**. Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings **life for all men**.” - Romans 5:17-18*

“Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.” - Romans 8:1-2

- “No soul shall bear another’s burden” - Qu’ran (5 times)
- “Each man shall bear the fruit of his own deeds”

Religion inspires deeds but provides nothing to remove wrong deeds.

NOW

Because of Christ’s grace
we are “*freed from sin*”,
“*alive in Christ*”,
“*now, no condemnation*”

*“we wait **eagerly** for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.”*
(8:23)

“groaning as in the pains of childbirth” (8:22)

“liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God” (8:21)

“I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us.” (8:18)

God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit ensure redemption plan’s completion!

The Spirit keeps us connected even when our signal’s weak and all we can do is groan in confusion (8:26-27)

God Gave us His Son so there’s nothing else
He won’t provide that we need (8:31-33)

Nothing can now be created that will break me from
a certain future with my Lord and His Love! (8:35-39)