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God's Solution for Sin

Judgment and Blessing

1. **The sinfulness of sin:** And its effect on all of creation

a. Adam's sin was that he disobeyed God and **ate a piece of fruit**:

The judgment for that sin was Death: this will be seen .2

Genesis 2:15–17 (NKJV)
15 Then the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to tend and keep it.
16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat;
17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil **you shall not eat**, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

b. **Romans 8:18–24 (ESV)**
18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.
19 For the **creation** waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God.

3232 κτίσις (*ktisis*), εως (*eōs*), ἡ (*hē*): n.fem.; = Str 2937; TDNT 3.1000—1. LN 42.35 creation, exclusively God's work (Mk 13:19; Mk 16:15 v.r.); 2. LN 42.38 creature, that which has been created (Ro 1:25); 3. LN 1.4 universe, the totality of what was created (Ro 8:20)

20 For the **creation** was subjected to **futility**, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope

3470 ματαιότης (*mataiotēs*), ητος (*ētos*), ἡ (*hē*): n.fem.; = Str 3153; TDNT 4.523—LN 65.37 futility, emptiness

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Ephesians 4:17 (NKJV)
17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the **futility** of their mind,

2 Peter 2:18 (NKJV)
18 For when they speak great swelling words **of emptiness**, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness, the ones who have actually escaped from those who live in error.

21 that the **creation** itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the **freedom of the glory** of the children of God.
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22 For we know that the whole **creation** has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now.
23 And not only the **creation**, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.
24 For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?

2. **The Condemnation of Sin:**

a. **We are not sinners because we sin; but because we are born dead!**

Condemnation of all men came by Adam:

1 Corinthians 15:20–22 (NKJV)
20 But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.
21 For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. Jesus Christ was fully man
22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

Ultimately Eternal damnation is a personal preference:

John 3:18–19 (NKJV)
18 "He who **believes** in Him is not condemned;

but he who does not believe is condemned already,

because he has not **believed** in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.

Romans 1:18–32 (NKJV)
18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, **who suppress the truth in unrighteousness**,
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personal preference toward the system of thought that engages one's mind to suppress truth

19 because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them.
20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that **they are without excuse**,
21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became **futile** in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Their innermost core thinking

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22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,
23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

Because of what occurred in the previous verses, their life's path produced more and more destruction:

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,
25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.
26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.
27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.
28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;
29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,
30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,
31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful;
32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that **those who practice such things are deserving of death**, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

Not a reference to eternal damnation; but the condition that results from evil practice

Solution for the problem of sin:

Perfect righteousness is the standard needed to have eternal life :

a. **The judgment of all unbelievers:**

Revelation 20:11–15 (NKJV)
11 Then I saw a **great white throne** and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them.

3328 λευκός (*leukos*), ή (*ē*), όν (*on*): adj.; = DBLHebr 4237; Str 3022; TDNT 4.241—1. LN 79.27 white

Revelation 19:7–8 (NKJV)
7 Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready."
8 And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

Revelation 19:14 (NKJV)
14 And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses.

Matthew 28:3 (NKJV)
3 His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow.

12 And **I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God**, and **books** were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life.
And the dead were **judged according to their works**, by the things which were written in the **books**.

Psalm 89:14 (NKJV)
14 Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.

Sin is not the issue here; the issue is, do all their good works add up to the perfect righteousness of Christ

13 The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were **judged, each one according to his works**.
14 Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death.
15 And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

Isaiah 64:6 (NKJV)
6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; We all fade as a leaf, And our iniquities, like the wind, Have taken us away.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NKJV)
21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

We are not saved because we do good things,

we are saved because Christ was perfectly righteous.

That is the standard for getting into heaven: we are declared righteous.

After we are declared righteous we are regenerated. All of this happens simultaneously but that is the logical order.

God's blessing comes to us with reference to His righteousness, not our righteousness.

Colossians 2:13–14 (NKJV)
13 And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses,
14 having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

4. What does it mean; "die in your sins"?

a. **John 8:24 (NKJV)**
24 Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins."

1 Corinthians 15:17 (NKJV)
17 And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

Ephesians 2:1 (NKJV)
1 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, Not for or because of your sins

The condition of being dead / or the circumstances that are the result of spiritual death

So you can die in your sins because you are still spiritually dead.

5. Moses and sin:

a. **Moses believed in the Messiah:**

Hebrews 11:23–29 (NKJV)
23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden three months by his parents, because they saw he was a beautiful child; and they were not afraid of the king's command.
24 By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,
25 choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy **the passing pleasures of sin**,
26 esteeming the **reproach of Christ** greater riches than **the treasures in Egypt**; for he looked to the **reward**.
Negative human viewpoint aggression against Perfect righteousness / Christ

He obeyed doctrine with a **reward** in mind

27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king; for he endured as seeing Him who is invisible.

28 By faith he kept the Passover and the sprinkling of blood, lest he who destroyed the firstborn should touch them.

29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land, whereas the Egyptians, attempting to do so, were drowned.

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