

## Romans 6:23

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We are on day two of our four-day journey down the Romans Road. On day one we realized that ***“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*** It wasn't a very fun trip for day one and here on day 2 we realize the outcome of our sinful nature.

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Death, another road we all tend not to want to travel, even though we all know it so well. We have all lost loved ones to death; we see it on the news almost every day and even watch shows that glorify death by killing or murdering. A survey was done, and it was determined that one out of every one person will die. No one is exempt from death; it's something we all will have to face one day.

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Just think, right now if you are not a Christian, you are working your way straight to hell, no matter how many good things you do, they will never outweigh the bad you have done. Simply God is saying that there is no way you can “work” your way into heaven.

Let's say that I offered you a Ferrari as a gift. Brand spakin' new and you even get to choose which model and the color. All you have to do is receive it. But if you say, ok, I'll take it, but I only will if I can wash your own car every day for the rest of your life. But when you say that, it is no longer a gift, but you are now trying to earn my gift to you.

Or finding out that you have cancer and you thinking that you will go see a doctor once you get better, because you figure you can cure it with aspirin and a good night's sleep. It will never happen, you will end up dying of your cancer because you tried to fix it yourself and refused to follow one simple rule, which is to go see a doctor so he or she can help you get cured of your cancer.

*“So when did this death thing start out anyway?”* you may be wondering.

It was about 6,000 years ago with a man and woman named Adam and Eve. Remember the apple thing (it wasn't really an apple)? Well, because Adam and Eve disobeyed God and ate from the forbidden tree, the penalty was death.

† ***Gen 3:19 In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread  
Till you return to the ground,  
For out of it you were taken;***

***For dust you are,  
And to dust you shall return."***

"Well that's not fair," you may be thinking.

Well, if Adam and Even wouldn't have sinned 6,000 years ago, I'm sure I would have been the one, or maybe you would have. But think of it as this way. Say that you kill someone, and you ended up going to jail as well as getting the death penalty. The judge makes that determination and makes the sentence for the crime you have committed. Now, think of God as the Judge, and you have been found guilty. Now think of that Judge (God) doing your time for the crime you committed and not only doing the time in jail that you were supposed to do, but also paying your death penalty, by dying in your place. That's what God has done.

Tomorrow, that will be the road that we will travel on.

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† ***1 Corinthians 15:54-57 So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.***