**D O A**

***DEAD ON ARRIVAL!***

**At Ynez Grammar School in Monterey Park, Laguna Beach High School and Stanford University, no one ever told me that I was DOA – Dead on Arrival! And, so, I always thought I was A-Okay and so why would I need a Savior to save me from my sins. But I knew that something was wrong and missing inside of myself and so I strove to fill that empty void by pursuing Eastern Mysticism, Science of Mind, Religious Science, Christian Science, Unity, Theosophy, Self- Realization, etc., etc. The problem that I finally came to face was – how would I know when I had arrived? I was on an upward striving to find God but unbeknownst to me I was going deeper and deeper into darkness into a downward spiral of mysticism and false belief. But the question kept coming up - How would I know when I had reached God?**

**I saw supernatural things, played with weegie boards, saw and heard telepathic communication from “ascended masters”, and received teaching about the “great white brotherhood” – ancient wisdom religion. None of these “satisfied” and I desperately needed to fill that empty void in my heart. I was DOA – separated from God with a dead spirit and didn’t even know it!**

**The Lord God told Adam in the garden, if you eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; ye shall surely die! The serpent came to Eve in the next chapter and told her – “You will not die”. Who is right - God or the serpent? Did they die or did they not die? Tell of results of eating…**

**They did die. They didn’t drop dead immediately but they did die physically later in life. But, what happened immediately? They died spiritually! Their relationship with God became radically changed. They separated themselves from God. They hid from God…they were afraid (the first time fear ever came in)….they covered up with fig leaves– their outer expression was now out of harmony with their inward being so they tried to cover up their guilt and disobedience. Adam blamed Eve and God for getting him to eat….Eve blamed the serpent. What happened is that they disobeyed, tried to hide from God, covered up their nakedness, and died spiritually! They Fell and became separated from God by their own choosing! They fell from dependence upon God to independence upon self!**

**Romans 5:12ff – Scriptures following through verse 18.**

**And because they Fell God drove them out of the Garden of Paradise by placing Angels, Cherubims with a flaming sword turning every way so man could not re-enter the Garden but was now sent out into the world.**

**We inherit the DNA of Adam and Eve. We are DOA – Dead On Arrival- entering birth spiritually dead and don’t even know it!**

**GOD – I desperately need your help!**

**I need your MERCY, Lord Jesus. MERCY is –**

**Not getting what we deserve.**

**I need your GRACE, Lord Jesus. GRACE is –**

**Getting what we don’t deserve.**

**God’s Riches at Christ’s Expense!**

**By grace are ye saved by faith – we receive salvation by the grace of God – unmerited favor.**

**Lord Jesus – Help me to abandon myself before you!**

**I Need You, Lord Jesus!**

**Without me, saith the Lord, ye can do nothing! – John 15:5.**

**Proving That We Are DOA:**

1. **Genesis 3 – A & E were afraid and hid from God – first time that there was ever fear. Genesis 3:8 and 10.**
2. **Adam blamed God and Eve – “This woman whom you gave me, she got me to eat”. Genesis 3:12.**
3. **They covered up with fig leaves – outer personage now out of harmony with their inner being. We all “cover up” to this day. Genesis 3:7.**
4. **Romans 3:10 and 3:16 – “As it is written, there is none righteous, no, not one.” “Destruction and misery are in their way.”**
5. **Romans 3:23 and 6:23. “For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” “The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.” The sin talked about here is “original sin” – the sin that took place in the Garden.**
6. **Romans 5:12, 15, 17, 18, 19. “Death came by one man Adam, but eternal life through Jesus Christ.” These are key scriptures on DOA.**
7. **Romans 7:9, 13, 15, 18-21, 24, 25 – “I do what I don’t want to do, and I don’t want to do what I do.”**
8. **John 3:3 – “Ye must be born again”. “My Kingdom is not of this world.”**
9. **Jeremiah 17:9 – “The heart is deceitful and desperately wicked, who can know it.”**
10. **1 Corinthians 2:14- “But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.”**
11. **Romans 3:10 – “There is none righteous, no not one.”**
12. **Ephesians 2:1-10 – “Dead in trespasses and sins….”**
13. **John 5:21 and Romans 4:17 – “God quickeneth the dead.”**
14. **Colossians 2:13 –“dead in sins and the uncircumcision of the flesh.”**
15. **Romans 8:2 – “set free from the law of sin and death.”**
16. **Luke 15:24 – “the prodigal son was dead and is now alive.” “For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.” The prodigal had to come to his senses in the pig pen and return home to his father.**
17. **1 Corinthians 15:45 and 1 Corinthians 15:50 – Jesus is a quickening spirit and neither flesh nor blood can inherit the kingdom of God.**
18. **2 Corinthians 4:18 – “The things which are seen are temporal; but that which is unseen is eternal.”**
19. **Hebrews 11:3 – “Things that are seen are not made by things which do appear.”**
20. **“The just shall live by faith” – that which is unseen.**
21. **“We live by faith and not by sight.”**

**We must be desperate for God – desperate for His love, desperate for His presence, desperate for His power, desperate for His anointing, desperate for His revival Spirit! We must be desperate for Jesus – to get to Jesus just like the woman with the issue of blood for 12 years. Nobody, no doctor, could help her; but she had absolute faith that Jesus could and she acted upon that faith.**

**We must cast our all upon Jesus, prostrating ourselves before Him, surrendering our all unto Him, abandoning ourselves unto Jesus.**

**WANTED: DEAD OR ALIVE!**

**The devil wants us dead. Jesus wants us alive!**

**We are DOA – Dead On Arrival! John 10:10 – “I have come that ye might have life, and that life more abundantly”.**

**That’s why Jesus came down from heaven to give us Life, create us anew as eternal beings, born again into the Kingdom of God. The Life that He gives is Resurrection Life, the same Life that raised Jesus from the dead is the Life that is given to and lives in each believer. Resurrection Life, Power, and Glory give each believer New Life – “Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world”! We are no longer dead! “The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord” – Romans 6:23. Jesus gives us Life as the second Adam and reverses everything that happened in the Fall and puts His Life within each believer.**

**Do you want to give in to the devil and be a wanted man/woman who is dead? God created us in His own image and likeness; but the devil deceived Eve and she partook of “the tree of the knowledge of good and evil” and then gave it to Adam, and they both died and everyone thereafter. They became as gods unto themselves, falling from dependence into independence, ordering their lives from self rather than from God.**

**DOA IS IN OUR DNA**

**Death is in our DNA – we are all dead spiritually and we will all die physically. We sin and are separated from God because we are born sinners…born as dead men and women - spiritually! Ezekiel 18:32 says – “I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God; wherefore turn yourselves, and live ye.” Ezekiel 18:30 – “Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.”**

**The root of our natural being is death and separation from God. Jesus came to reverse everything that happened in the Fall and to give us newness of Life. He changes the root of our being from death to Life! We are now new creatures – 1 Corinthians 5:17 – “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature, a new creation, old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”**

**We are now Eternal Beings walking on this fallen earth! A new race of people on this planet are created by Jesus Christ. We live in the world but not of the world. Jesus said “My Kingdom is not of this world”. His Kingdom is really a “spiritual Kingdom” and is not of this earthly world. That’s why He told us to live by faith. “The just shall live by faith and not by sight.”**

**THE DEAD END**

**A dead man is on a one-way street called a dead end. There is no outlet. There is no exit. A dead end means that there is no freedom to go the way you want to go. You are locked in. However, there is a way out…..you can turn from the way you are going and circle back and get on the right road, the right track. This is called repentance – turning and going the right way from where you were going the wrong way. Turn, turn, and get on the right path! Matthew 7:13 – “Broad is the way that leads to destruction”. We are all on this way, this dead end road, and don’t even know it because we are DOA.**

**Romans 3:16 – “Destruction and misery are in their way.”**

**Matthew 7:14 – “Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leads unto life, and few there be that find it.”**

**DEATH IS IN OUR DNA**

**DNA is what we are born with – that which makes up our being. It is what is inside us and cannot be changed by natural means. It is passed on from parents to offspring and is in the molecules that make up every cell of our spiritual being. Being Dead On Arrival means that a “sin nature – separation from God” is now the DNA of every human being, passed on by Adam and Eve, on and on through every generation and this “fallen-ness” is in every human being.**

**But Jesus said – “Ye must be born again”. This is a supernatural birth in the spirit. DOA gives way to new LIFE. We are given a new DNA, a new divine nature, a new root of being, made to be a whole new creature, given newness of LIFE and that LIFE more abundantly. John 10:10 – Jesus said – “ I have come that ye might have life, and that life more abundantly.” Our spirit is changed by Jesus. Love, life, and light from God are infused into our being and we are created a-new, with newness of God’s life now at the center of our being.**

**Psalm 14:1-3 – “The fool has said in his heart, there is no God.” They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none that doeth good.” (This refers to the “original sin” that is in all of us).**

**The Lord looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, and seek God.**

**“They are all gone aside, they are all together become filthy: there is none that doeth good, no, not one.” (Refers to the “original sin” in all and each one of us”.) DOA, Dead On Arrival, is in our DNA. Romans 3:10-12 confirms. Romans 5:12ff also confirms.**

**There is no escape from the label of being a sinner. You don’t like to be called a “sinner”, but that is the label given to everyone because of Adam’s sin. Adam is our natural Federal Head. Jesus is the 2nd Adam – our spiritual Federal Head! Jesus reverses everything that happened in the Fall. The constitutional nature of our being is radically changed. The root of our being is changed from sin to saint. We are made as “saints” in the eyes of God – “holy and acceptable unto our Heavenly Father”. In fact the Apostle Paul addresses practically every epistle written to “the saints”.**

**We are made holy in God’s eyes because we have been cleansed by the blood of the Lamb of God – Jesus. “Come let us reason together, saith the Lord. Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow”.**

**AN INFECTIOUS DISEASE CALLED SIN**

**We are infected with a disease from birth – it is called sin. “The wages of sin is death”. This disease leads to death and in the case of Adam and Eve it was an immediate spiritual death and later a physical death. The disease of death is inside every person from birth, passed on to us from Adam and Eve. We are DOA – Dead On Arrival and we don’t even know it! Read Romans 5.**

**At the center of SIN is I. We become self-centered instead of God-centered. We fall from dependence upon God into independence upon self. We, you and I, become the center of our existence and being rather than God. We lose our “fear” of God. We lose our “trust” in God. We forget to “obey” God. We are not surrendered to God nor do we even think of doing that. We are independent, ordering our lives from self rather than from dependence upon God and we miss the mark in the life that God Almighty has for us.**

**The cure for this disease is – JESUS. God loves us but He hates the sin that is in us. How can He love us and hate what is in us? This is the greatest problem that God has ever had to face. His solution – send Jesus, His only begotten Son down from heaven to pay the price for our sin. A price had to be paid for Adam and Eve’s transgression of disobeying God in the garden. There is no “free lunch”. This price was Jesus – the most precious thing ever to God was His own Son Jesus and He offered Him up as a sacrifice and substitute for each one of us. “But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” - Romans 5:8 and Romans 8:32. God loves us and doesn’t want us dead unto Him!**

**We who have accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior are a new race of people on this earth. We are eternal beings, new creatures, new creations, created anew and given new life by Jesus, when we accept Him. Jesus reverses everything that happened in the Fall of Adam and Eve and brings us back into dependence upon God rather than independence of self. This is a spiritual change because Jesus said – “My kingdom is not of this world”. Our inside spiritual life is now created anew and given eternal life which in-turn changes our mind, will, emotions, and changes our whole outlook on life! The root of our being is radically changed. The blueprint for our living is changed. We see our outer world in a whole new perspective through the lens of God’s love, when we begin to see how much God loves us!**

**How do we realign ourselves back with God? How do we receive His Blessings and have an open, honest relationship with Him? We choose to do so! Just like the Prodigal Son in the pig pen….it says “he came to his senses”. We must come to our senses and choose whom we will serve….choose a blessing or a cursing. It is up to us to repent, to turn from our wicked ways, to come to our senses, and choose whom we will serve and that is JESUS. Are we going to choose God or the serpent who has lied to us? Do we want life or do we want to continue in death? Do we want to come back to our loving heavenly Father or stay in the pig pen? The choice is ours being given “free will” by God to choose! “Choose you this day whom ye will serve”?**

**WE ALL ARE – DOA**

**Dead On Arrival**

**GET LIFE FROM – JESUS!**

**When talking about DOA – explain Dead On Arrival – personal testimony – then always end with Resurrection Joy – Abounding Love – Abundant Life - given by JESUS!**

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**(repetition given for emphasis)**