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In the beginning, God created Adam perfectly, with the potential to live forever. "*So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.*" (Genesis 1:27). Adam and Eve were placed in a perfect garden with all kinds of beautiful trees that were good for food (Genesis 2:9). And God said, "*And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.*" (Genesis 2:16-17). But when Adam and Eve disobeyed God of their own free will and sinned, death entered the world for the very first time. The ultimate cause of death is Adam's sin: "*Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin;*" (Romans 5:12).

Spiritual death occurred immediately. The close fellowship they had enjoyed with God was now lost (Genesis 3:8). And from that moment on, a long process set in which ultimately led to **physical death**. (Genesis 5:5). *Death means separation* – separation from God (Genesis 3), and ultimately, the separation of the spirit from the body (James 2:26). The spirit is the immaterial dimension of every person's identity. When the spirit departs, the body is dead.

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This was the origin of sin and death, and it has been perpetuated to this day. We ALL have inherited a sinful nature from Adam: "*...and so death passed upon all man, for that all have sinned:...*" (Romans 5:12). We are all born with a sinful nature – "*Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me*" (Psalm 51:5) – and we are all guilty of committing sin – "*Who can say, 'I have made my heart clean, I am pure from my sin?'*" (Proverbs 20:9).

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