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Through one man, sin entered the world, and death spread through sin and thus death spread to all men.

- **Genesis 2:17**
- **Genesis 3:6-7**
- **Genesis 3:16-19**
- **Romans 6:23**

But God... Is Rich In mercy!

**God is long-suffering and patient and desires
that none should perish**

- **1 Peter 3:9**
- **John 17:24**
- **Psalm 116:15**

C.H. Spurgeon

“Though death is a curse and an enemy, it is still precious because it removes the remaining barriers between God and His saints, and is the doorway to an eternity of perfect fellowship”.

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“When [Richard] Baxter lay a dying, and his friends came to see him, almost the last word he said was in answer to the question, ‘Dear Mr. Baxter, how are you?’ ‘Almost well,’ said he, and so it is. Death cures; it is the best medicine, for they who die are not only almost well, but healed forever.”

David Guzik

**“Jesus was the ultimate holy one and
His death precious beyond all
reckoning.”**

But God... Refines us!

Suffering should shape our character and continue to conform us to the image of Christ, and draw us closer to Him

- **Romans 5:3-5**
- **2 Corinthians 1:3-7**
- **Romans 8:18**
- **1 Peter 5:10**

Spiritual Growth in Suffering!

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 5:10 NIV)

There is an end!

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away.”

(Revelation 21:4)

The Love of God!

“For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

(Romans 8:38-39)