**Week # 3**

**A Rotten Family Tree**

Someone once said, “It is the bad news in the good news, that makes the good news so good.” To put it another way, the true gospel is a double-edged sword. Like a surgeon’s knife, it cuts to the root of the disease in order to bring healing. We are born with a terminal illness called sin. Every single one of us is born infected. Today I heard of a person who found out that they have a thyroid problem. Come to find out, 5 women in her family have the condition. In this lesson we are going to look at our spiritual family tree and see what went wrong. To do that, we must start at the beginning. But, first, read Ephesians 2:1-3, 11-12

* This is the condition of ***every*** ***person*** born into the human race ---we are spiritually dead in our sins. (Ephesians 2:1-3; Colossians 2:13; Titus 3:3-7; Romans 3:9-18,23; 1 John 5:12)
* Make a list of the descriptive words used in the previous passages. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Our Condition determines our spiritual location. We were ***all*** separated for God in Adam. (Ephesians 2:11-13; Romans 5:12-14, 17-19; Isaiah 59:1-7)
* How did we get in this hopeless location? Our Ancestry. Read Genesis 3:1-24. That is how we got in Adam. We were born there (John 3:15-16,36).
* Because of our mortality in Adam, we are all appointed a day to die physically. If we remain in Adam, we will be dead eternally. Read 1 Corinthians 15:21-22, 44-47.
* This is the final destination for every person who physically dies born once into Adam’s family. Read the following passages: Revelation 9:21, 21:8,27; Galatians 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 6:9; Matthew 23:33.
* There is hope for all of us in the last Adam -the “seed of a woman” (Genesis 3:15; Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 53:1-12; 1 John 5:11-13).

**Let’s talk about it…**