The Three Deaths
Ecclesiastes 7.2

Three Deaths One May Die

1. PHYSICAL DEATH – The separation of the spirit (soul) from the body.
   - James 2:26
   - Spirit of man from God  Ecc 11:5; 8:8; Psa 90:10
   - "breathed his last" Gen 2:7; 35:29
   - Lk 23:46 (from Psa 31:5)

2. SPIRITUAL DEATH – The separation of the spirit (soul) from God.
   - Ezekiel 18.18; Isa 59.2
   - pictured in Gen 3:22-24
   - Matt 8:22 "dead bury their own dead"

3. ETERNAL DEATH – The separation of the spirit (soul) from God FOREVER. Rev 20.14-15

Three Causes of the Three Deaths

1. PHYSICAL DEATH – Adam sinned and thus death entered the world. Rom 5.12; "and he died" 10x in Genesis

2. SPIRITUAL DEATH – Men die spiritually because of their own sins.
   - Isaiah 59.1-2 (see Ezekiel 18:18 above)
   - Eph 2:1 "dead in trespasses and sin"

3. ETERNAL DEATH – Men die eternally because they come to the judgment in disobedience.
   - Matt 25.41 neglected (refused) to serve him
   - Matt 7.23 thinking they were serving the Lord, but not
   - 2 Thess 1.7-9 separated from the benevolent presence of God
   - 2 Thess 2:10 did not love truth so that they might be saved

Three Deliverances from the Three Deaths

1. PHYSICAL DEATH – One is delivered from the physical death by the resurrection. John 5:28-29; 6.39-40

2. SPIRITUAL DEATH – One is delivered from spiritual death through the forgiveness of sins. Col 2.13

3. ETERNAL DEATH – One is delivered from eternal death through faithfulness to life’s end. Rev 2.10; Lk 21:19