

What is Death?

- When Death was “*created*”
- *for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.*”
Gen 2:18
- *In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread Till you return to the ground, For out of it you were taken; For dust you are, And to dust you shall return.”* Gen 3:19
- *All go to one place: all are from the dust, and all return to dust.* Eccl 3:20-21
- *Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.* Eccl 12:7
- Separation: 1 spirit from God 2 spirit from body
- A dual creation: We created the first the day we sin
- God created the second

God Knew Death would pass to All

- *Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned — Rom 5:12*
- *"Behold, all souls are Mine; The soul of the father As well as the soul of the son is Mine; The soul who sins shall die. Ezek 18:4*
- *The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself. Ezek 18:20*
- No way for this death to pass from one to another. Everyone is responsible for their own death

The Exact Steps bringing 1st Death

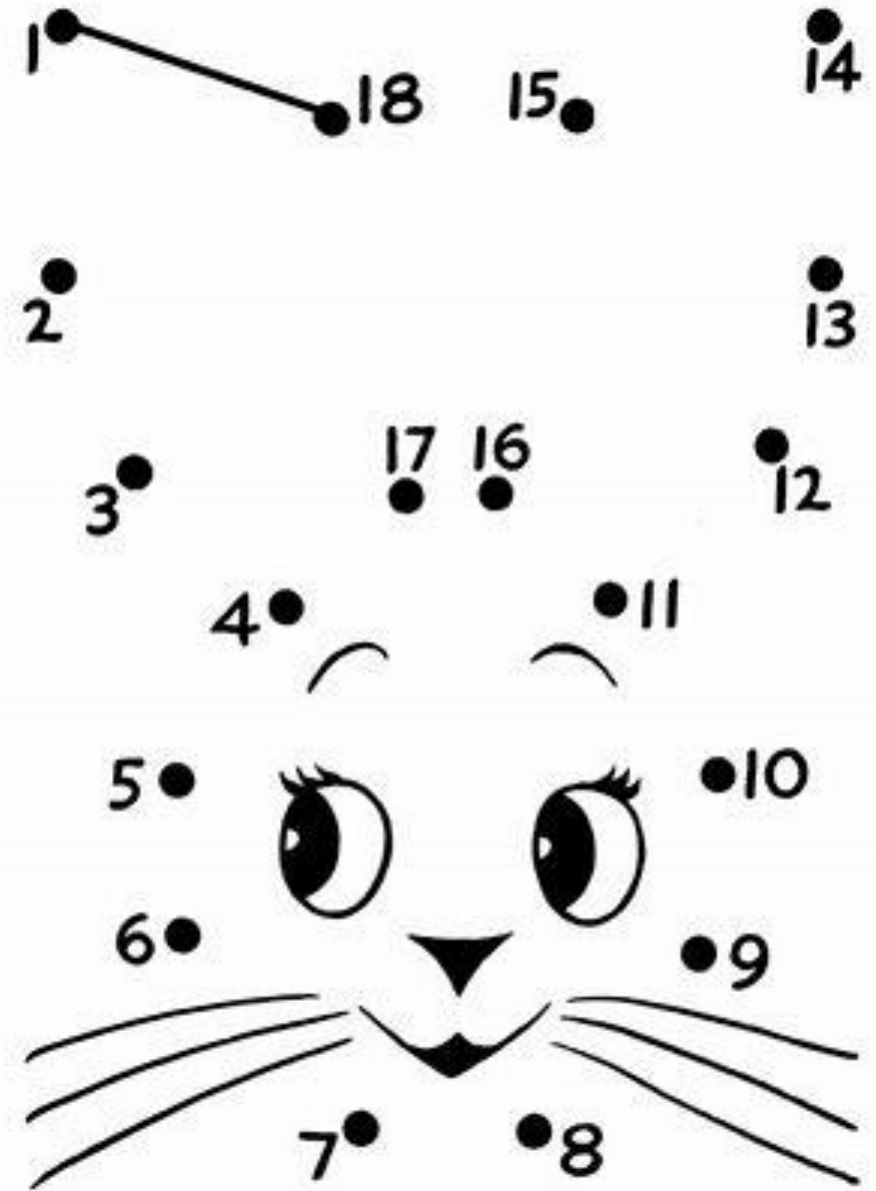
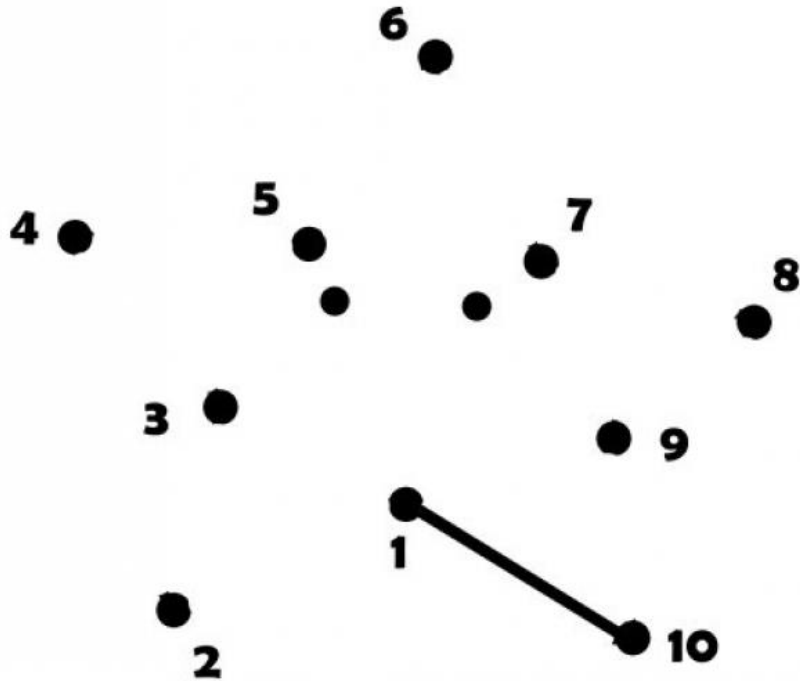
- *I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died. 10 The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me. 11 For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me. Rom. 7:9-11*
- This is how we “*see the unseen and eternal*”
- But we must be careful that we only see what is really there.

Can't "Imagine" What isn't There

- *"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law. Deut. 29:29*
- *For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; 19 and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book. Rev. 22:18-19*

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Dot-to-dots Worksheet



Returns To God

- Where are they?
- Abel died and returned to God...
- Enoch was taken and returned to God.
- *Jesus answered and said to them, "Are you not therefore mistaken, because you do not know the Scriptures nor the power of God? 25 For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. 26 But concerning the dead, that they rise, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the burning bush passage, how God spoke to him, saying, 'I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob'? 27 He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living. You are therefore greatly mistaken." Mk 12:23-27*

Some very Vague “Dots”

- *So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom.*

- *Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom*
- *now he is comforted*

- *The rich man also died and was buried.*

- *being in torments in Hades,*
- *he lifted up his eyes and saw.*
- *I am tormented in this flame.'*
- *and you are tormented*

- *between us and you there is a great gulf fixed,*

- *those who want to pass from here to you cannot,*
- *nor can those from there pass to us.'*

More “Dots”

- *And he was saying, “Jesus, remember me when You come in Your kingdom!” 43 And He said to him, “Truly I say to you, today you shall be with Me in Paradise.” Lk. 23:42-43*
- What did Jesus mean by these words?
- Come down and take to a beautiful park?
- They died that very day.
- How did Jesus keep this promise to Him?
- Where did they go?

● 26 Therefore my heart rejoiced, and my tongue was glad; Moreover my flesh also will rest in hope. 27 For You will not leave my soul in Hades, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption. 28 You have made known to me the ways of life; You will make me full of joy in Your presence.' 29 "Men and brethren, let me speak freely to you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30 Therefore, being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his body, according to the flesh, He would raise up the Christ to sit on his throne, 31 he, foreseeing this, spoke concerning the resurrection of the Christ, that His soul was not left in Hades, nor did His flesh see corruption.
Acts 2:26-31

Connecting the “Dots”

- God “created” Death and Hades
- *Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. Rev 20:14*
- They are not eternal. Don’t know when they were created.
- *For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment; 2 Peter 2:4*
- What about paradise?

What About Paradise?

- *I will come to visions and revelations:*
 - *fourteen years ago — whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows*
 - *caught up to the third heaven.*
 - *whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows —*
 - *was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter. 2 Cor 12:1-5*

Connecting more “Dots”

- Paul caught up into the third heaven into paradise.
- To depart and be with Christ.
- Is the gulf between paradise and torment so wide now that the one is in the presence of the other.
- Can't go there, but an interesting question.

How Paul Connected them

- *For to me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain. 22 But if I live on in the flesh, this will mean fruit from my labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell. 23 For I am hard-pressed between the two, having a desire to depart and be with Christ, which is far better. Phil 1:21-24*
- Paul's perspective of death was molded by what he saw.
- To die is Gain To die is very far better

Tying Things Together

- *These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. 15 And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them. Heb 11:13-16*

Moses & Elijah

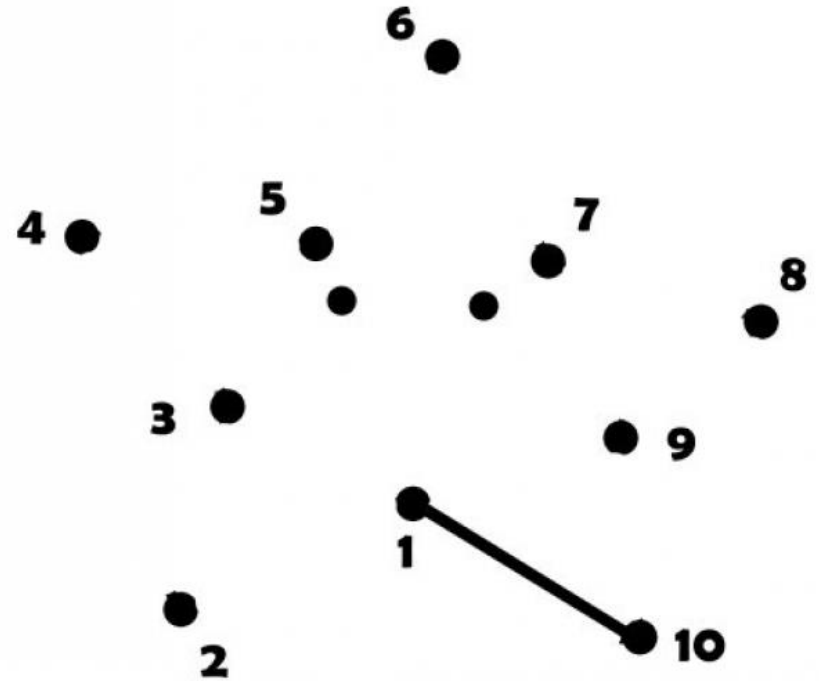
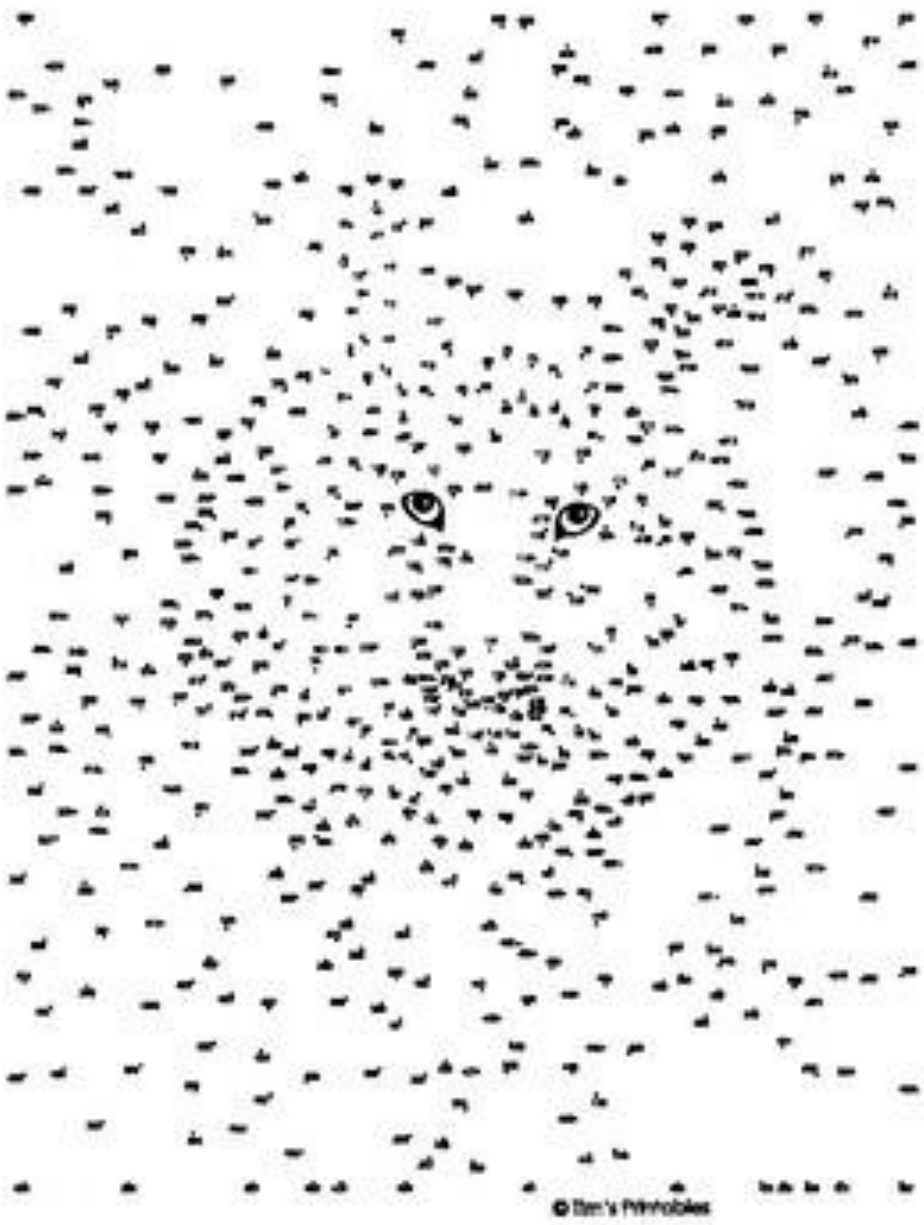
- *As He prayed, the appearance of His face was altered, and His robe became white and glistening. 30 And behold, two men talked with Him, who were Moses and Elijah, 31 who appeared in glory and spoke of His decease which He was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.*

Luke 9:29-31

- Were already there.
- Not only is place better, but body is now in glory.
- Still men... Still working for the Lord... Still learning...

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