

James 1:15-16
Sin's Deadly Child

A morbid refrain ...

I. The Birth of Death

- A. Desire
- B. Enticement
- C. Conception
- D. Growth
- E. Death

II. The Residue of Death

- A. Creatures of Dust and Darkness
- B. New Creatures of Life and Light

III. The Death of Death

- A. Salvation
- B. Sanctification
- C. Mortification

... a cheerful note.

Children, Listen ...

1. Is there ever anything good about sin?
2. What should all sin remind us of?
3. How did God provide forgiveness of sins for us?
4. How do our verses make you feel about sin that we still do?
5. Does God forgive us when we ask Him to? And will He help us to change what we need to?

Stench

If our text were sensory-ized it would reek of death, sound awful and look ghastly. Texts like this should be a stark reminder to us that all sin emits the aroma of death – screams grievously – and is downright ugly in appearance. God never allows us to take sin lightly and James drives that home with a vivid and somewhat disturbing illustration of it. He uses birthing language to describe the origin and progress of sin and what it gives birth to ... it isn't pretty and it stinks – it is a wretched thing. More horrific still is the fact that what is delivered is death itself. Thank the Lord for the forgiveness of sin through the death of our Lord Jesus Christ – otherwise our very lives bear this troubling image of death. In Christ we are made alive bearing the aroma of life – the voice of joy – and the beautiful image of the Savior. But let us also remember that indwelling sin is a reminder of the very death from which we have been delivered. Let us recoil from it and be quick to repent of it whenever it rears its ugly head.