

The original sin

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." (Gen 2:16-17)

Eve also knew all about the commandment.

And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, "You shall not eat it nor shall you touch it, lest you die." (Gen 3:2-3)

Adam and Eve clearly understood God's commandment, but lacked the respect to obey!

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. (Gen 3:6)

Adam was with Eve when she took the fruit and ate with her. So they both touched the fruit and ate it. The consequence, reward or curse for breaking this commandment of God was death. Death did not come to Adam immediately because he lived for 930 years. (Gen 5:5)

My point is that, it wasn't the desire for knowledge which brought death into the world, but that they 'touched and ate' the fruit of the tree of knowledge, breaking the first commandment of God.

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned - For until the law sin was in the world, but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who had not sinned according to the likeness of the transgression of Adam, who is a type of Him who was to come. But the free gift is not like the offence. For if by one man's offence many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. (Rom 5:12-15)

There were righteous men before Moses, Enoch and Noah etc. but note, "*death reigned from Adam to Moses*". It does not say 'from Adam to Jesus', so that implies that the person who kept the commandments of God given by Moses were saved from spiritual death. Obedience to God is the key, and now by believing God, in faith we receive salvation. The law defines blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. Keeping these laws was the righteous way to live and looking at the law in Deuteronomy 28 it shouldn't be difficult for a good person to keep these, even now! We also have a new covenant now.

But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, everlasting life. For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 6:22-23)

Obedience to God is everything, obedience to the Spirit of God and not disobedience in the flesh. I'm not talking about the rituals of the Israelites, but the commandments of God. Sacrifices, festivals and circumcision in the flesh has been replaced with the circumcision of the heart and the spiritual offerings. To reject the commandments of God, is to reject God. The Law is not something to reject, but respect! Once a person is saved they carry the law of God in their heart and should be manifesting the fruits of the spirit, loving and helping people. To understand the will of God one has to understand the Bible. Knowledge brings understanding but righteousness is received by faith in God.

We receive all we will ever need, when we receive the Spirit of God.

Good works, signs and wonders, should follow the people who have faith in God.