

Study Guide for Oct. 15th, 2000. Series: Death in Christ. Message #1: The Enemy is Defeated!

READING GUIDE:

DAY 1: Genesis 3-5

DAY 2: John 11:1-44

DAY 3: Romans 8

DAY 4: I Corinthians 15

DAY 5: Revelation 20-21

DAY 6: Psalm 89

1. Describe what you perceive to be the world's understanding of death.
2. The Cause of Death: Review the account of the Fall (Gen. 3), then answer the following ...
 - A. Was death part of God's original creation (see also Gen 2:16-17)?
 - B. Who is to blame for the entrance of death into the world (see also Rom. 5:17)?
 - C. Why do you think God prohibited mankind from returning to the tree of Life?
3. Christ is the Victor over Death.
 - A. How does Jesus describe himself in the face of death (see John 11:1-44)?
 - B. How did Jesus defeat death (see II Tim. 1:9b-10)?
 - C. Why was it impossible for death to keep its hold on Christ (see Acts 2:24)?
 - D. When will we see Christ's ultimate victory over death (see I Cor. 15:25-26, 54-55 & Rev. 20:14)
4. Overcoming the Fear of Death.
 - A. Are you afraid to die? Why? Try to identify some specific reasons.
 - B. How do the teachings from the following Scriptures address the fears associated with death?
 - 1). Rom. 8:38-39:
 - 2). II Cor. 5:8:
 - 3). Philip. 1:20-21
 - 4). Heb. 2:14-15:
 - C. Who is someone you observed as unafraid in the face of death?
5. Seeing God's Purposes in Death.
 - A. Consider the following definitions:
Punishment = Retribution from God through which he intends to harm.
Discipline = Hardship from God through which he intends to do good.
Using those definitions, would you classify death as punishment or discipline? Why?
 - B. Why do you think God does not take a believer to heaven shortly after their conversion?
 - C. What do you think God accomplishes by having believers experience death?