

## Avoid Death

Choose Life Series (CL-01)

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- Proverbs 18:3

### “Avoid Death”

- Hebrews 9:27 And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment,
- I died – Romans 6:8–11
- Avoid death only by Rapture
  - 2 Corinthians 4:16
- 2 Corinthians 5:1–2
- Ecclesiastes 12:6–7

### Temptation Comes

- James 1:12–15
  - Endure testing and temptation
  - Crown of life promised
  - You are not tempted by God
  - Temptation comes from our own desires (the big 3)
    - The girls - sexual
    - The gold – money, wealth
    - The glory – power, fame, influence
  - Entice us and drag us away
  - Desires give birth to sinful actions (gestation period)
  - Sin allowed to grow gives birth to death (gestation period)
  - Dying is a process that takes time (decaying)
  - Avoid death
  - Crown of life – or giving birth to death
- Romans 6:23
  - Wage – paid what you earned
  - 3 levels of death
    - Death to relationships (reputation), well-being spirit, soul, body (Proverbs 18:3 (NLT) — 3 Doing wrong leads to disgrace, and scandalous behavior brings contempt.
    - Physical death – the day that you eat of it you will die
    - Spiritual death – separation from God for eternity

## Desire – temptation – action – death

- Hebrews 11:24–25
  - In between action and death is the fleeting pleasure of sin
- Deuteronomy 30:15–20
  - Everyday we have choices
  - Obedience to God motivated by love leads to life and blessing
  - Drawn away – refuse to listen – destroyed, not a long good life
  - Choice between life and death – prosperity and disaster
  - Commanded to love the Lord your God
  - Keep his commands by walking in his ways
  - If you do, then...
    - Live and multiply
    - Bless you and the land
  - If you turn away, then...
    - You will be destroyed
    - Not live a long good life
  - Today I have given you the choice
  - Choose life – so you and your descendants might live
  - Make this choice by loving and obeying God – the key to life

### Escape/Endure

- 1 Corinthians 10:13
- Coming messages - ways out
- Example - Joseph