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 - In what ways have we been living out our **family** identity recently? How will we live this in the next couple weeks?
 - How have we lived as **servants** to one another or to our world this past week? What needs or opportunities to serve is God asking us to lean into?
 - How have we lived **on mission** where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?
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- 5) What does the Apostle Paul mean when he states that *"the last enemy to be destroyed is death"* (v. 26)? When will this happen? What will this result in?
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- 7) Since Christ is in the business of arresting death and bringing life, what does that mean about the purpose of the body of Christ (the church) on earth now? In what ways has your Impact Community been pursuing and promoting *life* in the midst of a world plagued by death?

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SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

The Death of Death

With Aaron Richert
June 3, 2018



1 Corinthians 15:12-34 (NLT)

But tell me this—since we preach that Christ rose from the dead, why are some of you saying there will be no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ For if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised either. ¹⁴ And if Christ has not been raised, then all our preaching is useless, and your faith is useless. ¹⁵ And we apostles would all be lying about God—for we have said that God raised Christ from the grave. But that can't be true if there is no resurrection of the dead. ¹⁶ And if there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ And if Christ has not been raised, then your faith is useless and you are still guilty of your sins. ¹⁸ In that case, all who have died believing in Christ are lost! ¹⁹ And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.

²⁰ But in fact, Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died.

²¹ So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. ²² Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. ²³ But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.

²⁴ After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. ²⁵ For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. ²⁶ And the last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For the Scriptures say, “God has put all things under his authority.” (Of course, when it says “all things are under his authority,” that does not include God himself, who gave Christ his authority.) ²⁸ Then, when all things are under his authority, the Son will put himself under God's authority, so that God, who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere.

²⁹ If the dead will not be raised, what point is there in people being baptized for those who are dead? Why do it unless the dead will someday rise again?

³⁰ And why should we ourselves risk our lives hour by hour? ³¹ For I swear, dear brothers and sisters, that I face death daily. This is as certain as my pride in what Christ Jesus our Lord has done in you. ³² And what value was there in fighting wild beasts—those people of Ephesus—if there will be no resurrection from the dead? And if there is no resurrection, “Let's feast and drink, for tomorrow we die!” ³³ Don't be fooled by those who say such things, for “bad company corrupts good character.” ³⁴ Think carefully about what is right, and stop sinning. For to your shame I say that some of you don't know God at all.

The three types of death:

1. SPIRITUAL death
2. PHYSICAL death
3. ETERNAL death

Big Idea: Because of Christ's RESURRECTION, death is DYING.

- 🕒 **Christianity is DEAD without the resurrection of Christ** (v. 12-19)

“And if our hope in Christ is only for this life, we are more to be pitied than anyone in the world.” (v. 19)

- 🕒 **We too can experience resurrection IN CHRIST** (v. 20-23)

“But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back.” (v. 23)

- 🕒 **Our enemy, death, will DIE when Christ returns** (v. 24-28)

“And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.” (v. 26)

- 🕒 **Placing HOPE in the resurrection changes everything** (v. 29-34)

“That is why we never give up. Though our bodies are dying, our spirits are being renewed every day. For our present troubles are small and won't last very long. Yet they produce for us a glory that vastly outweighs them and will last forever! ” (2 Corinthians 4:16-17)

The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service are from the New Living Translation (NLT).