

Facing the Last Enemy

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Review

Our culture sends a lot of messages about death that are unbiblical or even anti-biblical, so we must look to Scripture to see what God has said on this most important topic. Last week we looked at 5 foundational principles:

- Death was not a part of the original creation
- There is no hint of death in the way God made humans
- Death is the penalty for sin
- Death is universal in scope
- Death is cosmic in its reach

Now this week we'll consider 3 additional and complementary truths from Scripture...

What is death? Three Complementary Truths

1. The Dimensions of Death

- Natural or biological (Eccl 12:7)
- Spiritual death (Eph 2:1)
 - A running away from God and into sin (Gen 3:6-8)
- Eternal death (Mt 25:46; Rev 20:12-15)

2. The Certainty of Death (Ps 139:16; Lk 12:20; Heb 9:27)

- Adam sinned and died. All in Adam sin and die (1 Cor 15:22; Rom 5:12)

3. The Fear of Death

- Unbelievers live in the fear of death and under its power (Heb 2:14-15)
- At death a sinner must give an account to God

Conclusion

No one can understand death without understanding the character and purpose of God. And as believers, we must understand death in light of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ