

Facing the Last Enemy

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Preview

Christianity finds its center and focus on the death of Jesus Christ. A cross-less Christianity is a contradiction in terms. But why did Jesus die? What did Jesus do in His life, death, and resurrection that explains our Gospel hope as we confront death?

Why Did Christ Die?

What does scripture mean by our union with Jesus Christ?

- He became a man to save His people (Heb 2:16-17)
- We must be united to Him to benefit from what He has done (1 Cor 15:22; 2 Cor 5:17)
- What do we gain thru our union with Christ?
 - The indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit (Rom 8:9)
 - Faith is the bond that unites us to Christ (Eph 3:17; Gal 2:20)
 - We are given everything, even Jesus Himself (Eph 1:3)

What has Jesus done for us?

- His obedient life (Jn 17:4; Phil 2:5-8)
- His substitutionary, sacrificial, atoning death (2 Cor 5:21)
- His justifying, vindicating, victorious resurrection (Rom 4:25)

How does the work of Christ completely transform death for every believer?

- His obedience gives us the sure hope of life (Rom 5:18)
- His sacrifice abolished death (Rom 6:8-11)
- His death-defeating resurrection becomes ours (Rom 8:34; 1 Cor 15:57)

Conclusion: Jesus is the only hope we have in the face of death

- Are you in Christ? Is His Spirit dwelling in you?
- God's revelation about Jesus is His grace toward us, especially when death looms.