

Facing the Last Enemy

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Introduction

We've considered the question, "What is death, according to the Scripture?" Now we'll build on that by asking, "How do we apply that truth as we encounter death in its many forms?" This week...

How do I Prepare for Death? Spiritual Preparations

This is not the work of a few weeks or months but is the lifelong effort of the believer. What does that look like, practically?

- Attend to the means of grace
 - Weekly public worship is a reminder that energizes and prepares, bringing the Gospel and hope of eternal life before us on a regular basis (Heb 4:9)
- Commune often with Jesus
 - Death is gain because we'll be with Jesus (Phil 1:21-23). Preparing for death begins now by living in Christ (Gal 2:20; Rom 8:9-11)

"Get into Christ, get union with Christ and an interest in Christ by believing, to fit and prepare you for your dying hour." – Edward Pierce

- Enjoy fellowship with God's people
 - We have privileges and responsibilities toward one another as we walk together toward our heavenly home (Heb 10:23-24)
- Hold this world loosely
 - Don't try to grasp something impermanent when God has something far better in store (Gal 6:14; Heb 11:13)
- Think often of heaven (Phil 3:20)
 - We are not going to find satisfaction in this world. Satisfaction in Christ awaits us after death (Ps 17:15)
 - The heartbeat of every Christian is to be home. We prepare for death by looking to the new world which is ours and where we are surely going (Heb 11:8-10).