

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE 02-28-16
SERIES: 1000 YEARS FROM NOW
WEEK #2: THE DARK SIDE OF FOREVER

"Death was not part of the original plan. Death is the disastrous result of a devastating decision. Life forever was the plan. Death was not in view."

- Paul David Tripp

DEATH WAS NOT PART OF THE ORIGINAL CREATION

Genesis 2:16-17 (ESV)

16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

THE RESULT OF SIN IS DEATH

Romans 6:23a (ESV)

23 For the wages of sin is death...

Romans 5:12 (ESV)

12 Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned—

"Spiritual death is a separation from the one thing that was meant to define and motivate every human being: God."

- Paul David Tripp

"If one comes to physical death still spiritually dead, separated from God, that condition becomes permanent."

- Millard Erickson

Matthew 23:33 (ESV) You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell?

Matthew 18:9 (ESV) And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

HELL IS REAL

Matthew 8:12 (ESV) while the sons of the kingdom will be thrown into the **outer darkness**. In that place there will be **weeping** and **gnashing of teeth**."

Matthew 25:41 (ESV) "Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the **eternal fire** prepared for the devil and his angels.

Matthew 25:46 (ESV) And these will go away into **eternal punishment**...

"Hell is a dreadful reality. . .

We can scarcely surpass the horrid images Jesus used.

We are meant to shudder"

-Pastor John Piper

Hell is not...

Annihilation

Matthew 25:46 (ESV)

*And these will go away into **eternal** punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”*

A Place of correction

Matthew 25:46 (ESV)

*And these will go away into eternal **punishment**, but the righteous into eternal life.”*

Second chances

Hebrews 9:27 (ESV)

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,

2 Thessalonians 1:9 (ESV)

*They will **suffer** the punishment of **eternal** destruction, **away** from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might,*

God's Heart:

2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)

*9 The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, **not wishing that any should perish**, but that all should reach repentance.*

BUT GOD!

Ephesians 2:4-5 (ESV)

*4 **But God**, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ— by grace you have been saved—*

Romans 6:23 (ESV)

23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (ESV)

21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Romans 5:8 (ESV)

***but God** shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

John 3:16 (ESV)

*16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever **believes** in him should not perish but have eternal life.*

John 14:6 (ESV)

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.