



Riverstone
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sermon Based Questions

Date- Sunday 24th October 2021

Series- Last Things Part 1

Death where is your sting?

55 "Where, O death, is your victory?

Where, O death, is your sting?"

56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. 57 But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

1. Death in the Hebrew Scriptures.

- A product of the fall. (Genesis 3:19)
- A common destiny of us all. (Ecclesiastes 9:2-5)
- Sheol: A shadowy, dark place.
- Number your days aright. (Psalm 90:10-12)
- If someone dies will they live again? (Job 14:14 & Ps. 49:15 & Dan 12:2)

2. Victory over death and hades.

- John 11:24- 26 "I am the resurrection and the life."
- Romans 6:8-9 "Jesus mastered death."
- 2 Timothy 1:10. "Jesus as the destroyer of death."
- Rev. 20:14. "Ultimately death itself will die."

A. Examining the texts.

1. Read Genesis 3:19. How does this verse point toward sin and death being related?
2. Read Ecclesiastes 9:1-10. What does this chapter teach about death and who dies and what is the authors perception of how to live in light of it?
3. Read Psalm 90:10-12. Why do you think that the author equates wisdom with an awareness of our finitude?
4. Read Job 14:7-14. What question is raised in 14:14a and how does it lean into the new testament hope?
5. John 11: 24-26. How does Jesus' dealing with Lazarus' point toward his being- "the resurrection and the life?"
6. Read Romans 6:8-9 and 2 Timothy 1:10. How do these passages reveal that Jesus overcomes death?
7. Read Revelation 20:14. What does this reveal about the ultimate state of death?

B. Meditation & application

8. What beliefs about death do you think are common among people? How do we deal with death or speak about it?
9. What do you make of "old testament," teaching about death? What questions does it raise for you?
10. How does Jesus' change the narrative around death- What was his personal experience of it and how did he "destroy it?"
11. If someone asked you what the Christian belief about death was how would you explain it?

Dear heavenly Father- We thankyou that death has been defeated in the person of Jesus. We pray and ask that you comfort and encourage those who has felt the sting of death in their own relational sphere. We pray that we might number our days aright- take stock and cling to the one who is the resurrection and the life- Jesus Christ. In his name we pray- amen.