

Text: Various  
Topic: Death. Resurrection.  
Study: First Corinthians (excursus)  
Week: 60  
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# Life's Last Enemy <sup>part 1</sup>

*A Few Preliminaries When Talking About Life After Death*



**1. Recall** \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen.1 – 3)

**2. Appreciate** \_\_\_\_\_ (Gen.4 – Rev.22)

**3. Anticipate** \_\_\_\_\_ (1Cor.15)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.*

1. In what instances do you see our culture trying to “normalize” physical death as “a part of life” or as something we should embrace as an acceptable reality (as opposed to the lamentable intrusion that the Bible presents it to be)? How does the theory of evolution contribute to this thinking?
2. Read and ponder the implications of Genesis 2:17 and Romans 6:23. Summarize the grace that is found in God's actions described in Genesis 3:22-24. Briefly describe how spiritual death, physical death and “salvation” tie together in the Bible.
3. How should a biblical perspective regarding death affect our use of the generally accepted platitudes or clichés that we often hear exchanged at funerals?
4. How does a biblical view of death affect your attitude toward sin, Christ and our evangelistic efforts?
5. Explain why “soul-sleep” (the belief that you are unconscious until the resurrection – variations of which were assumed by many Old Testament characters) is not a biblically tenable belief based on New Testament passages such as Matthew 10:28; Luke 23:42-43; Matthew 27:50; Acts 7:59; Luke 16:19-31; Matthew 22:32; and 2 Corinthians 4:16 – 5:10.

How does this clarification (that Christians are immediately conscious and spiritually present with God after death) change the way you view death (à la Phil.1:20-26)?

6. How does a hope in an eventual “bodily resurrection” change your view of eternity?

*Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.*

**Sunday**

*Is.29-30 & 1 Cor.14*

**Monday**

*Is.31-32 & 1 Cor.15*

**Tuesday**

*Is.33-34 & 1 Cor.16*

**Wednesday**

*Is.35-36 & 2 Cor.1*

**Thursday**

*Is.37-38 & 2 Cor.2*

**Friday**

*Is.39-40 & 2 Cor.3*

**Saturday**

*Is.41-42 & 2 Cor.4*

*Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.*

Boettner, Loraine. **Immortality**. P & R Publishing, 1956. (161 pp)  
Carson, D. A. **How Long O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990. (275 pp)  
Davis, John J. **What About Cremation? A Christian Perspective**. Pinegrove Publishing, 1998. (128pp)  
Fabarez, Mike. **Sexual Sins & Sanctified Bodies: How the Manufacturer Views Your Body**. PCC tape # 03-10.  
Feinberg, John A. **Deceived by God? A Journey Through Suffering**. Crossway Books, 1997. (141 pp)  
Habermas, Gary R. & J.P. Moreland. **Immortality: the Other Side of Death**. Thomas Nelson, 1992. (275pp)  
Hough, Robert E. **The Christian After Death**. Moody Press, 1947. (127pp)  
Lewis, C. S. **The Problem of Pain**. Macmillan Publishing, 1962. (157 pp)  
Lutzer, Erwin. **The Vanishing Power of Death**. Moody, 2004. (176 pp)  
Prothero, Stephen. **Purified By Fire: A History of Cremation in America**. University of California Press, 2001. (266pp) [This secular reference presents many unbiblical views, but at the same time provides a helpful overview of the modern history of cremation.]