

RESURRECTION POWER!
#2 THE POWER TO LIVE FOREVER

Intro: It is the nagging question that we hate to consider but cannot escape: “What happens after we die?”

Four Facts About Life And Death

I. Life Is Short

- ***Life isn't*** _____ – God doesn't promise you a long, trouble-free, happy life.
The length of our days is seventy years – or eighty, if we have the strength; yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away. *Psalms 90:10*
- ***Make life*** _____ – Live wisely, making the most of every God-given opportunity.
 What do you want to be remembered for?
Be very careful, then, how you live – not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. *Ephesians 5:15-16*
- ***Live life for the*** _____ – For Christians, life is to be lived in preparation for our afterlife, to live for Christ.
For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. *Philippians 1:21*

II. Death is Sure

- ***Death is to be*** _____ – You can't avoid it. We often put too much hope on modern medicine to eke out a few more months or years out of life. Is that where our hope should be?
Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people. *Hebrews 9:27-28a*
- ***For non-Christians, death should be*** _____ – For non-believers, death is feared because they believe only in this life. They should fear death because there is an afterlife – and they are not prepared. Hell is the final state for those who have not accepted Christ as Lord and Savior (Rev. 20:11-15, Matt. 25:46).
- ***For Christians, death brings*** _____ – For Christians, we have a hope in a greater life with God in eternity. We should not fear death. More on that later!

III. Sin is the Cause

Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, because all sinned... *Romans 5:12*

- ***Why we*** _____ – Biology tells us it is because of the aging process. God tells us it is the effects of sin in this world.

- **We die not only physically, but also _____** – Physical death is the separation from our earthly bodies. But sin also caused spiritual death, the separation of us from God and His promise of eternal life.

IV. Christ is the Cure

- **Christ's resurrection is cure for _____** – It is the proof that Christ has conquered both physical and spiritual death for us. We will be resurrected in the final days. Until then, death is like temporary sleep.

Christ is the Remedy in Three Ways:

- **Remedy #1 – An everlasting _____** – Eternity with God. We can live forever in a perfect experience.

For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?" The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

I Corinthians 15:53-57

- **Remedy #2 – A brand new _____** – A spiritual body that won't age, or be sick!

So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.

I Corinthians 15:42-44

I declare to you, brothers, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

I Corinthians 15:50-52

- **Remedy #3 – An eternal _____** – Because of our hope in Christ, our life in this world has meaning. How you live matters.

Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

I Corinthians 15:58

Answers: I. Fair; count; afterlife. II. Expected; feared; hope. III. Die; spiritually. IV. Death; life; body; significance.