
The Facts of Life

Introduction

1. If we really want to know the true “facts of life” all we need to do is consult the Bible - the Word of God.

A. It is in this book that we learn the truth about life, death, and what happens next (eternity).

Hebrews 9:27-28 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die even the undertaker will be sorry. --- Mark Twain.

Death is not extinguishing the light from the Christian; it is putting out the lamp because the dawn has come. --- Unknown Source.

2. This book, the Bible, explains to us why and how we die. Based on the Bible, this morning we will learn four valuable truths:

A. Death is the direct result of sin.

B. Death is a separation.

C. Every day that we live, we are preparing to die.

D. Death is not the end!

Death is the Result of Sin

1. God created us so that we can have fellowship with Him.

A. This is why we bear His image.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

B. Fellowship was provided in a perfect garden when He created man.

Genesis 2:9; 3:8

C. God prepared a more glorious realm of eternal fellowship.

Genesis 5:24

Psalms 73:24 You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory.

D. Enoch's close walk with God delivered him from death.

Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "AND WAS NOT FOUND, BECAUSE GOD HAD TAKEN HIM"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

E. The Scripture tells us Enoch warned others of God's wrath.

Jude 14-15 Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

2. **God made man with free will.**
 - A. **The forbidden tree gave one the choice to walk with God or to walk without Him.**
Genesis 2:16-17
 - B. **Satan appealed to selfishness and vanity over service to God.**
Genesis 3:4-6
3. **Therefore we can see from the Bible, that death resulted from sin.**
 - A. **Their fellowship with God was dead.**
Genesis 3:8
 - B. **Death fell on mankind – now separated from the “tree of life.”**
Genesis 3:19, 24

Death is a Separation

1. **Physical death separates our body and soul.**
 - A. **This separation occurs at the physical death of our body.**
James 2:26
 - B. **However, our soul, which was housed in our body, survives the physical death of the body.**

Genesis 25:8 Then **Abraham breathed his last and died in a good old age,** an old man and full of years, and was gathered to his people.

Genesis 49:33 And when Jacob had finished commanding his sons, he drew his feet up into the bed **and breathed his last,** and was gathered to his people.

Matthew 22:32

- C. Jesus and the thief on the cross experienced this separation, not annihilation.**

Luke 23:43, 46

- D. At the point of physical death, God keeps our spirits in Hades until the resurrection takes place.**

Ecclesiastes 12:7 Then the dust will return to the earth as it was, And the spirit will return to God who gave it.

- E. The living and the dead cannot communicate with each other.**

Ecclesiastes 9:5-6 For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share In anything done under the sun.

2. Spiritual death is the death that will separate man from God.

- A. In the garden, Adam and Eve hid, alienated from God.**

Genesis 3:8

- B. Sin severs our fellowship with God.**

Isaiah 59:1-2 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, That it cannot save; Nor His ear heavy, That it cannot hear. But **your iniquities have separated you from your God**; And your sins have hidden His face from you, So that He will not hear.

- C. Sinners are children of disobedience and God's divine wrath.**

Ephesians 2:1-3

- D. Jesus came to forgive our sins and reconcile us to God.**

Romans 5:12-15

Every Day That We Live, We Are Preparing to Die

1. Physical death may be caused by many factors.

A. Life on this earth is short by any measure.

Job 14:1 "Man who is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble.

Psalms 90:10 The days of our lives are seventy years; And if by reason of strength they are eighty years, Yet their boast is only labor and sorrow; For it is soon cut off, and we fly away.

James 4:14 whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.

B. One can die stillborn or as an infant. One can die by accident, disease, disaster, or old age: Death is beyond our control.

C. However, some choose to die.

1) Perhaps by sacrificing their lives in order to save others.

John 15:13 Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

2) Perhaps by suicide which is the unlawful taking of one's own life. Bible examples:

- a. Abimelech (Judg 9:54), King Saul (1 Sam 31:4), Saul's armor-bearer (1 Sam 31:4-6), King Zimri (1 Kings 16:18), Judas (Matt 27:5).

2. We should all prepare to die the death of the righteous.

A. Death delivers one from life's trials to God's peace.

Isaiah 57:1-2 The righteous perishes, And no man takes it to heart;
Merciful men are taken away, While no one considers That the righteous is
taken away from evil. **He shall enter into peace;** They shall rest in their
beds, Each one walking in his uprightness.

Revelation 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven saying to me, "Write:
'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.' " "Yes," says the
Spirit, **"that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."**

B. Angels bring the righteous to Paradise in the Hadean world.

Luke 16:22 So it was that the beggar died, and **was carried by the angels to
Abraham's bosom.** The rich man also died and was buried.

C. Jesus and the thief entered into Paradise in Hades.

Luke 23:43, 46

3. It is urgent that we obey the Gospel of Christ, live and die by faith in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A. All who belong to Christ receive eternal salvation!

Galatians 3:26-29

B. One must remain faithful to God until physical death.

Revelation 2:10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to
suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you
may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. **Be faithful until death,
and I will give you the crown of life.**

Death is Not the End

1. **Death is our enemy, but Christ conquered death and will raise us up.**
 - A. **We await His return in Hades, then we will be raised to our eternal destiny!**

John 5:28-29 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

Conclusion

1. **Death and Christ's return are certain!**

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 - B. **Death is a separation.**
 - C. **Every day we are preparing to die.**
 - D. **Death is not the end!**
3. **Please, we must make sure that we are wasting no time; prepare for death now to look forward to eternity with Christ. To delay, will truly result in the second death!**

Acts 22:16 **And now why are you waiting?** Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.

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