



The Purpose of Death

Searching for Meaning in Death

The Nature of Death

- Death is the result of sin (Gen. 2:15-17; Rom. 5:12-21).
- Death is separation.
 - Physical Separation- When the soul leaves the body (Ecc. 12:7)
 - Spiritual Separation- Spiritually dead but physically alive (1 Cor. 15:43-49; Eph. 2:1, 4-5; Col. 2:13)
 - Eternal Separation- Physically dead and spiritually dead (Matt. 25:26, Rom. 6:23)

Sin's natural consequence is death, separation from God forever.

The Realities of Death

- Death is inevitable- You will die (James 4:14).

- Death is inescapable- You're not able to escape its punishment (Eph. 2:8-9).
- Death is defeated- You don't have to face eternal death (1 Cor. 15:3-4, 54b).

The Purposes for Death

- Death reminds you of the brevity of life (Ecc. 7:1-2).
- Death's reflections fill you with wisdom (Ecc. 7:3-4).
- Death shows us the seriousness of sin (Gen. 2:17).
- Death teaches us about God.
 - The depths of His love (John 3:16, Rom. 5:7-8; 1 John 4:10).
 - The immensity of His power (1 Cor. 15:54-56).

Take comfort in this:

God infuses all time, all places, all people with meaning for His glory and our good.