

Preparations for the Inevitable Hebrews 2:9-15

- I. Death is simply a reality
 - a. It is natural to humanity – Ecclesiastes 12:7; Psalms 39:5
 - b. It is a result of Adam’s sin – Genesis 2:17; Genesis 3:19; Romans 5:2
 - c. It touches everyone. None can escape – Psalms 84:48; Hebrews 9:27
 - d. It makes life short which breeds fear – James 4:14; Ecclesiastes 3:20
- II. Death was defeated with Christ’s Resurrection
- III. Death demands that we pass on a legacy to the next generation

1) Showing joy in the midst of difficulty

“Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.” (James 1:2-3)

2) Receiving and giving grace

“By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care.” (1 Corinthians 3:10)

3) Encouraging and inspiring others

“But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called “Today,” so that none of you may be hardened by sin’s deceitfulness.” (Hebrews 3:13)

4) Giving my time, treasures, and energy for kingdom work

“But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)

5) Modeling forgiveness

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” (Ephesians 4:32)

6) Giving unconditional love for my family and friends

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."
(1 Peter 4:8)

7) Discipling people in a relationship with Christ

"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well." (1 Thessalonians 2:8)

8) Hearing and doing God's word

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says."
(James 1:22)

9) Doing good and productive work

"Their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work."
(1 Corinthians 3:13)

10) Seeing me looking towards my heavenly home

"But in keeping with his promise we are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth, where righteousness dwells." (2 Peter 3:13)

Faith Sheet

Transformation Verse – "...*Salvation is from The LORD.*" Jonah 2:9

Main Themes

- ~ Death is a reality to mankind that none can escape. Death though is unnatural to God and thus to the image to which God created us.
- ~ Jesus said He is the resurrection and the life and for those who believe in Him they will experience life after death. (John 11:25-26)
- ~ The purpose of what is lasting after death is to further our reverence for God. In other words, the Bible ties legacy not to what will be said about men or women, but what may be credited to God.

#1 - Reviewing this past Sunday Preparations for the Inevitable Hebrews 2:9-15

1. Read Hebrews 2:9-15 and discuss Sunday's message with someone.
2. Share specifically what the Spirit taught you about having hope, not fear, concerning your impending death.
3. How does what Jesus promised in John 11:25 help us to understand Hebrews 2:14-15 that we reviewed Sunday?
4. What are five legacy goals that you could begin asking God to shape into your life in order to leave a godly legacy? Pray for a legacy that honors Christ.

2 - Preparing for next Sunday Enjoying Yahweh and His Grace Jonah - Chapters 1-4

1. Read the book of Jonah. Pray to understand the book.
2. What are the main points/truths of the book?
3. Yahweh (LORD) is the name that God gave to Israel to reveal both His greatness as the one true God and to reveal His personal covenant involvement with His people. How is Yahweh personally involved in the life of Jonah in each chapter and what does this show you about His desire to work daily in your life?
4. Pray for the LORD to reveal Himself to us through the book of Jonah.