

What Do We Believe?

Lesson 26

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Lesson 26: Humanity: Death and Eternity

Scriptures:

Genesis 3; II Samuel 14:14; Matthew 10:28, 25:46; Romans 5:12, 19-21; I Corinthians 15:55-57; II Corinthians 5:6-8, Hebrews 9:26-27; James 2:26; Revelation 21, 22

Lesson Goals:

To assist the learner to understand human death from a Biblical perspective
To assist the learner in relating death to eternal life
To assist the learner to understand eternal destiny of Heaven and Hell

Scripture Memory:

Everyone has to die once, then face the consequences. Christ's death was also a one time event, offered once to bear the sins of many... Hebrews 9:27-28a – The Message

The Lesson:

One thing about the world that is certain, all living things end. This began, as we have studied, in the Garden of Eden. When humans sinned, God was forced to fulfill His promise. He had said that if they ate the fruit of a certain tree, they would die. They ate the fruit of their own free will, and now not only do all humans die, since that time all living things ultimately die.

There is something very sad about death. It means that we no longer see the person, or pet, or plant anymore. A beautiful bouquet of roses will only live a few days. A puppy dog will only live a few years. Humans live an average of a little over 70 years. Some trees live hundreds of years. However, all of them ultimately die.

The Bible says that humans “are destined to die once...” (Hebrews 9:27) Death is, most of the time, a hurtful thing. It hurts those who are left on earth. Occasionally, death is seen as a good thing. When someone is very, very sick and hurting and can't get better, death becomes a relief from pain and suffering.

We should remember that every person who is born will continue on eternally after death. Now, that doesn't mean that we will live on earth forever. It means that when we die here on earth, we go to another place where we continue to live.

This can be something to look forward to when we die. Death allows us to go into eternity with God if in life we chose to follow Him, giving Him control of our lives. The ninth chapter of Hebrews says that after we die, God judges us. God tells those who have asked Jesus to be their Savior that they are to go into Heaven.

Those who do not ask Jesus to be their Savior before they die will be told that they are to go to a terrible place called Hell. That is a place where even God doesn't go.

Those going to Heaven will live with God forever. Now, it is difficult for humans to understand eternity. Everything we know anything about, except God, has a beginning and an end. Even the world which was created by God a long time ago, someday will come to an end.

Living with God in Heaven is the best thing that could happen to anyone. There will be no suffering, no death, and no sorrow. Heaven is perfect in every way. It is the most beautiful place you can imagine.

We should notice that the Bible begins with a beautiful garden where God intended for humans to live wonderful lives. Humans chose to sin against God and were sent out of the garden. However, someday,

according to the last two chapters of the Bible, humans will once again live in a garden on a new earth. The second garden, perfect in every way, will also be where God Himself lives. God sits on the throne and Jesus sits by His right side.

Death on this earth is certain. That's a fact. We must also accept the fact that when we die, our spirits live on, and we want to prepare for living with God forever. We do that by believing that Jesus is God's Son and that He came to earth to live and die for us. We must believe that Jesus rose from the grave and ascended into Heaven. When we believe that in our hearts, we are promised, by God, that He will give us eternal life in Heaven with Him.

Life Application:

Death entered the world through Adam. Adam sinned and we are all left with a problem - S-I-N. But even from the very beginning, God was making a way for us to be with Him, to be right with Him. In Adam and Eve's punishment, God promised salvation. This salvation was not only available to Adam and Eve, but to everyone. All of us need it because all of us are sinners.

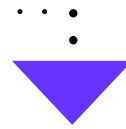
Jesus is the way to God, the way to heaven. In John 14:1-6, Jesus says, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God. Trust in me also. There are many rooms in my Father's house. If this were not true, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you. If I go and do that, I will come back. And I will take you to be with me. Then you will also be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going." But Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going. So how can we know the way?" Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Jesus is the only way to God. Believe in Him, place your life in His hands. He cares for you so much.

Jesus is coming back again one day. When He does, He will take with Him those that are His. We will live with Him forever. The Bible ends with the phrase, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus!" What an amazing day that will be! But, have you ever wondered why He's waited so long to come back? The Bible explains by saying that God isn't slow about keeping His promise; Jesus will come back. He hasn't yet because God is patient. God doesn't want anyone to die without knowing Him. He's giving you an opportunity. He's giving your parents an opportunity. He's giving your best friend an opportunity. And you have the amazing opportunity to share with them about God's amazing love, about His patience, but also about the truth that one day there will be a judgment, separating us according to how we will spend eternity - in heaven or hell. Will you be bold today and share the TRUTH with those around you?

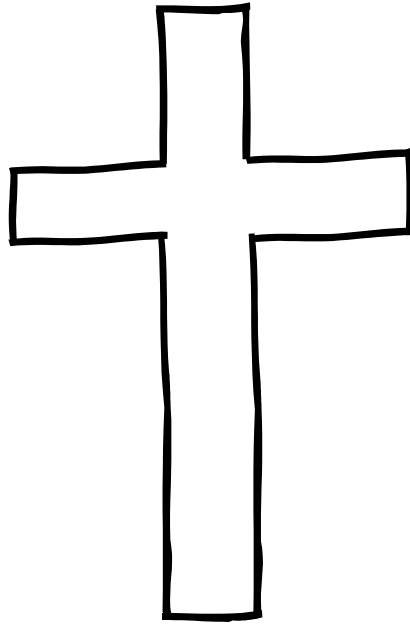


Planning for Lesson 27

Sin:
Its Origin



- ◆ **Memory Verse Activity** - Review the memory verse. Encourage your students to commit it to memory. Look at Isaiah 53:4-5 and discuss the implications.
- ◆ Make salvation bracelets or necklaces for your students, even if they are adults. Walk through the plan of salvation with them. Offer an invitation time. For those who know the Lord, encourage them to practice sharing the gospel with their bracelets.
- ◆ Read Revelation 21 and 22. Encourage your students to draw what they see while listening to these two chapters.
- ◆ Sing “Lion of Judah,” “No More Night,” “When the Roll is Called up Yonder,” “When We All Get to Heaven,” and the last verse of many hymns like “Since Jesus Came into My Heart,” “Victory in Jesus,” “Solid Rock,” “It is Well With My Soul.”
- ◆ **Dig Deeper:** Think about plants and farming. Take corn, for example. At the end of the season, corn stalks, and any corn left on them, die. The kernels (seeds) dry up. When buried, though, there is new life. Every person who is born is given eternal life. That doesn’t mean all will be in Heaven with God. “Everyone has to die once, then face the consequences. . . “ (Hebrews 9:27) Discuss the options, looking at Matthew 25:31-46.



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Hebrews 9:27-28a

The Message

Quiz—Humanity: Death and Eternity

Answer the following questions True or False.

1. Everyone has to die once, then face the consequences. _____
2. One thing about the world is certain, all living things live forever. _____
3. Every person who is born is given eternal life. _____
4. Living with God in Heaven is not the best thing that could happen to anyone. _____
5. We must accept the fact that when we die, our spirit dies. _____
6. Jesus is a way to God. _____
7. Adam and Eve's sin was a surprise to God. _____
8. From the beginning, God promised a way for us to be made right with Him. _____
9. Those who ask Jesus to be their Savior don't die. _____
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Answers

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