

Message Series Program Notes: ANSWERS

Part 2 What Happens After I Die?

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A wise person thinks a lot about death, while a fool thinks only about having a good time. Ecclesiastes 7:4 [NLT]

## The Humanistic View of Death

### #1 Death is UNAVOIDABLE

For what happens to the children of man and what happens to the beasts is the same; as one dies, so dies the other. They all have the same breath, and man has no advantage over the beasts, for all is vanity. Eccl. 3:19 ESV

### #2 Death is UNIVERSAL

No one remembers the wise, and no one remembers fools. In days to come, we will all be forgotten. We must all die—wise and foolish alike. Eccl. 2:16 GN

### #3 Death is a MYSTERY

So I realized then that the best thing we can do is enjoy what we have worked for. There is nothing else we can do. There is no way for us to know what will happen after we die. Eccl. 3:22 GN

### #4 Death is FINAL

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. Their love and their hate and their envy have already perished, and forever they have no more share in all that is done under the sun. Eccl. 9:5-6 ESV

Death from the Humanistic Perspective only brings despair

## God's View of Death

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints. Ps. 116:15 ESV

...and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, 2 Tim. 1:10 ESV

### What Happens After I Die?

We immediately **SUFFER** or **ENJOY** the consequence of our decision on earth.

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment. Heb. 9:27 ESV

Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. Matt. 7:13-14  
ESV

#### Either: We suffer **SEPARATION IN HELL**

...in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, 2 Thess. 1:8-9 ESV

#### Or: We enjoy the **PRESENCE OF GOD IN HEAVEN**

And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away. Rev. 21:3-4 ESV

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

John 14:6 ESV

Death from God's Perspective brings **ETERNAL JOY**