

ABSENT FROM THE BODY

"For the Wages of Sin is Death..."

DISCUSSION OPENERS

- > The purpose of the study is to help prepare ourselves and our loved ones for the inevitable time of departure from this world. Is this a time of which we should be afraid? Why and/or why not? (For additional insight see Ps. 55:1-5.)
- > To those who have seen a loved one dying, describe some things you've noticed prior to the time of death.

"To Everything There is a Season... A Time to be Born and a Time to Die."

FEATURES

1. Why is it important to study the topic of death? Job 1:21; Ecc. 3:1-14;
 - Are we at all in control of our "time to die" by the way we live or by the way we care for ourselves? Or is God completely in control of this time? Job 14:5; 28:3; Prov. 14:27; Ecc. 8:8
2. Of what should we be reminded through death? Must there be a time of suffering? Ro. 5:12; 6:23
 - Describe the physics. Gen. 3:19
3. What is the "shadow of death"? Job 10:21-22; Ps. 23:4; Is. 9:2
 - What accompanies death? Ps. 116:3; 18:4-6

TYPES

4. How will the death of a child of God compare to the death of the unsaved?
 - 1) The Saint - Prov. 14:32; Isaiah 57:1-2, 21; I Thes. 4:13; Phil. 1:21
 - 2) The Wicked - Rev. 14:14, Phil. 1:21; Ro. 5:12; Ez. 33:11
5. Compare the 1st death (questions 1-3) to the 2nd death many (Matt. 7:13-14) will experience. Rev. 20:12-15; 21:8
 - Respond to II Cor. 1:9-10.

PURPOSE

6. The Bible uses the phrase "gates of death" (Ps. 107:18) as a description to the transition period from life to death. What is the purpose of death? I Cor. 15:50-55
7. What happens to a child of God at the time of death? II Cor. 5:6-8
 - Respond to Ro. 8:1



"But man dieth and wasteth away: yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?" - Job 14:10

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DEFINITIONS

- 1 SHADOW (H6757) "Tsalmaeveth" - the shade of death; i.e. the grave



"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints." - Ps. 116:15