

## **What the Bible Says about Death: A Brief Study to Accompany “*What About Death and Dying*”**

### **Before the fall into sin, there was no death:**

Genesis 2:7 – The Breath of life united body and soul

Romans 5:12 – Sin entered the world, and death through sin

### **What is death?**

Ecclesiastes 12:7 – The separation of body and soul

Luke 12:20

Matthew 27:50

### **Is death “natural”, “our friend”?**

1 Corinthians 15:20-26 – Death is an enemy

### **Why must Christians die?**

Genesis 2:17 – Sin brings death

3:19 - ...dust you are, and to dust you shall return

Ecclesiastes 3:1-2 – a time to die

Romans 5:12 – Sin entered the world, and death through sin

6:23 – the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life

James 1:15 – sin brings forth death

Hebrews 9:27 – it is appointed for men to die once

### **What is the Christian’s response to death and dying?**

Psalm 23 – “Yea, though I walk through the valley of death...”

Job 1:21 – “The Lord gave, the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the Name of the Lord!”

Romans 8:33-39 – What shall separate us from the love of God?

### **What happens after we die?**

Genesis 3:19 - ...dust you are, and to dust you shall return

1 Kings 17:22 – the separation of body and soul

Job 19:25-27 – in my flesh I shall see God

Daniel 12:2-3 - the resurrection of the dead

Luke 20:38 – God is the God of the living

Luke 23:43 – “today you will be with Me in Paradise”

John 5:28-29 – the resurrection of the dead

11:11-14, 24, 43-44 – Lazarus sleeps, the resurrection, Lazarus raised

Acts 7:59 – Lord Jesus, receive my spirit

Philippians 1:21-23 – to live is Christ, to die is gain

Revelation 14:13 – Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

20:11-15 – the Book of Life (see Revelation 3:5)

**Read 1 Corinthians 15:42-57; Revelation 21:1-4, 9, 22:1-5**