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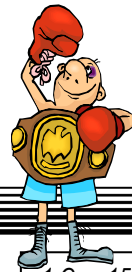
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part 3

Life's Last Enemy

Living In Light of Christ's Victory Over Death



1. Hang on to _____ (vv.20-23)

2. Hang on to _____ (vv.23-26)

3. Hang on to _____ (vv.25-28)

1 Cor. 15:20-28

²⁰ But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹ For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. ²² For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. ²³ But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. ²⁴ Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷ For he "has put everything under his feet." Now when it says that "everything" has been put under him, it is clear that this does not include God himself, who put everything under Christ. ²⁸ When he has done this, then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be all in all. (NIV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church.

1. Are you *sure* that you "belong to Christ" (1 Cor.15:23)? How do you know? What is your story of turning from sin and trusting in Christ (Acts 20:21)?

Read **1 John 5:13**. Why is this verse so important? Why is "knowing" excluded from so many religious systems?

2. Read **John 16:33**. How's your heart? Do you think people sense a "biblical optimism" in your outlook?

In what ways can you help to keep your *perfect eternal home* in the forefront of your mind as you go about your daily work?

What are some of the things you look forward to when you consider the specifics of an environment without sin?

3. What are some ways you can exalt the "lordship of Christ" in your life? How can you show a greater allegiance to the Victor over death who has guaranteed your future life?

Read through the Bible in a year! Here is this week's schedule.

Sunday

Is.57-58 & 2 Cor.12

Monday

Is.59-60 & 2 Cor.13

Tuesday

Is.61-62 & Gal.1

Wednesday

Is.63-64 & Gal.2

Thursday

Is.65-66 & Gal.3

Friday

Jer.1-2 & Gal.4

Saturday

Jer.3-4 & Gal.5

Here are some resources which may help you understand and apply the truths presented in this week's sermon.

Benware, Paul. **Understanding End Times Prophecy**. Moody Press, 1995. (344 pp)
Carson, D. A. **How Long O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990. (275 pp)
Fabarez, Mike. **A Kingdom Compendium: A Peak at a Program You Won't Want to Miss**. PCC Tape/CD #9728.
_____. **Divine Solutions: The New Jerusalem Sounds Great, But What About...?** PCC Tape/CD #9732.
_____. **Heaven: Advice for Earthbound Citizens of the New Jerusalem**. PCC Tape/CD #9730.
_____. **Looking Forward: The Present Effects of Anticipating Our Future Home**. PCC Tape/CD #9735.
_____. **The Final Glimpse of "Heaven": Five Gifts God Gives to Those in the New Jerusalem**. PCC Tape/CD #9736.
Henry, Matthew. **The Pleasantness of a Religious Life: A Puritan's View of the Good Life**. Christian Focus, 1998. (192 pp)
Hoyt, Herman. **The End Times**. Moody Press, 1969. (256pp)
Johnson, Barbara. **Stick a Geranium in Your Hat and Be Happy**. Word Publishing, 1990. (192 pp)
Lloyd-Jones, Martyn. **A Life of Joy and Peace: An Exposition of Philippians**. Baker Books, 1995. (505 pp)
_____. **Spiritual Depression: Its Causes and Cure**. Eerdmans, 1965. (300 pp)
Lutzer, Erwin W. **Your Eternal Reward**. Moody Press, 1998. (171pp)
McClain, Alva J. **The Greatness of the Kingdom: An Inductive Study of the Kingdom of God**. BMH, 1974. (556 pp)
Pentecost, Dwight. **Things to Come: A Study in Biblical Eschatology**. Zondervan, 1958. (633 pp)
Swindoll, Charles. **Laugh Again**. Word Publishing, 1991. (256 pp)
Taylor, Hudson, et al. **Hudson Taylor's Spiritual Secret**. Reprint, Moody Press, 1987. (253 pp)
Wilson, Doug. **Joy at the End of the Tether: The Inscrutable Wisdom of Ecclesiastes**. Canon Press, 1999. (110 pp)