

A THEOLOGY OF

DEATH

PURPOSE, PREPARATION, AND HOPE

WEEK SIX: DEATH SWALLOWED UP

Death is replete with paradox in that it is through death that we get true, eternal life. Jesus himself used death to accomplish his goal of destroying death. In the wake of that we believers can look upon death as the entryway to our secure, eternal inheritance — forever living with God in the new heavens and new earth where there is no suffering, death, or dying to be had. In the end it will be the very thing that has taken everything from you that will be the way to liberation from sin and brokenness and into the eternal home in which God will dwell with His people.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What will be your biggest takeaway from this sermon series as a whole?
2. Would you say you are someone who lives in light of death and judgment? How does that affect your view of resources, family, life, etc.?
3. How does the reality of future judgment affect the way you engage others with the faith you have and the truth of who Jesus is?
4. If it's true that we are living in a "shadow world," part of us should recognize that this world will not satisfy us. What things have you been hoping would give you satisfaction on earth? How have those left you empty? What can we do to shift our hope toward our eternal home?

COMMIT TO MEMORY

He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." — Revelation 21:4