



TOPIC: EQUIPPED FOR DEATH
TEXT: Hebrews 9:27

Dearly beloved, **death is an appointment.** The word declares that it is appointed unto man once to die but after this the judgement (Hebrews 9:27). The rich die, the poor also dies; the fat die, the thin also dies; young people die, old people also die; those who are educated die and those who are illiterates also die; the wise die, the foolish also dies. Simply put, everyone born has an appointment with death. Death doesn't recognise wealth or fame so no one can bribe death. It is an appointment for men. Therefore, since we know that death will come, we need to prepare for it so it doesn't meet us unprepared. Every soul has an appointment with God (for judgement) after death.

- Romans 2:16 –

In the day when God shall judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ according to my gospel.

- Ecclesiastes 9:5 & 6 –

(5) **For the living know that they shall die:** but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.

(6) Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, is now perished; neither have they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

This bible study is inspired by the death of a domestic worker who died a few days ago. The Holy Spirit whispered it into my heart that I should go ahead and **warn** God's people that there is a preparation to be made before a soul departs this world. This is therefore a warning to this generation.

- Jude verse 23 –

and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Although I had the topic in mind earlier, I did not deliver it until now. When I heard about his death today and the speculations concerning his death, I had to weep because he did not prepare for it and there is now no way out. **There is no repentance in the grave.** Those who saw him and spoke with him before he died observed his tremendous weight loss which they attributed to a wayward lifestyle of immorality. Sadly, he did not want to speak truthfully about his condition and so he kept telling lies. Unknown to him, **sin will keep you longer than you're willing to stay (eternity); it will cost you more than you're willing to pay (eternal sorrow). Sin is like a detective; your sin will find you out. You cannot sin successfully. Sin can be abbreviated as Success In Nothing.** The soul that sinneth, it shall die (Ezekiel 18:4). The devil doesn't play games fairly. If you 'shake hands' with him, he will welcome you into his trap (destruction). Sin will not be spared after all the sacrifice the Lord made for us on the cross of Calvary. That is why the way out is: **total repentance.** Repent from all works of darkness: lying, stealing, immorality, unforgiveness, idolatry, pride, and so on (Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8 & 27)





The bible says in 2 Peter 3:9 “The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; **but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance**”. God does not want any of us to perish that is why he gives us adequate time, opportunities and warnings to repent. Perhaps you are still living in sin, this may be your last warning from God, nobody knows the next minute. Those who’ve been known to be very healthy in one minute have been reported dead the next minute. Those who live indoor throughout the day for fear of dying in a motor accident or air crash have been reported dead also by armed robbers, fire mishap and many other reasons. Let it be known unto you that **death must come**. Whichever way and whenever it comes, you just must be prepared because unexplainable suffering (throughout the endless ages of eternity) awaits those who do not prepare for death. The good news is that the preparation to be made is so simple. **We need to be equipped with Jesus**. When we are equipped with Jesus, we can boldly declare: **“For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain”** (Philippians 1:21).

How do we get equipped with Jesus? By surrendering our lives totally to Him for He made us. Wise King Solomon said “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: **Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man**. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil (Ecclesiastes 12:13 & 14).

If we live unto the Lord, we will die unto the Lord (Romans 14:8).

- Romans 14:8 –

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s.

Conversely, if we live unto sin, we will face the eternal wrath of God (Jude verse 7).

- Jude verse 7 –

Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, **are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire**.

For God is a God of justice and therefore His judgements are true. He proved His love for humanity by dying on a cross two thousand years ago and He proved to us that He is also a consuming fire by destroying the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:20 – 19:28) and by destroying the earth in the days of Noah (Genesis 6:13) because of sin. God cannot behold sin so He sent His only begotten Son (Jesus Christ) to pay the price for our sins by dying on a cross for you and I to be saved and escape the wrath of God to come. It is now left for you and I to accept the sacrifice made for us by: inviting Jesus Christ into our hearts as our Lord and Redeemer; and living a life of daily submission to His will.





If you choose to rebel against your creator, you will have to pay for your sins yourself in the eternal abode called the lake of fire.

- Isaiah 1:20 –

But if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

If you are not yet equipped for death, make sure to get the right equipment today. If you want to be born again by accepting Jesus into your heart, genuinely say this prayer:
Lord Jesus, I believe you are the son of God, I believe you came to earth two thousand years ago, I believe you died on a cross for me, I believe you rose again on the third day and you are now sited on the right hand of God the Father, and I believe you are coming back again, as the King of kings and the Lord of lords. Dear Lord, come into my heart, wash away my sins with your blood, make me clean and I shall be clean. Thank you for coming into my heart and writing my name in the book of life. (Amen).

Now that you are equipped for death by accepting Jesus into your heart as Lord and Saviour, you need to grow in the Lord and maintain a good relationship with His Spirit. To be a good Christian, you need to: get yourself a bible and read it daily so God can speak to you through His word; join a bible believing church so you can fellowship with other believers and grow spiritually; and pray everyday because God's wants to hear you speak to Him and prayer is the way we speak to Him.

Hebrews 9:27 (Bible Text)

And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

