

# Why do I have to die?

Subject: Entrance of sin/Choice  
 Objective: To show the results of the entrance of sin to Adam and his descendants.  
 Main Text: Romans 5:12

## ATTENTION

### ILLUSTRATION

Professor J. H. Huxley was a well known agnostic. His nurse revealed that in the last moments of his life, as he lay dying, the great skeptic suddenly looked up as at some sight invisible to mortal eyes, and staring a while whispered, "So it is true."

### APPLICATION

Whether you are an agnostic, atheist, or skeptic, you will some day come to one realization. **DEATH IS REAL!** Death is a fact of life! It cannot be erased. It cannot be ignored.

## NEED

- I. Millions of people die each year. The statistics show that every hour 5,417 deaths occur.
  - 1) Caucasian People die
  - 2) Negro People die
  - 3) Asian People die
  - 4) Doctors die
  - 5) Scientists die
  - 6) Sick people die
  - 7) Healthy people die
  
- II. Death, the Bible says, is an appointment. (Hebrews 9:27)
  
- III. And when your appointment is due, no matter where you are, death will find you.
  - 1) Death found Princess Di in France.
  - 2) Cheddy Jagan ran to the USA but death found him there.
  - 3) Mother Theresa was caring and compassionate but her appointment came.
  - 4) He got Rosie Douglas when he became Prime Minister of Dominica.
  
- IV. Death is a fact of life and it is as real as life is real.

- V. But tonight the big question is, WHY DO I HAVE TO DIE?

## **SATISFACTION**

- I. The Holy Bible says that heaven and earth had a beginning, called into existence by God. (Genesis 1:1)
- II. In fact, everything we can see and can't see comes from the hand of God:
- The Sky
  - The Sea
  - Planets
  - Sun, Moon and Stars (GO ON)
- III. Man, a new species, essentially different from everything created, was created last of all creatures. (Genesis 1:26) (Genesis 2:7)
- IV. Man was honored by being the last of all creatures. Everything was completely fitted and furnished for his reception.
- V. Before man was created there was sin in the universe. (Isaiah 14:12-14)
- VI. Because of Lucifer's choice to be selfish and disobedient God had to cast him out of heaven. (Revelation 12:7-9)
- VII. Because of this dilemma, Adam who was created like all the angels with the power of choice was given a divine command. (Genesis 2:16, 17)
- VIII. Satan now occupies the earth and Men and Women are now inhabitants of this same Earth. Will Satan deceive the man? Will man respond? Will God administer his penalty if man changes allegiance?

## **LET US FOLLOW THE DRAMA** (Genesis 3:1-7)

- IX. From this narrative, it is clear that man disobeyed God. Man must now face the consequences of making the wrong choice.
- X. WHY DO I HAVE TO DIE?
- i. A talking serpent tricked Eve
  - ii. Adam, although he wasn't deceived, ate the forbidden fruit.
- XI. I have to die because of one foolish mistake that man made. (Romans 5:12)
- XII. Adam's sin affects everybody and the penalty affects everything. (Romans 8:22)

## VISUALIZATION

- XIII. Adam's mistake is so devastating that even if you make the right choice, you will still die.
- XIV. Visualize death:
1. Breath leaves the body
  2. Coffin
  3. Funeral Service
  4. Hole
  5. Dirt (Crying Relatives and Friends)
- XV. Death is devastating. Death is separation! But I have GOOD NEWS for you. (1 Corinthians 15:21, 22) (Romans 5:19)
- XVI. There is hope beyond the grave. (**Talk about the death and resurrection of Jesus!**)

## APPEAL

- I. Friends our only hope in this life is to accept Christ as our Lord and Savior.
- II. Our only hope beyond the grave is to die in Christ.

## ILLUSTRATION

At the funeral of a minister, a little girl was seen skipping light-heartedly through the cemetery at dusk. Someone asked, "Aren't you afraid of this place?"

"Oh no," she replied, "I only cross through here to get home."

## APPLICATION

Because of Adam's sin, one day death will come knocking, but death for the Christian is only a "crossing through to get home". Death for the Christian is not ultimate or final.

1. If you have to die, is it your desire to die in Christ?
2. To die in Christ you must live in Him. Is it your desire to live in Christ?
3. Life is fragile, you can die tonight. Is it your desire, therefore, to live in Christ tonight?