



To Be or Not to Be

Colossians 2:13-23



Death

- The dictionary defines death as “*The permanent end of the life of a person or animal.*”
 - We all know we are going to die.
 - “*Dying is something we human beings do continuously.*”
 - The words, “death, dead and dying” are mentioned 1683 times in the Bible.
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Lack of Appetite

- Before we were born again in a relationship with Jesus, we were dead spiritually.
 - When a man is dead, food no longer holds any interest for him.
 - One of the symptoms of the spiritually dead is a lack of appetite for God.
 - No hunger for God indicates a lack of spiritual appetite, which is usually indicative of spiritual deadness.
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No Activity

- A physically dead person is no longer active.
 - A spiritually dead person is without kingdom activity.
 - To a spiritually dead person, God's work comes after family, friends, personal needs, etc.
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No Direction

- If you are dead, you have no direction.
 - Dead people do not have to know what direction to go because they are not moving.
 - If we are seeking to follow God, we need to know where to go.
 - If you want to know where God wants you to go, you must ask.
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No Love

- If you are dead, you have no love.
 - Dead people cannot express their love and neither do dead churches.
 - Spiritual appetites, spiritual activities and spiritual direction ultimately produces love.
 - We need to express our love now because there will come a time when we are unable to express it.
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Conclusion

- Are you dead or alive?
- It is hopeless to be a good example to a dead person.
- You can never encourage a dead man to be anymore than dead.
- If a person is dead, their most pressing need is life.
- Life can only be given by the life giver, and that person is Christ.
- Sin is death, God is life; the choice is yours.