

Sunday School: Easter 2024

Keywords for our Worshippers In Training: Grave, Death, and Life

1. Grave: The grave is the place where we are laid to rest when we die. It is a statement of finality and the earthly resting place of all humanity. Jesus was laid in a grave when He died. He is the only person who ever lived that did not deserve to die, but He took upon Himself the sins of all of His people (all of the believing ones) and took the death that they deserve. His Father punished Him for our sins so that we could be saved from sin and Hell. Hell is the everlasting grave for those who do not trust in Jesus for salvation. Jesus rose from the grave on a Sunday morning as proof that His Father was pleased with His sacrifice. When a believer is baptized it is a picture of us being alive, dying and being buried with Jesus and coming out of the grave with Him.

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death: O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction: repentance shall be hid from mine eyes. **(Hosea 13:14)**

And His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth. **(Isaiah 53:9)**

2. Death: Death is what happens when life is taken away. It is the payment we get for sin. When Adam sinned and ate the fruit he brought the curse of death upon himself and all creation. At death God takes the breath back that he used to give us life. The true believer never has to fear death or be scared when it comes because after we die we walk into eternal life and never have to be sick, sad, or afraid anymore. We live with Jesus and our eternal family forever in a world where sin, death, and darkness do not exist.

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned— **(Romans 5:12)**

For the wages of sin is death, but the gracious gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. **(Romans 6:23)**

3. Life: Life is the gift that God gives all creation. In the garden God breathed life into Adam's nose and he became a living being. Everything you see around you in creation your family, your pets, the birds and bees, flowers and trees have life because God their Creator is the author of life. Life is a precious gift and we are responsible to live according to God's commands with every breath He gives us. God promise to give those who believe in Him everlasting life!

Then Yahweh God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and so the man became a living being. **(Genesis 2:7)**

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came so that they would have life, and have it abundantly. **(John 10:10)**

So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men. **(Romans 5:18)**

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Question 23: What is the misery of that estate whereunto man fell?

Answer: All mankind, by their fall lost communion with God, are under His wrath and curse, and made liable to all the miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

(Gen. 3:8,24; Eph. 2:3; Gal. 3:10; Rom. 6:23; Matt. 25:41-46;)