

Dealing With Death

Look at Death From God's Point of View

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| | Romans 12:1,2 |
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| 2. It is a natural enemy | Hebrews 2:14,15 |
| 3. Christ conquers death | 1 Corinthians 15:22-26; 54-57 |
| 4. For a Christian: | |
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| • The fear factor changes | Revelation 1:17-18 |
| • We grieve differently | 1 Thessalonians 4:13 |
| • Life is a gift, not a given | James 4:13-14 |

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- Rage and anger
- Plea bargaining for more time
- Depression
- Acceptance of reality

Learn from Jesus' Experience – The Death of His Friend

Lazarus

John 11:1-37

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| • Calling on God | vs. 3 |
| • God's glory | vs. 4 |
| • Anger and disappointment | vs. 5,6 |
| • Regrets | vs. 21 |
| • Spiritual reality | vs. 22ff |
| • Tears | vs. 32-35 |
| • Lingering questions | vs. 37 |

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2 Corinthians 5:1-10

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