

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.

1 Corinthians 15:20 ...Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

1. Bad News, Good News.

- Bad News:

Question: Besides the loss of life what are some other losses a person who is nearing death will experience?

- Good News:

John 14:1 "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ²In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

2 Corinthians 5 ¹For we know that if our earthly house, this tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. ⁵Now He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

⁶So we are always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. ⁷For we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

2. Thoughts and feelings about death:

3. What is it like to be dying?

In a book entitled *On Death and Dying*, Elizabeth Kubler-Ross identified five reactions to dying, after research that included hundreds of terminally ill people and their families. These reactions are very similar to the grief reactions we discussed this past week.

1) Denial:

- Ministry:

2) Anger:

Ministry:

3) Bargaining:

Ministry:

4) Depression:

Ministry:

5) Acceptance:

Ministry: As the dying person goes deeper into acceptance, he or she will usually be less talkative and move into more introspection. The best thing to do is to sit quietly and give affirming touches. Silent presence is very helpful. They may want to give instructions to love ones and encourage others to support the remaining family members.

4. As death nears:

- a. Growing isolation:



b. Symptoms in the months and weeks before death.

c. When death is very close:

d. Last Moments:

Other things: Remember that you are part of a caregiving team. Always offer prayer, and a blessing. The dying person may ask about after life. Read appropriate scriptures.

Aftercare for family and friends:

Questions and Discussion

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