

Fear of Death
Fearless – Part 4
Full Life Church – December 6, 2009
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Hebrews 2:14-15 (NIV) ... so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death--that is, the devil-- and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

1. Believe the promise of _____

John 14:1 (NIV) Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me.

John 14:2 (NIV) In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, I would have told you. I am going there to prepare a place for you.

John 14:3 (NIV) And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.

2. Believe the promise of _____

1 Corinthians 15:20-23 (NIV) But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ... For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him.

1 Corinthians 15:51-52 (NIV) Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed-- in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

1 Corinthians 15:54 (NIV) When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."

3. _____ the race of life well

2 Timothy 4:7 (NIV) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Timothy 4:8 (NIV) Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day--and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Philippians 1:21 (NIV) For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

Message Study Guide

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(Answer questions based on the message outline and verses)

Intro. Why do you think people fear death?

How did Jesus set us free from the fear of death (Hebrews 2:14-15)?

1A. How does Jesus instruct us to deal with troubled hearts (John 14:1)?

1B. What does John 14:2 tell you about heaven?

1C. How does the promise of heaven help you overcome the fear of death (John 14:3)?

1D. How could you use the question “Are you sure you’re going to heaven?” to witness to someone?

2A. What does Jesus’ resurrection mean for us after death (1 Corinthians 15:20-23)?

2B. Why does Paul say that at the coming of Jesus “Death will be swallowed up in victory” (1 Corinthians 15:51-52, 54)?

3A. In what ways is life like a race (2 Timothy 4:7)?

3B. What can a winner in the race of life look forward to (2 Timothy 4:8)?

3C. What should be our view of life and death (Philippians 1:21)?