

# ***“Facing the Last Enemy”***

Various Scriptures

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## **1. Introductory Remarks and Scripture Readings.**

## **2. The Reality of Death.**

Death in general; my own experience.

## **3. How does the world and our culture respond to death?**

Distraction, denial and circumvention.

## **4. What Does the Bible Say About Death?**

a. Acknowledged from the beginning.

b. What does the Bible mean by death?

Physical, spiritual, eternal (the second death)

## **5. Why is there death?**

In Adam’s fall we sinned all. For God’s greater glory. God works even sin and death for His glory and our eternal good.

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### **6. What Doesn't Happen After Death?**

- a. We cease to exist.
- b. Reincarnation.
- c. Universalism. Everyone will go to heaven.
- d. Annihilationism. The wicked cease to exist.
- e. Secondary probationism. A second chance.
- f. Purgatory. Christians must undergo suffering of purifying fire before entering heaven.

### **7. What Does Happen?**

- a. The intermediate state for the saved and the unsaved.  
Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 86.

### **8. Christ's Second Coming, Resurrection, Judgment, Eternity.**

### **9. How Do We Prepare For Death?**

- a. Attend to the means of grace.
- b. Commune often with God in Christ.
- c. Enjoy fellowship with God's people.
- d. Hold this world loosely.
- e. Think often of heaven.

### **10. Conclusion.**