

31 May 2015: Preached by Elder John Leong

Topic: **Is Death the end of everything?**

Scripture Text: Romans 5: 12-21

1. The Bible tells us in Rom 5:14,17 that death reigns. Indeed death is king over the entire human race. Death is the king of terrors. This fact is seen in the world today with graves lying in every part of this planet earth. In every second, there are 2 people who die on this earth. This is a very scary fact to know.

2. Why is it that death reigns in this world? This is the key to understand why the world is as it is today. This is the key to understand human history. The Bible tells us the reason in v. 12. The reason is that sin entered into the world through one man. This record is given to us in Genesis 2 and 3. Our first parents Adam and Eve disobeyed God.

3. In v.12, the Bible tells us that it is death by sin. Death entered into this world through sin. Death is the consequence and punishment for sin. Death means separation. We will die physically – separation from the living on earth. We will also die spiritually – separation from the living God. Finally, we will have to die eternally – this is the permanent eternal state of being forever separated from the living God and all those who live with God. Our body and soul will be in the Lake of Fire eternally. This is the just punishment for our sins.

4. In v. 12, the Bible also tells us that death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. No one can escape death because we are all born with a sinful corrupt nature. The fact that even baby dies tells us that they are born in sin.

5. In the same passage in Rom 5:12-21, it is not a hopeless message of sin and death. It tells us another truth which is Grace reigns much more (v.15,17,20,21). Grace is what God gives us that we do not deserve. The grace of God gives us life and righteousness. The Grace of God overcomes death for us.

6. How is it that Grace can reign much more? It is only by one Person – Jesus Christ, the Son of God. By Adam, the whole mankind is lost in sin. By Jesus Christ, there is pardon and hope for mankind. Adam did nothing for us but Jesus Christ did everything for us. He left heaven's glory to be born of a virgin to become man for us. He lived a perfect life and obey every law to earn righteousness for us. He died on the cross for us to take away our sins. He rose on the 3rd day for our justification. May we come to the Lord Jesus Christ for our salvation to be saved from eternal death.