

How to Die in Your Sins

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 8:21-30.

B. Every man who has ever lived is responsible for some degree of the light--man has conscience and creation. (Romans 1)

C. Man does not live up to the light, however. (John 3)

D. There are four attitudes that guarantee one will die in his or her sin.

II. Self-righteousness. (John 7:36)

A. The Jews accused Jesus of going to hell.

B. They were so self-righteous that they did not think that they had a sin problem and needed a savior.

C. The Jews have developed a system of human achievement. (Luke 15:16)

D. One's heavenly citizenship is already had or not had. (1 John 5:19)

III. Worldliness.

A. The "world" refers to the spiritual system of evil. (Matthew 13:22)

B. People born into the world are a part of this system. (Luke 16:8, Galatians 4:1)

C. The Christian has died to this system.

IV. Beyond belief.

A. Salvation is available for those who believe.

B. Wrath remains on the one who does not trust Christ. (John 3:36)

V. Willful ignorance.

A. Jesus was clear who he was.

B. The people willfully rejected Jesus.

C. The cross would be the point where these Jews would know.

Application Questions:

1. What is worldliness?

2. How have you experienced self-righteousness? How can you grow in this area?

3. How would you respond to someone who says that God certainly could not condemn a person who has never heard about Jesus? Explain your answer.
