

Genesis 35:16–36:43

"Living As Dying People for Whom Christ Died and Lives"

Why does the Holy Spirit tell us so much in this passage about people dying? Pastor leads his family in today's "Hopewell @Home" passage. In these fifty-seven verses, we learn that God is pointing us to hope only and entirely in Christ and to live only and entirely for Christ, who has defeated sin and death and Hell in His own death and resurrection.

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Genesis 35 beginning verse 16. Going to the end of chapter 36, these are goth words. And they journeyed from Bethel and there was but a little distance to go to Ephrath. Rachel labor and childbirth and she had hard labor. I came to pass when she was in hard labor.

That the midwife said to her do not fear. You will have this son also. So it was as her soul is departing for she died that she called his name been on e. His father called him Benjamin. So Rachel died and. Was buried on the way to Ephrata. That is bit letham.

And Jacob said a pillar on her grave, which is a pillar of Rachel's grave to this day. The Israel journey didn't pitch his tent to be on the tower of Vader and it happened when Israel de land that Ruben went and lay with Bill ha his father's concubine and Israel heard about it.

Now the sons of Jacob were 12 the sons of Leo were ribbon. Jacob's first born and Simeon Levi Judith is a car in Zebulon the sons of Rachel were Joseph and Benjamin. The sons of Bill how Rachel's made servant were Dan and Neptali the sons of Zilpolia has made servant were God and Asher these were the sons of Jacob who were born to him in banana, ram.

Then Jacob came to his father Isaac at the mom rarer carry up arba that his Hebron where Abraham and Isaac at dwelt. Now the days of Isaac or 180 years. So Isaac breathed his last and died and was gathered to his people being old and full of days. And his sons Esau and Jacob buried him.

This is the genealogy of Esau who is Edom. He saw took his wives from the daughters of can Ian. A to the daughter of Elon the hit I to hold a bomb on the daughter of an ah, the daughter of zibian the hivite meals daughter sister of nobody fast to east on Bessemer rule.

And a holy bomber these were the sons of Esau who were born to him in the land of Canaan. The Nissan took his lives his sons his daughters and all the persons of his household and his cattle and all his animals and all his goods which he had gained in the land of Canaan and went to a country away from the presence of his brother Jacob for their possessions were too great for them to dwell together and the land where they were strangers could not support them because of their livestock.

So he saw dwell to ment a year he saw is Edom. And this is the genealogy of you saw the father of the enemy, that's a year. These were the names of you saw sons Ellie Faz the son of a dog the

wife of Esau and Ruelle son of SMS the wife of E saw the sons of Elephants were Tim and Omar Zeffo, get him and kines now Tim Nunn was the concubine of Lafaz East.

Loss son and she bore Amalek to Alex these were the sons of Ada East's wife. These were the sons of Ruelle and the hats are awesome. These were the sons of Bessomats he saw his wife. These were the sons of a holy bomber. He saw his wife the daughter of Ana the daughter of zibian and she bought a sage alum and Cora.

These were the chiefs of the Sons of East Saudis. The first points on a visa were chief to men. Chief. Omar Chief, Zepho, Chief Canets. Chief, Cora chief, get them and chief. Amaluk. These are the chiefs of Elephants and the land of Eden. They were the sons of Ada.

Madara. These were the sons of Ruelle he saw son. Chief, Nahatchie Shamar and Chief Mitzar. These were the chiefs overwhelming of Edom. These were the sons of Besame Esau's wife. And these were the sons of a Holy Balmer. Esau's wife. Chief. Yoosh Chief Alam and Chief Cora, these were the chiefs to descended from Holy Balmer.

You saws wife the daughter of Ana, These were the sons of Esau who is Edom and these were their chiefs. These were the sons of Sierra the whole right to inhabit the land latin. Shabal, Zibian, Anna and Deshaun, Adsor and Deshan. These were the chiefs of the whole writes the sons of severe in the land of Edom.

And the sons of Lawton were horri and a man. Latin sister was Timna. These were the sons of Chavelle Alvin, Manhattan, Shepherd and Onan. These were the sons of Zimian both Ajah and Anna. This was the honor who found the water in the wilderness as you fastered the donkeys of his father.

Zivion. These were the children of Ana de Sean and the Holy Balmer daughter of the law. These were the sons of Deshawn Hemden Echman, Ethran Aaron, these were the sons of AIDS or Bill hands. I have and again. These are the sons of Duchenne ooze and Iran. These were the chiefs of the whole rights.

Chief Lotan chief shovel chief, Zimian Chief. Anarchy of Dishon Chief, Aser Chief Dishen, these were the chiefs of the choroids according to their chiefs in the land of Sierra. Now, these were the kings who reigned in the land of Edom before any king reigned over the children of Israel.

They allowed the son of Beyora reigned in Edom. The name of her city was Denhaba and when Bela died your bad the son of Zara a voter reigned in his place. When you're bad died her Sam the lion of the land of the temenites rained in his place when Husham died.

Haddad the son of dead who attacked Midian in the field of Moab reigned in his place and the name of his city was of it when had died some law of masreca rained in his place and when Sam La died soul of Rehoboth by the river reigned in his place and went so old died Valhanan the son of a whore reigned in his place and when Dale Hanan the son of a bore died.

Had our rained in his place and the name of his city was wow his wife's name was mehata. Bell the daughter of matra the daughter of Mizhad. When these were the names of the chiefs of Esau according to their families and their places by their names chief tinder chief Alva chief yet chief a holy bomber chief Ella chief pin on chief kinase chief team in chief nibs are chief mag deal and chief.

Iran, these are the chiefs of Eden according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession. Esau was the father. Of the Edomites. So for the reading of God's inspired and inert

word you remember from the sermon yesterday that what ties all of this portion of scripture together are the deaths.

That Rachel and Isaac died they died because they were the children of Adam like we are the children of Adam. We send an Adam we died and Adam we need the last Adam who does not sin? In the last Adam who died a death that he did not deserve in order to pay for our sin?

Who is that last Adam is equal.

Who is that last Adam who? Did not sin but died of death that we did not deserve. That's right. Jesus is God he became a man born of a woman and that's what Jacob is remembering and hoping for when he changes then on e son of anguish or some of my anguish to Benjamin son of my right hand the right hand being the one who fights for you the one he's remembering as he names and Benjamin the promise of the seed of the woman who would crush the circums head.

And indeed.

He was hoping that the Christ would come through Benjamin, of course, the Christ comes through Judah not through Benjamin but the Lord Jesus is the one. Has died the death that we deserve and we must be the children of God through faith in Him who must have Jesus' righteousness so that we may have Jesus' death and resurrection and life because we already have.

We already have Adam's sinfulness and guilt and our own sinfulness and guilt that has come from Adam's sinfulness and guilt in us and so we must have Jesus' righteousness because we are dying children of dying parents. And if we do believe in Jesus then when we die it will be like Isaac who the text tells us that Isaac when he died he went to his people he was gathered to his people.

Now Jacob and he saw buried him and Jacob had not only all of his people but had just then of course inherited. Isaac's or two-thirds of Isaac's property and people and all of that because he had the double portion remember he had gotten the birthright. And Esau also was so great that the land could not contain them and even though he had.

He had been so upset about the loss of the birthright and loss of the blessing and still they are so great and they have all these clans and they have all these chiefs they have all these gangs they have all this possession and last verse there according to their dwelling places in the land of their possession.

So, All of that Isaac left behind that's not his people. That's not his purpose. That's not his goal. He was gathered to his people. He was gathered to his father's who had died by faith in Christ. Humanity has split into exactly two races. The race of those who are still in the first atom which does not actually include the first out of any more because he belongs to the race of those who are in the last atom who are in the Lord Jesus Christ.

And then a big question for us is who are our people. If we believe in Christ, if we belong to him if we are citizens of a heavenly everlasting kingdom looking forward to a new heavens and a new earth. Then our people are the believers that assembly of the firstborn in heaven the souls of the just made perfect who are gathered with the holy angels and to whom the Lord adds everyone whom he saves.

This is why he is one of the reasons why he is growing us and holiness so that when it lasts we depart this world and are gathered to do our people. We will fit in. We would not like to be the only sinful people when we are getting. To.

And so. We trust in Christ, we love the church as our people. Throughout the ages holiness will matter very much to us because that'll be our hope and everyone in hopes this way purifies himself, even as he is pure and we must have that holiness without which no one will see the Lord he remember and the Lord Jesus is parable the man with the garment he had to be cast out those who are not as people as you could tell by the lack of the garment.

So. Parents die, so you must have Christ as your righteousness or your death will not be judgment but the way by which you enter into glory believers die, which reminds us that we must have believers as our people kings die. You know, there's Edomite kings Israel later and first Samuel 8 would say give us a king like the nations but verse 31 of chapter 36 here in Genesis says now these are the kings who reigned in the land of Eden before any king reigned over the children of Israel and what good did it do the Edomites did they become godly did they get the blessing of the Lord no?

They could not extend their lives one day by having a king. Linda soon as they passed from this world into the next it did them no good that they had gained so don't be envious of kings or of those who have kings die and they must give a greater account before God before the Lord Jesus when they stand before him who is the king over the kings the king of kings the Lord Jesus.

So don't envy them don't fear them what can a king do to you if you belong to the Lord Jesus Christ you'll be like Shadrach Meshach and Abednego standing before Nebuchadnezzar bold is a lion knowing that even if God doesn't save them out of the furnace their soul will depart and they will go and in and enter the blessedness of God and so they refused about him.

To King Nebuchadnezzar, they know that Nebuchadnezzar like Herod is just waiting to become worm food and you know why we mentioned parent because he became worm food even before and as he was dying the Lord passing that judgment on him and asked chapter 12. But remember that it is a sobering thing that not only kings but unbelievers that they all die.

And that when an unbeliever dies he perishes forever. And so he must love and pray for the loss and we must live by faith and be salt and light where we are. And hope that God will grant to us to you. To be used for the converting of our neighbors and we should pray for and encourage and support our elders our pastors as they do the work of an evangelist and we should pray for the nations and raise up missionaries and perhaps even among us there might be those who will go and go with the gospel knowledge that the Lord is giving you of his work will be useful for whatever wherever you end up whether you are a single person in a congregation who.

Speaks the scriptures to one another like we heard from Ephesians five yesterday or whether you are a parent who will be called to disciple you your children and your grandchildren or if the Lord may call you to go and participate in world missions taking the gospel to where it is not yet known you should pray for and support and encourage the churches that are already.

In our community and around the world because this is the great mission the son of man came to seek and save that which has lost and he is arcade and we should follow him because unbelievers also die.

In the spring.

Father in heaven. I pray for my children. As I am dying and therefore they are dying and will one day leave this world. That you would grant to them to grasp this reality. That you grant to them to grasp and know the reality of Christ. That they would rejoice over his death and resurrection and their behalf.

They would trust in him. His death and resurrection would belong to them. Grant to them to consider your people their people so that they would look forward to being gathered to their people that the saints in glory would be their delight and that therefore from those in the land they would be the saints in the land who are their delight.

And I pray Lord that you would help them either to envy nor fear and certainly not to put their hope in any earthly king. But help them O God to trust in King Jesus. And help them. I pray to have soft hearts towards those who are perishing outside of Christ.

That you would be willing to use them use their prayers use their witness use their support to frameless and missionaries. To gather to Christ those who are dying and give them life and make them children of life. Grant Lord that my children would be children of life. Asking Jesus name.

And your children here say. Amen.