



**Were humans made to live  
briefly, then die?**

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# How are humans made?

**“The appearance of grey hairs is just one sign that a person is getting older. Changes within our immune system also occur as we age...”**

*Jenny Buckland, Nature*

**“Ageing appears to be a lifelong accumulation of faults at the cellular and molecular level, each a random occurrence insignificant in itself, combining to overwhelm the body’s ability to keep its systems running.”**

*Institute of Ageing and Health*



# What is the outcome?

**“The potential lifespan of a human is probably finite and around 115 years. Deterioration in body function, and death, is ultimately inevitable.”**


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# Where does that leave man?



Live and die



**“THE FOOL  
HATH SAID IN  
HIS HEART  
THERE IS NO  
GOD”**

**PSALM 53:1**



# What does our maker say?

**“For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.”**

***Ecclesiastes 9:5***



# Why is it like this?

## Genesis 3:17-19

**17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;**

**18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;**

**19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**



# But why me...?

## **God's purpose:**

**Numbers 14:21**

**21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD.**

## **Our situation:**

**Romans 3:23**

**23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**





# What needs to change?

## 1 Corinthians 15:50-57

**50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.**

**51 Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,**

**52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.**

**53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.**

**54 So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.**

**55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?**

**56 The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.**

**57 But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**



# Jesus is the key...

**“Neither is there salvation in any other [*but Jesus Christ*]: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”**

**Acts 4:12**



# So where are we...?

- **Yes, man is currently designed to live briefly and die...**

**BUT**

- **Through Jesus Christ this can be changed and man can receive the gift of immortality from God**



# So what must we do?

- **Read God's word – the Bible**
- **Understand and believe what Jesus has done for us**
- **Take on Christ's saving name in three steps:**
  - **Believe**
  - **Repent of our past lives**
  - **Be baptised into his name**
- **Remain steadfast for the rest of our lives, walking in his ways**



# In God's words...

**John 6:40**

**40 And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

**John 3:5**

**5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**



# The walk of faith...

**1 John 1:6-10**

**6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:**

**7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

**8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

**9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**





# We must be ready...

**“Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man [*Jesus*] cometh.”**

**Matthew 25:13**

