"And He Died"

Gen. 5:5,8,11,14,17,20,27,31

Introduction:

- A. Cannot imagine living lives of those men of old.
 - 1. What would it have been like to have lived that long?
 - 2. What could have be accomplished in such a life span?
- B. Cannot help noticing the three final words for each one "and he died".
 - 1. Now it did not matter how *long* he lived, but how *well* he had lived.
 - 2. Now it did not matter what he accomplished with his life, but his condition when he died.
- C. When all it said and done about out lives, it will have to be added "And He (or she) died".
- D. Then it will not really matter:

Discussion:

- I. How we have lived, but how we are living. (Ezek. 18:20-32).
 - A. May have lived wickedly but repented turns to righteousness. (vv. 20-23).
 - B. May have lived righteously but turned to unrighteousness. (vv. 24-32).
- II. What we have, but what we are. (Luke 12:15-21).
 - A. Rich man and Lazarus. (Lk. 16:19-31).
 - B. Must not trust riches. (1 Tim. 6:17-19).
- III. How many commands we have kept, if we reject one (Mark 10:21)
 - A. If keep whole law, offend in one point. (Jas. 2:10).
 - B. Pharisees did many right things, but lacked some essentials. (Matt. 23:23).
- IV. How we have been treated, but how we have treated (Rom. 12:17-21)
 - A. Paul's attitude toward Alexander. (2 Tim. 4:14).
 - B. Jesus's teaching on treatment of enemies. (Mt. 5:44).
- V. How much we have been troubled in the world, but how much I have troubled the world. (Matt. 18:7)
 - A. God has a way of over-ruling trouble for good.
 - B. God still requires repentance of each individual of his deeds.
- VI. How we have impressed men, but how we have impressed God. (Matt. 6:1-4)
 - A. Pharisees. (Matt. 23:1-4).
 - B. Herod. (Acts 12:20-24).
- VII. How much good we have done, if we have not repented of evil. (Rev. 2:1-5).
 - A. Pharisee and Publican. (Luke 18:12-14).
 - B. Cornelius. (Acts 10).
 - C. Some think can make up for sin toward God and others by good works without real repentance.
 - 1. The alien sinner must repent and be baptized (Acts 2:38).
 - 2. The erring Christian must repent and pray (Acts 8:22)

Conclusion:

- A. One day it have to be said of us "and he died".
- B. What will really matter then?