## A Living Faith in a Dying World Genesis 5:4-31

The most common phrase that characterizes this part of history is "and he died."

The Bible teaches that . . .

- The wages of sin is <u>death</u>.
- Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death <u>spread to all men</u> because all sinned.
- It is appointed unto man to die and after that the judgment.

There tends to be two responses to the inescapability of death:

- One grinds out the drudgery of <u>pain</u>, depression, and <u>despair</u>; living without hope, simply trying to survive another day.
- Another lives for the revelry of selfish pleasure, trying to gain as much of whatever they desire as long as they can.

But there is a path that doesn't end in death and it is symbolized by the one exception in Genesis 5.

Enoch symbolizes <u>life</u>.

- Eternal life
- Abundant life

Enoch symbolizes life with real <u>purpose</u>.

- You were designed to walk with God.
- You were created for eternal things.

Enoch symbolizes a victorious life.

- Enoch is a picture of God's desire that <u>sanctification</u> should seamlessly lead right into glorification.
- Enoch is a picture of the <u>rapture</u> of the church.