

Text: John 8:48-59

Date: 6-12-22

Verses 48-51:

• The Lord does not wish for any to die in their sins, but that they would turn and live.

o John 10:10-11

Ezekiel 18:32

Verses 52-53:

• The world offers no comfort in death.

Appointed to die

■ Psalm 139:16, Hebrews 9:27

o 1 John 2:15-17

Verses 53-56:

- The Lord is our joy beyond death.
 - "Someday you will read or hear that Billy Graham is dead. Don't you believe a word of it. I shall be more alive than I am now. I will just have changed my address. I will have gone into the presence of God." - Billy Graham, evangelist

Verses 57-59:

- The Lord Jesus is our comfort in death.
 - o Because he is I AM
 - Exodus 3:14

Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

If Christ is I AM...

- ...then we need not fear death.
 - o 1 Corinthians 15:55-56

- ...then we are not alone in death.
 - o Isaiah 46:3-4

"Behold Him there, the Risen Lamb My perfect, spotless righteousness The great unchangeable I am The King of glory and of grace! One with Himself I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ, my Savior and my God"

Before the Throne of God Above by Charitie Lees Bancroft