“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 much good we have done, if we have not repented of evil. (Rev. 2:1-5).
   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?