



February 14th, 2024

Lesson – ***“Ash Wednesday”*** - Scripture: Daniel 9:27

- I. The _____ of Ash Wednesday
- a. Ash Wednesday is a _____ day of prayer and fasting in many Western Christian denominations. It is officially called the Day of Ashes.
 - b. Ash is placed in the shape of a cross on the _____, acknowledging sin and repentance (Jonah 3:5-7).
 - c. Traditionally the ashes came from the burned _____ from the previous year’s Palm Sunday.
 - d. Churches _____, pray, and repent during this time.
 - e. It marks the commencing of the _____ period, culminating with Easter.
 - f. Lent lasts 46 days. Forty days are for fasting and 6 _____ during that period fasting is not done.
 - g. It is believed this started during the _____ Age.
- II. The _____ of Ash Wednesday
- a. Ashes symbolize death and repentance, and we are remembering that we are _____ (Genesis 2:7).
 - b. The words (based on Genesis 3:19) used traditionally to accompany this gesture are, “Remember, man, that thou art dust, and to dust thou shalt _____.”
 - i. Human remains _____ to dust. We are _____ to near nothing (Job 34:14-15), because dust has no value; dirt does.
 - c. The number _____ has Biblical importance and significance.
 - i. Moses spent 40 days and nights with God on _____ and Jesus was in the wilderness and _____ by satan during a 40-day period.
 - d. The ashes are typically mixed with holy water or _____.
- III. The _____ of Ash Wednesday
- a. Ash Wednesday is a day of confessing, professing, and _____ (Matthew 11:21).
 - i. It is an open _____ that Christ is The Head of your life.
 - b. The Book of Daniel connects _____ to ashes, and some scholars believe this is the origin of the Lenten practice (Daniel 9:3).
 - c. Christians are _____ themselves as Christ did, a reminder to be humble in the face of mortality.
 - i. Deny something you _____: pop, candy, tv, social media...sin!