

VICTORY OVER DEATH
Good Tidings Of Great Joy

I. We must be cautious you can romanticize the power and reality of these things

II. Adam's sin left mankind with a problem for which they had no answer

- A. In the beginning all creation oozed with life and there was no death-The only things in the Earth were things God created and everything He created was good-**Gn1:31**-*God saw everything that he made and behold it was very (wholly, exceedingly) good (Well, beautiful, bountiful, pleasant, sweet, prosperity, right, excellent) – Rev21:4,22;3*
- B. When Adam sinned He gave access to the enemy into his domain-**Gn1:26**-*God said let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth*
1. Whoever you yield to you give access to-Sin or yielding to the enemy gives him place or access-**Ep4:26-27**-*Be angry and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil*
 - a. He's looking for access and resisting denies him access-**1Pt5:8**-*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walks about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith*
 - b. Whomever you yield to you give place to rule over you and you give them authority to carry out their will and plan for your life-**Rm6:16**-*To whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey; Whether of sin unto death or obedience unto righteousness*
 2. Satan only comes for this reason, to steal, kill and destroy-Jesus was very clear about this-**Jn10:10**-*The thief **comes** (come enter) not, but for to steal, and to kill and to destroy; CEB-The thief **enters** only to steal, kill and destroy*
 3. Why didn't God stop this?-It wasn't His domain, it was man's; God was not in control because He chose not to be
- C. Through the sin of man death entered-A doorway was opened and death entered this world for the first time-**Rm5:12**-*By one man sin entered (come in) into the world, and death by sin; and so death **passed** upon all men, for that all have sinned*
1. Why hadn't death entered before?-No access, but through sin a doorway was opened and death entered
 2. The problem with sin is it lets the enemy in, it lets death in-It's not just that sin is vile (and it is), but it's the results that sin produces that God hates-**Ps35:27**-*Who takes pleasure in the prosperity of his servant*
 3. Life and death are forces that produce-Life means alive, fresh, strong, revive, keep alive, green, lively, flowing, live prosperously; If things are this way there's a force that produced it and that force is life; *Death* is pestilence, ruin, kill, destroy, perish; If things are this way there's a force that produced it and that force is death (I.E. Pretty flower)
 - a. The power of life and death-**Pr18:21**-**GW**-*The tongue has the power of life and death; (IKEA: Speaking life and death to a plant; What did that do to the plant? Words, yes but life or death power released through words)*
 - b. Life made him living-**Gn2:7**-*God formed man out of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul*
 4. Death is a working force that works to weaken, decay, destroy-**Hb2:14**-*Destroy him that had the power (force) of death; 2Cor4:12*-*Death works in us, but life in you; 2Co7:10*-*Sorrow of the world works death; Rm7:13*-*Sin working death in me*

III. Death swept over man and all creation-**Rm5:12**-*Death passed upon all men (Traverse-Travel across, lay across, to pass over)*

- A. Death kissed creation-**Rm8:20**-**AC**-*For the creation (nature) was subjected to frailty (to futility, condemned to frustration)...21 That nature (creation) itself will be set free from it's bondage to decay and corruption*
1. Everything God created and gave man dominion over was infected with death-Ground, animals, atmosphere-**Gn3:17**-*Cursed is the ground; Is11:6*-*The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. 7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den. 9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain*
- B. Death infected man on every level-**Gn2:17**-*You shall not eat of it: for in the day you eat thereof you shall surely die*
1. Death infected man's spirit-That day he died inside, went from life to death on the inside, his light went out and he was all darkness, all death on the inside, he lost life, he lost eternal life and there's no way back
 - a. You can be alive outside/physically and dead inside/spiritually-**Ep2:1**-*You hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins*

- b. His inward condition went from righteous to unrighteous-We have to be made righteous inside because we were not-**2Co5:21**-*That we might be made the righteousness (condition acceptable to God, holy, right, faultless) of God in him*
 - 1. His inward condition changed his eternal location-**1Cor6:9**-*Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God... 11 And such were some of you: but you are washed, but you are sanctified (make holy, purified), but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the spirit of God*
 - c. Inside he went from the nature of God to the nature of sin-**Ep2:3**-*We were by nature the children of wrath; 2Pt1:4*
 - 2. Death infected man's body-God did not create their bodies to die, but man's body became temporal and mortal-It began to break down, weaken, decay and he's going to lose it to the dust of the earth-**Gn3:19**-*In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread till you return to the ground; for out of it wast you taken; for dust you are and unto dust shall you return*
 - 3. Death infected man's soul (mind, will, emotions)-**Hb2:14**-*Who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage*
 - a. There is now this looming fear of death and there is no peace-Death was the beginning of a miserable eternal existence and the loss of your body forever and everyday you're closer to it-**Mt25:46**-*Everlasting punishment (torment-extreme pain and anguish; the utmost degree of misery)*
- C. Mankind was left with a problem for the which he created and has no answer-He's dead inside, he's dying outside and he's destined for miserable eternal existence in hell; Science, intellect, education, politics can't help him; He has no hope and is without God in the world-**Eph2:12**-*That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise having no hope and without God in the world*

IV. According to God Jesus' manifesting in the Earth was good news of mega joy proportions

- A. God speaks the enemy's defeat-He does everything with His Words-**Gn3:14-15**-*God said unto the serpent, Because you have done this, you are cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go and dust shall you eat all the days of your life: And I will put enmity (hostility) between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed and it shall bruise (snap, break, overwhelm) your head, and you shalt bruise his heel; 1Co15:25-He must reign, till he has put all enemies under his feet*
 - 1. God speaks this through the prophets-**Is7:14**-*Theefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold a virgin shall conceive and bear a son and shall call his name Immanuel; Is9:6-For unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace; Jer23:5-Behold the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the Earth; Mic5:2-But you Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings froth have been from the old, from everlasting; Mal4:2-But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings*
 - 2. God's got Jesus into the Earth with His Word, with faith and by His Spirit-**Jn1:14**-*The word became flesh and dwelt among us; Lk1:35-The Holy Ghost shall come upon you and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee*
- B. Every time it's prophesied fear is building in the enemy because he knows this one is coming-**Js2:19**-*You believe that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe, and tremble (shudder, chill, fear, struck with extreme fear, horrified)*
 - 1. They are this way because the enemy is this way-The king of Egypt commanded all the sons of Hebrew women be killed-Ex1:15; Pharaoh ordered all the children two and under born in Bethlehem be killed-Mt2:16
- C. Jesus came to reverse everything the devil did-To undo everything sin and death did-**1Jn3:8**-*For this purpose was the son of God manifested, that he might destroy (undo, reverse) the works of the devil*
- D. This is good news of mega proportions-**Lk2:7**-*And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. 9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings (good news) of great (megas) joy (cheerfulness, gladness, exceeding joy), which shall be to all people. 11 For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior (deliverer), which is Christ the Lord. 12 And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 14 Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will (good pleasure) toward men.*
 - 1. These are the words of God-Angels don't speak of themselves-
 - 2. A deliverer (savior) is born-We can be delivered from everything that we got ourselves into; We can be born again inside; Our bodies can be redeemed; The fear of death that loomed and tormented us has been lifted and we now have peace that passes all understanding; There'll be a new earth and we'll spend eternity in the presence of God
 - 3. Peace on Earth and good will toward men-Not in Heaven right now