

# VICTORY OVER DEATH

Undone

- I. **Jesus was lying in that manger to undo and reverse everything the devil did-1Jn3:8***For this purpose was the son of God manifested (appear), that he might destroy (dissolve-to annual; bring to naught) the works of the devil; AC-Undo the works the devil has done*
- A. **Sin and death were the works of the devil**-Sin was getting man to yield to him and the result of that is the force of death being released to weaken, decay and destroy
- B. **Death infected all creation**-Earth, animal kingdom, atmosphere-**Rm8:20-AC***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*
- C. **Death infected the spirit of man**-He went from life to death inside-**Gn2:17***For in the day you eat thereof you shall surely die*
1. **The condition of his spirit went from righteous to unrighteous**-He became unholy, wrong, wicked (twisted) inside; **2Co5:21***That we might be made the righteousness (condition acceptable to God, holy, right, faultless) of God in him*
  2. **He went from the nature of God to the nature of sin/death**-**Ep2:3***We were by nature (lineal descent, sort, species, kind) the children of wrath; Ps51:5-ER-I was born to do wrong, a sinner before I left my mother's womb; Rm5:19**Many were made sinners*
  3. **His inward condition changed his eternal location**-**1Co6:9***The unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God*
- D. **Death infected man's body**-His body began to decay and he'll 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*
- E. **Jesus came to rescue that which was perishing**-The creation and mankind-**Lk19:10***For the Son of man is come to seek and to save (deliver, preserve, rescue) that which is lost (perish-wither and decay, waste away; destroy, die); Jn10:10*
- II. **By manifesting in the flesh, dying and being raised from the dead He dethroned death-Rm5:14***Death reigned from Adam to Moses; Re1:18-I am he that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive forevermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death*
- A. **Jesus was the firstborn from the dead**-He was the first born again man with a glorified body-**Col1:18***He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead (spiritually dead, one that breathed his last)*
1. **He was the first being to be born from death to life inside**-**Is53:10***When you shall make your soul (the whole of a person) an offering for sin; 11-He shall see the travail of his soul and be satisfied; 12-He poured out his soul unto death; 2Cor5:21-He made him to be sin who knew no sin (He bore the nature of sin and death); Nm21:8, Jn3:14**Serpent on the pole*
  2. **He was the first to be resurrected to a glorified body**-This was the first resurrection of this kind; Others had been resurrected back to their earthly body (Jairus' daughter, Lazarus), but he was resurrected to a glorified body
    - a. **This glorified body is an immortal body and unlimited**-Never to weaken, decay, age or die; It is not limited like the body we have now; **Lk24:31***He vanished out of their sight; 36-As they spoke he stood in the midst of them; 37-What their seeing has the appearance of spirit; 39-He wasn't just a spirit; 41-42-He ate fish and honeycomb; 51-He traveled from Heaven to Earth; Jn20:19,26**The doors were closed where the disciples were and Jesus came in; 27-He's got the holes in his hands, but no blood coming out; Mk16:12**He could appear in another form*
- B. **What was Jesus resurrected to? A living spirit and a glorified body and this proved death had no dominion over Him**-He went from dead body and dead spirit to glorified body and spirit that was alive
- II. **Jesus abolished death-2Tm1:10***Now is made manifest by the appearing of our savior Jesus Christ who hath abolished (render entirely idle, useless, do away, make of none effect, bright to naught, make void) death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel*
- A. **Any affect death had on creation Jesus voided it out**-**Rm8:21-AC***That nature (creation) itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption Rv21:1-I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away*
- B. **Any affect death had on man's spirit Jesus voided it out**-Your spirit can be made alive-**Eph1:19***And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, 20 Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, 1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: 3 Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. 4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, 5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;) 6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: 8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: 9 Not of works, lest any man should boast. 10 For we are his workmanship (product, made), created in Christ Jesus unto good works*

1. You are a new creation; Your inward condition changed-You're not a dead sinner-**2Co5:17**-If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation **21** That we might be made the righteousness of God in him; **Rm5:8**-While we were yet sinners Christ died for us; **19** By one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous
  2. Your inward condition seals your eternal location-**1Co6:9**-The unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God **11** And such were some of you: but you are washed, but you are sanctified but you are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the spirit of God;
    - a. When you leave your body you enter into something-What you enter into is based solely on your inward condition **Mt25:46**-These shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal
  3. Your spirit is created in the image of God-**Ep4:24-ESV**-And to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God;
  4. God created your spirit, so there are no spiritual birth defects-**Eph2:10**-We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus
  5. The seed that produced your spirit is pure-**1Pt1:23**-Being born again not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible by the Word of God
  6. Nothing broken about your recreated spirit-**Co2:10**-Complete in him; **Ep4:24**-Created in righteousness and true holiness
  7. Nothing weak about your recreated spirit-**Eph6:10**-Be strong in the Lord; **Ph4:13, 1Jn4:4**
  8. Put off, put on-One of the most debilitating things you can do as a Christian is to identify with your old nature instead of your new creation-The change has taken place, but you still talk, think and live like it hasn't-**Eph4:22**-That you put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that you put on (sink into) the new man which after God was created in righteousness and true holiness
- C. Any affect death had on man's body has been voided out-**1Cor15:17**-And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. **18** Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished (destroy, ruin, lost). **26** The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death. **40** There are also celestial (heavenly) bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. **42** So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: **43** It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: **44** It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body. **47** The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. **49** And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. **52** In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. **53** For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. **54** So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. **55** O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? **56** The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. **57** But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. 18-If Christ wasn't raised from the dead then perishing is all that's left
2. 39-40-There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies
3. 49-We have born the image of the earthly, we will also bear the image of the heavenly

D. Life (born again) and immortality (glorified body) is brought to light through the gospel-This is the gospel-**2Tm1:10**

### III. What Jesus did has affect in this life too-**1Co15:19**-If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable

- A. If we only talk about what Jesus' birth, death and resurrection does for us in this life it breeds unhappiness-We need to talk about both and not get in the ditch on either; We need perspective because there's something bigger than this life; If what He did for us only helps in this life, that's misery because this life will be over soon and when it is then what
- B. Man was under Satan's thumb-People who aren't born again are under the enemy's influence-**Ep2:2**-In time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience
- C. Jesus undid this-Being born again and recreated in the image of my father I have authority over the evil one (Eph1:19); I can resist him in the name of Jesus and walk in victory over him in this life and even tasting of the powers of the world to come in this life (Heb6:5); I can follow my master in this life and resist the temptation to go another way and shut the enemy out and experience the blessing God wants for me and has for me

### IV. You can see why this is mega news-**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.