

# VICTORY OVER DEATH

## To Destroy The Works Of The Devil

I. **Jesus came to the Earth to destroy the works of the devil-1Jn3:8**-For this **purpose** (intent) was the son of God **manifested** (appear, apparent externally, make visible), that he might **destroy** (put off, dissolve, break, melt, undo, annul, do away with, demolish) the works of the devil; **CSB**-To destroy the devils works; **CEV**-To destroy all that he has done; **GNT**-To destroy what the devil had done; **VO**-That is why the Son of God came into our world: to destroy the plague of destruction inflicted on the world by the diabolical one

A. **There was a singleness in purpose in Jesus' coming**-He came for one purpose-**1Jn3:8-AM**-The son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works (act, deed, doing, anything accomplished) of the devil; **AC**-The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done]; **CJB**-It was for this very reason that the Son of God appeared, to destroy these doings of the Adversary; **PH**-The Son of God came to earth with the express purpose of liquidating the devil's activities; **MS**-The Son of God entered the scene to abolish the devil's ways; **TP**-The reason the Son of God was revealed was to undo and destroy the works of the devil; **NIRV**-The Son of God came to destroy the devil's work

B. **Jesus took on flesh and blood so that he could destroy the devil**-He is lying in that manger for one reason-**Hb2:14**-Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy (render useless, do away with, make of none effect, bring to naught, make void) him that had the power of death that is the devil and 15 And deliver them who through fear of death where all their lifetime subject to bondage

C. **Jesus came to undo what the devil did-1Jn3:8-JUB**-That he might undo the works of the devil

## II. What did the devil do? What were the works of the devil? What did Jesus come to undo?

A. **The works of the devil were sin and death-Rm5:12**-Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, so death passed upon all men for that all have sinned

B. **Sin is the work of the devil**-Satan enticed them (Adam & Eve) to sin and by yielding to him sin entered the world

1. **To sin is to yield to him-Rm6:16**-Know ye not, that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness

2. **Sin is about yielding and access**-We've focused too much on the acts of sin, the vileness of those sinful acts and have not taught people about yielding and access

3. **The enemy wants you to sin because he wants access into your life to steal, kill and destroy**-He doesn't come to just get people to sin for sin's sake-**Jn10:10**-The thief cometh not but for to steal and to kill and to destroy

4. **God hates sin is because it threatens your prosperity**-He's not just displeased with the acts of sin, but what those acts produce in the lives of His people-**Hb3:17**-But with whom was he grieved (displeased) forty years? Was it not with them that had sinned, whose carcasses fell in the wilderness; **Ps35:27**-Takes pleasure in the prosperity of his servant

5. **How did God determine what sin would be**-Sin is anything that threatens your well-being and prosperity; God would never tell you to do something that would lead to your demise, destruction or peril; God is good, He does only good, He is for your good and so His commands will lead you into good; Sin is things that lead to your bad

C. **Death is the work of the enemy**-It came by man yielding to the enemy-**Rm5:12; 1Cor15:21**-Since by man came death

1. **Death is a force-Hb2:15**-Destroy him that had the power (force) of death; **2Cor4:12**-So then death works (operative, at work, affect, put forth power) in us, but life in you; **2Cor7:10**-The sorrow of the word works death; **Rom7:13**-Sin working death in me

2. **Death is a destructive spiritual force that works to weaken, decay and destroy**-The moment they sinned and death entered it began to work to weaken, decay and destroy everything God created

## III. The force of death infected man spirit, soul and body

A. **Death infected man's spirit**-That death that day was inside-**Gn2:17**-In the day you eat therefore you shalt surely die

1. **A change took place in his spirit**-He did the born-again process in reverse going from life to death, from the nature of God to the nature of sin-**Gn1:27**-Created man in his own image; **Ep2:3**-We were by nature the children of wrath (punishment)

2. **Man went from righteous to unrighteous on the inside-2Co5:21**-For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness (condition acceptable to God, holy, right, faultless) of God in him

3. His inward condition sealed his eternal location and the quality of his eternal existence-1Co6:9-Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God; Jn3:5-Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit he cannot enter into the kingdom of God 7 You must be born again
  - a. Eternal life deals with the quality of your existence, not the length of your existence-Everyone will exist forever, but the state of our existence we enter will not all be the same-Mt25:46-These shall go away *into* everlasting punishment (torment): but the righteous *into* life eternal

#### B. Death infected man's body

1. God did not create their bodies to die, but when death entered and infected man's body it became mortal-It began to break down, weaken and decay and he was set 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
2. Our bodies are a lot like a flower-It starts small grows and reaches it's peak and then begins to decline-1Pt1:24-For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withers and the flower thereof falls away

- C. Death infected man's soul-The fear of death looms because everlasting punishment awaits him and everyday he's one step closer to it-**Hb2:14**-Who through the fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage

#### IV. **At that point in time, there was no way back for man**

- A. Mankind was left with a problem that he created, for the which he has no answer-He's dead inside, he's dying outside and 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

1. The day they sinned was the darkest day in the history of mankind

- B. His birth was mega good 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

#### V. **Him lying in that manger was the beginning of a stealth mission to destroy hell**

- A. This is something severe-Jesus gets dropped into Earth and begins something ripe with difficulties; Temptations, attempts against his life, sweating blood, resisting the devil, being scourged at the whipping post, hanging on the cross, marred to the point of not looking like man, leaving his body, going to hell, taking the keys of death, hell and the grave and undoing everything the devil had done