## I AM COME

No Fear Of Death

## I. Death infected man's soul-It began to eat away and his mind and emotions

- A. <u>Fear and sorrow</u>-He knew nothing of such things-Gn3:10-I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.<sup>16</sup>...in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children <sup>17</sup>...cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it
- B. <u>The fear of death loomed over him-</u>When he leaves his body he's going to everlasting torment; Everyday he's a step closer; He had no peace
- II. Jesus delivered us from the fear of death-Hb2:14-For as much 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 him that had the power of death that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage
  - A. <u>He ate the pain of death for me so I'll never will</u>-Hb2:9-That he by the grace of God should taste (experience, eat) death for every man-Ac2:24-Whom God hath raised up having loosed the pains of death-Jn11:26-Whoseover lives and believes in me shall never die
  - B. <u>"Death" for the believer</u>-Your spirit slips out of your body like a hand slipping out of a glove and you'll be staring Jesus in the face; Your body lays down to rest, but it'll be glorified and you'll slip back into it and you'll enjoy eternal life-*Ph1:21*-For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain
  - C. <u>Death has no sting</u>-It's not a threat-**1Cor15:55**-0 death where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?-**2Tm1:10**-By the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ who hath abolished death
- III. With His birth came this message, Peace on Earth and good will toward men-Lk2:10-And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.<sup>11</sup>For unto you is born this day in the city of David a savior, which is Christ the Lord.<sup>12</sup>And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.<sup>13</sup>And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,<sup>14</sup>Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace (prosperity, welfare, health, every kind of good, quietness, tranquility) good will toward men (delight, satisfaction, pleasure)
  - A. <u>Peace-Includes freedom from that fear of death</u>
  - B. <u>Peace (prosperity) on Earth and goodwill</u>-This means God is for us-*Rm8:32*-*AC*-He who did not withhold or spare [even] His own Son but gave Him up for us all, will He not also with Him freely and graciously give us all [other] things?
- IV. Believing that God is for you is foundational to your peace-Ps118:6-The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me-Ps23:4-Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
  - A. <u>Emmanuel means God is with/for us, not just present with us</u>-Being in the same room as you is being with you, but that's not the same as being in the room with you and for you-*Mt1:23*-A virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God WITH us (On the side of; For-Merriam Webster)
    - 1. Satan's biggest problem was that God was for the man
  - B. <u>The birth of Jesus was a sign and the sign says God is with us/for us</u>-He's for our good, prosperity, well-being
- V. We can have peace and joy in the Earth because we are secure-Jn14:27-Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid-Jn15:11-These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.