## VICTORY OVER DEATH

The Gospel Of Prosperity

- I. Death entered the world by sin and left a wake of carnage-Rm5:12-By one man sin entered into the world and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men-TL-His sin spread death throughout the whole world, so everything began to grow old and die
  - A. <u>Death is a force that works to weaken, decay, destroy</u>-It's what causes something to weaken, decay and be destroyed-Hb2:14-Power of death
  - B. <u>Death came by man NOT God-He yielded</u> and gave the enemy access to his domain-1co15:21-By man came death-Gn1:27-Rm6:16-Jn10:10
  - C. <u>Satan's aim is destruction NOT Sin</u>-Sin is means to an end-*Is14:12*-Weaken the nations (fail/decay/waste away)-1Pt5:8-Whom he may devour-Rv9:11-Apollyon (destroyer)
  - D. <u>Before death</u>-Everything was strong, flourishing, thriving, doing well
  - E. <u>Death infected creation</u>-Earth isn't doing well/not how God created it-**Rm8:20**-Creation was subjected to frailty...<sup>22</sup>whole creation groans and travails in pain
  - F. <u>Death infected all 3 parts of man</u>-Man was not doing well-Spirit's dead, body is dying, fear of death looms over him
  - G. <u>Death was the state His eternal existence</u>-Eternal life deals with the state of your existence NOT if you will exist-*Mt25:46*-These shall go away into everlasting punishment (torment) but the righteous into life eternal
  - H. Sin has been overemphasized-The problem was the penalty for sin
- II. Jesus is lying in the manger to give us life-Jn10:10-I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly-1Jn3:8-Destroy the works of the devil
  - A. Life is not just the existence of something, but the quality of the existence-Represents strong, prospering, flourishing, doing well-**Pr4:22**-They are life-**Js1:8-Pr8:35-**Finds me, finds life
    - 1. The force of life is what causes something to be strong, flourish and do well
    - <u>EX</u>-A flower that is dead speaks to its condition not to whether or not it exists
  - B. <u>Man (spirit/soul/body) is dead, decaying, wasting away</u>-It was not God's will, He did not like, got no pleasure in it-Ez33:11-I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live-Ez18:32-Ps35:27-Let them say continually, Let the Lord be magnified which hath pleasure in the prosperity (safe, happy, welfare, health, well, tranquility) of his servant
  - C. <u>God is all about life</u>-See the beginning and the end-Gn1:31-God saw everything that he made, and behold it was very good-Rv21:3-Wipe away all tears...no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain-Rv22:3-There shall be no more curse-2Co3:6-Spirit gives life-Jn6:63-Words are spirit and life-Jn14:6-I am the life-Ps36:9-With you is a fountain of life-Jn6:48-Bread of life-Ac3:15-Prince of life-Ph2:16-Word of Life-Rv21:27-Lamb's book of life-Rv2:10-Crown of life-Rv22:14-Tree of life-Rv21:6-Water of life-Rm4:17-Quickens the dead
  - D. <u>Abolished death</u>-Spirits recreated, bodies glorified, no fear of death, eternal life secured-2Tm1:10-Abolished death and has <u>brought life and immortality to</u> <u>light through the gospel</u>-TP-Dismantled death obliterating all its effects on our lives

- E. <u>Gospel of prosperity</u>-Not about a doctrinal stance, but about who God is **Rm10:15**-How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace (prosperity, welfare, health, every kind of good, tranquility, bliss-highest degree of blessedness)
- F. If we'll follow Him we can enjoy blessing now-Lk2:14-Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men-Hb6:5-Tasted the powers of the world to come-1Tm4:8-EX-Serving God brings you blessings in this life and in the future life too
- III. He's in that manger to give us life because Hs is for us (good/prosperity/success) 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 (On the side of, for) us
  - A. Love is inseparable from prosperity-*3Jn2*-Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health even as they soul prospers