

## VICTORY OVER DEATH

### The Gospel

- I. **Man is spirit, soul, body**-Gn2:7-The Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul; 2Co4:16-Though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day; Js2:26-The body without the spirit is dead; 1Th5:23-The very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ
- II. **When man sinned the force of death infected him in all 3 parts**-Rm5:12-As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin
- A. Death is a force that works to destroy-2Co4:12-Death worketh in us; 2Co7:10-The sorrow of the world worketh death; Hb2:14-The power of death
- B. His spirit died the day he sinned-It didn't cease to be, it was infected with death, a change took place inside-Gn2:17-In the day that you eat thereof you will surely die
1. He was created in God's image (nature) but that changed-Ep2:3-We were by nature the children of wrath (lineage, species, kind); Ps51:5-ER-A sinner before I left my mothers womb; Rm5:19-By one man's disobedience many were made sinners; Jn8:44-You are of your father the devil
  2. He didn't just so something, he became something-He became wrong-2Co5:21-He hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (condition acceptable to God, holy, right, faultless)
  3. He went from life to death on the inside-Co2:13-You being dead in your sins
- C. His inward condition sealed his eternal location-1Cor6:9-Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God?
1. He is set to enter everlasting punishment when he leaves his body-Mt25:41-Depart from me, you cursed, **into** everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels 46 And these shall go away **into** everlasting punishment (torment), but the righteous into life eternal
  2. What you do doesn't send you to hell, but what you are can-Good works won't save you because they can't fix the condition of your spirit
  3. The condition of a dead spirit can't bare the glory of the father-God wasn't trying to kill Moses, but His glory is so powerfully pure and good, it destroys everything bad-Ex33:20; Ex39:26-Bell worn by priest; Jn3:3-Except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God
- D. Death infected his body-It began to die that day-Gn3:19-Till you return unto the ground; for out of it wast you taken; for dust you are and unto dust shall you return
1. Eventually it will be destroyed in hell-Mt10:28-Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell
- E. Death infected his soul with fear-Hb2:15-And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage
- F. His spirit became like the devil, his body became mortal, his soul was bound by fear-At this point there is no way out of this, no way back
- III. **Jesus defeated death and abolished it by dying and being raised from the dead**-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; 2Tm1:10-By the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ who hath abolished death and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel
- A. Jesus came here as man (spirit, soul and body) and so he could die like men-Ph2:6-Who being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God (**AC**-Who being in

the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained); <sup>7</sup>But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men (**YL**-But did empty himself; **AC**-Stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant, in that He became like men; <sup>8</sup> And being found in the fashion of as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient (submissive) unto death, even the death of the cross

1. He allowed death to eat him up **spirit**, soul and body-Him becoming sin is His spirit; He didn't become what you did, he became what you became; What you did wasn't laid on him, that's bulls and goats blood and that atoned for what they did, but His blood deals with what you became, it washes the nature away

B. He was the first to be born from death to life spiritually (if he became sin, he's got to come back), the first to have a glorified body-**Col1:18**-He is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; **Rm8:29**-Firstborn among many brethren

1. When he was raised from the dead, this was the first man ever like this; Born again inside, glorified outside-**Lk24:31**-He vanished out of their sight. <sup>36</sup> As they thus spake, Jesus himself stood in the midst of them...they were terrified and affrighted, and supposed that they had seen a spirit. And he said unto them, Why are you troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as you see me have; **Jn20:19**-When the doors were shut Jesus stood in the midst of them

2. We will be just like him-**1Jn3:2**-Now we are the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him

#### **IV. The gospel brings life and immortality to light**

A. You can be made new on the inside-**2Co5:17**-If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new; <sup>21</sup> For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him

1. Your spirit is a masterpiece-**Eph2:10**-We are his workmanship created in Christ Jesus; **Ac17:29**-We are the offspring of God; **Ep4:24-ESV**-Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God; **Col2:10**-You are complete in him; **Ep4:24**-Created in righteousness and true holiness

2. You can enter into life eternal-**Mt25:46**-The righteous **into** life eternal

B. Your body can be glorified-**1Cor15:40**-There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another. <sup>42</sup>So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: <sup>43</sup>It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: <sup>44</sup>It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. <sup>49</sup>And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly. <sup>52</sup>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. <sup>53</sup>For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>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. <sup>55</sup>O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? <sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

C. You no longer have to fear death-**Lk2:14**-Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, goodwill toward men