

## VICTORY OVER DEATH

God Is For Us

- I. **INTRO:** We must be cautious to not romanticize the power out of this; Swoon and gush about mangers, wisemen, frankincense, myrrh, baby Jesus and miss the whole point; This is the beginning of the greatest thing ever to happen in the history of mankind
- II. **Where were we after man sinned?-Death passed upon all three parts of all men-Rm5:12-As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men; 1Th5:23; Gn2:17**
- A. Death is a force-It works to weaken, decay and destroy-Hb2:14-Power of death
  - B. Death infected man's spirit-He didn't just do something, he became something, the condition of his spirit changed, from righteous to unrighteous, his nature changed, he became a sinner, he went from life to death-Ep2:3-We were by nature the children of wrath; Rm5:19-By one man's disobedience many were made sinners; Ps51:5-ER-A sinner before I left my mothers womb; Co2:13-You being dead in your sins; 2Co5:20-Made the righteousness of God
    1. The condition of his spirit sealed his eternal location-1Cor6:9-Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? 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
  - C. Death infected his soul-The fear of death looms over him everyday-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 him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
  - D. Death infected his body-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
  - E. Man created a problem for himself for which he has no answer-His spirit is dead, his body became mortal, he soul is bound by fear, he's set to lose his body and enter into everlasting punishment-**There's no way back**-Ep2:12
- III. **God is for us**
- A. The devil's biggest problem was that God was for the man-Gn3:14-The Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel; **AM**-Fatally bruise your head
    1. If God wasn't for us all he had to do was JUST leave us alone-He could just let us be and start all over again
  - B. Emmanuel means God is with us, God is for us-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-Merriam Webster) us; **WE**-God is with us; **YL**-With us [he is]; **Is7:14**-The Lord himself shall give you a **SIGN**; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel
    1. He wasn't just present with us, He was present with us and for us-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
    2. The birth of Jesus was a sign and the sign says God is with us/for us
    3. God being for you-He's for your good, prosperity, success, well-being
  - C. God is for us-Rm5:8-God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ **DIED FOR US**; 1Jn3:16-Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he **LAI D DOWN HIS LIFE FOR US**; 1Pt4:1-Christ hath **SUFFERED FOR US** in the flesh; Tit2:14-Who **GAVE HIMSELF FOR US**; 1Th5:10-Who **DIED FOR US**; Ep5:2-Hath **GIVEN HIMSELF FOR US**; 1Cor5:7-Christ our passover is **SACRIFICED FOR US**; Ga13:13-Being **MADE A CURSE FOR US**; 2Co5:21-For he hath **MADE HIM TO BE SIN FOR US**; 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand

of God, who also **MAKETH INTERCESSION FOR US**; **Hb9:12**-Having **OBTAINED ETERNAL REDEMPTION FOR US**; **Hb9:24**-For Christ is entered..into heaven itself, now **TO APPEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD FOR US**; **Ps126:3**-The Lord hath **DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US**; whereof we are glad; **Ps62:8**-Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: **GOD IS A REFUGE FOR US**; **Ps3:3**-But thou, O LORD, **ART A SHIELD FOR ME**; my glory, and the lifter up of mine head; **Ps30:11**-Thou hast **TURNED FOR ME MY MOURNING INTO DANCING**; **Ps57:2**-I will cry unto God most high; unto God that performeth all things for me; **ER**-He takes care of me completely; **GNT**-Supplies my every need! **Ps61:3**-For thou hast been a **SHELTER FOR ME**, and a strong tower from the enemy; **Rm8:31** What shall we then say to these things? If God be **FOR US**, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but **DELIVERED HIM UP FOR US** all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

- D. Anything that is against you, anything that threatens your prosperity, safety or well-being God is against it-**Ex23:22**-If you shall obey his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto your adversaries; **Gn12:3**-I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth you
1. If you asked God this what would He say?-**Js5:13**-Art you for us or for or adversaries
  2. God doesn't start being for us after we die-He is for us now
  3. The big problem is that people don't listen-**Ps81:11**
- E. You got to get rooted in the reality that God is for me-You have to be unwavering; If all hell is breaking loose, if it's not going my way, if things aren't changing the cry of my heart won't change-God is for me-**Ps56:9**-When I cry unto thee, then shall mine enemies turn back: this I know; for God is for me

IV. **Peace on Earth and good will toward men**-**Lk2:10**-And the **ANGEL** (messenger) 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** (deliverer, preserver), 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, GOOD WILL TOWARD MEN** (Satisfaction, delight, pleasure, prosper, fare well).

- A. Peace on Earth means prosperity, felicity (blessing, enjoyment good)-**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? **Ps41:2**-The Lord will persevere him and keep him alive and he shall be blessed upon the earth: and you will not deliver him unto the will of his enemies
- B. Peace on earth means quietness, rest-This includes freedom from that fear of death that loomed over man
1. Jesus is a deliverer, a preserver, one that saves from destruction-We were what was lost, perishing, destined to ruin spirit, soul, body-**Lk19:10**-The son of man came to seek and save (rescue) what which is lost (perish, ruin, destroy)
  2. Your spirit can be recreated, your body glorified-**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; **2Co5:17,1Co15:53-57**
  3. Jesus made death a zero and I'll never die-He was the first born from the dead-**Co1:18,1Jn3:8, Jn11:26, He2:9**
  4. 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
- C. Goodwill toward men-God is for you