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ACTS 2:21
(PROPHECY)

**WHOEVER CALLS
ON THE**

NAME

OF THE LORD

SHALL BE SAVED

ACTS 2:38
(EXPLANATION)

**REPENT AND BE
BAPTIZED
IN THE**

NAME

OF JESUS CHRIST

**FOR THE REMISSION
OF SINS**

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Times of Services:
Sunday
 Bible Study:... 10:00am
 AM Worship...11:00am
 PM Worship:...6:00pm
 2nd Sunday:.....1:30pm

Wednesday
 Bible Study:.....7:00pm

Radio Program
 Sunday:.....7:30am
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**We Extend A
 Warm & Cordial
 Welcome
 To All Our
 Visitors!**

Death Swallowed up in Victory
 Jim Bullington

"So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: 'Death is swallowed up in victory.' 'O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?' The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15.54-57).

The challenge by some to the truthfulness of the resurrection was the most serious challenge imaginable to Paul. Even if there were certain earthly advantages to preaching the gospel of Christ, that gain would be removed should the resurrection be proven not to be a reality. In the midst of forming various arguments to combat those who were teaching that there was no resurrection, Paul wrote, "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men the most pitiable." (1 Corinthians 15.19).

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This reaction of Paul arises from the fact that man's greatest enemy is death. Death was the first threat of punishment which God stated to man (Genesis 2.15-17). The specific statement of God was that man would die in the day that He ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. With the passing of time, how much we do not know, man eventually succumbed to the temptation that the tree presented. On that day man began to die physically, but he completely died spiritually. The resurrection of Jesus was the remedy for both physical death and spiritual death.

In Paul's quotation quoted previously, he addressed Death and Hades as though they were literal persons (this personification refers to Hosea 13.14). The rhetorical questions are: "O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?" The implication clearly is that the sting of Death was neutralized and the victory of Hades was snatched away. Death's sting took the form of sin and that malady was removed as a result of the cross of Christ. Had that sting not been made non-effective, man would forever have existed under the threat of death (physical and spiritual). However, with the cross, that sting was removed and the victory of Hades (the Grave; KJV) was snatched away.

But to further Paul's adulation, not only was Hades denied victory, "Death was swallowed up in victory." In today's parlance, that means that Death was trounced by the overwhelming victory that was won by the forces of righteousness; the odds makers had it as a walkover by Satan but the tables were turned; Jesus won an overwhelming victory over Hades when He was raised from the dead some 3 days after His crucifixion.

The best, however, has not yet been discussed. Paul adds: "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." Not only did Jesus win the personal battle that He had with Satan, He gave us the victory also; He won the trophy but gives it to us to keep! The significance of this gift is literally beyond human comprehension. Death is man's archenemy and he was one that man COULD NOT beat! What could not be done through any other means is a gift to all who obey the gospel and remain faith to their Lord! Thanks be to God!!

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THE GREAT SALVATION

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The greatest story ever told is a true story. It is the story of how God has provided salvation for man through His Son, Jesus Christ. Obviously, this story would be without significance if man was not lost in sin. Looking at the Bible as a whole, it is the account of creation, the fall of man, the promise of a Deliverer, the coming of the Deliverer, His death for man's sins, His resurrection, His ascension into glory, and His return "to judge the quick and the dead at his appearing" (2 Timothy 4:1). The writer of Hebrews wrote, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation..." (Hebrews 2:1-4). There were other salvations in Scripture. Noah and his household were saved when God destroyed the world by the Great Flood. By faith he obeyed God "to the saving of his house" (Heb. 11:7). God saved Israel from Egyptian bondage as His servant Moses miraculously led them by faith and obedience from Egypt to the Promised Land. But the salvation God has provided in Christ saves those who trust and obey, delivering from sin and its eternal consequences. It is great because: (1) God is its author (Heb. 5:8, 9); (2) it was made possible by the death of Christ (Rom. 1:16; 5:8-9) and (3) it is eternal in duration (Heb. 5:9).

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"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?" (Hebrews 2:1-4).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Sept 6 – Men's Business Meeting & Ladies' Bible Class {Lesson 4}
- Sept 13 – Preach-N-Eat & 1:30 Worship
- Sept 16-20 – Gospel Seminar at the Ashe Civic Center with Eddy Craft **CANCELED**
- Please give support money for Chinese orphans to Jim Winters