

# THE WAY OF RESURRECTION VICTORY OVER THE DEATH OF SIN

## Message Six

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:50-58

1. Through our identification with the death of Christ we have victory over the dominion of sin.
2. Through the indwelling Christ we have victory over the law of sin.
3. Through consecration we have victory over the choice of sin.
4. Through cleansing we have victory over the practice of sin.
5. Through resurrection we have victory over the death of sin.
6. Our bodies are subject to death because of sin.
  - a. "The wages of sin is death..." Romans 6:23
  - b. "But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, yet the spirit is alive because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you." Romans 8:10-11
7. There are some things that are not **now**, but **then**.
  - a. "But **now** Christ as been raised from the dead." 1 Corinthians 15:20-26
  - b. "**Then** will come about the saying that is written, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'" 1 Corinthians 15:54
8. **Through His death Jesus has delivered us from the penalty of sin, through His resurrection and indwelling presence He delivers us from the power of sin, and at our death or His return He will deliver us from the presence of sin.**

### I. The pledge of the resurrection.

- A. Paul speaks of, "Christ in you, the HOPE of glory." Colossians 1:27
- B. In Ephesians 1:13-14 we read, "In Him, you also, after listening to the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation-having also believed, you were sealed in Him with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is given as a pledge of our inheritance, with a view to the redemption of God's own possession, to the praise of His glory."
- C. Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me shall live even if he dies..." John 11:23
- D. "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming. 1 Corinthians 15:

### II. The instantaneousness of the resurrection.

- A. "...we will all be changed, in a moment, in a twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet." 1 Corinthians 15:52
- B. 1 John 3:3
  - 2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. 3 **And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.**

### III. The joy of the resurrection-to see Jesus.

A. Consider Mary's joy when Jesus appeared to her after the resurrection. John 20:16-18

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to Him in Hebrew, "Rabboni!" (which means, Teacher). 17 Jesus said to her, "Stop clinging to Me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I ascend to My Father and your Father, and My God and your God.'" 18 Mary Magdalene came, announcing to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and that He had said these things to her.

B. How do you think the disciples felt when Jesus appeared to them?

C. Note Paul's personal preference.

1. 2 Corinthians 5:6-9

Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord — 7 for we walk by faith, not by sight — 8 we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord. 9 Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

2. Philippians 1:21-24

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. 22 But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. 23 But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better; 24 yet to remain on in the flesh is more necessary for your sake.

D. Our attitude on this subject is revealing. See Philippians 3:17-21

Brethren, join in following my example, and observe those who walk according to the pattern you have in us. 18 For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even weeping, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, 19 whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. 20 **For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;** 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself.

1. **Love desires its object.**

2. Are you eagerly waiting?

### IV. The reunion of the resurrection. 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. 15 For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. 18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

A. For Christians the separation that death brings is only temporary.

B. Will you be a part of the Great Reunion?

## V. The separation of the resurrection.

A. Only genuine Christians will experience the resurrection of which we are now speaking. Matthew 24:37-41

"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone. 37 "For the coming of the Son of Man will be just like the days of Noah. 38 "For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39 and they did not understand until the flood came and took them all away; so will the coming of the Son of Man be. 40 "Then there will be two men in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41 "Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one will be left."

B. What of those who do not "meet the Lord in the air?"

C. Their meeting with Him will be at the Great White Throne of Judgment."

1. Revelation 20:4-6

2. Revelation 20:11-15

NOTE: See John 12:47-50 for an explanation of the books mentioned here.

"If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 "**He who rejects Me and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day.** 49 "For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me a commandment as to what to say and what to speak. 50 "I know that His commandment is eternal life; therefore the things I speak, I speak just as the Father has told Me."

## APPLICATION

1. Jesus said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me." John 14:6

2. Jesus is the Way of Resurrection.

3. Can you say with John, "Amen. Come, Lord Jesus?"

4. Note Paul's words as he approached the end of his life. 2 Tim 4:7-8

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8 in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, **but also to all who have loved His appearing .**