

The Day Death Died

1 Corinthians 15:55 O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

The death of death is sure and it will come to pass for the believer in the LORD Jesus Christ. The death of death is for those covered in the salvation of the LORD Jesus Christ; the fulfillment of the truth of Gods Word and the completion of the redeeming work of the LORD Jesus Christ upon the Cross of Calvary.

What Is Death?

Genesis 2:17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

Death is a curse placed upon mankind for disobedience. Death was to become a part of the DNA of man. Man himself can in no way separate himself from this curse. There is nothing of himself man can do to remove this curse; but there is one who can and that is the LORD Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin *is* death; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Death is a wage; a cost to be paid for sin. Yes beloved death must be paid for and either it will be reckoned upon you through the grave and an eternity in Hell in separation from the Living God; or you can except the payment made by the LORD JESUS CHRIST upon the Cross; who paid the sin debt for all mankind and secured the death of death once and for all. For the believer the cross was the day death died; The choice is yours to make; resurrection to life or to damnation.

John 5:29 **And shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.** *Luke 23:40* **But the other answering rebuked him, saying, Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation?** *41* **And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.** *42* **And he said unto Jesus, Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom.** *43* **And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.**

Death is an enemy that seeks to destroy the soul of man in eternal separation from the Living God; death is the enemy that seeks to devour all that it touches and it is the weapon of the devil. The devil in his deception passed death upon mankind. The devil seeks to devour and destroy by death all who will not accept the salvation of the LORD Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

Hebrews 2:14 For as much 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;

But that Satan was the means of introducing "death into the world, and all our woe," no one can doubt; and over the whole subject, therefore, He (Jesus Christ) may be said to have had power. To "destroy" that dominion: to rescue man; to restore him to life; to place him in a world where death is unknown; to introduce a state of things where "not another one would ever die," was the great purpose for which the Redeemer came. What a noble object! What enterprise in the universe has been so grand and noble as this! Surely an undertaking that contemplates the annihilation of death; that designs to bring this dark dominion to an end, is full of benevolence, and commends itself to every man as worthy of his profound attention and gratitude.

What woes are caused by death in this world! They are seen everywhere. The earth is "arched with graves." In almost every dwelling death has been doing his work of misery. The palace cannot exclude him; and he comes unbidden into the cottage. He finds his way to the dwelling of ice in which the Esquimaux and the Greenlander live; to the tent of the Bedouin Arab, and the wandering Tartar; to the wigwam of the Indian, and to the harem of the Turk; to the splendid mansion of the rich, as well as to the abode of the poor. That reign of death has now extended near 6,000 years, and will travel on to future times - meeting each generation, and consigning the young, the vigorous, the lovely, and the pure, to dust. Shall that gloomy reign continue forever? Is there no way to arrest it? Is there no place where death can be excluded? Yes: heaven - and the object of the Redeemer is to bring us there. - *Albert Barnes*

1 Corinthians 15:24 Then *cometh* the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.²⁵ For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy *that* shall be destroyed *is* death.

The enemy of death will surely be destroyed for those that have accepted the eternal life giving salvation of the LORD Jesus Christ. The LORD of life came down from the cross but upon the cross death stayed and out of the tomb the LORD arose, but in the tomb death stayed, death was defeated oh, death where is thy sting?

Death is agony that tortures the spirit and grieves the soul for all eternity. Once the Savior is denied and death has its eternal grip upon the soul it cannot be undone; the eternal choice was made and death abides forever upon those that have rejected the Bread of Life and have refused the Living Water; which is the LORD Jesus Christ.

Luke 16:23 And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 24 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.

Acts 2:24 Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

The torments and pains of death are eternal and grip the soul and spirit in an everlasting embrace; there will be no relief and no respite once in its clutch; but it does not have to be; if one would only accept the Savior's offer of salvation in Faith and Belief.

Death is both physical and spiritual, death comes for both the flesh and the spirit; the flesh it will surely have if the LORD tarries; but for the believer death has no hold upon the soul and spirit. For the unbeliever the second death will claim the soul and spirit in everlasting torment and separation from the Living God.

That day at Golgotha death died for all who believe; the man in the middle crucified between two thieves defeated the power of death; the curse broken, the wage was paid, the agony removed, and the Son of God glorified; the day death died.

Ephesians 2:1 And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; 2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Ephesians 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Revelation 20:11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is *the book of life*: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works 13 And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death 15 And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.

The dead referred to here are the spiritually dead; for dead people don't stand; yet these stand before God; they were spiritually dead having never excepted the redeeming love of the LORD Jesus Christ through His sacrificial death upon the cross; redemption and salvation was rejected and now death will reign upon them forever.

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Death died that day upon the cross of Calvary. Death was defeated and the curse of eternal death was broken. Satan and the grave would no longer have victory; for the Savior cried "It is Finished" and it was finished, indeed" **1 Corinthians 15:55** *O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?*

John 19:16 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led *him* away. 17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called *the place* of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha:

John 19:28 After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the scripture might be fulfilled, saith, **I thirst.**

John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Matthew 27:54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

It was the day death died.

Loved completed its work upon an old rugged cross for sinful mankind. Eternal life is given and death defeated for all who would believe; the works of the devil destroyed and the Victory of the Cross won with the blood stains of our Savior, the LORD Jesus Christ. It was the day death died.

The Empty Tomb

Luke 24:1 Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre, bringing the spices which they had prepared, and certain others with them.² And they found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre.³ And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus.⁴ And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments:⁵ And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?⁶ He is not here, but is risen: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee,

The tomb empty! Glory! The truth proclaimed of long ago fulfilled! for a wretch such as you and I. Death has died!

Romans 6:3 Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.⁵ For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also *in the likeness of his* resurrection:

The death of death; the day death died!

John 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 8:51 Verily, verily, I say unto you, If a man keep my saying, he shall never see death.

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

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“It is Finished” my Savior cried; the day death died;

From the cross my Savior did not hide, but went upon it, the day death died;

He accepted the crown of thorns, the nails, the spear in His side, on the day death died;

He loved those who put Him there, and those that had left His side, on the day death died;

By His blood, sins stains were washed away between two thieves, the day death died

“Truly this was the Son of God” the centurion replied, on the day death died

The empty tomb, the stone rolled away, “He is not here, but is risen” the angels cried, on the day death died.

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