

DEATH IS  
SWALLOWED UP  
IN VICTORY!

We Give THEE Thanks O LORD!  
—Revelation 11:17

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**Thanks be to GOD Who gives us The Victory**

### CHRISTIAN VICTORY OF RESURRECTION.

1st Corinthians 15:51-58.

“BEHOLD, I SHOW YOU A MYSTERY; WE SHALL NOT ALL SLEEP, BUT WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED,

Here is the Mystery of Ongoing Life even past physical death. JESUS and the Apostle Paul Called death Of The Christians, Sleep. The sleep (koy-mah'-o, to put to sleep) before the Change (al-las'-so, make different).

“IN A MOMENT, IN TWINKLING OF AN EYE, AT THE LAST TRUMP: In an Atom of time so small it's indivisible, we shall hear the Trumpet Call The Christian To Resurrection.

“FOR THE TRUMPET SHALL SOUND, AND THE DEAD SHALL BE RAISED INCORRUPTIBLE, AND WE SHALL BE CHANGED. (Not reincarnation, but Resurrection).

The dead (nek-ros' a corpse) shall be Raised (eg-l'-ro, to waken, collecting one's faculties, rouse from death, rise up again). Incorruptible (aphthartos, undecaying, immortal. And we shall be changed.

“FOR THIS CORRUPTIBLE MUST PUT ON INCORRUPTION, AND THIS MORTAL MUST PUT ON IMMORTALITY. Between Earth and Heaven, the Christian will put on both Incorruption and Immortality. This flesh and blood body cannot inherit the Kingdom of Heaven, nor does corruption inherit incorruption. (1st Cor 15:50). Because human blood is corrupted by the Fall of Adam and Eve, and all their descendants. FOR THIS CORRUPTIBLE (phthartos, decayed, perishable) MUST ( dei, necessary) PUT ON (en-doo'-o, sink into a garment, invest with clothing, array with) INCORRUPTION (aphtharsia, incorruptibility, unending existence, genuineness, immortality). AND THIS MORTAL (thnay-tos' Liable to die) MUST PUT ON IMMORTALITY (athanasia, deathlessness).

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. (Victory for the Christian Martyrs).

DEATH (thanatos, death, the result of Adam's Sin) IS SWALLOWED UP (kat-ap-ee'-no, to drunk down, gulped entirely, devoured, drowned, swallowed up). IN VICTORY (nikos, A Conquest, Triumph, Success over death).

O DEATH, WHERE IS THY STING? O GRAVE, WHERE IS THY VICTORY? THE STING OF DEATH IS SIN; AND THE STRENGTH OF SIN IS THE LAW. (JESUS SAVED Us from our sins, by keeping the Law of GOD perfectly).

GRAVE (hades, place of LOST departed souls).

**BUT THANKS BE TO GOD WHICH GIVETH US THE VICTORY THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.** (The Christian doesn't go to hades).

Lord (kyrios, Supreme in Authority, Controller).

THEREFORE, MY BELOVED BRETHREN, BE YE STEADFAST, UNMOVABLE, ALWAYS ABOUNDING IN THE WORK OF THE LORD, FORASMUCH AS YE KNOW THAT YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN IN THE LORD.”

JESUS CHRIST TOOK SIN TO THE CROSS, AND DEFEATED DEATH FOR US BY RISING AGAIN, SO THAT WE MAY SHARE HIS ETERNAL LIFE!

## THANKS BE TO GOD, WHO ALWAYS CAUSES US TO TRIUMPH IN CHRIST

"NOW, THANKS BE UNTO GOD, WHICH ALWAYS CAUSES US TO TRIUMPH IN CHRIST JESUS, AND MAKES MANIFEST THE SA- VOUR OF HIS KNOWLEDGE BY US IN EVERY PLACE. Reading 2nd Corinthians 2:14-17.

THANKS (charis, gratitude for God's Divine Influence upon the heart, and it's reflection in the life). TO TRIUMPH (thriambeuo, to conquer, to give victory, cause to triumph). IN (en, fixed position, in place, time or state of rest). CHRIST (Christos, Anointed One, Messiah, epithet of JESUS Christ. Christ is mentioned 569 times in the Bible).

AND MAKES MANIFEST (phaneroo, to render apparent, manifestly declare). THE SAVOUR (osme, fragrance). OF HIS KNOWLEDGE (gnosis, the act of knowing, science. The knowledge of God is the highest science there is). BY (dia, the channel of) US (hay-mone' of us). Christians have the Science of God. IN EVERY PLACE (topos, spot we

occupy, opportunity).

"FOR WE ARE UNTO GOD A SWEET SAVOUR OF CHRIST, IN THEM THAT ARE SAVED, AND IN THEM THAT PERISH:

FOR (hoti, because we are). UNTO GOD (Theos, The Supreme Divinity). A SWEET SAVOUR (euodia, good scented fragrance). OF CHRIST, IN THEM THAT ARE SAVED (sode'-zo, delivered from the world, protected, made whole). AND IN THEM THAT PERISH (apollymi, to destroy fully). TO THE ONE (Perishing) WE ARE THE SAVOUR OF DEATH TO DEATH; AND TO THE OTHER (Saved) WE ARE THE SAVOUR OF LIFE UNTO LIFE. (Zoe = dzo-ay' Life giving).

To the perishing, we remind them of death to their old sinful way of life. To the Saved we share Life and receive Life from them in return. Among those holding on to themselves, we remind them of the Cross, by our Life. But when we encounter other Christians, the Zoe Life of Christ flows back and forth among us.

"AND WHO IS SUFFICIENT FOR THESE THINGS? SUFFICIENT (hikanos, to arrive competent, as if coming in season. Ample, enough, content, sufficient, worthy).

As Christians, the world will treat you Stinky, But Keep In Mind Your Fragrance Before Your Creator And Savior, JESUS Christ. The world will treat Your Knowledge Of GOD with disdain, but that is because they are still Lost and Perishing.

FOR WE ARE NOT AS MANY, WHICH CORRUPT THE WORD OF GOD: BUT AS OF SINCERITY, BUT AS OF GOD, IN THE SIGHT OF GOD WE SPEAK IN CHRIST."

## THANKS BE UNTO GOD FOR HIS INDESCRIBABLE GIFT

"AND NO MAN HAS ASCENDED UP TO HEAVEN, BUT HE THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, EVEN THE SON OF MAN WHO IS IN HEAVEN. Read John 3:13—21.

JESUS THE SON OF GOD AND Son of Man, had open access to Heaven while here on Earth. HE could say He was in Heaven because He had open communication with Father GOD. And He is Son of Mankind by His Birth through Mary, the Virgin.

AND AS MOSES LIFTED UP THE SERPENT IN THE WILDERNESS, EVEN SO MUST THE SON OF MAN BE LIFTED UP: (Num 21:8-9).

Moses, who brought down the 10 Com- mandments also Lifted up a Bronze Serpent on a pole before his Hebrew Nation in the Wilderness to heal his people from the venom of 'fiery serpents' that was shooting through their veins. The Sin of Rebellion, brought the serpents into the camp, and the people were dying cause of their poisonous venom. Moses told the people to LOOK UP AT THE BRASS SERPENT TO BE SAVED FROM DEATH. Because of Sin, Mankind is still perishing today. JESUS WAS LIFTED UP ON THE CROSS, SO THAT MANKIND COULD LOOK TO JESUS, AND BE SAVED!

THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. (Promise of Resurrection Life and Immortality).

SIN IS LIKE VENOM IN THE BLOOD-LINE. AND THE BIBLE SAYS ALL HAVE SINNED. AS SINNERS, WE MUST REPENT OF OUR UNBELIEF AND PUT OUR PERSONAL FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST; ENTRUST OUR SPIRITUAL WELL BEING, AND THE SALVATION OF OUR SOUL, TO HIM.

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD; BUT THAT THE WORLD THROUGH HIM MIGHT BE SAVED.

HE THAT BELIEVES ON HIM IS NOT CONDEMNED; BUT HE THAT DOES NOT BELIEVE IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD.

AND THIS IS THE CONDEMNATION, THAT LIGHT HAS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND MEN LOVED DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT, BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL.

FOR EVERYONE WHO DOES EVIL HATES THE LIGHT, AND DOES NOT COME TO THE LIGHT, LEST HIS EVIL

DEEDS SHOULD BE REPROVED.

BUT HE THAT DOES THE TRUTH COMES TO THE LIGHT THAT HIS DEEDS MIGHT BE MADE MANIFEST, THAT THEY ARE DONE IN GOD."

THIS IS SPEAKING OF REPENTANCE, RE-GENNERATION AND OBEDIENCE TO THE GOSPEL. THEN, WATER BAPTISM AS A SIGN OF THAT OBEDIENCE; WHICH JESUS DISCIPLES WOULD PERFORM IN JUDEA RIGHT AFTER HIS TEACHING.

JESUS HAD ALREADY EXPLAINED TO NICODEMUS, THE RELIGIOUS RULER, THE NEED TO BE 'BORN FROM ABOVE' OR 'BORN AGAIN'. (Being religious is not enough).

MANKIND TENDS TO THINK OF HIMSELF AS OK WITHOUT GOD. HE REJECTS CREATOR, AND JESUS CHRIST, THE SON AND SAVIOR.

HE ENJOYS SPIRITUAL IGNORANCE BE-CAUSE HE IS NOT CHALLENGED. HE CAN GO ON WALKING IN THE DARKNESS LIKE THE PEOPLE LIVED IN THE DARK AGES, BEFORE KING JAMES HAD THE BIBLE TRANSLATED FROM HEBREW & GREEK INTO ENGLISH.

THEN CAME THE ENLIGHTENMENT! THE COMMON PEOPLE COULD HAVE THE LIGHT, AND READ THE BIBLE FOR THEMSELVES.

THIS ENLIGHTENMENT REVEALED JESUS TO MANY, AND FREED MANY PEOPLE FROM THEIR SPIRITUAL IGNORANCE AND IT'S BONDAGE.