

DEATH SWALLOWED UP IN VICTORY

This sermon is dedicated to Mary, who heard these last words from her dying son:

(John 19:26) “He said to His mother, ‘Woman, behold, your son!’”

(John 19:27) “Then He said to the disciple, ‘Behold your mother!’”

But here is the Father’s message on Mother’s Day from the Cross, **“Death is Swallowed up in Victory.”**

(1 Cor.15:57) “But thanks be to God, who gives us **the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

<p>This lesson will study <u>six aspects</u> of Death Swallowed up in Victory.</p>

1. The world thinks more about life being swallowed up than death.

Psychology refers to ‘life being swallowed up’ as the Jonah complex. A Jonah complex says, “just when you think life couldn’t get worse, a great fish comes along and swallows it!”

When a person died younger than expected, the world says things like, she died in the prime of her life.

As believers in Jesus Christ, we have a different view of life and death.

For example, when Abraham died at the age of 175, God wrote this in his obituary,

(Gen.25:8) “Abraham breathed his last and died in a **ripe old age**, an old man and **satisfied with life**; and he was **gathered to his people**.”

(Gal.3:8) “The Scriptures foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, preached **the gospel beforehand to Abraham**, saying, ‘All the nations will be blessed **in You**.’”

(Gal.3:16) “Now the promises were spoken to Abraham and to His seed. He does not say, ‘And to seeds,’ as referring to many but rather **to one**, ‘And to your seed,’ that is **Christ**.” (Rom.4:21)

2. The phrase, death swallowed up in victory, is taken from a messianic passage from Book of Isaiah.

(Isa.25:8) “He will swallow up death for all time, and the Lord God will wipe tears away from all faces, and He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for the Lord has spoken.”

Isaiah, Paul, and John all associated this verse with Jesus Christ.

- Paul (1 Cor.15:50-58)
- John (Rev.21:1-4)
 - Both associate (Isa.25:8) with the **Second Coming of Christ** (1 Cor.15:24) because of the mystery of the Church under New Covenant.

3. The Greek word for 'swallow' is katapino (a.p.ind.3ps). Katapino means to drink down something completely.

(Matt.23:24) "You bind guides, who strain out a gnat and **swallow** a camel." (Rev.12:16)

(2 Cor.5:4) "For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened, because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is **mortal is swallowed up by life** (tes zoe)."

(1 Cor.15:54) "For **when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then** will come about the saying **that is written**, 'Death is swallowed up in victory.'
(1 Cor.15:50-54)

4. The death that is swallowed up in victory is due to Adam's original sin (AOS).

(Gen.2:17) "But from the tree of knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, **for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.**"

(Rom.5:12) "Therefore, just as **through one man** sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned." (Rom.5:12-21)

(1 Cor.15:22) "For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive."

(Rom.5:17) "For if by the transgression of the one, **death reigned through the one**, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will **reign through the One, Jesus Christ.**"

5. The justice of God was satisfied by the judicial penalty of Adam's original sin (AOS) being paid in full by Jesus Christ on the cross (1 Cor.6:20; 7:21-23; Heb.9:12-15) [Eternal Redemption, Spirit, and Inheritance].

The proof that Jesus Christ drank spiritual death down completely is the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

(Rom.5:21) "So that, **as** sin reigned in death, **even so** grace would reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

6. Death, resulting from Adam's original sin (AOS), will be an issue until the end of the human race; at Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

(Heb.9:26-28) "Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

(1 Cor.15:24-26) "**Then comes the end, when** He hands over the kingdom to the God and Father, **when** He has abolished all rule and authority and power, For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death." (1 Cor.15:54-57)

(Rev.20:14) "And death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire."

(Rev.21:4b) "...And there will no longer be any death..."