



## Sermon Notes

Easter Sunday

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### 1 Corinthians 15:54-57

<sup>54</sup> Then, when our dying bodies have been transformed into bodies that will never die, this Scripture will be fulfilled:

*"Death is swallowed up in victory.*

<sup>55</sup> O death, where is your victory?

*O death, where is your sting?"*

<sup>56</sup> For sin is the sting that results in death, and the law gives sin its power. <sup>57</sup> But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.

***How did Jesus' death and resurrection bring us victory over sin and death?***

***Sin: Missing the mark; falling short of God's moral standard.***

### Romans 3:23

<sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

### 1 John 1:8

<sup>8</sup> If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

***God hates sin.***

### Isaiah 59:2

<sup>2</sup> But your iniquities have separated  
you from your God;  
your sins have hidden his face from you,  
so that he will not hear.

***Our sin separates us from God.***

***The payoff of sin is death.***

### Romans 6:23

<sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### John 1:29

<sup>29</sup> ... "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"



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### Romans 3:25

*<sup>25</sup> God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith.*

### 2 Corinthians 5:21

*<sup>21</sup> God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.*

***Jesus came to die for us so we could be free from sin!***

***When Jesus said “It is finished”, He meant it for you.***

***God didn’t count my sins against me – He counted my sins against Jesus!***

### Romans 6:6, 11-14

*<sup>6</sup>...that we should no longer be slaves to sin—*

*<sup>11</sup> In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. <sup>12</sup> Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. <sup>13</sup> Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.*

***Jesus broke the obligation of sin in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin. We have a choice!***

***If we are in Christ, we will never die - even when we die!***

If we die before Jesus’ second coming, we believers will be immediately spiritually united with Jesus in paradise, or the *third* heaven (1<sup>st</sup> heaven is our sky, 2<sup>nd</sup> is the cosmos). Our earthly body stays earthly and decays, or is cremated. There is no holding place, or temporary waiting period.

### Luke 23:43

*<sup>43</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”*

However, for an unbeliever who dies, it is a vastly different experience. They will be sent to temporary destination called *Hades* in the Greek, *Sheol* in the Hebrew. These words basically mean “immediate or present hell”. It is a physical place, and it will involve constant physical pain and agony.



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### Luke 16:19-31

<sup>19</sup> "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. <sup>20</sup> At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores <sup>21</sup> and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

<sup>22</sup> "The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.'

<sup>25</sup> "But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.'

<sup>27</sup> "He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.'

<sup>29</sup> "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

<sup>30</sup> "'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.'

<sup>31</sup> "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

### Romans 6:5-10

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— <sup>7</sup> because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

<sup>8</sup> Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

***If Jesus was willing to die for you, are you willing to live for him?***

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