"Do You Fear Death?" Hebrews 2: 10 - 18 November 10, 2013

The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Sets Right Again All The Earthly Realm, (vs. 2: 5 – 18)

Because Christ Has Died In Our Place, We As God's Children No Longer Fear Death Or Its Custodian, (vs. 14 - 15)

Message Emphasis: Many fear death. Accordingly, those who broker in death constantly play upon this fear for their own gain. We must understand that Christ has liberated all of God's children not only from the condemnation of their own death but also the power wielded by Satan through the threat of death.

14.1) Because Christ Experienced Death, He Knows What All Humans Face

<u>Our Text Says</u>, **"He Himself Partook Of The Same Things" – 1)** "For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. **2)** By [SENDING] his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, **3)** in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who WALK not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit." (Romans 8:3–4, ESV)

- 1. Christ faced the Law of God & though perfect took our condemnation ...we are not perfect ...we are condemned "And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment," (Hebrews 9:27, ESV)
- 2. Christ faced the sin of mankind & though undefiled took our sin upon Himself ...we are not pure ...we are utterly sinful "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth." (Isaiah 53:6–7, ESV)
- 3. Christ faced the unrighteousness of the fallen world & though pure gives His righteousness to us "...so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him." (Hebrews 9:28, ESV)

To this dear Surety's hand Will I commit my cause; He answers and fulfills His Father's broken laws. Behold my soul at freedom set; My Surety paid the dreadful debt.

14.2) Because Christ Experienced Death, Satan Is Only A "Custodian" Not A Lord

<u>Our Text Says</u> **"Through Death He Might Destroy The One Who Has The Power Of Death" - 1)** "And you, who WERE dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having FORGIVEN us all our trespasses, **2)** by CANCELING the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, NAILING it to the cross **.3)** He DISARMED the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by TRIUMPHING over them in him." (Colossians 2:13–15)

- 1. Though we were guilty of sin, Christ has made us alive through forgiveness *"even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ by grace you have been saved " (Eph 2:5)*
- 2. Though we were in danger of a great legal penalty, Christ has canceled our debt "Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, and that he may send the Christ appointed for you, Jesus," (Acts 3:19–20, ESV)
- 3. Though we were under the power of Satan, Christ has made Satan powerless over God's children "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:31–32, ESV)

Come ye who bow to sov-'reign grace, Record Immanuel's love. Join in a song of noble praise to Him who reigns above. Once in the gloomy grave He lay, But by His rising power, He bore the gates of death away; Hail, mighty Conqueror.

15.1) Because Christ Experienced Death, We Do Not Have To Live In Fear

<u>Our Text Says</u> "And Deliver All Those... Who Were Subject To Lifelong Slavery" – "But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:26–27, ESV)

***What Must I Do To Be Saved? ***

<u>Message Directive</u>: Look to Christ for the salvation of your soul ONLY in Christ can you find true freedom from the fear of death. *"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! (Isaiah 45:22)*

"For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"" (Romans 8:15, ESV)

- The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Law (vs. 3: 1 4: 13)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Mosaic Temple (vs. 4: 14 6: 12)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Abrahamic Identity, (vs. 6: 13 7: 10)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Aaronic Priesthood, (vs. 7: 11 28)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Means He Is Greater Than All The Old Covenant, (vs. 8: 1 10: 39)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Has Been Demonstrated As Reliable, (vs. 11: 1 40)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Will Persevere Through Extreme Difficulty, (vs. 12: 1 29)
- The Supremacy Of Christ Provides A Faith That Changes The Entire Perspective Of The Believer, (vs. 13: 1 25)