

**Introduction:**

- To mankind death seems to be a reality that cannot be overcome, that cannot be beaten, that is inevitable, that is just a natural part of life, but to those of us who have Faith in Jesus Christ, we know that death is not the end of the story, there is Resurrection Life through Christ!
- While you are standing in 'Faith in the Meantime', think on the Resurrection!
- 1 Corinthians 15:26 "The last enemy *that* will be destroyed *is* death."
  - To the natural man it does not make sense to say that you will destroy death as death is held in man's eyes as the ultimate power that no one can beat; how can you destroy that which destroys?
  - We have only begun to understand what the Resurrection of Jesus Christ means and the implications it has.

**I. Jesus Came to Die**

- A. Hebrews 2:14-15 <sup>14</sup>Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that **through death** He might **destroy him who had the power of death**, that is, the devil, <sup>15</sup> and **release those** who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.
- B. 1 John 3:8b "...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."
  - the works of the devil - "he comes to kill, steal, and destroy"
- C. John 11:25,33-34 <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her [Martha, Lazarus' sister], "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, **though he may die, he shall live.** <sup>33</sup> Therefore, when Jesus saw her [Mary] weeping, and the Jews who came with her weeping, He groaned in the spirit and was troubled. <sup>34</sup> And He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to Him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.
  - Why was Jesus weeping?
- D. John 12:23-27 <sup>23</sup> But Jesus answered them, saying, "The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Most assuredly, I say to you, **unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies**, it remains alone; **but if it dies, it produces much grain.** <sup>25</sup> He who loves his life will lose it, **and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.** <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor. <sup>27</sup> "Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But **for this purpose I came to this hour.**
  - "The seed, which contains the fullest potential of life, **ceases to be a seed so that the plant inside may live.** Essentially, its original form has died, and the seed becomes something new."(online source)

- E. Galatians 2:20-21 <sup>20</sup> I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but **Christ lives in me**; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. <sup>21</sup> I do not set aside the grace of God; for if righteousness *comes* through the law, then Christ died in vain."

## II. Jesus has Planted His Resurrection Life in Us

- A. 1 Peter 1:23-25 <sup>23</sup> having been **born again**, not of corruptible **seed** but **incorruptible**, through the word of God which lives and abides forever, <sup>24</sup> because "All flesh is as grass, And all the glory of man as the flower of the grass. The grass withers, And its flower falls away, <sup>25</sup> But **the word of the Lord endures forever.**" Now this is the word which by the gospel was preached to you.
- B. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, 14, 19-23, 26, **35-38, 42-58**
- C. Colossians 1:26-27 <sup>26</sup> the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His saints. <sup>27</sup> To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is **Christ in you**, the hope of glory.
- D. Colossians 3:3-4 <sup>3</sup> For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ *who is* our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.

## III. Our Hope is in the Resurrection

- A. Romans 8:18-25, 34, 38
- B. 1 Peter 1:3-5 <sup>3</sup> Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup> to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup> who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- C. Revelation 21:4 And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be **no more death**, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."