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When the LORD JESUS CHRIST suffered, died, was buried, and rose again from the dead HE did not just make salvation a possibility nor did HE complete only a part of a legal transaction. Rather HE completely and utterly destroyed sin and rendered it powerless to ever again bring its fear and reproach upon those in whose place HE stood. *“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.”*

In the slaying of Goliath, David cut off the head of this giant who we see as representative of sin itself. The need of sinners is not just to be delivered from the penalty of sin but from the very curse and power of it. So the LORD JESUS CHRIST is indeed the deliverer of HIS people as HE took our sin upon HIMSELF *“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.”* As HE bore our sin, HE imputed HIS righteousness to us. When HE departed from the field of battle, the victory was won and the display of HIS glory was manifest. David was not content just to destroy Goliath but all of those of Goliath’s family were felled by him as well. Sin is a many headed monster, like an octopus with tentacles which would weave themselves into the very mind and heart of GOD’s people if left alive. But HE has slain their enemies and forever delivered the sons of GOD from sin’s power to:

Load us with guilt and condemnation. In the Old Testament sacrifices men were reminded of sin every time the sacrifice was made. *“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God.”* HE has removed any reason for GOD’s children to feel guilt and condemnation by the offering up of HIMSELF once and for all. *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”* (Rom 8:1) When Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit they were immediately brought under this condemnation. Their guilt caused them to hide themselves from GOD and to sew fig leaves together to cover their nakedness. HIS righteousness has forever been given to us for a covering even as HE covered Adam and Eve with coats made from the skins of animals. HE has taken away our shame.

Separate us from GOD. Our sins had indeed separated us from HIS presence and like Adam and Eve; made fearful to approach unto HIM. But HE has broken down that wall of partition which was a sign of our separation and HE has rent the veil of the temple in twain signifying that the way into the holiest of all was made. *“And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblamable and unreprouvable in his sight.”* *“And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.”*

Dominate our lives. *“Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God. For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.”* HE has not left us to our own devices. Sin cannot have dominion over the reborn sons of GOD because HE has delivered them from its domination. When we were the servants of sin we were free from righteousness. We went about to establish our own. Now being made free from that darkness by the power of GOD we are made to see that our only righteousness is in HIM and that HE is our perfect righteousness, therefore sin cannot dominate us.

Make us fearful of death. HE has triumphed over death becoming the firstfruits of them that sleep that HE might *“deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”* Death is spoken of as the last enemy that shall be destroyed, not because CHRIST has yet to triumph over it but because we have not yet been called upon to die in these mortal bodies. In the hour of our weakness HE will give us strength to testify. *“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. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Just as David cut off the head of Goliath, so too has the LORD cut off the very power of sin to condemn and destroy the sons of GOD. *“There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.”*

*“Thy free grace alone,”#11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net***