

“Christus Victor”

Why Death Lost Its Grip On Victory

Is. 24:21-25:9; Acts 1:1-3, 2:22-32; 1 Cor. 15:1-8, 54-57

The coldness and apparent finality of death is all around us, if we have eyes to see. Our days are but a breath, and one generation quickly gives way to another. But the Good News is that Jesus Christ is Victor, Sovereign over the power of the Destroyer. He swept away the stone encasing his Tomb (John 20:1), and has promised to finally and forever sweep away death for all those who are united to him by faith. Hear this Gospel today, and appropriate it for yourself. The Word of God brings light into darkness, and life and victory!

I. _____ The Victory (Isaiah 25:7)

1. Isaiah prophesied about 700 B.C., extolling the _____ things of the Lord.
2. This _____ identifies the place where Christ would _____ up death.
3. This _____ will remove sorrows (v 8), secure _____ (25:19).

II. _____ The Victory (Acts 2:24)

1. As the unique _____ - _____ it was not _____ for Jesus to stay dead.
2. The prophecy of Psalm _____ is fulfilled. Jesus is the _____ of God (Lu 4:34)!
3. Jesus was _____ by God, and the people of God are _____.

III. _____ The Victory (1 Corinthians 15:57)

1. Receive and _____ the _____ of Jesus preached to you!
2. In Christ spiritual _____ is swallowed up in the _____ of Christ!
3. We look forward to the death of _____ at Christ's _____!
4. Through Jesus Christ, God freely gives _____ as a _____!