

## The Last Enemy, Death April 2005

As we were sitting in bible study, the subject of death inadvertently came up with many agreeing that it's inevitable for all men to die (even though so many are afraid). Listening brought grief to my spirit because I too thought for years that every man had to go by way of the grave but always wondering how that could possibly be. People are dying every minute but babies are born every minute.

After some years of growing in His grace and knowledge, I revisited this subject. In the Old Testament we see where death passed onto every man because of Adam but it spoke of Enoch who *was not* because the Lord took him; his testimony was he pleased God. Elijah grabbed hold to the tail of the Holy Ghost and disappeared from sight. The New Testament declares that the last enemy to be put under the feet of Jesus is Death but Paul says that *the dead in Christ shall rise and we that are alive and remain shall be caught up to meet Him in the air.....* When I looked further into Galatians 2:20, the veil started lifting even more. I still see some things through a glass darkly, *but the reality of death to me is "I have already died"*. Jesus tasted death *for all one time*. We have gotten so caught up in stinking thinking that the body of Christ as a whole has forgotten the truth that God's word declares.

Actually, this is not something new so it is understandable why it's still around. Hundreds of years ago many *Religious leaders*, in an effort to control the body of Christ, caused the Word of God to take a truth shift and it veered off into the direction of "man's interpretation (rather than God's Divine Revelation) and has become accepted as the unadulterated gospel. I firmly believe that the early disciples knew there would be a remnant people who not only would not go by way of the grave, but even more they understood the ultimate plan of salvation, the redemption of all mankind - every man in his order. Teaching went from understanding and living in the Kingdom of God to *getting saved, staying saved, and dying with a good conscience to see God in peace and anyone who does not fulfill this will die and burn for all eternity in hell and the lake*; being alive forever more here and now has escaped most today.

What is very clear is we understand the word only as we understand and know our true place in Our Father. As long as we see ourselves separated

from Him and not one with Him we can't really get past a grave; we are still wearing *grave clothes*. Our minds are so closed and polluted with *man's* interpretation of Father's salvation that any spiritual enlightenment that Father seeks to impart is fearful to us. The first thing we say when somebody shares the heart of God is "*that's nothing but heresy*". The truth of the matter is (and no amount of man's watered down, lukewarm teaching can change it) we ***are one with Him; no longer "natural" but spiritual.*** Jesus prayed in John "*father make them one (with Him) as we are one*". *He knew that His death would not only bridge the gulf that had separated us from Our Father but that ultimately death would be abolished.* He holds the keys to *death* and hell. Our lives are hidden in God through Christ Jesus and I'm (we're) as much alive right now having received the *finished work of Calvary* as we will ever be. The death we experienced because of Adam was not only overturned (nullified), but fulfilled (completed) in our Elder brother, Jesus.

I understand why the last enemy, death has to be put under His feet because ***the body has yet to put it there***, but there's an awakening taking place in this hour – a remnant people, the true body who are picking up their crosses, marching to their Calvary. They are turning from that word of death and eternal destruction that has brought nothing but a sick and diseased way of thinking, producing nothing but tainted fruit; As new creatures we're no longer trying to put old wine into these new skins rather we are remembering if you will, we came out of the Father and we're returning to Him not as Adam but as His Christ – His true image.

No fear, doubt or polluted doctrine can change the plan of God; you can call it heresy, false doctrine, whatever you like, God's plan is right on course here and now. He's granting us that spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, the eyes of our understanding being enlightened to realize that ***when Jesus said "It is finished", it was finished; death got swallowed up in life; the grave has no more victory and death has no more sting. WE ARE PUTTING DEATH UNDER OUR FEET. Hallelujah!***

**In His Light and Love!**  
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