

12-1-2024 Sunday Sermon Message
Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16
The Text: Isaiah 25:8-9

Scripture Title: **God Destroyed Death
Forever by Swallowing It in Victory**

The Holy Spirit prophesied through the prophet Isaiah that Christ Jesus would one day appear in the world, die for the sin of the world, and be resurrected on the third day to triumph over sin and death:

"He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the Lord hath spoken it."(Isaiah 25:8)

He also testified that Jesus, the Christ, is our God and our Savior:

"And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. '(Isaiah 25:9)

There is no one in heaven or on earth who will triumph over death except God, Christ Jesus. He is the only one who can triumph over the sin that spread throughout the world through the sin of the first man, Adam, and the devil who brought death and curses as a result.

He triumphed by imputing every trace of sin and curse upon Himself and removing the sin and curse by dying. Not only that, but in order to be victorious over death, He rose again on the third day, swallowing up death and overcoming death.

Because of this, Christ Jesus, before his death, told his disciples: **"I am the way, the truth, and the life."**He said it beforehand. He

continued, "No **man comes to the Father, but by me.**He said. John 14:6)

Therefore, in order to be saved from sin, curse, and death, and to be victorious, we must enter into Him by believing in Him and receiving Him. The Apostle Paul testified to the Saints in Rome:

" Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?

⁴ Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

⁵ For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection:

⁶ Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

⁷ For he that is dead is freed from sin.

⁸ Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:

⁹ Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

¹⁰ For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.

¹¹ Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord."(Romans 6:3-11)

The Apostle Paul testified that the resurrection of Christians, who are dead to sin and alive to God through Jesus Christ our Lord, will take place on the day of Christ, the day of the rapture:

¹⁶ For if the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised:

¹⁷ And if Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.

¹⁸ Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished.

¹⁹ If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable.

²⁰ But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.

²¹ For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.

²² For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

²³ But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming.

²⁴ Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.

²⁵ For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.

²⁶ The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."(1 Corinthians 15:16-26)

The Apostle Paul testified that when we are raptured, we will be clothed in the image of the heavenly One, that is, the image of Christ:

" And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

⁵⁰ Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.

⁵¹ Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

⁵² In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."(1 Corinthians 15:49-53)

The Apostle Paul testified that this mysterious event would be fulfilled as prophesied by the prophet Isaiah, attributing to the victory of Christ Jesus by swallowing death:

" So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵ O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."(1 Corinthians 15:54-58)

Amen! Hallelujah!