

## THANATOS

**Sunday Morning: April 1, 2001**

**Text: Hebrews 2:14-15** "Forasmuch then as **the children** (brethren, potential sons) are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through [the] **death** [θανατος] he **might** destroy [make idle, ineffective] **him** that had the power of [the] **death** [θανατος], that is, the devil; 15. And **deliver them** who through fear of **death** [θανατος] were all their lifetime subject to **bondage**."

The thanatos death found in the above verses is to be associated with **the children** which God gave to the Lord. With the definite article "the" before the word "children" the writer of Hebrews has a particular group of children in mind. The word children is translated from the word παιδιον which is translated little children in Matthew 18:3-4 "And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as [the] **little children**, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this [the] **little child**, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven." The little children that God gave the Lord have the potential of being great in the kingdom of heaven.

The thanatos death is still possible because of the word "destroy" is in the subjunctive mood which means that the power of the Devil to bring about this death in a child of God is still a threat. Because of the subjunctive mood this Greek word is translated "might destroy or make ineffective" When Jesus Christ suffered thanatos death himself he made a way for the little children to overcome the Devil's power to cause them to suffer this thanatos death.

These little children may not be great in the kingdom of heaven or even enter the kingdom of heaven if the Devil has his way. It is the Devil that has the power of thanatos and he is using that power to cause these that are striving to enter into the kingdom to be offended and fall. Matthew 18:6 "But whoso shall **offend** one of these little ones which **believe** [present active participle] in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and *that* he were drowned in the depth of the sea." I believe that Satan uses those in the family of God to offend little children who have a desire to enter into the kingdom of heaven. We see that when one believes the word of the kingdom and are not grounded in that truth then the Devil can use some one in the family to offend them. Matthew 13:21 "Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth [present active] for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended." Those who are offended "fall away" according to Luke 8:13 "They on the rock *are they*, which, when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no root, which for a while believe, and in time of temptation fall away."

The word thanatos is used twice in Hebrews 2:9 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of [the] **death**, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste **death** for every man." The first occurrence has the definite article "the" before it and I believe this is a reference to Christ's death that made the power of Satan ineffective. The second use of the word thanatos without the article is a reference to Jesus Christ and his death on the cross. I believe we have this in Philippians 2:8 "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto [even to] **death** [thanatos], **even** [δε, also] the **death** [thanatos] of the cross."

When did Jesus Christ become obedient unto the death of thanatos for the little children? I believe this happened in the garden of Gethsemane. Mark 14:34 "And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto [until] **death** [θανατος]: tarry ye here, and watch." Mark 14:36 "And he said, Abba, Father, all things *are* possible unto thee; take away this cup (thanatos death)

from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt." A very interesting and important observation is found in Luke 22:43-44 "And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. 44. And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground." First, an angel ministered to him in verse 43 the same way that they did when Jesus was tested by the Devil in the wilderness. Matthew 4:11 "Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him." Secondly, his sweat was as it were great drops of blood. This is the only occurrence to the word blood before the piercing of his side in John 19:34. It is very significant that the blood of Christ is mentioned in connection with the thanatos death in the garden.

Hebrews 2:15 "And deliver them who through fear of **death** [θανάτος] were all their lifetime subject to **bondage**." The word

In the context of these two verses we have the Lord leading many sons into glory. These that are being led to glory are known as heirs of salvation (1:14, 2:3), brethren (2:11,12), and little children (2:13,14), which God the Father has given to the Lord (2:13). These potential sons are those who have eyes to see and ears to hear and would have a fear of thanatos.

Thanatos is used two different ways. One is that of physical death and the other is an undesirable place or status. Thanatos is used as physical death is in Hebrews 2:9 "But we see Jesus, . . . he by the grace of God should taste **death** for every man." Thanatos is used as an undesirable place in Revelation 1:18 "I *am* he that liveth, . . . and have the **keys** of hell and of **death** [θανάτος]." and Revelation 20:13 ". . . **death** [θανάτος] and hell delivered up the **dead** [νεκρος] which were **in them**: and they were judged every man according to their works."

The tasting of death for every man puts the use of thanatos in the category of physical death. When Jesus Christ went through thanatos to make idle the power of the devil, this thanatos seems to be a permanent reduction in rank for those who have those that are in positions of honor or for those who have the potential to attain unto those positions of honor and glory. When Jesus Christ became a man, that was a temporary reduction in rank so that he could die physically on the cross for the sins of the whole world. Hebrews 2:9 "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man." After his resurrection Jesus was crowned with glory and honor when he was placed "Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named" according to Ephesians 1:21. Yet, Jesus Christ experienced thanatos, a permanent reduction in rank, for the potential sons of God. This occurred when he suffered thanatos to render ineffective the power of the devil to cause these potential sons of God to be permanently reduced in rank or positions of glory.

What was the permanent reduction of rank or position of the Lord Jesus Christ? We will find this in the chain of command in 1 Corinthians 11:3 "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and **the head of Christ is God**." There was a time that Jesus Christ was equal with God in Philippians 2:6 "Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:"

It seems as if a permanent transition took place in the garden of Gethsemane. Mark 14:34 "And saith unto them, My **soul** is **exceeding sorrowful** unto **death** [thanatos]: tarry ye here, and watch." In Luke's account the sorrow was even greater. Luke 22:44 "And being **in an agony** he prayed more earnestly: and his **sweat** was **as it were** great drops of **blood** falling down to the ground." Mark 14:36 "And he said, Abba, Father, all things *are* possible unto thee; take away this cup (the cup of thanatos) from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt." We see this permanent reduction of rank or position in 1 Corinthians 15:27-28 "For he hath put all

things under his feet. But when he saith all things are put under *him*, *it is* manifest that he is excepted, which did put all things under him. 28. And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall **the Son also himself be subject unto him** that put all things under him, that God may be all in all."

Thanatos is a place that people do not want to be therefore the door has to be locked to keep them in there. Thanatos is just like outer darkness is a place where people are forced to stay as in Matthew 22:13 ". . . Bind him **hand** and **foot**, and take him away, and cast *him* into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." The truth about thanatos is that it is a place that those who have ears to hear and eyes to see do not want to be during the millennium. During the time, the church age, that these are being brought into glory there is the possibility that they may suffer the power of Satan referred to in 2:14 and be disqualified from becoming a son of God. This power that Satan has is that of thanatos. Jesus Christ, by suffering thanatos, made this power of Satan ineffective, but not destroyed. Before we take comfort in the thought that we do not have to worry about being disqualified as a son, the Greek word translated "might destroy" is in the subjunctive mood which clearly indicates that Satan still has that power and he will use it when possible. Satan still has the potential of causing some of the little children to be offended and eventually be disqualified from being a son.

#### THE DEVIL

**Hebrews 2:14** "Forasmuch then as the **children** (brethren, potential sons) are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through [the] **death** [ $\theta\alpha\nu\alpha\tau\omicron\varsigma$ ] he **might destroy** [make idle, ineffective] **him** that had [present active participle] the power of [the] **death** [ $\theta\alpha\nu\alpha\tau\omicron\varsigma$ ], that is, the devil;"

Our enemy is still the devil. The present active participle 'had' indicates that he still has the power and potential cause us to be cast into thanatos. 1 Peter 5:8 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the **devil**, as a roaring **lion**, walketh about, seeking whom he may **devour**." We need to be aware of our enemy's purpose to disqualify as many as he can those who have been called to enter into the coming kingdom and glory of the Lord.

This enemy is the disqualification of being placed into a position of a son. Satan has the power to cause us to be disqualified to be a son. It seems to me that Jesus Christ experienced this death when he because the only begotten Son of God who was exalted above angels in Ephesians 1:20-21 "Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set *him* at his own right hand in the heavenly *places*, 21. Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:" Yet we see the chain of command in 1 Corinthians 11:3 "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman *is* the man; and the head of Christ *is* God." where God is above Christ. If we have been called and chosen to be sons of God and we fail because of sin, we will be demoted and that will be a grievous experience for us at the Judgment Seat of Christ. This was a grievous experience for Christ as was indicated in the garden of Gethsemane.

At one time Jesus Christ was equal with God, being God as found in John 1:1 "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." Jesus Christ is the Word and the Word was God. It seems that Jesus Christ was still equal with God during his ministry here on the earth from John 5:18 "Therefore the Jews sought the more to kill him, because he not only had broken the sabbath, but said also that **God** was his Father, making himself **equal** with **God**." This is affirmed in Philipians 2:6 "Who, being in the form of **God**, thought it not robbery to be **equal** with **God**."

## PHYSICAL DEATH

**Acts 2:23-24** "Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have **crucified** and **slain**: 24. Whom God hath **raised up**, having loosed the pains of [the] **death** [θανάτος]: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it."

Acts 2:24 speaks of Jesus Christ being raised from the dead having suffered from the pains of thanatos. This is an example of thanatos being used with reference to physical death.

## PHYSICAL DEATH NOT AN ENEMY

**2 Corinthians 5:8** "We are confident, *I say*, and willing rather to be **absent from the body**, and to be present with the Lord."

This verse describes being present with the Lord as an instant event. There is no lingering some where for any length of time. When Steven was stoned he saw into heaven before he went there. When Paul was stoned in Lystra went into the third heaven and he could not tell whether he was in his body of flesh or not. Acts 14:19 ". . . having **stoned** Paul, drew *him* out of the city, supposing he had been dead." Paul makes reference to this incident in 2 Corinthians 12:2 "I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether **in the body**, I cannot tell; or whether **out of the body**, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the **third heaven**." It seems that transition is seamless, one second here then the next second "present with the Lord".

## PHYSICAL DEATH

**Genesis 25:8** "Then **Abraham** gave up the ghost, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years; and was **gathered to his people**."

In the Old Testament times, death was not feared but expected and at times anticipated. The expression of being "gathered to his people" speaks of seeing those who had proceeded them in death. Jacob anticipated his death in Genesis 49:29 "And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be **gathered** unto my **people**: bury me with my fathers in the cave that *is* in the field of Ephron the Hittite," He told his sons were he was going and what to do with the shell he was leaving behind.

## FOR JUST THREE DAYS

**Luke 18:33** "And they shall scourge *him*, and put **him** (Jesus) to **death** [αποκτείνω]: and **the third day** he shall **rise again**."

It did not seem that Jesus feared physical death as well. He knew what the Romans did in crucifixion and knew that there would be physical pain. He also knew that he would be raised from the dead in three days. In fact he knew that he would be in paradise from day one. Luke 23:43 "And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in **paradise**." If you knew that you were going to paradise and would be back in three days, how afraid of death would you be?

Jesus Christ did not suffer in hell for three days and then rise from the dead. Some teach that he suffered hell for eternity for us. With his resurrection from the dead, eternity does not even make sense.

## POWER TO TAKE IT AGAIN

**John 10:18** "No man taketh it (physical life) from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have **power to** lay it down, and I have **power to** take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."

Jesus had the power to maintain physical life regardless of what man did to him. He had the power to lay down life and the power to take it again. With this power death would not be feared.

### THE POWER OF THE DEVIL

**Hebrews 2:14** "Forasmuch then as the **children** (brethren, potential sons) are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through [the] **death** [θανατος] he **might** destroy [make idle, ineffective] **him** that had the power of [the] **death** [θανατος], that is, the devil;

The word thanatos with the definite article is used twice in this verse. It is not consistent to apply the first use of this word in the verse to physical death and then apply the second time it is used to soul death. Satan's purpose is to cause those who have been called unto the Kingdom and glory of the Lord to be disqualified. To be disqualified is to suffer thanatos death.

It was through thanatos death that Jesus made ineffective the power of thanatos death that the devil has. He still has that power, the Lord has made it less effective and has given us a means of overcoming this death. Thanatos death is to be associated with thought of perishing. To perish is to lose a life of honor and glory in the coming kingdom. Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin *is* death [thanatos]; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." This verse in Romans 6 tells us what a saved child of God earns when he serves the sin of lawlessness. He earns the loss of life of honor and glory in the coming kingdom of our Lord, namely age-lasting life. The word eternal should be translated as age-lasting because there is not a single word in the Greek language for eternity. The expression of eternity in the Greek language is "from the ages unto the ages".

### FINISHED SIN

**James 1:15-16** "Then when lust **hath conceived** [aorist active, is seized or caught], it **bringeth forth** [present active] [the] **sin**: and sin, when it is finished, **bringeth forth** [present active] **death** [θανατος]. 16. Do not **err** [present passive], my **beloved brethren**."

This verse is not dealing with the act of sin that causes us to be dead in our trespasses and sins. James is warning the saved, brother, that have a desire to enter into the kingdom of heaven not to err. Brethren are those who want to do the will of the Father and thus enter into the kingdom of heaven.

This verse warns us what will happen if we seize or nourish lust in our hearts. When lust is nourished, a process begins that brings forth the practice of the sin of lawlessness. Practicing the sin of lawlessness will start a process that will bring forth, present active, thanatos death. This verse is a warning to brethren who are seeking entrance into the kingdom of heaven. This is not a warning to the lost not to sin. We are to be telling the lost how to be saved and not to stop sinning. They can not stop sinning, that is their nature.

I believe that thanatos death can only be experienced by a child of God that has been given eyes to see and ears to hear the message of the kingdom of the heavens. Beloved brethren have been given those eyes and ears. Matthew 12:50 "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Matthew 7:21 "Not every one . . . shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

### BRETHREN WHO ERR

**James 5:19-20** "**Brethren** (potential sons, little children), if any of you do **err** from **the truth**, and one convert him; 20. Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the **error of his way** shall **save a soul from death** [θανατος], and shall hide a multitude of sins."

In chapter one, James warns a brother about erring. In chapter five he provides hope for the brother that does err. 2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slack concerning his [the] promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." The promise in this verse is singular in number and is a specific promise pertaining to age-lasting life. 1 John 2:25 "And this is the promise that he hath promised us, *even* eternal life." The Lord does not want any of those that have been called unto his kingdom and glory to perish or enter into thanatos. He is long suffering before passing a permanent sentence barring that brother from entering into the kingdom of the heavens. It is the soul that is saved from thanatos death. The word for soul is translated life in Matthew 16:25-27 "For whosoever will save his **life** [soul] shall **lose** [perish, or cause it die] it: and whosoever will **lose** [perish, or put to death] his **life** [soul] for my sake shall find it. 26. For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and **lose** [aorist passive subjunctive, may suffer loss or detriment] his own **soul** [life]? or what shall a man give in exchange for his **soul** [life]? 27. For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then he shall reward every man according to his works." The rewards for putting ones life to death in this age will pay big dividends in the age to come when the Lord is comes in his glory with his rewards.

### FEAR OF THANATOS

**Hebrews 2:15** "And deliver [might deliver, subjunctive] them who through **fear of death** [θανατος] were all their lifetime subject to **bondage**."

Thanatos reigned from Adam to Moses. **Romans 5:14** "Nevertheless [the] death reigned **from Adam to Moses** . . ." Why would God state that thanatos reigned during this period of history? I believe it was the absence of blood in the animal sacrifice. There is no mention of blood with regard to the animal sacrifice in the who book of Genesis. Theologians, in error, add the thought that blood was part of the sacrifice of the animal when not one word is mentioned in the text anywhere. Moses, whom the God used to write Genesis, knew full well the significance of the blood because it was instituted in his day. He was not allowed to associate blood with the sacrifices of any patriarch in Genesis.

The blood and the sacrifice became significant in Exodus 12. Reference is made to that animal sacrifice and the sprinkling of the blood in Hebrews 11:28 "Through faith he kept the passover, and the sprinkling of blood, lest he that destroyed the firstborn should touch them." The sprinkling of the blood is separate from passover sacrifice.

### SHEDDING OF BLOOD

**Hebrews 9:22** "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without **shedding of blood** is no remission [deliverance, liberty; Luke 4:18]."

### SPRINKLING OF THE BLOOD

**Hebrews 12:24** "And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than *that of Abel*."

Romans 8:15 "For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father."

**1 Corinthians 15:26** "The **last enemy** *that* shall be destroyed *is* [the] death [θανατος]."

It was in the garden of Gethsemane that Jesus Christ began to deal with the last enemy. It was in the garden that his soul began to experience the magnitude of what he was called to do.

## SOUL DEATH

**Mark 14:34** "And saith unto them, My **soul** is exceeding sorrowful unto [until] **death** [θανατος]: tarry ye here, and watch."

It was his soul that was exceeding sorrowful until thanatos. Blood is mentioned in Luke 22:44 "And **being in an agony** he prayed more **earnestly**: and his **sweat** was **as it were** great drops of **blood** falling down to the ground." I believe it is significant that blood is mentioned with respect to thanatos death. It was not actual blood but sweat that was like that of blood. Jesus was making ineffective the power of the Devil with regard to thanatos death. It is the blood that provides the power of deliverance bondage thanatos. It was the fear of thanatos that kept them in bondage though I have not found thanatos death in type in the book of Genesis. The verse in Romans 5:14 indicates that thanatos reigned during the book of Genesis.

## TAKE AWAY THIS CUP

**Mark 14:36** "And he said, Abba, Father, all things *are* possible unto thee; **take away this cup** (thanatos death v.34) from me: nevertheless not what I will, but what thou wilt."

The painful cup that He was to drink was that of Thanatos death. This death was his demotion in rank in the God Head which will last for eternity. It seems to me that it was this cup that made it possible for those who have been called unto His kingdom glory to achieve this ultimate end. Satan has had great power to cause the chosen to fail to enter into positions of honor and glory and by the Lord drinking this cup reduced this power of Satan to offend those who have ears to ear and eyes to see the blessing of the coming Kingdom of Heaven.

## SUBJECTION FOR EVER

**1 Corinthians 15:28** "And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall **the Son also himself be subject unto him** that put all things under him, that **God may be all in all.**"

The chain of command is found in 1 Corinthians 11:3 "But I want you to understand that **Christ** is the **head** of every **man**, and the **man** is the **head** of a woman, and **God** is the **head** of **Christ.**" Jesus Christ is still part of the Godhead, but His rank in the Godhead is below that of God. The rank or position of the Son in relation to God will continue for eternity according to 1 Corinthians 15:28.

## THE DEATH BY THE SIN

**Romans 5:12** "Wherefore, as by one **man** (Adam) [the] **sin** entered into the world, and [the] **death** [θανατος] by [the] **sin**; and so [the] **death** [θανατος] passed upon all men, for that all have **sinned** (the sin of lawlessness):"

It was not just "a sin" that caused Adam to fall. It was "the sin" that caused him to be removed from the Garden of Eden. "The sin" is the sin of lawlessness.

## THE ONLY LAW

**Genesis 2:17** "But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, **thou shalt not eat of it**: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely **die** (thanatos, LXX)."

Adam was forbidden to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but ate of anyway. Remember Adam was on a different level of fellowship than we have ever been and his act of defying the command of God not to eat of that tree was a higher degree of lawlessness than what we do when we sin because we want to. When Adam ate of the forbidden fruit he was demoted from his position of dominion over the earth. Genesis 1:28 "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing

that moveth upon the earth." It is true that he died spiritually and he passed this on to all of his descendents. The use of the word thanatos in the LXX was not an incidental translation, but would help the student of the Word to realize that Adam was also demoted from having dominion over the earth. The lesson in Romans 5 is that it by the death of Jesus Christ that we may be saved and become one of his children. Out of His family he has called many of his children to positions of honor and glory in His coming kingdom. In these positions of honor and glory they will have dominion again over the earth. Their dominion over the earth is under the authority of the King of kings and Lord of lords. The sin of lawlessness will cause those who have been called unto his kingdom and glory to be denied promotions in to those positions of kings and lords, thus being demoted from having dominion over the earth.

### ADAM'S SIN, LAWLESSNESS

**1 Timothy 2:14** "And Adam was **not deceived** (lawlessness), but the woman being **deceived** was in the transgression."

This verse gives us a clear picture that the sin of Adam was an act of lawlessness. When we sin, we are not deceived but we are not in the same sinless state of Adam, thus not on the same level as that of Adam.

### THE STING OF DEATH

**1 Corinthians 15:56** "The sting of [the] **death** [θανατος] *is* [the] **sin** (of lawlessness); and the **strength** [δυναμις] of [the] **sin** (of lawlessness) *is* the **law**."

The only "thou shalt not" was that which pertained to the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The law to him was that of not eating of the fruit of the tree. When he broke that law the sting of demotion is being lawless. The strength of lawlessness is the law and in this case Adam was not to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

### WILFULLY PRACTICING SIN

**Hebrews 10:26** "For if we **sin** [present active participle, practicing sin] **wilfully** after that we have received the knowledge [επιγνωσις deeper knowledge], of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins (being practiced wilfully),"

Practicing sin wilfully is the lawlessness. Practicing sin wilfully after we receive the knowledge of good and evil is even more grievous. The word knowledge in this verse is that of a deeper understanding and the deeper understanding is that of the truth that pertains to being promoted into positions of kings and lords in the coming kingdom. A deeper knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, I believe, is the truth referred to in this verse. One who knows the mysteries of the kingdom of the heaven also knows that the sin of lawlessness will disqualify him from entering into the coming kingdom of Jesus Christ.

### THE SIN

**1 John 3:4** "Everyone who practices [the] **sin** also practices [the] **lawlessness**; and [the] **sin** is [the] **lawlessness**." (NASB)

This verse establishes with out a shadow of doubt that "the sin" is lawlessness.

### ADAM'S OFFENCE

**Romans 5:17** "For if by one man's offence [the] **death** **reigned** by one; much more they which **receive abundance** of **grace** and of the **gift of righteousness** shall **reign in life** by one, Jesus Christ.)"

### SO MIGHT GRACE REIGN

**Romans 5:21** "That as [the] **sin** hath **reigned** unto [the] **death**, even so **might grace reign** through righteousness unto [leading to] **eternal** [agelasting] **life** by Jesus Christ our Lord."

### WAGES OF SIN

**Romans 6:23** "For the **wages** of [the] **sin is death** [θανατος]; but the gift of God *is* eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

### THE ENEMY

**1 Corinthians 15:26** "The **last enemy** *that* shall be destroyed *is* [the] **death** [θανατος]."

### FRUIT LEADING TO DEATH

**Romans 7:5** "For when we were in the **flesh**, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth **fruit** unto [leading to] **death** [θανατος]."

### FLESHLY MIND

**Romans 8:6-8** "For to be **carnally** minded *is* **death** [θανατος]; but to be **spiritually minded** *is* life and peace. 7. Because the **carnal** mind *is* **enmity** against God: for it is not subject to the law (lawless) of God, neither indeed can be. 8. So then they that are in the flesh **cannot please God.**"

### SUBTLETY OF SATAN

**2 Corinthians 11:3** "But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his **subtlety**, so your **minds** should be **corrupted** from the simplicity that is in Christ."

### WHEN IS DEATH SWALLOWED UP?

**1 Corinthians 15:54** "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** [θανατος] *is* **swallowed** up in **victory.**"

### PASSED FROM DEATH?

**1 John 3:14** "We know that we have passed from **death** [θανατος] unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not *his* brother **abideth** in **death** [θανατος]."

### ESTEEM AGELASTING LIFE

**John 5:24** "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that **heareth** [present active] my word, and **believeth** [present active] on him that sent me, **hath** [present active, esteemeth] **everlasting** [agelasting] life, and shall not come into **condemnation** [judgment]; but is passed from [the] **death** unto [the] **life.**"

### RECONCILED BY THANATOS

**Romans 5:8-10** "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ **died** for us. 9. Much more then, being now **justified** by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. 10. For if, when we were **enemies**, we were **reconciled** to God by the **death** [θανατος] of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved (so great salvation) by his life (as our high priest)."

James 4:4 "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God."

Colossians 1:21-22 "And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled 22. In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:" Luke 19:27 "But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay *them* before me."