

Introduction: Why This Topic Matters

Jesus defeated **three enemies: Satan, sin, and death** – yet they still operate in the world until the end (Revelation 20–21). Understanding this victory is crucial for Christian living:

- Some wrongly believe Jesus did *everything* already—leading to disappointment when life is still hard.
- Others believe He did *nothing* practical—resulting in defeat and hopelessness.

The focus of this message is: the **defeat of death**, the **last enemy** (1 Corinthians 15:26).

Point 1: Death Has Been Rendered Powerless (Katargeo)

- Greek term *katargeo* = “to render powerless” (2 Timothy 1:10).
- Jesus didn’t eradicate death immediately but removed its **power and sting**.
- Sub-points:
 - **Death is the end-result** of Satan and sin (Romans 6:23).
 - The enemy is involved: **Satan** → **sin** → **death** (Hebrews 2:14, Romans 6:6).
 - Jesus’ work dismantled the *power structure* that leads to death.

Point 2: Jesus’ Life Demonstrated Victory Over Death

- Jesus was fully human (Hebrews 2), experienced temptation, weakness, yet without sin.
- Sub-points:
 - He lived without sin and **overcame Satan** in every encounter.
 - He demonstrated **authority over sickness and death**:
 - Healed the sick, raised the dead, cast out demons (Matthew 10:7–8).
 - He **emptied Himself** of divine privilege (Philippians 2), yet walked in God’s power.

Point 3: Jesus’ Death and Resurrection Brought Ultimate Defeat to Death

- Isaiah 53: Jesus bore sin, sickness, and punishment on the cross.
- Sub-points:
 - He **substituted Himself** for our punishment (Isaiah 53:4–5).
 - His resurrection proves:
 - He is who He said He is.
 - He holds power over all (Romans 8:11).
 - A **spiritual realm and eternity** exist beyond our senses.
 - His resurrection releases **Holy Spirit power** into believers (Romans 8:10–11).

Point 4: Our Response – Faith and New Life

- Faith begins by **imagining**, then **believing**, that the Gospel is true.
- Sub-points:
 - Faith = trusting unseen truths based on evidence (Hebrews 11:1).
 - When we believe, our **old self dies**, and we receive **new life** in the Spirit (Romans 6:6, Romans 8).
 - We become **the righteousness of God** in spirit (2 Corinthians 5:21).
 - Practical impact: transformation begins internally, and outwardly (Romans 12:1–2).

Point 5: The Mission – Bringing the Kingdom of Heaven to Earth

- Jesus passed His mission to His followers (Matthew 28:18–20, John 20:21, Ps 110, Eph 1:22).
- Sub-points:
 - The **kingdom of heaven is at hand** (Matthew 10:7–8).
 - Believers are to **heal the sick, raise the dead**, and preach the Gospel (Jhn 14:12, Mk 16:17-18).
 - We carry **His authority and power** to overcome darkness and death.

Point 6: Living in the “In-Between” – Groaning with Hope and Prayer

- Romans 8:18–27 explains the tension of life now:
 - **Creation groans** for restoration.
 - **Believers groan** for full redemption of the body.
 - The **Holy Spirit groans** in intercession through us.
- Sub-points:
 - We experience suffering and setbacks, but live with hope.
 - Prayer aligns us with God’s will and releases power (Romans 8:26–27).

Conclusion & Life Applications

- **Understand and accept** that Jesus has defeated death's power.
- **Live by faith** in His resurrection and walk in **Spirit-empowered life**.
- **Renew your mind** and step into the identity and purpose God has for you.
- **Join the mission** of putting all enemies “underfoot” (Psalm 110:1, Ephesians 1:20–23).

Scriptures Quoted in this talk:

1Co 15:25-26 NKJV - "25 For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. 26 The last enemy that will be destroyed is death."

Rev 20:7,10-15 - Description of the ultimate destruction of Satan, sin and death at the end of time.

Rev 21:4 NKJV - "4 "And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying. There shall be no more pain, for the former things have passed away."

2Ti 1:10 NKJV - "10 but has now been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who has **abolished** (katargeo) death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,"

Gen 3 - The temptation and fall of man

Heb 2:14-15 NKJV - "14 Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy (katargeo) him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."

Rom 6:6 NKJV - "6 knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with (katargeo), that we should no longer be slaves of sin."

Heb 2:9, 14 & Heb 4:15 - Jesus was just like us and took on human form.

Phl 2:7 ESV - "7 [He] emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men."

Mar 13:32 - He laid aside His omniscience

Mat 8:16 NKJV - "16 When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick,"

Isa 53:1-12 Jesus' death was to free us from death (and sin and satan)

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Jhn 3:7-8 NKJV - "7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' 8 "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.""

Rom 8:10-11 NKJV - "10 And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you."

2Co 5:21 NKJV - "21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Jhn 14:12 NKJV - "12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

Mar 16:17-18 NKJV - "17 "And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 "they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.""

Jhn 20:23 NKJV - "23 "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.""

Isa 25:7-9 NKJV - "7 And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken. 9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, 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.""

Jhn 12:31 NKJV - "31 "Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out."

Mat 28:18-20 NKJV - "18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

Rom 5:1, 9 NKJV - "1 Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ... 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him."

Psa 110:1-3 NIV - "1 The LORD says to my lord: "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet." 2 The LORD will extend your mighty scepter from Zion, saying, "Rule in the midst of your enemies!" 3 Your troops will be willing on your day of battle. Arrayed in holy splendor, your young men will come to you like dew from the morning's womb."

Eph 1:22-23 NKJV - "22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Mat 10:7-8 NKJV - "7 "And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' 8 "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

Isa 53:4-6 NKJV - "4 Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses) And carried our sorrows (pains); Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all."

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Rom 8:18-27 NKJV - "18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation eagerly waits for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it in hope; 21 because the creation itself also will be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. 23 Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. 24 For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. 26 Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 27 Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God."

1Jo 5:14 NKJV - "14 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

Dan 10:12 NKJV - "12 Then he said to me, "Do not fear, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand, and to humble yourself before your God, your words were heard; and I have come because of your words."