

**Hebrews 2:14 (KJV)** <sup>14</sup>Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

**Hebrews 2:14 - 15 (NLT)** <sup>14</sup>Because God's children are human beings—made of flesh and blood—the Son also became flesh and blood. For only as a human being could he die, and only by dying could he break the power of the devil, who had the power of death. <sup>15</sup>Only in this way could he set free all who have lived their lives as slaves to the fear of dying.

Since Jesus is God the Son, only as a human being, *made of flesh and blood*, could the Lord *die*. Ironically, to defeat death, Jesus had to die—*only by dying could he break the power of the Devil, who had the power of death*.

- Jesus' death and His return to life showed that death had been defeated:

**Romans 6:9 (KJV)** <sup>9</sup>Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.

**Hebrews 2:9 (NASB)** <sup>9</sup>But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

Key questions:

**1. How does the devil have “the power of death”? (1 John 3:8)**

Ans. **Death** (physical and spiritual) is the penalty of sin. (Rom.6:23)

**Sin** originated through the Devil. (1 John 3:8)

**All** humans sin. – Rom. 3:23 (*Though Jesus took on humanity, He had no sin* - John 14:30)

**Romans 5:12 (NASB)** <sup>12</sup>Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

**Genesis 2:17 (NASB)** <sup>17</sup>but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die.”(*1<sup>st</sup> mention*)

**2. Why do people still die if Jesus has defeated death?**

Ans. Although Satan still holds great power over this world, he is mortally wounded. God allows Satan to work, but limits him (*see Job 1:12; 2:6*).

Just as salvation is partly realized now and will be fully realized later, in God's kingdom, so Satan is still at work but will one day be destroyed.

➤ **Revelation 20:10 (NASB)**

<sup>10</sup>And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

HEB. 2:15 - **Only in this way could he deliver those who have lived all their lives as slaves to the fear of dying. (NLT)**

- Because Jesus died and arose, we no longer need to be enslaved to the fear of dying. We know that because Jesus rose from the dead, we will also. Jesus also promised eternal life in paradise with him, and we know we will receive it. We will die physically, but we are promised new bodies and a new life in eternity with God. Thus, death becomes the gateway to a new life.

**2 Corinthians 5:6 - 9 (NASB)**

<sup>6</sup>Therefore, being always of good courage, and knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord— <sup>7</sup>for we walk by faith, not by sight—

<sup>8</sup>we are of good courage, I say, and prefer rather to be absent from the body and to be at home with the Lord.

<sup>9</sup>Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him.

## 1 Corinthians 15:51 - 58 (NASB)

<sup>51</sup>Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed,

<sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.

<sup>53</sup>For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.

<sup>54</sup>But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory.

<sup>55</sup>"O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?"

<sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law;

<sup>57</sup>but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>58</sup>Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not *in vain* in the Lord.

## Hebrews 2:9 (NASB)

<sup>9</sup>But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, *namely*, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

- Only Jesus had the power to die on His own terms and self-resurrect on His own terms:

**John 10:18 (NASB)** <sup>18</sup>"No one has taken it away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again. This commandment I received from My Father."

## Our Greatest Help

Jesus frees and delivers us, providing the greatest help of all. The powerful results of his death and resurrection give us two assurances:

1. *Christ destroys the author of death, the devil.* Satan's power has been broken and one day will be completely removed.
2. *Christ destroys the fear of death.* Jesus' death and resurrection set us free from the fear of death because death has been defeated.

Every person must die, but death is not the end; instead, it is the doorway to a new life. We have assurance that we will be resurrected from the dead. All who dread death should trust Jesus to bring victory. Remember that Jesus will not fail you.

**Monday Morning Moment:** Action Step – *"Live without fear. Trust the Savior."*

## 2 Chronicles 20:12 (NASB) *(Please study this entire prayer)*

<sup>12</sup>"O our God, ...For we are powerless before this great multitude who are coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are on You."

**The gospel is light but only the Spirit can give sight.**

—A. W. Tozer

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-----Will Robinson