

Our Savior Has Abolished Death

I. Introduction:

A. In the beginning man was taken from dust and put into the garden wherein was the tree of life (**Genesis 2:7-9**).

1. Adam and Eve were told not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil (**Genesis 2:16-17**).

2. They chose to disobey God and did eat of that tree. They then were cast forth, out of the garden, away from the tree of life so that death entered into this world (**Genesis 3:1-7** and **Genesis 3:19-23**).

B. In times past death was greatly feared (**Psalms 55:4** and **Hebrews 2:15**).

1. There was not a hope in death (**II Samuel 14:14** and **Job 14:10-14**).

2. But now, death can be viewed differently (**Philippians 1:21-23**). Why?

II. Body: **II Timothy 1:8-10**

A. Death came into this world by one man and was dealt with by our Savior (**Romans 5:12-21**).

1. Think about what is said in the very next chapter (**Romans 6:1-12**).

2. In Adam all die, but in Christ... (**I Corinthians 15:21-23**).

B. Let's talk about death being "abolished" ["to be (render) entirely idle (useless), literally or figuratively: - abolish, cease, cumber, deliver, destroy, do away, become (make) of no (none, without) effect, fail, loose, bring (come) to nought, put away (down), vanish away, make void" (Strong's # 2673)].

1. The promise is about what is to come (**I Corinthians 15:26; 15:52-57**).

**The world translated "destroyed" is the same Greek word translated "abolished" (II Timothy 1:10 and I Corinthians 15:26).*

2. Jesus came in the flesh to destroy him that had the power of death (**Hebrews 2:14**).

3. Once risen, death will not come upon us again (**Luke 20:28-38**).

4. Immortality is brought to light through the Gospel (**John 5:5:24-29**).

C. Think about a spiritual application (THOUGH THAT IS NOT THE APPLICATION OF OUR TEXT)... When a person sins, that person becomes spiritually dead (**I Timothy 5:6**).

1. The soul that sinneth... (**Ezekiel 18:4, Ezekiel 18:20, and Romans 6:23**).

2. Even before the resurrection, there is a spiritual sense in which those dead in sin come back to life (**Luke 15:11-24, Romans 8:1-2, Ephesians 2:1-5, Ephesians 5:14, and Colossians 2:12-13**).

3. Then we have the figure of the tree of life (**Revelation 2:7; 22:14**).

III. Conclusion: Think about the hope we have who are faithful in Christ (**I John 5:11-12**).