

Deliverance from Sin & Death

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English Transcription

Welcome, beloved. It's so good to be with you today. And I'm very excited about what the Lord is giving me to speak to you at this moment in time. Because in the Earth today, there is so much turmoil, there's so much anguish, so much bitterness and strife and division and fear. But God's got a message for you and it's a message of hope and light and there's no despair when you know Christ. There's no fear when you know Christ. So, what I want to share with you is going to give you a deeper understanding of the revelation of Christ and what His resurrection has done for each of us. You should be so overjoyed to know that death is not your final resting place. And I want to read something right off the beginning here, right in the very beginning that was written by Thomas that really explains in detail what I want to speak to you about.

It's the 18th verse in his writing, and it says:

The Gospel of Thomas, verse 18:

The disciples said to Jesus, "Tell us, how will our end come?"

You see, the first thing human beings want to know is what's going to happen tomorrow. That's why everyone is so excited about the prophetic. But what Christ did is make you the Prophet of your own life. That's what His resurrection did.

So, Jesus is saying to His disciples (***The Gospel of Thomas, verse 18 continued...***)

Jesus said, "Have you found the beginning then that you are looking for the end? You see, the end will be where the beginning is."

It sounds so simple because it is. If you are conscious of where you are, you're at the start and you're at the finish, you're walking in eternity when you're conscious of your **present state of being**.

(The Gospel of Thomas, verse 18 continued...)

So, Jesus said: "You see, the end will be where the beginning is. Congratulations to the one who stands at the beginning: that one will know the end and will not taste death."

Do you feel the presence of God on those words?

Congratulations, because you are standing at the beginning, and you will know the end from the beginning and the beginning from the end. Because you're standing in eternity where there is no death. You are the living, resurrected one in Christ.

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Jesus' resurrection is the only celebration this Earth should have every day. Because what drives this Earth's system?

We've spoken about it over and over again. It's the foundation of death in the Earth. It's that fear of death that drives all the systems that come against mankind. All of these "systems" that are oppressing people, that are causing fear and anguish in the lives of human beings, comes from this fear of death. But get a hold of this -- every time you have an inclination to be afraid, understand what the resurrection did.

Now, let's look over at something in 1 Corinthians 15. You know, Paul is spoken more about in churches today (*the churches I grew up in anyway*), than even the words of Christ. People quote Paul, all his letters, and Paul had great revelation. Paul was one "chosen by God", but he was not Christ. So, when he writes those letters, he is understanding in his physical being what that resurrection of Christ did. He did not have the fullness and the understanding that is available to you and me today. So, when you read his writings, understand that he is not the "end of all". He doesn't have it all. We have more revelation today than he did because it's available to us. And that's not belittling him, and that's not saying that what he had was not wonderful and terrific.

But what I'm telling you is when you read his letters don't think that they are just "perfectly put" because some of the translation may be wrong. He may not have said what they wrote, we don't know. But let the Holy Spirit guide you when you read those letters. Let's look at this in 1 Corinthians 15, because he says a lot of important things here, a lot of powerful things. So we want to look at it and then understand it from the position of the resurrected Christ, which all of us have revelation of.

Beginning at verse three, Paul writes:

1 Corinthians 15:3-6

For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, and that He was seen by Cephas (Peter), then by the Twelve. After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep.

So, it's very interesting to see how Paul is talking about death as sleep, and we're going to get into that a little bit later. Now, notice that Paul didn't talk about Mary seeing Jesus resurrected. She was one of the first ones to see Him resurrected, she mistook Him for the gardener, but Paul didn't mention that I wonder why?

1 Corinthians 15:7-8

After that He was seen by James and by all the Apostles. Then last of all He was seen by me also as by one born out of due time.

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So, Paul gives in this beginning his understanding of who Christ is and how He fulfilled the Scriptures. Now remember, Paul was the Pharisee of the Pharisees, he knew the Scriptures. In fact, most of the things that he writes in his letters, he quotes from the Old Testament prophets. You got to get a hold of this because most people, when they read the Old Testament and then they see that division that says “New Testament”, they think everything there is NEW.

Everything after the New Testament is NOT NEW. It is recording and reemphasizing what was spoken by the prophets in the Old Testament. Most of the things that Jesus spoke in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, He was quoting from the Old Testament, because why? He fulfilled the Law, He came to fulfill everything that was spoken about Him.

So, when you read the scriptures, understand that Jesus fulfilled “all of this book” (the Bible). It was all written about Him and for Him, and everything in here exalts Him. So, it's not new material, it is proof of what was written in the beginning and that was fulfilled throughout the book (Bible). Several of these scriptures, you'll see that he quotes.

Okay, so Paul in verse 25 says:

1 Corinthians 15:25

He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet.

Now, he's quoting from David in **Psalms 110:1**

The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at My right hand, till I make your enemies Your footstool.”

This was David speaking. Now over in Mark, Jesus quotes the same scripture.

Mark 12:36

For David himself said by the Holy Spirit: “The Lord said to my Lord, ‘Sit at My right hand till I make Your enemies Your footstool.’ “

So, we see that all of these scriptures that are written about making your enemies your footstool began with David in Psalms, quoted by Jesus in Mark and requoted by Paul in Corinthians. So, the reason I'm showing you this is when you read scriptures, understand how they're all knitted together.

And we make a big problem in our understanding by dividing the Old Testament from the New Testament. When we're reading the Scripture, it's really all one.

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And see, this division is what creates a lot of separation in our understanding. And I've spoken about this in the past, how separation is part of our "duality mentality". We want to have a right, we want to have a wrong, we want to live in that "**doctrine of separation**".

And God came as Christ in the Godhead, fullness, in the Godhead to make all things One again, the same way He created Adam in the beginning, both male and female, totally One. Understand the separation began when He separated the female from the male. That separation is throughout history, and we see it in all walks of life, in this mentality, in this dimension. So, recognize that and as you recognize that, it gives you an understanding of where you are in your perception and understanding of the wholeness that God created through resurrection.

Now, that's something you need to play back in here again, because what I want you to take from that is the "wholeness, the oneness" that is in the Godhead: God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit. They are One, but they were separate. Why? So, they could Minister to the division that man had created throughout this dimension and in the Earth. Yes? You understand?

Okay, let's go back to what Paul is speaking about here in **1 Corinthians 15:12**

Now, if Christ is preached that He has been raised from the dead, how do some among you say that there is no resurrection of the dead?

Now you remember he is speaking to the Corinthians, this is a Greek Church, this is the Greek mentality, this is the mentality that is so prevalent in *this dimension* that we're living in: this right, wrong, duality. So, he's preaching to the Greeks, he's trying to make an argument to give them understanding of this resurrection.

1 Corinthians 15:14

If Christ is not risen, then our preaching is empty and your faith is also empty.

So, he's making an argument that the resurrection is the foundation of what Christ did, so that the Greeks and the Gentiles can understand what Jesus did on the cross and after the cross.

1 Corinthians 15:16-17

For if the dead do not rise, then Christ is not risen. And if Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins!

This is a "key word" **still in your sins**. And this is what we're going to launch from today: **what keeps people in their sins**.

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So, we're going to jump over to verse 55.

1 Corinthians 15:55

O Death, where is your sting? Oh Hell (Hades), where is your victory?

And again, he's quoting an Old Testament Prophet, Hosea.

This is Hosea 13:14

I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O Death, I will be your plagues! O Grave, I will be your destruction!

Now these words are obviously changed in the Hebrew, but this is where Paul was getting his:

O Death, where is your sting? Oh Hell (Hades), where is your victory?

Now this is the important thing I want you to understand about sin. We're talking about sin here, verse 56.

1 Corinthians 15:56

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

Now, this is really critical for you to understand, so pay close attention. Most people believe sins is what you do. And what Jesus was saying when He was walking the Earth is that those who don't believe in Me have My word that will judge them. What does that mean? That means that if they don't believe what He says, they will be judged.

And I've said this over and over again:

You're not judged by what you do, you're judged by what you don't believe.

So, sin is this unbelief that creates your connection with this dimension.

You see, what Jesus did when He resurrected was "take away all of the authority" that this dimension had over persecuting you for wrong, for unbelief, for death, for anything you do. "Anything you do" was covered and totally broken through His resurrection. So, the reason people are afraid of death is because they're connected to *this system*. They're *living in this world system* because they want to believe that they have control over what happens to their life. And that means they have to play in this realm, in this dimension so they can have authority, they believe, over what happens to them.

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That is sin because you did not release your control, your authority to the rulership of Christ when He resurrected.

You see, He put everything under His feet when He resurrected. All of this system is defeated because it was controlled, and is controlled, by the fear of death. So, if death is still ruling your thoughts and the fear of death is still ruling your thoughts, you're living in sin, and that's going to have a sting in death.

And he (Paul) says,

1 Corinthians 15:55

O Death, where is your sting? Oh Hell (Hades), where is your victory?

Because he (Paul) had surrendered to the authority that Jesus took when He went to hell and took it captive. Remember what it says in Hebrews?

Hebrews 2:14-15

Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He himself likewise shared in the same that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is the devil, and release those who through the fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

He released those, those that were asleep, they were in bondage. That's what he's talking about. Those who've fallen asleep, those who were in Him before the foundation, but they're attached to the fear of death, they're attached to this system. Jesus released them from that bondage. So, they've been awakened to the reality of what He did, they're resurrected.

I'm going to give you an example. I used to dream, and sometimes I'd wake up and I had been sweating and my heart had been racing because I believed that what I was going through was so real. And when I woke up and my eyes opened, I said, "okay, well, I know I'm dreaming, but how did I know I was dreaming?" Because when I opened my eyes and my mind began to think, I begin to remember everything I did the day before or sometime in the past. And these memories of what I experienced in the past made me believe that I was now awake and living in the present.

But how did I know that when I was asleep, I was not living then? Because I had no past, I had no memory, I was living in the present, so I was really alive. My spirit is who I am, and it was not bound by the memories and the experience of a physical body. So, I was actually living in the present moment as a spirit while my eyes and physical body was asleep. That's the condition of the people who are in bondage, that have fallen asleep, that were in Him before the foundation of the world.

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I'm going to give you time to digest that, because we have been so conditioned to believe that our physical surroundings and our experiences are the reality that we're living in. And I'm telling you today, that because of what Christ did at resurrection, **your reality began where His resurrection started.** That's where your reality starts. It doesn't start in the past; it doesn't start when you have an experience in the physical realm. It started when He overcame death, because that is what keeps people in this dimension, that bondage. And that's why people are so chaotic today. We're living in times right now where people are so absolutely mentally unstable because they are so ruled by their emotions and their fears and their anger and their hostility and their insecurities.

They're so ruled by these emotions that they have no time to recognize the reality of what Christ has done in their life. That's why this message is so critical for you to get hold of. When you see that you are no longer bound in this dimension, you're no longer controlled by the fear of death, you're absolutely free to live. Most people don't live today. They survive from one chaotic experience to another. That's not living. But that's why this message of resurrection is so critical.

So, let's go on and read a couple of more scriptures.

Back in **1 Corinthians 15:56**, we see that:

The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law.

So, now we understand why Jesus had to come to fulfill the law, because sin no longer has strength if the law has been fulfilled and the law is what the churches are living in. If they just want to be honest and recognize that they're preaching Old Testament doctrine, they're trying to understand that their Holiness and righteousness is a physical display instead of understanding that is not righteousness, that's more of bondage. And what Jesus did at the resurrection was to destroy sin. Sin no longer has place in your life if you're not bound to this dimension. We made this clear. When you feel like you're sinning, it's because you're connected to this dimension. You're connected to this fear. You're connected to the fear of death.

He says something here in verse 51.

1 Corinthians 15:51-54

Behold, I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment in the twinkling of an eye, in the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound and the dead will be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed. For the corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

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

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Again, that is a quote from the Old Testament (Hosea 13:14).

So, what is Paul talking about here? You see, most people read that, and they say, okay, this is Paul talking about a trumpet sounding and the Church rising to be with Christ. I want to show you some scriptures that may help you understand that differently.

Look, in **John 11:11**

Our friend Lazarus sleeps, but I go that I may wake him up.

Lazarus died and He said he was asleep. But you see, the disciples didn't understand that. So, He had to plainly say, "Lazarus has died." (**John 11:14**)

Right? Okay, so here is the beginning of how the revelation of what Christ came to do is being imparted into His disciples to understand the difference between "a death that does not have an awakening and a sleep that is awakened." Okay, so He's explaining this to His disciples, and we all know that He went to Lazarus and resurrected him from his death or sleep. And He told Mary and Martha there that if you will believe, you'll see the glory of God (John 11:40).

John 11:40

Jesus said to her, "Did I not say that if you would believe you would see the glory of God?"

Because what He was demonstrating to them is that death is not the final say so in this dimension, it's not the authority in this dimension. He came to take the authority away from death, and that was the purpose of fulfilling the law.

When Paul is talking about, "you shall not all sleep, but you will hear a trumpet" – That "sound of a trumpet", let's look here in a scripture in **John 5:25**

Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming and now is when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live.

Now Jesus is walking the Earth and He's saying, **the hour is coming and now is not the future.**

"Now" is when you will hear the voice of the Son of God.

Who is the Son of God? Jesus is the Son of God.

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Now, how does His voice sound?

Turn over to **Revelation 1:10**

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet,

So, His voice has been described “as a trumpet”, the “sound of waters”; but as a trumpet, which is what Paul uses to say: **“The mystery that you're changed”** -- When are you changed? When you hear the voice or the word of Christ, the voice that you hear is in here (in you), not out there (*outside of you – the physical realm and senses*). When you hear the voice of the Lord on the inside (of you), you'll never be the same. Why? Because you'll know “that you know” that what you fear out there has no authority to what you hear in here (in you). This (in you) is where the reign of Christ is.

This is where the Kingdom is, inside (of you). That's where the voice changes you. That's where the power of Christ resides over you. And when you know that you know that you hear that voice, then what? **You're changed.**

You don't need someone to tell you what's right, what's wrong, what's going to happen. You don't need to hear that because you know that what you heard is “who you are”.

We were created from *before the foundation of the world*. The foundation of the world is in fear, and it controls those who look and hear the voices on the outside. **We have been given the Spirit of Christ to know what is right and to hear that voice and not to be persuaded by any other voice or any other sign.** So those people that are looking for signs out here or up here will be confused. They will live in a dimension that is controlled by fear and death, and their death will sting, and their death will have authority over them. But you have been given the Spirit that's above that fear, you've been given it right here in your spirit. So, when Paul is writing this letter, he's talking to something that you already know.

And people are not supposed to be frightened if they understand that Christ lives in them.

It's the people that are waiting for something on the outside that become frightened and confused.

Now look at this, **1 Corinthians 15:20-23**

But now Christ is risen from the dead and has become the First Fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive. But each one in his own order: Christ the First Fruits, afterward those who are Christ's at His coming.

(And this is where people get confused)

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So immediately people read this part of the verse and they start thinking about something in the future. This is where we have to start to understand the reality of what's in you.

1 Corinthians 15:24

Then comes the end, when He delivers the Kingdom to God the Father, when He puts an end to all rule and all authority and power.

Now, I don't know if Paul wrote that. I don't know if it was translated wrong. But how many of you know that there is no separation in the Godhead? How many of you know it's God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit? **The end came when Christ resurrected. There was nothing after that.**

And he's writing this in a way, or it's being presented in a way, that makes people think they have to wait for something. And this is not the reality of what happens in a resurrection. Everything old passes away. There is no more time. The resurrection comes into a "fullness of its own" that has nothing to do with the past. It's like the sleep and the dreaming. When you're asleep and you're dreaming, you have no past, you have no future, you're **living in the moment** of that dream. And that's where I want you to return to right now and understand what I'm saying. There is no past, there is no future "in Him".

The resurrection takes you out of this dimension and places you in a realm where everything you want, everything you need, is already there. There is no desire that has not been fulfilled. That's what the scripture talks about "*when all your tears are wiped away*". Because if you have no memory of the past and you have no longing for the future, you're living in the perfection of the reality of His dimension. Christ's dimension.

So, when Paul is writing this and in the next verse (**1 Corinthians 15:25**), he says:

1 Corinthians 15:25-26

For He must reign till He has put all enemies under His feet. That last enemy that will be destroyed is death.

Well, who destroyed death? Jesus, yeah, we just read it in Hebrews. *He destroyed death and He destroyed the one that had the power of death.* So, the last enemy is destroyed:

1 Corinthians 15:27

For, "He has put all things under His feet."

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So, Paul is trying to make an argument about something, or this is written to say, that something has to happen further, when that's not the truth. There is nothing that can happen further. The "end has come" when Christ destroyed death and the one who had control over it. There is nothing left. Now, if you want to *live in this dimension* and believe it's your reality and experience all the things that your emotions want to experience and have all the different kinds of pleasures you think your flesh can have, that's your choice. That's your choice. But the reality of what a Christian should understand and believe is that there is no more. There is nothing left.

Everything in this dimension has already been put under His feet.

There is no more waiting. And if you believe you need to wait, then you're living in sin and you're giving sin strength over your life. That is the reality of that scripture.

Sin has a sting if you still believe that this dimension is where you're living.

So, I want you to see that. I want you to understand that because every time you feel some kind of condemnation, or you feel some kind of oppression or depression, it's because you haven't **celebrated the resurrection**.

Like Thomas said (***The Gospel of Thomas, verse 18***):

Congratulations to the one who stands at the beginning: that one will know the end and will not taste death."

I feel the presence of God when I'm telling you that. And you need to understand that with all your heart and live in that celebration every moment of your life. There's nothing else folks. You can be 300 years old and live in this dimension and never experience anything new under the sun. It's just the way it is.

Celebrate the resurrection of Christ and understand your authority over death and the fear of death and you'll live free the rest of your life.

It's been a pleasure to talk to you today. I love you and I'll talk to you soon.