

His Victorious Death, our fullness of Life

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Today's Passages: Luke 22:19-20, Hebrews 2:14-17, Phil 1:19-25, 3:8

And he took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."²⁰ And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.
Luke 22:19-20

Today we will be honoring and celebrating the victorious death of Jesus that brings fullness of life to all who believe.

The current crisis is causing us to face our own mortality which provokes fear in many.

Yet this week our daily devotionals we read that Jesus came to: **"deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery."**
Hebrews 2:15

Although not comfortable, and not intending to be morbid, it is healthy to wrestle with our own mortality. That is a huge underlying motivation of the gospel. What happens when you die? Are you ready to meet God? Does your soul have peace with God?

As we celebrate the Lord's supper today a huge part of what we are focusing on is that in Christ we are set free from the ultimate power of death... **Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil,¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.**
Hebrews 2:14-15

Jesus' time on earth was not to give bumper sticker teachings to help life be comfortable, he came to destroy the one who has the power of death!

His death is the solution to our fear of death. He has been through it and overcome.

An inspiring example...

for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance,²⁰ as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.²¹ For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
Philippians 1:19-21

The fullness of the God's gospel had become very real to Paul.

"This will turn out for my *soteria*..." -Salvation, Healing, Deliverance.

Paul was convinced that whether in life or death, God's *soteria* would reign. Wow.

Some souls need to be saved right now

Some bodies need to be healed right now

Some minds need to be delivered right now

We honor and worship Jesus in the Lord's supper as the One who brings all of that. That is all part of the "new covenant."

Responding to God...

What aspect of God's "*soteria*" can you receive afresh today?

What aspect of God's "*soteria*" can you prayer for someone else to receive afresh today?