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The Power of Death? **Jon Mitchell**

"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, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham." - Hebrews 2:14-16

When Satan successfully tempted Adam and Eve, he brought death into the world (Gen. 3:1ff; Rom. 5:12). The concept of death revolves around separation, the separation of the body from the spirit which is the physical first death (James 2:26) and the separation of God from us due to our sins which is the spiritual second death death culminating in eternal hell (Is. 59:2; Rom. 6:23; Rev. 21:8). Because we all sinned (Rom. 3:23), and our sins demanded a just punishment (Rom. 2:5-6; 3:26) for which the blood of animal sacrifices could not atone (Heb. 10:1-4), Satan had the power of death over us. In other words, we had no hope of salvation from hell.

Thanks be to God that out of his great love for us he sent his only Son (John 3:16), who left the glory of Heaven to become a mortal, flesh-and-blood Man (John 1:14; Rom. 1:3; 8:3; Gal. 4:4; Phil. 2:7-8; Col. 1:22; 1 Tim. 3:16; 1 John 4:2; 2 John 7) who was tempted in every way that we are tempted, "yet without sin" (Heb. 4:14-16). By living that sinless life and then

offering himself on the cross on our behalf, he became the propitiation for our sins (1 John 2:1-2; 4:10; cf. Rom. 3:25; 2 Cor. 5:18-20; Col. 1:20;). God's righteous demand for a just punishment for our sins was met, giving us the hope of salvation and thus taking away Satan's power of death over us!

Yes, Satan is still active and we must be wary of him (1 Pet. 5:8-9; 2 Cor. 2:11)...but Christ's sacrifice on the cross has destroyed him so that we know his guaranteed, ultimate end (Rev. 20:10-12). Therefore, Christians need no longer fear the death that is separation from God (Rom. 8:37-39; 1 Cor. 3:21-23) because we are Abraham's spiritual descendants due to belonging to Christ (Gal. 3:29; cf. Rom. 2:28-29; Gal. 6:16; James 1:1-2) and thus are heirs to whom is promised that glorious, eternal inheritance in Heaven (1 Pet. 1:3-5)!

How does one come to belong to Christ and thus receive these awesome blessings? Through faithful, penitent baptism into Christ and his body, the church of Christ (Gal. 3:26-29; Rom. 6:1-8; 1 Cor. 12:13; cf. Col. 1:18; Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Freddie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Doug Crouse,
Freddie Callis, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Roberta Donaldson
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood, Shirley Bolin,
Beverly Martindale,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Roger Callis,
Caraline Rogers
Justin Puckett, Ruby Malone,
Jane Washington, Betty Green

Today's Sermons

AM - Jeff Dove Speaking

PM - Mike Wages Speaking

Happenings

South Jackson

September 28

Men's Business Meeting

Area Events Posted On the
bulletin board

Cards to Send

Gaylon & Betty Cooper
201 Ed Moore Road
Beech Bluff, TN 38313

Danny Darnaby
239 Hudson Road
Bells, TN 38006

Weekly Record

6 AM	0
Bible Class	54/1
AM Worship	74/10
PM Worship	55/2
Wed Bible Study	54/4
Contribution	4338
Budget	4014

Those Privileged to Serve

Sept 21 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Butcher, P. Hatcher

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Van McConnell

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Jeff Dove

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Joe Venable

Contribution:

Jeff Bliss

Sept 28 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - J. Smith, M. Wages

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

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Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Greg Long

Communion: Paul Hatcher

Contribution:

Van McConnell

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Eddie Anderson

Sermon: Mike Wages

Closing Prayer: Ronald Clouse

Communion: Joe Venable

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Ray Pack

Opening Prayer:

Paul Hatcher

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Communion: Greg Long

Sept 24 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Mike Wages

Oct 1 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer:

Ronald Clouse

Devo - Ray Pack

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM