

An Endless Life

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. . . in the likeness of Melchizedek, there arises another priest who has come, not according to the law of a fleshly commandment, but according to the power of an endless life.

Hebrews 7:15-16

Akatalytos - Ah-ka-ta-la-toss

Indissoluble, Inextinguishable, Unstoppable, Unable to be destroyed, Unable to be hindered, Everlasting, Endless

A Priest who has come, (ushering forth in) **the power of an Akatalytos life.**

Hebrews 7:15-16

Satan had the Power of Death

. . . him that had the power of death, that is, the devil . . .

Hebrews 2:14

Jesus has the Power of Life

both the jurisdictional-power of life and the strength-power of life

For as the Father raises up the dead, and quickens them; **even so the Son quickens whom He will . . .** Verily, verily, I say unto

you, He that hears my word, and believes on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

John 5:21, 24

Therefore does my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself.

I have power to lay it down, and I have power to

take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

John 10:17-18

Death Holds a Lawful Claim

. . . the soul that sins, it shall die . . . the soul that sins, it shall die.

Ezekiel 18:4; 20

For the wages of sin is death . . .

Romans 6:23

For all have sinned . . .

Romans 3:23

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and

so death passed upon all men, for that **all have sinned.**

Romans 5:12

The Bad News

- Sin (the violation of God's Law) entered the world by one man (Adam)
- Death entered the world by Sin (the violation of God's Law)
- and all have Sinned, and all are under the just sentence of Death

Understanding the Legal Power of the Devil

And the devil, taking him up into an high mountain, showed unto Him (Jesus) all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said unto Him, All this **power** will I give thee, and the glory of them: **for that is delivered unto me; and to whomsoever I will I give it.** If thou therefore wilt worship me, all shall be thine. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.

Luke 4:5-8

To open their eyes, *and* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* **the power of Satan** unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Acts 26:18

He that commits sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

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

You are of **your father the devil**, and the desires of your father you want to do.

John 8:44

The Great Redemption

The Amazing Work of Unstoppable Life

Jesus . . . might taste death for everyone . . . that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil . . .

Hebrews 2:9,14

. . . Our Savior Jesus Christ . . . has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

2 Timothy 1:10

The Two Agendas

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

God - The King of Righteousness

Initiates the Rescue, the Plan of Redemption

The Law Must Be Matched, The Demands of Perfect Righteousness Met, the Just Punishment for Sin satisfied, The Curse borne and carried, the full effects of death absorbed.

The Hour

The Time Appointed by God

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: **but for this cause came I unto this hour** (John

12:27) . . . Then Jesus said unto them, **My time is not yet come** (John 7:6) . . . **my time is not yet full come** (John 7:8) . . . no man laid hands on Him; **for his hour was not yet come** (John 8:20) . . . Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for **the prince of this world cometh**, and hath nothing in me.

John 14:30

Power in the Hour

Therefore does my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man takes it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.

John 10:17-18

Then Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and the elders, which were come to him, Be ye come out, as against a thief, with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: **but this is your hour, and the power of darkness.**

Luke 22:52-53

Satan - The Prince of Darkness

. . . Behold, **the hour is at hand**, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Matthew 26:45

Jesus gave Himself into the “Hands of Sinners” - the chief of whom is the Devil. This was “The Sinner’s” hour - the hour of the power of darkness. And with demonic bloodlust “The Sinner” went after the destruction of the Son, and, for the first time, the Son didn’t “escape out of his hand.” The Prince of Darkness, the one that had the power of death, wielded his power against Christ. Satan only

has power over those who sin, those cursed. So, Jesus became a curse for us, He submitted Himself unto the hatred of all Hell's minions and bore the full weight of their insanity and barbarity. He silently bore the cruel Death - our just consequence.

Then entered Satan into Judas surnamed Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve.

Luke 22:3

Consider this . . .

It was the Enemy that entered Judas. It was the Enemy that moved the Priests and the Elders of Israel to barter for Christ's betrayal and His subsequent crucifixion. It was the Enemy that inspired the cruel taunts, tortures, and horrifying abuses. It was the Enemy that chose the nails, the means of death, and that cast lots and divided Christ's garments. 1 Corinthians 2:8 says that it was the "princes of this world" that crucified Jesus, and Peter in Acts 4:10, speaking to the rulers of the people, and elders of Israel, declared that they in fact were the ones who crucified Jesus of Nazareth.

But, what about God?

It would seem that God Himself was the mastermind behind the Cross. For in Isaiah 53:10 it declares that, "it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He hath put Him to grief: when thou shalt make His soul an offering for sin." And in Zechariah 13:7, the Lord of Hosts says, "Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow," in a context that is clearly speaking of the Cross. And over and over again throughout the New Testament it is clear that the Father was pleased to send forth His Son into this world in order to make a sacrifice for sins, to redeem us from the wicked hands of death, and to satisfy the just requirements of the Law and thusly, become our righteousness, in order that we might be saved.

But How Did God "Bruise Him?"

By Giving Him over, Offering Him up into the Hands of The Sinner - The one who holds the Power of Darkness, The one who wields the power of Death - and by restraining to intervene . . .

By Jesus becoming a Curse, by Jesus being made Sin, and, as a sacrificial Lamb, absorbing the full weight of consequence and retribution that Death is legally allowed to bring to that which is cut off from the Holy Presence and the just and legal protections of righteousness.

Leveraging Satan's Bloodlust

But God leveraged all the Enemy's bloodlust straight into the clear revelation of His Messiahship. As Christ was breathing His last, He shouted the first line of Psalm 22, as if to say, "Israel, behold your Messiah - I AM He - I am the fulfillment of Psalm 22!" The Great Deceiver was greatly deceived. And, in what seemed like the Enemy's moment of triumph and victory over the silent-as-a-lamb Jesus, he (the Enemy) was stripped powerless and rendered legally and practically impotent.

. . . the prince of this world is judged (John 16:11) . . . *Jesus* condemned sin in the flesh (Romans 8:3) . . . *and* crucified our Old Man with Him on the Cross that that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin (Romans 6:6) . . . therefore, let not sin reign in your mortal body that you would obey it in the lusts thereof (Romans 6:12).

Crucified in Weakness

For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in Him, but we shall live with Him by the power of God toward you.

2 Corinthians 13:4

The Fool Knows Not the Backside of the Matter

'Acharyth - A-ha-wreath

the backside of a matter, that which follows, the end of a chosen course

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end (The 'Acharyth) of that man is peace. But the transgressors shall be destroyed together: the end (The 'Acharyth) of the wicked shall be cut off.

Psalms 37:37-38

I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair: I hid not my face from shame and spitting.

Isaiah 50:6

. . . a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding (Proverbs 10:13) . . . a rod for the fool's back (Proverbs 26:3) . . . Judgments are prepared for scorers, and stripes for the back of fools (Proverbs 19:29).

Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, **they would not have crucified** the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:8

Jesus

The Only Possible Solution: An Adam without Sin, A High Priest that bears a Spotless Satisfying Offering

He knew no sin (2 Corinthians 5:21); In Him was and is no sin (1 John 3:5); He did no violence, neither was any deceit in His mouth (Isaiah 53:9); He did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth (1 Peter 2:22); He was, and ever is, the Lamb of God (John 1:29); Without blemish and without spot (1 Peter 1:19); He did nothing amiss (Luke 23:41); Certainly He was a righteous man (Luke 23:47); The prince of this world had nothing (no legal grounds of condemnation) in Him (John 14:30); He was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. (Hebrews 4:15); He was just (1 Peter 3:18).

The Ransom, The Redemption

Not just the moral requirements of the Law (an Adam without Sin), but the fulfillment of the just penalty and compensation of the Law (Death, Curse, Wrath, Separation)

God cannot steal. And thus, God cannot override the jurisdiction of the Devil and steal from him those children that are condemned under the Law

of Sin and Death. Heavenly Justice demands due payment, equitable compensation, appropriate satisfaction of punishment. It's eye for eye, tooth for tooth, blood for blood - it's slave for slave - body for body. God satisfied the Legal demands of His own Law by giving up His own eye for our eye, His own tooth for our tooth, His own blood for our blood, His own body for our body. He became obedient unto death, and thus gave up His life for our life, He took on Himself the equitable compensation, the due payment for our sin, the just and satisfying punishment for our disobedience. He paid it with His own Body and Blood. The Perfect Body and Blood for all those in legal bondage.

Which One is True?

A few options to choose from . . .

1. The Father sent His only Son, Jesus, to the Cross, to be wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities.

And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son *to be* the Saviour of the world.

1 John 4:14

But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. . . . it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief . . .

Isaiah 53:5, 10a

For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21

2. Jesus gave up His life; it wasn't taken from Him - and He offered His life as a ransom for sinners; He tasted the death of the Cross in our stead. He died that we might live.

No man takes (my life) from me, but I lay it down of myself (John 10:17) . . . He offered up himself (Hebrews 7:27) . . . (He) hath redeemed

us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us (Galatians 3:13) . . . the propitiation for our sins (1 John 4:10) . . . but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself (Hebrews 9:25-26) . . . His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes you were healed (1 Peter 2:24).

3. The Arch-Sinner and the Sinful bruised Jesus, wounded Jesus, scourged Jesus, mocked Jesus, and ultimately crucified Jesus on the Passover, and brought an unjust death upon a perfectly righteous life.

. . . Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, **they would not have crucified** the Lord of glory.

1 Corinthians 2:8

(Jesus Christ of Nazareth) **whom ye crucified**, whom God raised from the dead, *even* by him doth this man stand here before you whole.

Acts 4:10

Him (Jesus), . . . ye have taken, and **by wicked hands have crucified and slain**: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.

Acts 2:23-24

Yes, All Three Are True

The Tri-Fold Truths

- The Father Sent . . . Jesus Gave . . . and Satan Crucified Him
- The Father was Pleased . . . Jesus was Triumphant . . . and Satan was Crushed

- The Father Raised up the Son . . . Jesus Took His Exalted Seat . . . and Satan's Power is no more

Who Gets the Payment?

God the Father gets the payment, and the righteousness of the law is satisfied and perfectly fulfilled. And then in receiving it, Satan's legal claims are nullified over our lives.

But We Didn't Die - He did!

But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, **that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.**

Hebrews 2:9

Faith

. . . the just shall live by his faith (Habakkuk 2:4) . . . The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:17) . . . the just shall live by faith (Galatians 3:11) . . .
Now the just shall live by faith (Hebrews 10:38)

Faith in What?

In Him

Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; **death hath no more dominion over him.**

Romans 6:9

For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive.

1 Corinthians 15:22

The Nullification of the Power of Sin

The Legal Argument of Satan: The Wages of Sin is Death. If they sin, they die. They sinned, I get them. I have the power of death. The jurisdiction of death is my domain. So, they are mine. They are under my jurisdiction - and are thusly my slaves (legal property of me as their lawful Master).

The Legal Response of God: The Wages of Righteousness is Life and Grace. If they believe, they live. They believed, so I get them. I have the power of life and grace. The jurisdiction of Life is my domain. So, they are mine. They are under my jurisdiction of Grace - and are thusly my children (legal property of me as their lawful Master).

For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

Romans 8:2

Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned . . . For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned. For the judgment which came from one offense resulted in condemnation, but the free gift which came from many offenses resulted in justification.

Romans 5:12,15-16

The Bad News

- Sin (the violation of God's Law) entered the world by one man (Adam)
- Death entered the world by Sin (the violation of God's Law)
- and all have Sinned, and all are under the just sentence of Death

The Good News

- Righteousness entered the world by one man (Jesus)
- Life (The Gift of Grace) entered the world by the Clothing of Righteousness
- All that Believe, shall partake of the Life that is eternal and the life that is unstoppable

He that Liveth

Jesus says . . .

I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore.
(Revelation 1:18)

The Redeemed of the Lord say . . .

For I know *that* my Redeemer lives (Job 19:25) . . . The LORD lives!
(Psalm 18:46)

Jesus says . . .

Whoever believes in (Me) should not perish but have everlasting life (John 3:16) . . . and . . . Because I live, you will live also (John 14:19)

The Redeemed of the Lord say . . .

For though He was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God (2 Corinthians 13:4) . . . knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him (Romans 6:9) . . . and . . . I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me (Galatians 2:20) . . .

Jesus says . . .

For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God (Colossians 3:3) . . . and . . . I am . . . the Life (John 14:6)

The Redeemed of the Lord say . . .

Because He continues forever, He has an unchangeable priesthood.
Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost (those of us) who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for (us).
For such a High Priest was fitting for us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled,

separate from sinners, and has become higher than the heavens. (Hebrews 7:24-26)

Alive in Christ

Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:11

The God of the Living

But even Moses showed in the burning bush passage that the dead are raised, when he called the Lord “the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” For He is not the God of the dead but of the living, for all live to Him.

Luke 20:37-38