Abolished Death and Brought to Light: Life and Immortality

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"For God has not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. Therefore, do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me (Paul) His prisoner; but be a partaker of the afflictions of the Gospel according to the power of God; who has saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace, which was given to us in Christ Jesus before the world began, and is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, (who) has abolished death indeed, and has brought to light: Life and Immortality through the Gospel (the Good-news of Jesus Christ)." (2 Timothy 1:7-10)

Having Abolished: from the Greek word *katargesantos* which means: <u>having-abolished</u>; having-rendered-inoperative; having-nullified. (properly, to idle down, rendering something inert ("completely inoperative"); i.e. being of no effect (totally without force, completely brought down); done away with; cause to cease and therefore abolish; make invalid, abrogate (bring to nought); "to make idle or inactive") This is what Jesus has done to <u>spiritual death</u>.

Death: from the Greek word <u>thanaton</u> which means: <u>death</u>; physical or spiritual; in context: spiritual. Meaning: 'separation from the life of God <u>forever</u> by dying without first experiencing Salvation in and through Christ Jesus.

Indeed: from the Greek word <u>men</u> which means: <u>indeed</u>; certainly, surely, or truly. shows affirmation to that which is being spoken about. That is: spiritual death is truly abolished, and Life and Immortality <u>most certainly guaranteed</u> for all who trust in Jesus.

Having Brought to light: from the Greek word *photisantos* which means: <u>having-brought-to-light</u>: to enlighten; to illuminate; to reveal by light. Jesus brings Light to Enlighten all people to the promise of Everlasting Life and Immortality in and through Christ Jesus!

Life: from the Greek word <u>zoen</u> which means: <u>life;</u> both of physical (present life), and of Spiritual (particularly future) Eternal Life. A believer in Christ Jesus abides in Spiritual Eternal Redemptive <u>Life;</u> rather than those who abide in their unforgiven sin: which is <u>spiritual death</u>.

Immortality: from the Greek word <u>aphtharsian</u> which means: incorruptibility, indestructibility, imperishable, un-decaying. Properly: unable to experience decay or deterioration. The context: in similarity with 'Life' implies <u>immortality</u>.

The context is this: Jesus, through His redemptive death on the Cross, has <u>certainly</u> abolished spiritual death for all people who have put their trust and faith in Jesus as their Lord, and Savior from the cause of spiritual death, which is <u>sin</u>, of which all people are guilty of. It is as it says:

"Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law; so that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world (all people) may become guilty before God. Therefore, by the deeds of the law there shall be no flesh (no person) justified in His sight; for through the law is the knowledge of sin (and thus the awareness of sin in one's own life). But now the Righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets; even the Righteousness of God which is through faith in Jesus Christ unto all and upon all those who believe; for there is no difference; for all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; being justified freely by His Grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus; whom God has set forth as a Propitiation through faith in His blood (in His death), as a demonstration of His Righteousness for the passing over of sins previously committed, in the forbearance of God." (Romans 3:19-25)

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And again:

"But God commends <u>His Love towards us</u>, in that, while <u>we were yet sinners</u>, <u>Christ died for us</u>. Much more then, being now justified by His blood, <u>we shall be saved from wrath through Him</u>. For if, <u>when we were enemies (because of our sin)</u>, we were reconciled to God through the death of <u>His Son</u>, much more, being reconciled, <u>we shall be saved in His Life (in us)</u>. And not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the atonement. Therefore, as by one man (Adam) sin entered into the world, <u>and death by sin</u>; and so <u>death passed upon all men</u>, because <u>all have sinned</u>." (Romans 5:8-12)

"For if by one man's offense (sin) **death reigned by one** (Adam); much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in Life by One: Jesus Christ. Therefore as by the offense of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of One (Jesus) the free gift came upon all men unto justification of Life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of One (Jesus) many shall be made righteous. Moreover the law entered, so that the offense (sin) might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: so that as sin has reigned unto death, even so might Grace reign through righteousness unto Eternal Life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 5:17-21)

The Good-News: in, and by, and through Christ Jesus, is that 'Death' is abolished and destroyed by Him; so that in Christ <u>all</u> those people who place their trust and faith in Jesus, shall be <u>made alive in Jesus</u>. And all believers shall be raised incorruptible, and immortal. This 'victory, comes to us through our Lord Jesus Christ! Please consider the following:

"But now Christ has risen from the dead, and has become the **First-fruits** of those who slept. For since by a man (Adam) came death, so also by a Man (Jesus) came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the First-fruits; then afterwards those who are Christ's at His (second) coming. Then comes the end, when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign, until He has put all enemies under His feet. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death." (see 1 Corinthians 15:20-28)

"Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all sleep (die), but we shall <u>all</u> be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; for the trumpet will sound, and <u>the dead shall be raised incorruptible</u>, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible (body) must put on incorruption, and this mortal (body) must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, '<u>Death is</u> swallowed <u>up in victory.</u>' (Isaiah 25:8) and 'O death, where is your sting? O grave, where is your victory?' (~ Hosea 13:14) The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

(1 Corinthians 15:50-57)

Once we are established by faith into Christ Jesus, we become as follows:

Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say unto you, he who hears My word, and <u>believes</u> on Him (the Father) who sent Me, <u>has Everlasting Life</u>, and <u>shall not come into condemnation</u>; but has passed from **death <u>unto life</u>**. Truly, truly, I say unto you: the hour is coming, and now is, when <u>the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God</u>: and those who hear <u>shall live</u>. For as the Father has <u>Life</u> in Himself; so He has given to <u>the Son to have Life</u> in <u>Himself</u>; and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is <u>the Son of Man</u>. (John 5:24-27)

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"But you, brethren, are not **in darkness**, that that day should overtake you as a thief. **You are all the children of light,** and the children of the day. We are not of the night, **nor of darkness**." (I Thessalonians 5:4-5)

Give "thanks unto the Father, who has enabled us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in Light; and who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into the Kingdom of His Dear Son; in whom we have redemption through His blood (His death on the Cross), even the forgiveness of sins." (Colossians 1:12-14)

"For we preach not ourselves, **but Christ Jesus the Lord**; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who <u>commanded the Light to shine out of darkness</u>, has <u>shined in our hearts</u>, to give the Light of the Knowledge of the Glory of God in the face of Jesus <u>Christ</u>. But we have <u>this treasure</u> in earthen <u>vessels</u>: that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." (2 Corinthians 4:5-7)

"You are a <u>Chosen Generation</u>, a <u>Royal Priesthood</u>, a <u>Holy Nation</u>, a <u>People for His Possession</u>; so that you should show forth the moral excellence (or virtue) of Him who has **called you out of darkness into His marvelous Light**." (I Peter 2:9)

Final exhortations:

"For you were formerly <u>darkness</u>, but now you are <u>Light</u> in the Lord: <u>walk as children of light</u>. For the <u>fruit of the Spirit</u> is **in all goodness and righteousness and truth**; proving what is acceptable unto the Lord." (<u>Ephesians 5:8-10</u>)

"This then is the message which we have heard from Him, and declare unto you, that <u>God is Light</u>, and in Him <u>is no darkness at all</u>. If we say that we have fellowship with Him, but walk in darkness, we lie, and do not practice the truth. But <u>if we walk in the Light</u>, as <u>He is in the Light</u>, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son <u>cleanses us from all sin</u>." (I John 1:5-7)

"Then Jesus spoke again unto them, saying, '<u>I am the Light of the World</u>; <u>he who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but **shall have the Light of Life**.' " (<u>John 8:12</u>)</u>

"He who has an ear (of understanding), let him hear what the Spirit says unto the churches; He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the **Second Death**." (Revelation of John 2:11)

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And that Life and Immortality is for all people who place their trust and faith in Jesus as their Lord, and as their savior from sin and its consequences ...
... the Second Death: eternal darkness and separation from the Kingdom of God!!

Jesus is the Light of the World!

And people who follow Jesus as Lord and Savior shall not walk in darkness!

And in Christ Jesus we shall be cleansed from all sin!!

This is forever the Good-News of Eternal Life in Christ Jesus!!

Thank You Lord Jesus for our deliverance into Your marvelous Light!
Thank You Father for translating us into the Kingdom of Your Dear Son Jesus!!
All Praise, and Glory, and Honor, and Dominion be Yours forever and ever!!

Amen and Amen!!