

To Hell and Back

Road to the Resurrection - Week 4 (5-3-23)

Galatians 4:4-5

- I. He became sin (fulfilled the requirements of the law) - 2 Corin. 5:21
 - A. The requirements of the law have been completely and perfectly satisfied.
 - 1. The only sin left to be made is to refuse to accept the offering that was made on our behalf. - to not accept Jesus.
 - a) John 16:7-9
 - 2. Even Jesus taught that He came to Fulfill the law rather than destroy it.
 - a) Matt. 5:17-18
 - b) Rather than burning or shredding the contract for us, he instead did every requirement all the way to dotting every "I" and crossing every "T" and then signed it with His own blood.
 - 3. He became the curse for us - Galatians 3:13-14
 - a) Duet. 21:22-23
 - (1) Jesus' Soul had to be put away because it was completely defiled and had to be dealt with before it defiled the "inheritance"
 - b) The Crown of Thorns
 - (1) Matt. 27:29
 - (2) Gen 3:18
 - (3) Isaiah 53
 - (a) Vs. 10
 - i) "It pleased the Lord to bruise him..." - God's wrath had to be poured out on all of sin in order to completely fulfill the law.
 - ii) "When thou shalt make his SOUL an offering for sin..."
 - (1) Jesus didn't just die a physical death
 - (4) Isaiah 52:14
 - (a) His appearance was so Marred (disfigured, deformed, deconstructed, destroyed) that he no longer represented a man.
 - i) Spiritual context - he was no longer an image bearer of His creator
 - (1) In the same way that the first Adam became a worshiper of the serpent, then so the second Adam took on the image of the serpent.
- II. He became a victor over death and the grave
 - A. Made a show of them openly - Colos. 2:13-15
 - 1. There was no competition whatsoever!
 - 2. "...Had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory." - 1 Corin. 2:8
 - B. Keys to hell and death - Rev. 1:13
 - C. Took captivity captive - Eph. 4:7-10 and Psalm 68:18-21
 - 1. 1 Peter 3:18-19 and 4:5-6

- D. Became the High Priest after the order of Melchizedek. - Hebrews 7:1-10 and Psalm 110:4
 - 1. Hebrews 9:11-15
 - 2. We are now kings and priests under Him!
 - a) Rev. 1:5-6 and 1 Peter 2:5-10
 - (1) We no longer need a priesthood like the tribe of Aaron because we all have full access to the presence of God.
- E. Romans 5:10 - Reconciled by His blood, and saved by His life
 - 1. The blood satisfied the old covenant and puts us at zero strikes against us, but God is a God of abundance that was seeking relationship.
 - a) By defeating death, He has called us into new life and direct access to the Father as well.
 - b) His Victory is Our victory - 1 Corin. 15:57
 - (1) "...because I live, ye shall live also." - John 14:19
- F. Eph. 4:8-13 - He could not give us the gifts of the spirit until He had resurrected and re-ascended.
- G. Eph. 1:15-23 - "... His power to us-ward who believe..."