

Greetings Champion!

God taught throughout the Bible, even back to the days of Adam, that, "The wages of sin is death, but God is willing to accept the death of the innocent in the place of the death of the guilty." This is substitution, and this is why Jesus came. Jesus, the perfectly innocent party, was treated like the guilty party, (you and I) substitutionally.

What we deserved, He got. What He deserved, we got. A trade took place. We owed a debt we couldn't pay. Jesus paid a debt He didn't owe.

Wow! That means that our future is filled with God's help and wonderful possibilities.

Jesus frustrated every attempt and attack of Satan to defeat Him. With no guarantee that we would believe and receive His redemptive benefits, Jesus, on our behalf, permitted our sin and the sin of all mankind to be placed on Him.

Satan thought he had Jesus where he wanted Him. However, at the command of God the Father, Jesus stopped being the *conquered* and became the *conqueror*. He stripped Himself of the tormenting, vicious powers of darkness that tortured Him on our behalf. At that moment when Divine Justice was paid, "*All power was given to Jesus Christ both in heaven and earth*" (Matthew 28:18).

Finally, before the onlooking eyes of the evil Principalities, Powers, Rulers of the Darkness of this world and Wicked Spirits in heavenly places, Jesus Christ tore the keys of death, hell, and the grave off Satan's belt (Revelation 1:18).

The strong man (the devil) was overcome by a stronger man (Jesus Christ). Everything the devil took away from man through Adam, Jesus took back for us.

*"For when a strong man like Satan is fully armed and guards his palace, his possessions are safe – until someone even stronger attacks and overpowers him, strips him of his weapons, and carries off all his belongings"* (Luke 11:21-22, New Living Testament).

You no longer have to live a defeated life as a victim. Jesus won the battle for you and now you are the Victor!

Winning in life thru Jesus Christ,

Pastor Glen