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“Surrounded by Deliverance” (5)

*“You are my hiding place: You shall preserve me from trouble:
You shall surround me with songs of deliverance.” (Psalm 32:7 NKJV)*

**Deliverance from Danger – 6/27/10; Deliverance from Disappointment – 7/11/10
Deliverance from the Decaying Realm – 7/18/10; Deliverance from Deviancy – 7/25/10**

Deliverance from Death

Hebrews 2:14-15 – (14) “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, (15) and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.”

Rethinking Death

1 Thessalonians 4:13 – “But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.”

2 Peter 1:13-14 – (13) “Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding *you*, (14) knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me.” (NKJV)

Death Defined: ‘Body-Tent’ Stored for Future Use

2 Corinthians 5:1, 4-8 – (1) “For we know that if the tent, which is our earthly home, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (4) For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened--not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. (5) He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee. (6) So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, (7) for we walk by faith, not by sight. (8) Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord.”

“As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake, I shall be satisfied with your likeness.” (Psalm 17:15)

Key Point: God Delivers Us from the Fallacy & Fear of Death

Response

(1) Take Care of the Tent

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.” (1 Corinthians 6:19-20)

(2) Live for the Lord

“For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might *no longer live for themselves* but for him who for their sake died and was raised.” (2 Corinthians 5:14-15)

(3) Consider the ‘Second Death’

“Blessed and holy is the one who shares in the first resurrection! Over such the second death has no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ, and they will reign with him for a thousand years. Then Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:6, 14)

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I think about death? Is death the ‘worse case scenario’ for me?

Should I think about death? (Psalm 39:4, 90:12; Eccl. 7:2)

Do I fear death? (1 Cor. 15:51-55)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)