



DEVIL DOWN !

What happened when Jesus defeated the devil in hell?

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What happened when Jesus defeated the devil at the cross at Calvary? This is not just a story or a fairy tale. This is why for centuries, Christians have marveled at the compassion, and the huge passion that Jesus showed when he gave it all for all mankind for all time. This is why, Christianity is not just another “faith” or another “religion” These real events happened in history, and whether the world wants to acknowledge it or not, that does not change the fact that Jesus really did regain freedom for all mankind from the seeming inevitability of sin & death, if one chooses to receive that gift of life through Him.

There has been some debate on the subject, and I want to clear it up by way of God’s Word.

If anyone doesn’t believe that Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice for us, and that he gained the ultimate victory for us, then it is my hope that this study will clear it all up for you. The facts are that Jesus took on sin for us, paid a ransom to get us out of captivity and eternal death, and then stripped the devil of all of his authority, and rose from the dead a victor having gained back the original authority and power and ability to be one with God for us! WOW, isn’t it wonderful to have such a loving God that He would send His only Son so that we might have life?

Ephesians 4: 8-10

A. What happened to Jesus Spirit, Soul & Body when He died?

1. Before Jesus ascended, He first descended. vs 9

Psalm 16: 10

Acts 2:26

2. Peter confirms this account from the Old Testament

3. What hell was like before the resurrection of Jesus

a) Hell: (Hebrew-Sheol; Greek-Hades)-The place of departed souls;
a place of confinement, a holding place

4. In hell Jesus took on the punishment that was meant for us.

When He went to hell, He experienced separation from God;

Spirit, Soul, and Body. God actually turned his face from Jesus and totally forsook him in his State of exchange with us....that is why Jesus cried, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

a) He took on all agony and punishment that we would ever experience
(all men for all time).

5. Jesus spoiled principalities and powers.

Colossians 2:15

a) Spoiled: Greek: To strip or to unclothe.

b) Webster’s Dictionary: To strip the hide from an animal;
to completely disarm a defeated foe; damage or injure in such a way
as to make useless; destroy.

c) Spoiling of principalities and powers the Greek word used is
Apekdunomai” on the devil and all his cohorts. That describes

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a ceremony practiced in the Roman Army where the metals of the defeated general belonged to the conqueror. Totally stripping the other General of all titles, authority, etc... His right to conquest, He had to do it legally!!!!

- d) Then He ministered: Eph.4: 8, 11,14-18 Jesus left us with a promise never to leave or forsake us, He sent the Holy Spirit to abide IN US, and He also gave gifts to men-anointing (powerful supernatural endowments) according to what is needed at the time to accomplish salvation for all who would accept Him. The maturity of the Body of Christ is just part of what Jesus earned at the cross and when he ascended into heaven to sit at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. That maturity comes through the gifts that he left for us. A true mentor, Father, friend, that would have us fully equipped to bring about life, to minister life just as Jesus did and even more so, than when He resided on the earth.

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