OVERCOMING DEATH

The Overcoming Life - Week 6

I. God is the Life	
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Genesis 2:6 "God formed the man from the dust of the ground. He breathed the breath of life into the man's nostrils, and the man became a living person"

Genesis 1:27,31 "God created human beings in his own image. In the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. ³¹Then God looked over all he had made, and he saw that it was very good!"

Genesis 2:15-17 "The Lord God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. ¹⁶But the Lord God warned him, "You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden—¹⁷except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die."

II. Satan is the Life _____

A. Satan steals through _____

Genesis 3:1b, 4-5 "One day he (Satan) asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" . . . 4"You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. 5"God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil."

John 10:10a (Phillips) "The thief comes with the sole intention of stealing and *killing* and destroying . . .

B. Deception's Outcomes

(See Genesis 3:16-23)

- 1. Loss of _____ Life See v.23
 2. Loss of Eternal Life See v.19b & Romans 6:23
- 3. _____Strife See v. 16b & Genesis 4:6-8
- 4. Loss of Inner Peace See Luke 21:25
- 5. ______, Scarcity, and Lack See v.17b-18

III. Jesus is the Life _____

Revelation 13:8b "The Lamb is the one whose death was planned before the world was created."

A. Jesus Mission Was to Defeat

John 19:28-30a Jesus knew that his mission was now finished, and to fulfill Scripture he said, "I am thirsty." ²⁹A jar of sour wine was sitting there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put it on a hyssop branch, and held it up to his lips. ³⁰When Jesus had tasted it, he said, "It is finished!"

Hebrews 2:9b "By God's grace, Jesus tasted death for everyone."

Romans 5:17 "For the sin of this one man, Adam, caused death to rule over many. But even greater is God's wonderful grace and his gift of righteousness, for all who receive it will live in triumph over sin and death through this one man, Jesus Christ."

Hebrews 10:20a "By his death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way.

John 1:4-5 "The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it."

Revelation 21:6 "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life."

B. Jesus Insures an _____

Life

Revelation 1:18 (Msg) "Don't fear: I am First, I am Last, I'm Alive. I died, but I came to life, and my life is now forever. See these keys in my hand? They open and lock Death's doors, they open and lock Hell's gates."

C. Jesus Delivers a Complete, Restored Life

John 10:10b (Phillips) "The thief comes with the sole intention of stealing and *killing* and destroying, but I came to bring them life, and *far more life* than before."

IV. Easter is the ______ of Life Restored

A. The Promise of Restoration (See Joel 2:25-26)

1. Restored Relationship with God

Revelation 21:3-4 "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them ⁴ He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever."

- **2.** Life John 11:25 (Msg) "You don't have to wait for the End. I am, right now, Resurrection and Life. The one who believes in me, even though he or she dies, will live. And everyone who lives believing in me does not ultimately die at all."
- **3. Balanced Mind, Emotion & Will** 2 Timothy 2:7 (Amp) "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but [He has given us a spirit] of power and of love and of sound judgment and personal discipline [abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and self-control]."
- **4. Physical** Malachi 4:2 But for you who fear my name, the Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in his wings."
- 1 Peter 2:24 "He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed."
- **5. Healthy Marriage & Family Relations** Ephesians 4:32 "Be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you."
- 6. _______ 3 John 2 (Msg) "I pray for good fortune in everything you do, and for your good health—that your everyday affairs prosper, as well as your soul!"

B. Restoration's Outcome

John 14:19b "Because I live, you also will live."

John 3:16-17b (ERV) "Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him would not be lost but have eternal life. ¹⁷God sent his Son into the world. He did not send him to judge the world guilty, but to save the world through him."

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