

# Christ ~ Our Deliverer

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## **Christ Our Deliverer - Past**

*2 Cor 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;*

**David speaks of a threefold deliverance in Psa 116:8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. In this he speaks of the deliverance of the total man. In these three messages we shall see that this deliverance is also complete as to time.**

**As the Lamb of God He HAS delivered our spirits.**

**As the Good Shepherd He IS delivering our selves (lives, mind, wills, emotions, etc.)**

**As the King He WILL deliver our bodies, glorified and complete.**

### **I. The greatness of the death from which we were delivered.**

**A. It is a universal death.** *1 Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.*

*Rom 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:*

**B. It is a PRESENT death. Those without Christ are not going to be lost, they are dead in trespasses and in sin NOW.**

*John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*

**C. The awfulness of this death is that it not only condemns to hell, but separates one eternally from God.**

### **II. Our Accomplished Deliverance. ‘Hath delivered’.**

**A. The meaning of the word, ‘delivered’.**

1. *Mat 27:26 Then released he Barabbas unto them: and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered him to be crucified. In this passage a word was used which means, ‘to hand over to another.’*

2. *Heb 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. Here, another word is translated, ‘deliver’ which means, ‘to loose or set free’.*

3. In the text before us, *2 Cor 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us; The word means , ‘to snatch away or rescue to one's self’*. **It is imperative that we see our deliverance in this light.**

**Picture a mother who delivers her child from danger and clutches it to her breast.**

**B. As the fireman must subject himself to the danger of the fire, so Christ had to subject himself to all that is common to man, up to, and including death.**

**1. In His incarnation.** *Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*

**2. He bore the burden of sin, even though not a sinner!.**

*2 Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*

*1 Pet 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

**3. Subjected himself to ALL of man's temptations.**

*Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

**C. What this deliverance means to us.**

**1. It means that the sin (singular) of Adam, condemns no one.**

*John 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.*

**2. It means that man has a choice of life or death.** *1 Cor 15:22 For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. In Adam, through fleshly birth , death; In Christ through spiritual birth , life. The choice is yours.*

**3. It means that our eternal salvation is in the present tense. (I am not ‘going to have eternal life’ it is already mine!.)**

*1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*

*Rom 6:22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.*

*Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*

*Rom 7:6 But now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.*

**4. A present salvation means a present assurance.**

*Rom 6:8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:*

*Rom 6:9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.*

**5. This present assurance brings with it a present responsibility.**

*Rom 6:11 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Rom 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof.*

*Rom 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.*

*Rom 6:14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace.*

*Rom 6:15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under the law, but under grace? God forbid.*

*Rom 6:16 Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?*

*Rom 6:17 But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.*

*Rom 6:18 Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness.*

**III. IT IS FINISHED! all you must do is enter in and deliverance is yours.**

## Christ ~ Our Deliverer Present

*2 Cor 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;*

*Isa 59:19 So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.*

**As the good shepherd delivers his flock from all danger until they are safe in the fold, so Christ does deliver us.**

**With Christ as your savior, your eternity is settled. Your present life is an open question unless you see Him as a PRESENT deliverer.**

### **I. Our great present deliverance.**

#### **A. From dangers, both seen and unseen.**

*Knowing that to depart and be with Christ is far better, we can, if necessary, become quite philosophical about physical danger and even death. If He permits us to live, we will serve Him and if not, we will join Him. Yet the deliverance from the fear of death is the lesser part of our present deliverance through Christ!*

#### **B. We are delivered from this present evil world.**

*Gal 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:*

**Why would any Christian desire the things of the world when they can only harm him?** *1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

**(A Christian chasing after things of the world is like a dog that chases cars. He is running after something he can't possibly use and if he ever catches it, it will destroy him.)**

#### **C. We are rescued from the power of Satan.**

*Luke 22:31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:*

*Eph 6:12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

*1 Pet 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

*1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because*

*greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

*James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

**D. We need constant deliverance from our ‘selves’.**

*Rom 7:17 Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.*

*Rom 7:18 For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not.*

*Rom 7:19 For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do.*

*Rom 7:20 Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.*

**Paul has been accused of being psychotic because of his view of sin. Because he recognized the conflict between the inner and outer man some say he was schizophrenic.**

**Others claim he was masochistic because he gloried in his infirmities and in persecution.**

**In truth, he was being realistic. He recognized the existence of our spiritual enemies and was thus able to be delivered from the power of the flesh over the spiritual man. Being delivered from ‘self’ he was able to face death knowing he had done all that was required of him. Having faced the realities of life, he could face the realities of death.** *2 Tim 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. 2 Tim 4:7 I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith:*

*2 Tim 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.*

**II. How does Christ deliver us? What means does He use?**

**A. From the dangers which surround us, He delivers us by His providential care.** *Rom 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.*

**B. From the power of the devil and the world,**

**1. He delivers by a greater power.** *1 John 4:4 Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.*

**To look to the world for help in coping with the world and its pressures**

**is as if a drowning man would seek deliverance by trying to drink the ocean!** *1 John 2:16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*

**2.By a strong and tested Priest.** *Heb 2:18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.*

*Heb 4:15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.*

*Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*

**3.By the Word of God.**

*Psa 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*

*Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,*

*John 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.*

*John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

**To reject any portion of God's Word, however small, is to open a hole in God's hedge about us.**

**C. He delivers from the devil and from our selves by;**

**1. Chastisement.** *Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.*

*Heb 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?*

**When my mother's chickens escaped the pen she would clip their wings to keep them in. This was for their own protection. Sometimes God may have to 'clip our wings'.**

**2.By the strength of fellowship among the brethren in Truth.** *Heb 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

**D. The most effective deliverance of all is when any of these is accompanied by our prayers.**

**He heard Jonah from the belly of the whale**

**He heard Israel from the misery of Egyptian bondage.**

**He heard David as he fled from king Saul.**

**He heard Paul in every hour of need.**

**He will still hear us.**

## **CHRIST ~ OUR DELIVERER FUTURE**

*II Cor 1:10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;*

*I Cor 15:24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.*

*I Cor 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.*

*I Cor 15:26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

**In addition to the past deliverance of our souls and the present, ongoing deliverance from the sinful world, He has promised us the final and complete deliverance which will come at the resurrection when He gives us our new and perfect bodies.**

**I. Because of this promise we are not moved by the utopian promises of men.**

*Mat 24:24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.*

**These false Christs are not confined to the religious world.**

*I John 2:18 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.*

**These anti-Christ do not have to openly oppose Christ, but simply not give the credit He is due.** *I John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.*

**Compare the promises of the false Christs with the Bible. Even if they could deliver their promises they fall far short of the great deliverance that is ours.**

**A. Communist propaganda promised a ‘classless society’.**

**Even if it could have fulfilled its promise, it could not compare with a**

**‘GLORIFIED SOCIETY.’**

**B. Great generals have delivered great victories, but there are always a few of the battlefield decorations handed out to grieving widows and mothers. Not one of the Lord's soldiers will be in a battlefield grave!**

**C. Nations have been led to great expectations. (War to end all war) Taps are still being sounded and flags are still draping the coffins of our military dead.**

**D. ‘Peace in our time’, even if achieved, sounds rather selfish and small when compared with eternal peace for the saints of ALL TIME.**

**E. Compare the promise of ‘a chicken in every pot’ with the promise of the marriage supper of the Lamb and the fruit of the Tree of Life!**

**F. We may have conquered some diseases but the death rate of every generation remains at 100%. "I'll have a new body!"**

**G. The U.N was to give us lasting world peace, but has instead, been a source of division.**

**What is the answer to all this? "Even so Lord Jesus, come quickly"**

**II. The deliverance to come is great because of its completeness, not just a social, political or economic reconstruction.**

**A. It starts with our complete individual deliverance.**

*I Cor 15:52 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.*

**CHANGED! More than a conquering of disease. A body that is not even subject to it.**

*I Th 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.*

**Caught up-- Gal 1:4 Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world, according to the will of God and our Father:**

**Delivered even from the time of judgment on this world.**

**Ever to be with the Lord-- no further deliverance needed!**

**B. The earth shall be delivered from the Adamic curse.**

**The curse** - *Gen 3:17 And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;*

*Gen 3:18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;*

*Gen 3:19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.*

**The deliverance** - *Isa 35:1 The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.*

*Isa 35:2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the LORD, and the excellency of our God.*

**C. Society will be delivered from its burden of sin and crime.**

*Rev 2:27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. (There is not one single problem in today's society that could not be solved by applying Biblical teachings and principles.)*

**D. The final deliverance will be complete when the human race is at last delivered from death.**

*I Cor 15:24 Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have put down all rule and all authority and power.*

*I Cor 15:25 For he must reign, till he hath put all enemies under his feet.*

*I Cor 15:26 The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.*

**III. Method of attainment. All this means nothing to you if you don't have Christ as your savior.**

**A. without Him- no glorified body.** *Col 3:3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God.*

*Col 3:4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.*

**B. Without Him you have no part in the first resurrection.**

*John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:*

**C. Without the King of Peace there can be no peaceful reign.**

**D. When one receives Christ all these promises are his.**