



“The Last Enemy”

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Highlights

- The dilemma of death
- The challenges of the cure
- Components of the remedy
- Steps of the solution



The Dilemma of Death ⁽¹⁾

- The life of man comes from God
- Separation from God led to death
“Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Genesis 2:16-17



The Dilemma of Death ⁽²⁾

- Disobedience led to separation and this led to death:

“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered the world, and death through sin, and thus death spread to all men, because all sinned” *Romans 5:12*



The Dilemma of Death ⁽³⁾

- The death of the soul and that of the body – Satan's reign on both in different stages
- “In the prime of my life I shall go to the gates of Sheol...I shall not see YAH, The LORD in the land of the living” *Isaiah 38:10,11*



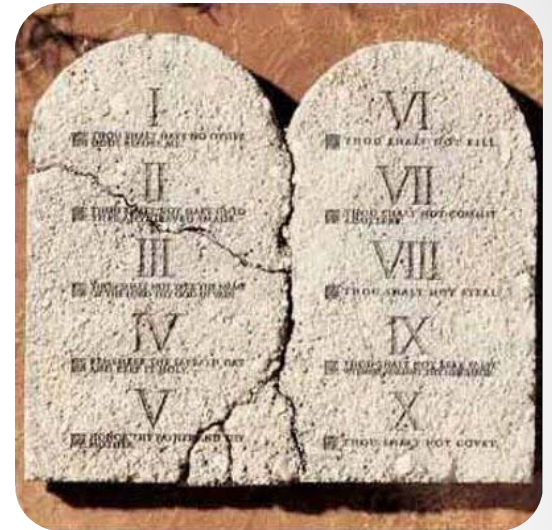
The Challenges of the Cure ⁽¹⁾

- Free will carries within it the possibility to disobey
- The corruption of nature that cannot be reversed by a command (no communion between light and darkness)



The Challenges of the Cure ⁽²⁾

- The Commandment revealed a problem:
“But sin, taking opportunity by the commandment, produced in me all manner of evil desire. For apart from the law sin was dead. I was alive once without the law, but when the commandment came, sin revived and I died” *Romans 7:8-9*



The Challenges of the Cure ⁽³⁾

- The body: Its origin that makes it gravitate toward the earth and desire the unlawful:
“Stolen water is sweet,
And bread *eaten* in secret is pleasant.” *Proverbs 9:17*



The Components of the Remedy ⁽¹⁾

- Obedience (opposite to the disobedience):
“For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous” *Romans 5:19*



The Components of the Remedy ⁽²⁾

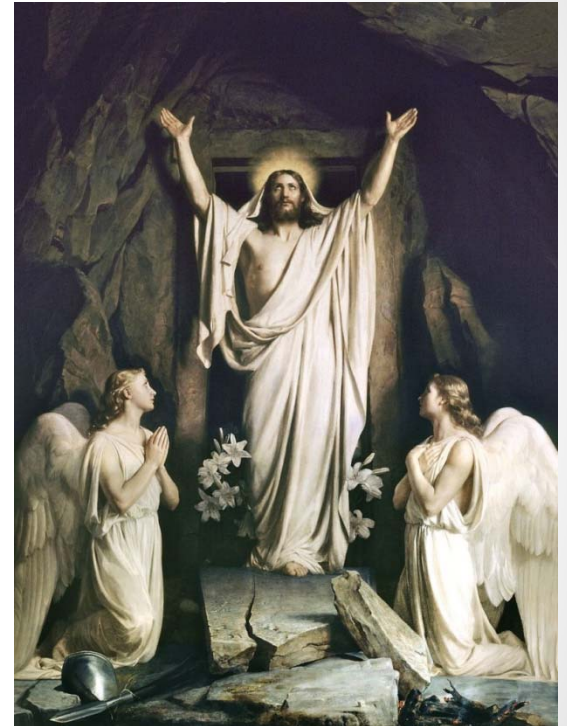
- Separation vs. Unity with God again (the Holiness required)
- Renewal in face of death and corruption: “For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality” *1 Cor. 15:53*



The Components of the Remedy ⁽³⁾

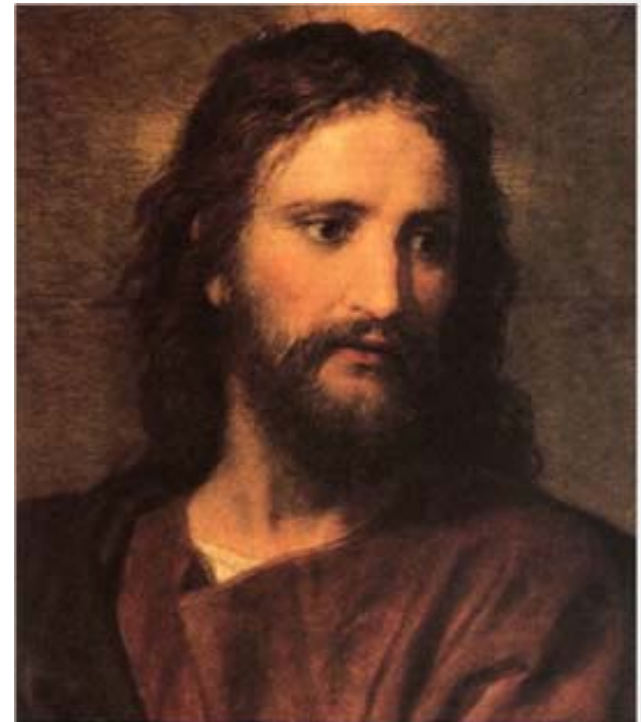
- “For since by man came death, by Man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ all shall be made alive”

1 Cor. 15:21-22



The Components of the Remedy ⁽⁴⁾

- The SAVIOR:
 - Trampling down death by death



The Steps of the Solution ⁽¹⁾

- **Mortifying the Body of Sin:**

- “Therefore we were buried with Him through **baptism** into death...For if we have been united together in the likeness of His death, certainly we also shall be in the likeness of His resurrection”



- *Romans 6:4*

The Steps of the Solution (2)

- **Mortifying the Body of Sin:**

- “Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. And **do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness** to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead,” *Romans 6:12-13*



The Steps of the Solution ⁽³⁾

- **Acquiring the Spirit of adoption:**

- “you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, ‘Abba, Father’” *Romans 8:15*



The Steps of the Solution ⁽⁴⁾

- **The Redemption of the Body:**
 - “Not only that, but we also who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body”
- *Romans 8:23*



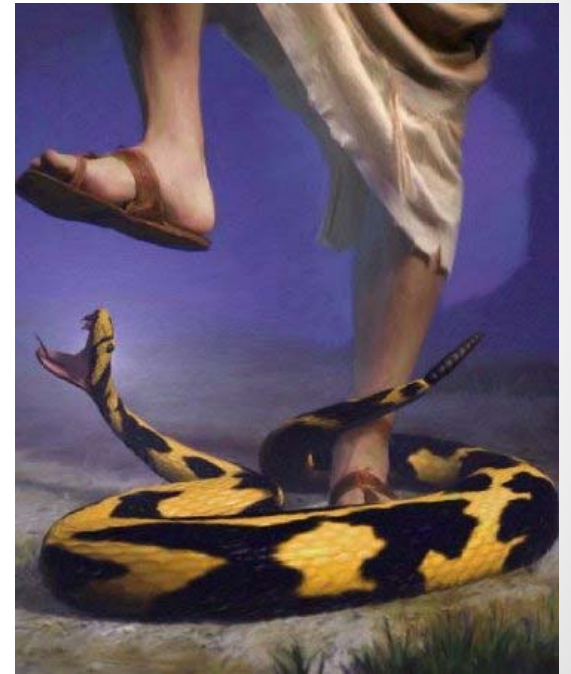
The Steps of the Solution ⁽⁵⁾

- **The Destruction of the Last**

Enemy:

- “The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. For ‘He has put all things under His feet’”

1 Cor. 15:26-27



The Steps of the Solution ⁽⁵⁾

- **God is all in all:**

- “Now when all things are made subject to Him, then the Son Himself will also be subject to Him who put all things under Him, that God may be all in all”

1 Cor. 15:28



The Promised Victory

- “Death is swallowed up in victory.”

“O Death, where is your sting?

O Hades, where is your victory?”…Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord” *1 Corinthians 15:55-58*