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## Jesus's Victory over Satan in His Death and Resurrection

### Jesus Proved His \_\_\_\_\_ by His Death (Philippians 2:8)

The first thing Jesus accomplished by His death was his ultimate obedience. Christ in His humanity wanted to avoid the suffering of the cross, praying earnestly to the Father that He might be spared. Yet despite the great agony that He knew was coming, He submitted to God's plan for His life and completed a life of perfect obedience. Paul points out that for Jesus, going to the cross was a great sign of humility and submission worthy of our praise and imitation.

### Jesus Provided \_\_\_\_\_ by His Death (Rom 3:23-26; 2 Cor 5:21)

Satan has always sought to pit God against humanity. Scripture tells us he is the accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10), which means that Satan tries to get you to sin and then immediately cries out that you are a sinner who deserves God's wrath. When Jesus died on the cross, He paid the sin debt that you owe so that you can stand before God clothed in the righteousness of Jesus. In so doing, we are forgiven of our sins and are transferred "from the kingdom of darkness..." "to the kingdom of [God's] dear son" (Colossians 1:13).

### Jesus Broke the \_\_\_\_\_ of Satan by His Death (Heb 2:14)

Satan is described as having "the power of death" in Hebrews 2:14. Through his wicked scheming and shrewd tempting, Satan has put man in a position where the righteous payment for man's sin is death (Romans 6:23). But now Jesus has paid that death penalty and has overcome death by rising from the dead. Now all who trust in Jesus may die physically, but they will be resurrected with an immortal body and will reign with Christ forever.

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