

# Simply Christ

Gospel Newsletter

*Sharing the simplicity that is in Christ*

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## The Horse and His Rider

I went to bed a few nights ago hearing the words of Moses repeated over and over in my spirit. *"...the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea ...the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea."* Exodus 15:1.

When God delivered the children of Israel from Pharaoh's bondage, they quickly gathered possessions and headed out of Egypt. Pharaoh soon changed his mind about letting the children of Israel go, and gathered his army to bring them back to Egypt. The scripture says, *"But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea."* Exodus 4:9. When the children of Israel *"lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians marched after them; ...they were sore afraid:"* Exodus 14:10. Although they had been delivered, they feared Pharaoh and the power he had to take them back into captivity.

Moses said unto the people, *"Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever."* Exodus 14:13. What an astounding statement this was. All the might of Egypt was gathered against these former slaves to take them back into captivity, yet Moses told

them to “take a look, for this is the last time you will ever see Pharaoh and his army.”

We all know the events that followed, how God parted the Red Sea and the children of Israel passed through it as on dry ground. When the army of Pharaoh attempted to follow them through the parted sea, the wheels fell off their chariots and the waters returned upon them in such force that not a single one escaped. Exodus 14:28. All that was left was broken chariots and carcasses washing up upon the sea shore. It was upon beholding this sight that Moses and the children of Israel began to sing, “...*the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.*”

As I heard those words over and over in my spirit, I began to understand what the Lord was speaking to me in the gospel. He was reminding me of our deliverance from both sin and Satan. Just as Pharaoh’s army was destroyed in the Red Sea, for the child of God, sin and Satan were destroyed in the shed blood of Christ. There are two simple passages of scripture that, if believed for what they say, will completely transform your walk with God. Both of these passages tell us in clear terms what Jesus Christ destroyed for us upon the cross.

1. ***“Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.”*** Romans 6:6. Your hands are not your body. Neither are your feet. These things are certainly members of your body, but the term “body” speaks of all the members together. Even so, the “*body of sin*” is not an individual sin. It is the entirety of sin. That is what Christ destroyed for you upon the cross. If half of Pharaoh’s army

made it through the Red Sea, the children of Israel would have been brought back into slavery, but not a single Egyptian warrior who entered the sea survived. Pharaoh's army was destroyed, and he was absolutely powerless to do anything to the children of Israel. Israel would never serve Pharaoh again. When you see the truth that the entire "*body of sin is destroyed*" by Christ upon the cross you will never again serve sin. Christ did not destroy half your sin. He destroyed it all!

2. **"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage."** Hebrews 2:14-15. For the children of God to continue to fear the devil is as needless as for the children of Israel to continue to fear Pharaoh. Of course had they been foolish enough to cross back over the Red Sea, Pharaoh could have made slaves of them again, but he had no power at all to cross the Red Sea and bring them back into bondage. His army and might was destroyed! Even so, Satan can do nothing to enslave those who simply abide in Christ. There is no devil in the kingdom of God at all. Satan cannot cross over into our abiding place. He can only rule in a land of darkness. If you dwell in Satan's kingdom, you can be "*taken captive by him at his will*" II Timothy 2:26, but if you are one of those who have been "*delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of God's dear Son*" Colossians 1:13, you have no need to fear Satan. For you he has been destroyed!

Many teachers seek to disannul these scriptures by claiming the word “destroy” only means to become “idle.” They teach that sin still dwells in God’s people, it has just become “idle.” Such teaching is a perversion of the truth of God’s word. The carcasses washing upon the sea shore and the broken chariots floating in the Red Sea were “idle” ...because they were destroyed! The body of sin does not remain in God’s people. It was destroyed upon the cross of Christ and it “idly” rots in the tomb where Christ left it when he raised us up in newness of life!

Satan rode into power on the back of sin, which entered the world through Adam’s transgression. Romans 5:12. He only has power where sin is present to give him dominion. SIN is the HORSE and SATAN is the RIDER. Thanks be to God because “THE HORSE AND HIS RIDER HATH HE THROWN INTO THE SEA.”

*“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us ...That he would grant unto us, **THAT WE BEING DELIVERED OUT OF THE HAND OF OUR ENEMIES MIGHT SERVE HIM WITHOUT FEAR,** In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.”* Luke 1:68-75.