Jesus Christ's Glorious Victories

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- He tasted death for every person so that those who believe would be saved.
- Through His sufferings He became the pioneer of our salvation.
- Through His sufferings He sanctified His brethren and set them apart for God.
- Through His death, Jesus Christ restored man's destiny (Heb. 2:9).
- Through His suffering God's masterful plan was fulfilled (Heb. 2:10). Christ's sufferings brought many sons to glory and made Him the captain of our salvation.
- Through His death, Jesus Christ sanctified us and united us to Himself (Heb. 2:11a).
- Through His mouth, Jesus Christ declares us as His brethren (Heb. 2:11b-13).

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1. **Through His death, Jesus Christ destroyed the power of the devil (Heb. 2:14).**

When Jesus Christ came to the earth He was born as a human being with human flesh just like the rest of humanity.

Jesus Christ became one of us so that He could become our substitute to rescue us from all sinful acts and effects. Through His death He would destroy the devil.

Jesus Christ at the cross broke the power of Satan over mankind.

Satan knows if he can keep people dead in their trespasses and sins, they will die. His power will remain over them and when they die physically they will also die spiritually and ultimately eternally.

God can't die since He is God. So, God had a plan; that plan was devised before the foundation of the world (I Pet. 1:20). That plan involved sending His Son to this world to become human flesh. He would die, shed His blood, conquer the grave, defeat the power of sin, overcome its penalty which is death and render the devil's power ineffective.

But, rejoice today my friends, through Jesus Christ, there is an answer. There is hope. There is victory. When He became one of us, when He suffered and died on that cross, Jesus Christ broke the chains of sin and death over us. Freedom has been granted and no longer is spiritual and eternal death certain for all mankind. No longer does Satan have to hold sway over us. Death does not need to be feared and Hell does not have to be achieved.

Jesus Christ then came for the purpose of reversing the curse. He came to take away the Devil's power. And He did it at the cross! Satan is powerful, but Jesus Christ is more powerful! Jesus obeyed His Father and completely satisfied whatever the Father wanted Him to do. His death paid our debt, our penalty, took our place, and satisfied God in every way.

2. **Through His death, Jesus Christ has delivered the believer from the bondage of death (Heb. 2:15).**

No longer do we live in terror to the bondage of death. There is no other way to be released from this fear except through Jesus Christ's sufferings and death on the cross. We have been taken from the power of darkness and brought into the kingdom of light, that is the kingdom of our dear Savior (Col. 1:12-13).

Jesus Christ's death bore our death and took our penalty of sin, "and thus the fear-producing cause has been removed by those who appropriate the benefits of Christ's death" (Kent 60).