

WEEK 6 – PURSUIT OF SALVATION
Day 3 – Salvation from Death



Read what? Romans 5:12–21



What?

This is where you describe what happened in the story in your own words.



So what?

This is where you talk about what this passage means to you in your own life.



Now what?

This is where you talk about what you are going to do differently because of this passage.

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The greatest tragedy in Scripture is when Adam ate the forbidden fruit. When he did, the curse of sin entered the world, along with the consequences of that curse: sickness, pain, sorrow, and ultimately death. Death haunts us. From the time we were kids to the day that we die, humans have a weird denial and fear of their inevitable death. We can't really think about it too much. Our Enemy is cunning, and he knows our fears. He knows our limitations. He taunts us with our own death. He taunts us with the death of people we love. It looms over our heads as something we all know is coming but don't want to experience. We get little glimpses of it as we grow. People we know pass away. People we love pass away. And we are left to wonder. Our Enemy knows this.

Jesus died. I can imagine that as Jesus was hanging on the cross, our Enemy was snickering and believing that he won. But friends, Jesus didn't stay that way—He got better. Death haunts us, but Jesus defeated death. Can you imagine that as the stone was rolled away from Jesus' tomb, the shrieks that came from the darkness? Jesus rose from the grave victorious His own death, giving victory to everyone who believes in Him, as well. Death has hung over humankind's heads since the fall of man. It was Satan's one chess piece left. And Jesus smashed it.

We no longer need to fear death, we no longer need to worry about those who are in Christ who have passed away. We are allowed to grieve, but don't grieve for them ... they are in a better place than us. It is Christ's victory over death that allowed Paul to say, "Death, where is your sting? Death, where is your victory?" We will all taste death, but friends, the death that Jesus saved us from isn't a physical death—it's our spiritual death. This is the gospel. This is the good news.

Study Questions:

1. Read verses 12 and 18. What is the contrast between these two verses? Who are these verses talking about? What did they do?

Application Questions:

1. Write the names of five people that you need to share this good news with. Pray for them. Ask God to give you opportunities to share with them. And watch and see if He doesn't give you chance to talk to them about Jesus' great pursuit of them.
