

## **Liberated from Slavery to the Fear of Death**

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*April 20, 2025 – Easter Sunday*

**Text:** Hebrews 2:14-15

### **The Effects of the Fear of Death**

- Aspects of death are already present \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- The fear of death drives our \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- The fear of death dominates through \_\_\_\_\_.
  - The loss of mastery.
  - Failure and incompleteness.
  - Separation from our loved ones.
  - Unfamiliarity.

### **Embrace Christ's Liberation**

- The \_\_\_\_\_ our slavery to the fear of death.
  
- \_\_\_\_\_ undoes death's lesser fears.

### **A Healthy View of Death**

- Embrace \_\_\_\_\_ to death.
  
- Fear is not \_\_\_\_\_.

## **Life Enrichment**

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What about today's teaching challenged, disturbed, or encouraged you?

- In this week's opening story, which of the two men would we typically say had a better perspective on death? Why?
- Have you ever considered that the fear of death motivates much of our living? Why or why not?
- How does the fear of death motivate the way we live without us even knowing?
- Of the four "lesser fears" mentioned in this week's teaching, which do you struggle with the most? Why?
- How is it possible for Christ's death to overcome our slavery to the fear of death?
- How does Christ's death undo the death's lesser fears?
- Read Luke 22:42 and Matthew 27:46. How is Jesus' approach to death different than we anticipated? In what ways does His approach to death give you comfort and hope?
- Why do you think we've accepted the falsehood "fear is the opposite of faith?" How can we counteract this error's influence over us?
- How will your liberation from slavery to the fear of death help you see life and death in a new light? How do you plan on applying this truth this week?