VICTORY IN JESUS

2 CORINTHIANS 2:14-17

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"Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life.

"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."

1. There will be conflict (enmity)

Between the serpent and the woman

Between his seed and her Seed (Jesus)

John 8:37-46, especially v.44

- 2. Devil will lose! (*He shall bruise your head*) check out Rom. 16:17-20
- 3. Jesus will suffer (You shall bruise His heel)

Jesus' Prediction John 12:27-33

- 1. Conflict (now is the judgment of this world)
- Judgment = KRISIS ("crisis"—critical event)
- 2. Devil will lose! (now the ruler of this world will be cast out) Luke 10:17-21
- 3. Jesus will suffer (And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself) v.33-34

And war broke out in heaven: Michael and his angels fought with the dragon; and the dragon and his angels fought, but they did not prevail, nor was a place found for them in heaven any longer. So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

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Victory in Jesus! 2 Corinthians 2:14-16a

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing. To the one we are the aroma of death leading to death, and to the other the aroma of life leading to life.

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- AFTER suffering Rom. 8:14-18; 16:20

The Announcement of Victory 2 Cor. 12:14-17

- We are in the victory parade v.14
- We spread the message of victory v.14
- The sweet smell of success for the saved
 v.15 life! v.16
- The sickeningly sweet smell of defeat (not "de feet") v.15 death v.16
- God's grace: enter into the winner's circle
- Be reconciled to God 5:20; Rev. 22:14,17