

The Gospel Unashamed

"From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth, from the laziness that is content with half-truths, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, O, God of Truth, deliver us."

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Beauty in Death A Communion Meditation



When you see the leaves change colors in the fall, most of us think first and foremost of the beauty of that time of year. But when you stop and think about it, what you are really seeing is the death of all those leaves. How is it that there can be so much beauty in so much death? Only God can do that.

When the leaves die in the fall and fall off the trees, there is also hope. The leaves die so that the tree can go into a dormant state and not be harmed by the harsh winter weather. By doing this, the tree is protected so that, in the spring, it can reawaken to new life.

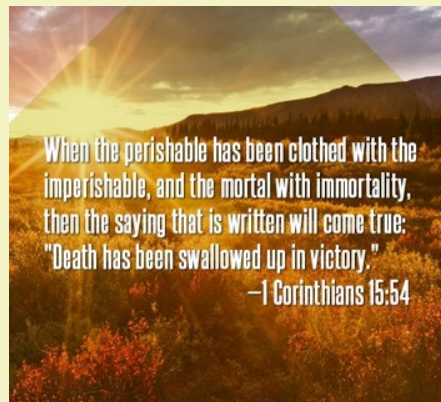
God has also created both beauty and hope in the death of His Son, Jesus. When we come together to remember the death of Jesus, it is a beautiful thing because it reminds us of the love He has for us. He died so that we might live.

His death protects us from the harsh punishment of sin so that we have hope. When we face our own death, we have the hope that, at His return, we will awaken to new life.

God has turned even death into a beautiful thing that is filled with hope.

"Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that **through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,**" **Hebrews 2:14 (NKJV)**

As we partake, let us be mindful of the beauty of God's love for us and the hope of our own resurrection to new life both found in the death of our Savior, Jesus.



When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory."
—1 Corinthians 15:54