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to battle for us.

Hebrews 2:14-15, *“Since then the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil; 15 and might deliver those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.”*

In His death and resurrection, Jesus won total victory over sin and death (1 Cor. 15:54-57). Likewise, His triumph guarantees us victory in our walk with God.

Do we fully appreciate what Christ has done for us? David accomplished an amazing feat for the Israelites but it pales in comparison to what Jesus did with His death on the cross.

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“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” -Psalm 119:105



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Our Hero, Christ

If ever a hero was needed, the Israelites had a great need during the days of King Saul as they fought with the Philistines. They were being embarrassed both morning and evening, for 40 days (1 Sam. 17:10), by a huge Philistine named Goliath.

David, the youngest son of Jesse, had brought supplies for his brothers in the army. He was there when Goliath came out mocking the Israelites. Unlike the others around him, David was furious and asked for permission to go out and fight Goliath. David was confident that the

God who had delivered him in times past (lion and the bear – **1 Sam. 17:34-37**) would give him victory over the giant. Of course we know the rest of the story. God delivered the mighty giant into the hands of the young shepherd.

David's conquest reminds us of Jesus Christ's victory. We were hopelessly enslaved by sin and needed a hero to save us. God sent His Son Jesus to deliver us. He came to earth, faced the same kind of trials that we go through (Heb. 2:14-15), and went **(Continued on Back Page)**

Key Ingredient

Many foods are incomplete without a key ingredient. Can you imagine pizza without cheese, a hamburger with no meat, or a snickers bar without chocolate?

The Christian life also has a key ingredient: love. Paul emphasized its value as he wrote his letter to the Corinthians. While instructing concerning spiritual gifts, he paused to say that even if we have gifts of speech to talk to angels, have all knowledge & faith, give everything we have to feed the poor but don't have love, we are nothing (1 Cor. 13:1-3). We've missed the "more excellent way" (12:31).

A disciple of Jesus should love his family, his friends, fellow Christians, those who don't know Christ, and even his enemies (Lk. 6:27-31). A true disciple is known by his love.

John 13:34-35, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved

you, that you also love one another. 35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Purity of doctrine is important. Faith's worth is irreplaceable, as are actions of obedient service to the Lord. However without love, we're about as useful as peanut butter without peanuts!

Let us make sure that our service to God flows from a heart of Love. That's the key ingredient.

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A Blessing to Others

In Gen. 12, we sometimes limit our thinking of God's words to Abraham. "Go...to a land I will show you," "I will make you a great nation," "I will bless those that bless you and curse those that curse you." There is a simple application for ourselves that we can miss if we are only thinking of Abraham and the nation of Israel.

In verse 2, Abraham is told, "I will bless you and make your name great. And so you shall be a blessing."

Consider that Abraham was blessed, so that he could be a blessing to others. What he was told was not for his own selfish enjoyment, but for the welfare and betterment of others – The promise of Christ.

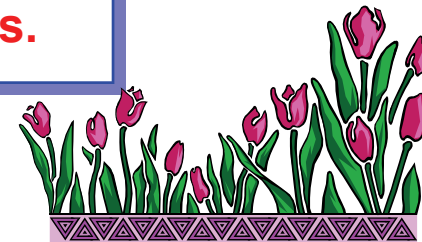
The same is true in a sense with Christians today. The Lord has been a tremendous blessing in our lives and wants us to share it with others. Those who are Christians are saved to "save." Although our

relationship to Christ brings us personal joy, He redeems us that we might go out and "preach the gospel to every creature" (Mk. 16:15-16). We can bless others by our blessings.

Let us strive to be a blessing to others, by teaching the gospel.

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God's Plan for Saving Man

- ⇒ Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:17)
- ⇒ Believe the Gospel (Hebrews 11:6; John 20:31)
- ⇒ Repent of Past Sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)
- ⇒ Confess Faith in Christ (Romans 10:10; Matthew 10:32)
- ⇒ Be Baptized in water (Acts 2:38; Mk. 16:16; Gal. 3:27; 1 Pet. 3:21)
- ⇒ Be Faithful until/ unto Death (Rev. 2:10)