

# Pastors Thoughts of the Week

## Loosed

*Acts 2:23-24: Him, being delivered by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain: Whom God hath raised up, having loosed the pains of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it.*

Sin brings with it an accompanying bondage and with this bondage an accompanying pain of death. The Master, being the creator of life, had to come to our rescue and loose us from its inextricable captivity. The titanic struggle of the cross found our Savior in direct conflict with the contradiction of our sinful nature. He willingly adopts that nature in becoming "sin for us who knew no sin", earning him the right to the keys of death and hell with which he could liberate all those bound by sin.

The miserable internees of Hitler's hideous concentration camps could not restrain their emotions when they witnessed the American liberators storming the death camps and scattering their conscienceless captors. Like walking skeletons, the emaciated captives embraced their emancipators falling into their arms with irrepressible gratitude. These who were but days from the inevitable fires of the hellacious ovens, were now saved from, what seemed to them to be, an inevitable fait accompli.

Believers in Christ likewise embrace their Great Savior, seeing that He alone can lose us from our iniquity and save us from our inexorable damnation. The process whereby this is accomplished remains shrouded in spiritual mystery. No human mind can plumb the depths of this divine transaction that accepts the death of the "just for the unjust". I Peter 3:18: For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

Death could not deny our glorious champion His victory. In a sublime and almost simplistic explanation, the text explains that the demons of hell and their perverted prince of darkness had no authority to thwart the overcoming power of His resurrection over death. It simply "was not possible that he should be holden of it."

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*Faith cometh by hearing: and hearing by the word of God Romans 10:17*