

Day 19 Colossians 2:15

Every once in a while, when I have a lot of time, I go back and watch the Lord of the Rings trilogy.

The story by JR Tolkien takes us to a world that we all hope exists. One where evil is over come and good wins the day. And not only in this story, we all love reading about an unlikely hero who prevails evil against all odds.

In this highlighted text we are told a great story about our hero, Jesus Christ. And very much like the stories we love to read our hero was an unlikely one. He was deity in human form, yet he experienced all of our struggles and our temptations. But he was not persuaded to sin.

He kept His greater mission in front of Him regardless of the persecution He received for it. He healed the lame, he made the blind to see. He did many more miracles to prove that He was the One the world had waited for. This Jesus' closest friends saw Him do amazing things. The light of the world had come!

But it all came crashing down.

Evil was threatened and it thrust upon our hero its greatest curse. Jesus was arrested. His best friends were scattered. There was no one to save Him and he was killed. The light was out and all hope was lost. It was the end.

But we know it was not the end. Jesus was resurrected from death. And thank God that it is not just a story, it is our salvation's reality.

But there is even more. There is a message that is still speaking through every generation of those who believe. This resurrection was a disaster for the forces of evil.

They were disarmed from accusing us, disarmed from attacking us, disarmed from keeping us from a relationship with our Father.

The forces that had sought out to shame our Savior and us, were shamed themselves. The very thing that evil used for destruction became our victory - the cross.

This benefit of this victory is described in Romans 8: 38-39

For I am convinced that neither life nor death, neither angels or demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, not anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And there is more. Not only do we get benefits, but our salvation speaks in the heavenly realms.

Ephesians 3:10-11

His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms, according to His eternal purpose that He accomplished in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through us, the mercy and the love of God is revealed. What an honor for us, His people.

The story we all have longed to hear has become more than a story; it has become our reality.