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THE SECOND ARTICLE (PART 2)

DEVOTION

I BELIEVE IN JESUS CHRIST. . . HE DESCENDED INTO HELL. THE THIRD DAY HE ROSE AGAIN FROM THE DEAD.

What does this mean? That I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness.

“O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 15:55–57)

FOR SHARING

1. What was the most exciting victory you have witnessed?
2. Jesus' descent into hell was an announcement of His victory over sin, death, and Satan. In what ways did He defeat each of these enemies?
3. Without the resurrection of Christ from the dead, St. Paul writes, “Your faith is futile and you are still in your sins” (1 Corinthians 15:17). Explain Paul's words.
4. Tell about the righteousness, innocence, and blessedness Christ has brought to your life.
5. Tell of a time when Christ's victory over death was especially meaningful for you.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, thank You for the victory You won over sin, death, and Satan. You have called me to be Your child in my Baptism. Help me to see Your death and resurrection as my anchor in life. Give me Your strength that I might live as Your new creation. In Your name I pray. Amen.