

Greatest Event in History!



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It is the greatest event in the history of the world, because sinners of the world cannot enter Heaven unless Someone would pay their sin-debt—giving the opportunity to *believe* in that Atonement and *trust* in Him for the salvation of their soul.

The power of God to bring Jesus back to life is the power He has to answer our prayers and heal our afflictions. Divine power is available through faith in the Atonement Blood of the Lord Jesus. God approved of the offering by raising Him that resurrection morning.

The choice is to put our faith in the resurrection of Christ because we believe *what* that Atonement for sin accomplished. It was the greatest event in history! Jesus said John 14:18 “*I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you,*” and He is waiting to do marvelous things for those who put their faith in the Atonement sacrifice He made for them.

Jesus said to *not* be troubled John 14:1 “*Ye believe in God, believe also in me.*” Believing God means trusting on the resurrection power of Christ—to *heal* our body; to *supply* all needs; to *protect* our family; and to prepare us for His kingdom. The Holy Spirit inspires *faith* in us to trust

on the resurrection power of God for all those things—including peace within; wrongs avenged; attitudes changed; and for all faith issues—*without* trusting on anything *else* for those things.

When we *accept* Christ as our Lord and Master, and we *believe* on the divine power in back of His name, we truly become a *child of God*. John 1:12 “*As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on [trust in] his name.*” To *believe* on His Name, is to *trust* on the resurrection power of God that brought Him back to life.

When God answers our prayer for healing, money, protection, spiritual light, or for anything else, all glory always goes to Him. When Jesus healed a man on the Sabbath, some were offended. If they had *believed* Christ, they would have given *glory* to God. Jesus said John 5:23 “*He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.*” They had *not* met the basic requirement of God—John 6:29 “*That ye believe on him whom he hath sent.*”

The *Word of God* was not *in* them, so the *Spirit of God* could *not* inspire them to believe and glorify God. Jesus said John 5:37-38 “*None of you have ever either heard His voice or seen what He is like. Nor have you His word dwelling within you, for you refuse to believe Him whom He has sent.*”

Believing *in*, and trusting *on*, the resurrection power of the living God is an eternal salvation issue. John 5:39 “*Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me*”—like 1 Corinthians 15:4 “*He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.*”

John 3:18 “*He who believes [trusts] in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*” Our responsibility is to *trust* in *faith* on the

power of God—and be *inspired* to *believe* what God’s power will *do* for those who trust Him in faith. John 12:46 “*I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me should not abide in darkness.*”

Jesus said John 12:47 “*If any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world*”—if they will *trust* Him in faith, He meant. John 12:48 “*He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day.*”

The apostle said, “*For though [Christ] was crucified in weakness, yet He lives by the power of God*” 2 Corinthians 13:4. A believer has access to that *same* power of God—for healing without medical help; for supplies without backup money; for protection without security systems; for justice without court action; and for victory over Satan’s power by faith in the *resurrection* power of God.

We are told to 2 Corinthians 13:5 “*Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified [insincere].*” We can *disqualify* ourselves by our choice *not* to trust on the resurrection power of God—for health, healing, protection, provisions, or justice—and instead, trust on some alternative plan, power, pill, or process.

Romans 10:17 “*Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.*” When we hear the *Word of God* and are willing to accept the *sacrifice* of Jesus for the Atonement of sin, we all need, the Holy Spirit can then inspire us in faith to trust on the power in back of that divine Word.

The apostles told the high priest that the power of God brought Jesus back to life. “*We are witnesses of these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey*

him” Acts 5:32. Those who refuse to believe in the power of God will forfeit their spiritual blessings in *this* life and their divine inheritance in the *next* life—if there is no repentance for that unbelief.

Jesus said the hour is coming when there will be a resurrection—John 5:29 “*They that have done good, to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, to the resurrection of damnation*”—because they chose *not* to believe in, and chose *not* to trust on, the resurrection power of the living God.

The choice to believe God comes *first*, then the Holy Spirit inspires *faith* in us to *trust* on the Blood of Christ *second*. If we *profess* to have faith, but do not *act in faith* on the resurrection power of the living God—our faith is invalid, and our prayers will be hindered.

“*Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action [obedience], is dead*” James 2:17. Abraham’s faith was valid because “*His faith was co-operating with his actions, and that by his actions his faith was perfected*” James 2:22.

A true believer does the will of God regardless of the risk. The Holy Spirit was sent to open our spiritual eyes to see what the resurrection power of God will do when we *trust* on the Atonement of Jesus. Only God can *inspire* us in faith to really *trust* Him in faith. John 7:17 “*If anyone chooses to do God’s will, he will find out whether my teaching comes from God.*”

To trust on the resurrection power of God, instead of trusting the counterfeit plans of the world—for healing, protection, supplies, justice, security, and guidance—is the *choice* every individual must make, if eternal life is to be their final destination. Keeping that position of *faith* so we can *learn* spiritual lessons of trust, is vital—because John 15:6 “*If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned.*”

We will have opportunities to *trust God* or trust something *else*, and when these opportunities are presented, we will have to *choose* to trust on His *resurrection* power or *choose* to trust on some *other* power. *Where* we place our *faith*, will determine *where* we spend *eternity*—because it is only *by* faith in the Atonement Blood of Christ that we enter through the strait gate into Heaven.

You were Colossians 2:12 “*Raised with him through your faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.*” God promises to heal, provide, protect, deliver, direct, and save our soul—if we will *believe* Him and *trust* Him for those essential needs.

The issue is *where* we place our *faith* when a situation *involving* faith is presented. It is all *connected* to eternal life, because Jesus said, “*most assuredly*” John 5:24 “*he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life.*” God wants us to trust Him—but *that* is our decision.

The *divine power* that raised Jesus to life is the same *divine power* available to believers today—for healing without drugs; for protection without weapons; for food without borrowing; for justice without avenging, and for salvation by faith in the resurrection power of the living God.

It is all about *believing* and *trusting* on the perfect Blood sacrifice of Jesus. John 5:24 “*He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.*” God wants us to be healed, delivered, and supplied every day—and if we *choose* to believe, we *prove*—Hebrews 10:23 “*He is faithful that promised.*”

If we are oppressed in body, a decision must be made on *where* to seek help. If we choose to trust on prescription medicine—instead of on the power of God, we have John 3:18 “*not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God*”—and

would stand condemned. If a lack of money situation is presented, a decision must be made on *where* to obtain the cash—trust God in faith or borrow money from a bank.

These are eternal life issues for us, because it was an eternal life issue for the rich man—who should have known what Jesus said Luke 16:10 “*He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much.*”¹³ “*No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.*”

The rich man had not been scriptural with money, and he told Abraham Luke 16:24 “*I am tormented in this flame.*” There was no changing that horrible situation after he died, and even though he wanted to help his family who were still on earth, Abraham had to tell him Luke 16:29 “*They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.*”

The young ruler desired *eternal life*, and even though he obeyed the Commandments, Jesus said he still had a spiritual lack—*not* trusting God in faith for finances. He could still choose; here is the plan Matthew 19:21 “*If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.*”

God has spoken Jeremiah 17:5 “*Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD.*” There is *hope*, and we can *change*, because God *cannot* change and is always willing to forgive, when we are willing to trust on the *Power of God!*



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