

# OUR RIGHTS THROUGH JESUS' RESURRECTION LIFE

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One of the greatest temptations that many Christians face is to lose sight of the Scriptural grounds upon which their faith should rest, and begin to walk by their feelings and experiences, and by what they see in themselves. That always makes us weak spiritually and not able to live a continually victorious and overcoming life. Hebrews 10:38 tells us, *"The just shall live by faith."*

There are very few who really understand what real faith is; and we need to have it brought to our attention because Satan would like us to think that it consisted of some kind of pious feeling inside us, or something that would commend us to God to cause Him to do things for us. Such an idea is directly opposite to what real faith is, for faith in God works exactly the same as faith in man.

Faith can only operate thru a spoken or written word. To have faith in God means, at the present time, believe what God's written Word says. Nowhere in the Bible are we asked to look or see how we feel or what we are, but always to go by what God says in His Word. That is what it means to walk by faith. In other words, we are to go by what God says, and not by what we see or feel. It makes no difference what kind of an experience we have had, if we continue to walk by that experience and found our faith on it, our condition will only get worse; but if we change our attitude and begin to walk in the light of what God says, no matter how hard and hopeless a place we are in, the whole situation will change at once and we will pass from weakness to strength, from a defeated life to a victorious one, from sickness to health, and from trouble to peace.

If you were told of something that had happened and you believed what was said, you would have a mental picture in your mind through the spoken words. That would be faith in a spoken word, seeing through your mind something that somebody tells you about, instead of seeing it with your own eyes or feeling it with your hands. We see the thing through their word, but not directly with our eyes, nor hear it directly with our ears, but it is just as real as if we did. So, faith is believing a thing through a written or spoken word instead of seeing and feeling it with our natural senses.

That was all faith consisted of when Jesus was on earth. People saw things through a spoken word. Now we have been left "exceeding great and precious promises" and various statements of what the resurrection life of Christ means, and we are to see through that written word what it really does mean, because the moment we see it, the full benefits of it take possession of us. All we have to do is to "look and live" and the very moment we accept the statement of this Word concerning the death of Christ and His resurrection life and power, we will enter into rest and victory, just by believing the statements of this Word.

The Bible is a will and testament. Beginning with Jesus Christ, it is called, New Testament. The word "testament" means that there is somebody who has left some goods to someone, and that the testator has already died -- that is Jesus Christ -- and the will has gone through all the legal processes and the goods have been turned over into the hands of the ones mentioned in the will -- and that is you and I. We have had these things given to us; therefore, the very moment we believe what this will says, we will not only see our possessions but will enter into them at once.

This will is God's Word. The moment we believe it, we will be able to act accordingly and enter into the possession of our inheritance. God would not keep us out of our inheritance; it has been left to us and it has passed through the legal processes, passed out of God's hands into ours. We can

refuse it and believe Satan, and never get any benefit of it, or we can believe the simple statements of God's Word, that tells us what God has promised is ours through the death and resurrection life of Jesus Christ and enter into possession right away and to act accordingly.

The proxy side of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most valuable side for us. A proxy is having someone else act for you; someone to take your place. For instance, if one member of Congress gives another member the privilege to vote for him during his absence. He would be a proxy for that member. Christ died by proxy for us. We were born rebels and were subject to death as the natural penalty. That is the penalty of treason in the world, and in the Bible, treason is punishable by death. We became subject to death through the sin of Adam, but God, in His great mercy and tender love, sent Jesus to die for us. His death by proxy took away the penalty that we inherited from Adam and as a result, we are exempted from the punishment of treason. We are free. Jesus Christ died for us by proxy. He not only bore all our sin and guilt but also every result of sin, our diseases, our troubles, our poverty and every other evil thing. When He died it was exactly the same as if we had died.

2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:14,15, *"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again."*

When Jesus died, He delivered us from trouble of every kind, and from every work and power of the Devil, exactly the same as if we had actually died. Just so, the death of Jesus Christ made us free from sin, sorrow, disease and evil of every kind, which we inherited from the first Adam. The 6<sup>th</sup> chapter of Romans tells us that His death was our death, and we want to be very definite in asking God to help us to understand that, for as we realize that, we become free from all sin and from Satan's power and influence, with all his diseases, aches and pains,

sorrow and poverty, just as much as if we were lying in the grave. His death was in reality, our death. God has tried over and over again from Genesis to Revelation, to make it plain to us that the death of Christ sets us free from all the evil that we inherited from the first Adam. When Abel came to offer up his little lamb, he received a full deliverance from the results of the fall.

Hebrews 11:4, *"By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain."*

It was not a more valuable sacrifice; it was a blood sacrifice of that lamb. In other words. God told Abel that when that lamb died, being a type of Jesus Christ, it was the same as if he had died, and he was as free from sin, sorrow and disease as if he was that little lamb lying dead.

(Verse 4 continues) *"By which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh."*

Cornelius tried his best to live an overcoming life; he prayed, fasted, gave alms, did everything a human being could do and did it in the most pious, human way. If you and I had known Cornelius in his day we would have said: "If ever a man lived who would get to Heaven after he died, I think he would." The real facts are, if he would have died in that condition he would have gone to the Lake of Fire. God never lets a man go to the Pit without giving him a chance. So He sent an angel from Heaven to tell Cornelius how he could be saved.

God told him in Acts 10:5,6, *"And now send men to Joppa, and call for one Simon, whose surname is Peter: He lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side: he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do."*

All he had to do was just hear words. You will not have to do anything just hear something and accept it. He will speak words to you, whereby you and your house will be saved. JUST WORDS!

When Peter began his talk, he never said a word directly to Cornelius; he never paid the least

attention to him; ignored him; but he began to speak about somebody else and that was Jesus Christ.

(Verses 38-40) *"How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree: Him God raised up the third day, and shewed him openly."*

(Verse 43) *"To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."*

That did not mean that they were just to believe the historical facts that Jesus died on the Cross, Satan believes that much and multitudes of so-called Christians have come to believe it as historical fact, but Peter meant to believe it in the sense that you and I are to believe it, that He hanged on the Cross for them, in their stead, to bear their guilt and to die for them and to set them free from all the faults that they inherited from the first Adam, and whosoever believeth in Him, will enter into that freedom. What was the result? (Verse 44) *"While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word."*

Just the same results that came to Abel when he offered the little lamb, came to Cornelius four thousand years later. The righteousness of God came and took possession of him exactly the same as it did thru Abel's lamb, which was only a type of Christ, and it is the same today. Every part of our body, in God's sight, is perfectly well; not because of anything in us or what we could do, have done or will do, but because of what Jesus Christ has done. God sees us well. The moment we see our body well, it will become well because all oppressions have been removed by the death of Christ, our proxy. That is what God proved when the blood of that little lamb was placed on the door of the Israelites down in Egypt. The protection of those under the blood was so great.

Exodus 11:7 says, *"But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know how that the Lord doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel."* When that lamb died, the Israelites were as free from every disease and physical infirmity as if they were lying dead, for in the lamb's death they died by proxy. May God help us to see that the Blood of Jesus Christ has set us as free as any dead person would be, as that little lamb's blood did the Israelites in Egypt.

Perfect physical protection and healing was not all they received under that lamb's blood. Psalm 105:37 says, *"He brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes."*

The Blood of Christ gives us a right to all the finances we desire for ourselves as well as the right to go without having a particle of feebleness in our entire body. 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 5:7, *"For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us."*

We all have the right to claim not only silver and gold, but perfect health and every other blessing and desire. They are ours because of the death, by proxy, of Jesus Christ our Lord. Anyone who accepts the statements of this Word, that Jesus' death was our death, will immediately become free from everything that death would free them from, sin, sorrow, disease, trouble, poverty and every evil thing of Satan.

Again, to keep it fresh in our minds, a proxy is having someone else to act for you; someone to take your place. Jesus Christ took our place and suffered for us, and we are free from all suffering, AND, *"If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."* John 8:36



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