

Resurrection Means Everything!



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The resurrection of our Lord and Savior *means* everything because it *changed* everything. Every prayer *answered* and every victory *won* is possible by Jesus coming forth from the tomb that Easter morning—He lives today! When the women arrived at the tomb that morning, two angels said Luke 24:5 “*Why seek ye the living among the dead?*”

The resurrection of Jesus means everything—because 1 Corinthians 15:17 “*If Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins.*” But Jesus is *alive* and on Him we base our *faith*—on the Blood that He shed for us. It is *not* what we *feel*; it is *not* what we *see*; and it is *not* based on an *experience*. Hebrews 10:38 “*The just shall live by faith.*”

Everyone needs reminders, because we tend to think that *outward religion* is *genuine faith*. Anything apart from believing *trust* on the shed Blood of Christ and His resurrection to life, is not genuine faith. Many say they have faith in Christ, but they do not actively put their faith on the Blood of Christ and what that Atonement accomplished.

True *faith* in *God* must *believe* what He *wrote* in His *Word*! True faith does not believe because of what is *seen*, *felt*, or *experienced*. Experience is in the *past*, so we cannot put faith in that any more

than we can act on how we *feel* or what we *see*—faith is always based on a word.

No matter how difficult, impossible, or hopeless things seem from a human standpoint, the situation *can* change and *will* change, when our trust is on the resurrection power of Christ. We can go from weakness to strength; from strife to peace; from poverty to prosperity; and from defeat to victory by faith in the resurrection of Jesus. 1 Corinthians 15:19 “*If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. 20 But now is Christ risen from the dead.*”

When someone describes an event by words in a letter or by a text message, a mental picture is formed in our mind. We did not *see* nor *experience* what took place, but it can be as *real* as if we did. Real faith in God is *believing* that something is just as *real* through His *word*, as if we actually *saw* it; *touched* it; or *experienced* it. *That* is *genuine* faith!

Today we can claim those 2 Peter 1:4 “*Exceeding great and precious promises*”—promises of what the reappearance of Christ and His resurrection to life really means to the believer. We are to *see* everything through that *Word*.

When we truly understand that principle of *faith* and *belief* in God’s *Word*—about the resurrection of His Son, our *unbelief* will be gone, and the *victory* be won. Hebrews 4:3 “*We which have believed do enter into rest,*” because “*the works were finished from the foundation of the world.*”

The Bible is a written *will* and *testament*. Matthew 26:28 “*This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*” A written *testament* means a written *will*—something left by someone to give to another. When a person draws up a will and passes away, that *testament* is in effect. It goes through the legal process and the possessions are given to those named in the will.

A *testator* is the one who had the *will* written. The Testator is Jesus who died on the cross—the testament has gone through the legal process and the benefits turned over to those mentioned in the

will—who is every *believer* in the resurrection power of God.

These *great and precious promises* 2 Peter 1:4 are *payments* and *benefits* that have been turned over to us. The moment we *believe* what this *will* and *testament* says, we will not only *see* our possessions, but will *have* them to enjoy. It is like receiving a letter in the mail saying we have inherited some money. The moment we *believe* the words, a sense of *possession* is felt.

God’s *Word* is a *testament* stating *what* has been given to us. When we *believe* that and *act* on the words, we take *possession* of our inheritance. Even God Himself is not able to withhold the inheritance, because it has gone through the legal channels and has passed from *His* hands to *ours*.

We can *choose* to *refuse* that inheritance—we can believe *Satan* and doubt *God*—and never get any of it—or we can believe God’s *Word* and reject Satan’s *lies* and take possession of what is stated in the will. Believing what God has said about the resurrection of His Son, enables us to take possession of our inheritance—and to act as if we were *already* healed and delivered.

Everyone is born a rebel and subject to the death penalty for treason, but Jesus died on the cross for us, and rose to life to *free* us from that penalty. We belong to God, so He is the only One who can say what we *do*; where we *go*; and who we are friends *with*.

We are all under a sentence of *death* because of Adam’s *sin*—but we can be *released* from that penalty through the *resurrection* of *Christ*—which *means everything*! God, in His mercy, love, and grace, sent His Son to *die* for us—bearing the penalty *for* us. We are exempted from the punishment of treason. 1 Corinthians 15:21 “*Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead.*”

Jesus not only bore all our guilt, sin, and punishment, but He also bore every *result* of sin—like poverty, trouble, sickness, and every evil thing—*all* were nailed to the *cross* with Him. 2

Corinthians 5:15 “*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.*”

If we were *not* living, we could *not* be sinning—we could *not* suffer from sickness, pain, poverty, or have any fear, worry, and unbelief. It is said of the deceased—*Now their troubles are over*—well Jesus died on the cross for us—so now *our troubles are over*—if we *believe* that *His* death and resurrection to life, is the same as *our* death and resurrection to life—a *new* life of faith in God.

Romans 6:5-7 “*If we have been united with him like this in his death, we will certainly also be united with him in his resurrection. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with [destroyed], that we should no longer be slaves to sin—because anyone who has died has been freed from sin.*”

The death of *Jesus* sets us free from the sins from *Adam*. It just takes the *sacrifice* of Christ and our *faith* in the Blood He shed for us. Hebrews 11:4 “*By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain.*” When the *lamb* died, it was like *Abel* died, so now *Abel* would be free from sin, sorrow, and trouble. By shedding blood, *Abel* “*Obtained witness that he was righteous.*”

Cornelius tried to be righteous by praying, fasting, giving to charities, reading Scripture, and doing outwardly good things. If we had known *Cornelius* in his day, we would have thought he was all packed up for Heaven. In *that* spiritual condition, however, he would have gone to the lake of fire.

God does not want *anyone* to perish until they have had an opportunity to hear the truth 2 Peter 3:9, so He sent an angel to tell *Cornelius* how to be saved Acts 10:5-6. It was *not* by *outward* religious works, but by an *inward* conversion of *heart*. Since God has not changed, He would give to anyone *else* the same opportunity. If anyone really wants to know what the resurrection of Christ means, God will

send them an angel from Heaven again—if needed—but today we have the printed Bible.

When *Simon* arrived, *Cornelius* said Acts 10:33 “*Now therefore are we all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God*”—just words—but words from God. The apostle did not mention *Cornelius* himself or anything about him, but only—Acts 10:38 “*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.*”

Cornelius was not to just *believe* the historical facts of the crucifixion, because multitudes professing Christianity—and even the devil himself—believe the historical facts. *Cornelius* had to actually *believe* what *Jesus* did for him on the cross—and then believe His rising to life to take away sins, sorrows, guilt, and troubles of this life.

Acts 10:43 “*To him give all the prophets witness, that through his name whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins*”—to take their guilt away and to set them free from the penalty of sin. 44 “*While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word.*”

The results for *Abel* for offering a blood sacrifice, would be the same results for *Cornelius*—thousands of years later. The righteousness of God would be his—the same as it was *Abel*’s. Atonement frees a person from sin, sickness, sorrow, self, and Satan’s influence.

We are free from anything the devil wants to place on us—not because of anything we could *do*, but only because we *believe* what *Jesus* has already *done*. Regardless of *how* Satan is oppressing, we are to see ourselves well by doing and acting as if we *were already* healed.

The Egyptians had *no* protection; Exodus 11:7 “*But among the Israelites not a dog will bark at any man or animal.’ Then you will know that the*

LORD makes a distinction between *Egypt* and *Israel.*”

The Israelites were free from disease by the blood of a lamb; and today we are free from sickness by the Blood of Jesus. Atonement protects and provides everything, because God—Psalm 105:37 “*Brought them forth also with silver and gold: and there was not one feeble person among their tribes.*”

The Blood of Jesus Christ gives us the right to have all the money we need; to be strong physically—with good vision, hearing, and strength of body, because 1 Corinthians 5:7 “*Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us.*”

The Israelites received these things by partaking of Passover while prepared to leave in haste—that was seeing themselves *delivered*, because of the death of that lamb. We have an Atonement right to not only *claim* daily bread, but to *enjoy* good food and health, and every other blessing.

Anyone who accepts God’s Word—that *Jesus*’ death and resurrection to *life*, was *our* death and resurrection to *life*—a *new* life of *faith* in Him—would be delivered from sickness, sorrow, sin, Satan’s control, and every other evil thing.

We serve a risen Savior, and He’s in the world today no matter what anyone may say!



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