

Living in the Power of the Resurrection of Christ

Last Friday was Good Friday, and today is Easter. Easter is not about something ending, but about the beginning of something new and meaningful.

Easter Sunday

Jesus had told His disciples in advance that He would rise again on the third day after His death. After He was crucified, He was placed in a tomb sealed with a large stone and guarded to prevent anyone from taking His body.

However, when Mary Magdalene and other women came to visit the tomb a few days later, they found that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Jesus appeared to them that day and continued to appear to others in the days that followed. Those who saw Him realized that what had been prophesied had come true as Jesus had risen from the dead. Because of this, Easter is a time of great celebration for us Christians.

The message of Easter reminds us of the ultimate sacrifice God made for us. In this season, we see the fulfillment of His plan through Jesus' birth, life, and ministry. **HE became the perfect sacrifice for the sins of the world.** Through His death on the cross, He made a way for complete spiritual restoration, paying the price for sin and overcoming the separation between humanity and God.

Through His sacrifice, we are made holy by faith and are given righteousness, allowing us to come before God. On the cross, both God's love and power were fully displayed. Jesus gave His life so that whoever believes in Him may have eternal life with the Father.

Sequence of Events:

1. **Adam's sin** – Sin and death entered the world.
2. **The Old Covenant** – A shadow of what was to come; a temporary covering for sin.
3. **The birth of Jesus** – Born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Spirit—God with us.
4. **Jesus among the people** – HE preached the message of the Kingdom and revealed the coming redemption.
5. **Good Friday** – Jesus' suffering and death on the cross became the ultimate sacrifice; HE experienced separation as HE bore the sins of the world.
6. **Easter (Resurrection Day)** – God confirmed and validated the New Covenant through the resurrection of Jesus.
7. **The New Covenant** – Established through HIS blood, bringing forgiveness and reconciliation.
8. **The Body of Christ (the Church)** – Born Again believers are united through faith in HIM.

2 The only letter of recommendation we need is you yourselves. Your lives are a letter written in our hearts; everyone can read it and recognize our good work among you. **3** Clearly, you are a letter from **Christ** showing the result of our ministry among you. This “letter” is written not with pen and ink, but with the Spirit of the Living God. **It is carved not on tablets of stone, but on human hearts.** **4** We are confident of all this because of our great trust in God through **Christ**.

We thank Christ for enduring the cross for us. The price was paid in full. Because of this, we have the opportunity to become all that God has called us to be and to fulfill His purpose while we live on this earth.

As we celebrate Easter, may the reality of Christ be alive in you. Let us remember that Jesus is the true reason for the season. He died so that you may have spiritual life.

Together, we can become part of the family of God. Let us rejoice in the good news of the Gospel!

The Resurrection Power

The power made available through the resurrection comes through faith and grace. Power is the ability to do what is meaningful and purposeful.

Through the living Jesus (**our only way to God**) His power is not only possible, but available to all who believe in HIM. Jesus brought the creative power of God into our world, and when you receive Him as your Lord and Savior, that power lives within you forever.

Greater is HE who lives in you than he who lives in the world! Reminding us that the power of God within us is stronger than anything we face.

“Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is HE that is in you, than he that is in the world” (I John 4:4).

At Calvary, a new vision begins for the believer. It is there that Jesus set people free from spiritual death.

Now, the Holy Spirit is teaching and guiding those with hungry hearts to understand and receive all that is available in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus is Alive!