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Are you Risen with Christ?

READ: John 11:17-27

Scripture: John 11:25-26 - Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

Resurrection Sunday is about our celebrating the fact that Jesus Christ selflessly gave His life for every one of us and arose on the third day as was predicted in the Bible! **We must be aware that our hope of the resurrection is not just for the future when the body physically dies; but it is for now, while we are living on earth and struggling with sin, sickness, and disease.**

There is no situation in your life that is not written in the Word of God that you cannot be resurrected from. Let His Word breathe new life into your situation. God's Word will resurrect your dead situation. God's Word is life itself. That same resurrection power that brought Jesus from death to life is available to us, and if we just, **tap or plug into it**, we will see an amazing transformation in our own life!

Since, the resurrection power centers in the person of Jesus Christ, when we respond to the call to become Christians, we must allow the Holy Spirit to gradually work in us to change **our lives, our thoughts, our desires, our goals** so that our lives are more Christ-centered instead of being self-centered.

The power of the resurrection is not something to be achieved but it is to be received only through our faith in Christ as He is both life and the giver of life! *"Jesus saith unto him [Thomas], I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me"* (John 14:6). *"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: **I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly**"* (John 10:10). The benefits we gain from Christ's resurrection: **forgiveness, life, fulfillment, authority, identity, and mission.**

Maybe you have tried to do what the counselors and self-help books and television programs have told you to do, but you are still trapped. What you need is a resurrection. It could be that you need your financial situation to be resurrected, or a relationship in your family, an attitude, your health, or for your hope to come alive again. Whatever it maybe, God can take your dead or dying scenario and call forth a resurrection. He can take what looks like a rotting situation and give it new life.

All of this is promised in Christ, dependent on our answering the call of the resurrection of Jesus which is receiving and believing in Him and His Word, through the lives we live. The power of the resurrection is not something to be achieved but it is to be received only through our faith in Christ as He is both life and the giver of life therefore, only those who believe and accept life through Jesus Christ can personally experience it. When we answer the call and receive the life of Jesus in us, we are given both the ability and the power to overcome all things through the Holy Spirit.

The Word of God let us know that, *"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ Our Lord"* (Romans 6:23).

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