

Easter Sunday, April 4th, 2010

Resurrection Power

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Communion

Jesus concurred the grave that imprisons you.

He is the author, the developer, and the finisher for your life.

Matthew 26:26-28 “²⁶And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. ²⁷And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; ²⁸For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”

God has not changed. There is healing today. When drinking the grape juice (or wine), remember the power of Jesus’ blood and how it puts us in a new covenant with God. Forgiveness is not complete until you are free of guilt and shame. That is how complete God’s forgiveness is.

Main Message

Resurrection is defined as bringing back to life or back to sight, restoration in your life or to revive.

Ephesians 1:16-23 “¹⁶Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; ¹⁷That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: ¹⁸The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, ¹⁹And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, ²⁰Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹Far above all principality, and power, and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come: ²²And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, ²³Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.”

“I see eggs ready to hatch. They cannot be imprisoned anymore. New life is coming forth. Take a step of faith and new life has begun. Just like the earthly spring season, when life is coming forth and a new earth seems to come out of the deadness of winter, Easter should be that same spiritually for Christians. New life is breaking forth!”

Luke 22:31-32 “³¹And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: ³²But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.”

Jesus calls us the way we are and when we answer the call, then he qualifies us.

Comparing Peter and Judas:

-Peter denied Christ three times, but afterward he wept bitterly.

-Judas could never get over the physical aspect sin nor accept the grace of God like Peter did.

-They both sinned, but Peter received forgiveness and after the day of Pentecost, he preached and had 3000 people come to the kingdom of God.

John 11:17-23 “¹⁷On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, ¹⁹and many Jews had come to

Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home. ²¹"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

The Jews believed that a man's spirit hovered over the body for three days after its death.

Although, Jesus went to the tomb of Lazarus on the fourth day after Lazarus's death which made most see that there was no hope for his resurrection.

Verse 23 (above) is a Rhama word of God.

Two types of Words from God:

1. *Rhama*- "spoken" Holy Spirit speaks, God speaks, or have revelation of the bible

2. *Logos*- "written" chapter and verse

John 11:24-25 " ²⁴Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day. ²⁵Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:"

"I AM YOUR RESURRECTION!" You may think that you do not deserve it, but Jesus is here for you now. Martha looked past the answer that Jesus had given her and tried to reason out the scriptures, or situation, and missed her resurrection.

John 11:38-41 " ³⁸Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. ³⁹Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. ⁴⁰Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? ⁴¹Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me."

We have to believe God's Rhama word! It's difficult for circumstances speak loudly to us, sometimes louder than God is speaking to us. Regardless, we must believe when God speaks!

John 11:44 "And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with graveclothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go."

God is always calling you to come forth and to arise.