

Resurrection Life Now!

You will live forever – somewhere! What you do with Jesus Christ will make the difference of where you spend eternity. You can live with God, where there is no sin, for all of eternity!

Peter said to the “men of Israel”, “You killed the Author of Life, whom God raised from the dead!” Page | 1

Our problem, as Christians, is that we are apt to borrow from the world its thinking about death. The early Christians, when a fellow believer would die, would march to the cemetery, singing the praises of the Lord, carrying their loved one who had been found faithful unto death. Christ has taken the “sting” out of death.

Easter is a lot more to say to us than, “There’s Life after death!” The fact is, you will live forever – somewhere! The resurrection of Jesus Christ says to us, “You can live, here and now, with Christ in victory over all sin!” For the child of God, eternity begins now!

In the 11th chapter of John, Lazarus had just died and, Jesus had told Mary and “he will rise again.” In verse 24-26, “Martha answered, ‘I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the Resurrection and the Life, he who believes in Me will live, even though he dies. And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?’ “ Jesus says in John 5:24, “I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has [present tense] eternal life, and will not be condemned, he has crossed over from death to life.”

The moment Christ comes into the heart of any individual, eternal Life begins! Easter is more than “Life after death,” it also speaks of, “abundant Life before, now, death.” Easter provides liberation from an unforgiving spirit, freedom from the bondage of fear, and the blackmail of guilt – **NOW!**

How encouraging it is to know that we have “Life after death,” but it is a more powerful experience to sense the assurance of reconciliation of God – *Now!*

I must admit, in moment of earthly struggle, I could almost wish for death. In hours of despair, it is little comfort to have knowledge of immortality. At these times, “Life after death,” seems very remote.

The missed impact of Christ’s resurrection is that His Life can be felt in those moments of deep depression, loneliness and times of difficulties. 1 Corinthians 15:20 says, “**NOW** is Christ risen from the dead!” In Galatians 2:20, Paul is speaking of “the realization of forgiveness of sins and he writes, “I am [present tense] crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me.” I tell you, you can have the knowledge of freedom from sin, long before the cataclysmic event of the resurrection of the body from the grave!

I close with the reading of Romans 6:1-12, “What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

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For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. For he that is dead is freed from sin. Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him: Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof."

God has Jesus Christ's resurrection power for you today!