

Do you have RESURRECTION POWER?

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Main Scripture: Romans 8:11; John 3: 1- 16

Supporting Scriptures: Genesis 1:26 - 27 ; Ecclesiastes 7: 20; Job 15:14-16; Psalm 130:3; Psalm 143:2; Proverbs 20:9; John 1:12; John 2: 13-25; Numbers 21: 6-9; John 14: 1-8,26; John 15:26; John 16:7-11; Mark 15:33-39; Matthew 28: 2; John 20:24-31; Acts 1: 7; Acts 2:1- 4; Romans 8:11, 14; 1 Corinthians 14: 2; Acts 10: 1-48

Notes:

Today is widely celebrated across the world as the resurrection of Jesus Christ and we have become alive in him. Truly we are blessed in prayers this weekend and the Lord has been blessing us in a tremendous way and we want to pattern our lives to what we have received of Him and be steadfast in the apostles' doctrine. We know wherever the Lord is preached there is a battle but the word all by itself is power and the darkness will never overcome the word of God. We want to continue to pray for those who have not yet received the gift of the Holy Spirit that they too will receive this wonderful revelation of Jesus Christ.

- Prayer -

Do you have the resurrection power? the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, Paul writes to us and says that if you have it you can be confident that that same spirit will quicken your dead bodies. Do you have the spirit, the resurrection power dwelling in you?

Genesis 1:26

we need not worry about the Deity of our Lord. The scripture says God created man in His own image. The power that was given to man has everything to do with the fact that he was created in the likeness of God.

Without God we are hopeless such is the nature of man that we are made like God but in Genesis 3 the bible tells us how man fell. Mankind was put in a garden and told not to eat of the tree in the midst of the garden and he was challenged that he could be more than who he really is. Made in the likeness of God but was challenged by the adversary, telling him to eat the fruit to know good and evil but he wasn't told that he was never had the ability to handle evil. When he ate this fruit he, in turn, received a changed nature and man who was created in the likeness of God; who were both naked and unashamed, but the moment they ate of the tree their eyes were opened and they looked and recognized they were naked and were ashamed. The man started to die spiritually and physically. Man who was like God knew no death never knew what it was to be separated from God and be unlike God. He never knew what it was to be ignorant of God and because of this, the man was placed outside the garden and no access to his creator and the tree of life. Man became unable to find God. He became unlike God and ignorant of his creator. This did not only affect our forefather Adam and Eve, but every child born then after was born separated from God and unlike God. Fallen, broken, full of trouble, and without any hope. And so we recognize how lost and corrupt Man is.

Ecclesiastes 7: 20; Job 15:14-16; Psalm 130:3; Psalm 143:2; Proverbs 20:9

Man is corrupt, born in sin and shaped in iniquity, and has no godness in him. it is for this reason why the promise given to Eve in that coming from her lineage would be a seed that would crush the head of the serpent. We find that there was an appointed time that God himself came into this world, born of a

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virgin called Mary born not of a biological process but born because she was impregnated by the Holy Ghost and she was found with child. The scripture would have us know that that which was in her was of the Holy ghost.

He was a gift to the world - John 3:16

He came to give life, as light coming into this world but man rejected him. Man in his confused state rather darkness than light.

John 1:12

This is no ordinary experience, every man has to contemplate - what is the purpose of Jesus coming into this world.

John records in the book of John 2 a miracle of Jesus in turning water into wine and in the concluding verse the bible tells us that he went into the temple and the Zeal of the Lord had eaten him up

John 2: 13-23; John 3: 1- 16

In John 3, Nicodemus subtly did not accept the revelation of God in JESUS. Nicodemus recognized Jesus as a prophet or a teacher. But, Jesus recognizes the heart of Nicodemus and instead of continuing with the argument, he went straight to the matter that except a man be born again, He cannot see the kingdom of God.

To see the Kingdom requires a rebirth.

What does Nicodemus mean by his question? is it one of a change of character? - after a man has been shaped by his life experience and his environment and what he was taught and who he had become based on his choices how can he become good or have a change of nature? or is it that Nicodemus is totally confused?

Expect you are born again you can't see the kingdom Expect a man to be born of the water and the spirit can not enter the kingdom. Jesus is talking about the spirit of God.

It is totally required for a man to enter into the kingdom of God. The physical birth will never allow you to be translated into the kingdom as per the words of Jesus Christ. The physical birth is trapped in death and his end is in the grave - dust to dust ashes to ashes. But here Jesus raises something new - a man born of the spirit is born above and this is different from the man that is born of the flesh. Jesus' statement has reaffirmed the importance of the new birth that one can not enter the kingdom outside this new birth experience. Doesn't matter what religion says, Jesus says no man can enter this kingdom without a rebirth. What is this rebirth? Man is broken and has no future outside the kingdom of God. Jesus explains to Nicodemus that we hear the wind but we can't tell where it's coming from. You don't know where it's coming or going. So is every one that is born of the Spirit - you can not understand the work of the spirit. The mystery of the work of the spirit can not be reasoned out. THE THINGS FROM HEAVEN ARE ABOVE THE REASONING ABILITY FROM MAN.

If you want to perceive this new birth experience and want to understand what it is to be born from above you have to confront the cross of Jesus. How often we have challenged ourselves to become a better individual but we often find ourselves failing miserably. It is because there is no new person outside a new birth. One must be generated by the spirit of God. For one to be born, Jesus says you can only receive this because someone has come down from heaven and his name is Jesus. If Jesus is lifted up he will draw all men to him (numbers 21:6-9) - Jesus came into this world to die for the sin of men, not to make you be happy and motivate you and give you hope in this world. The hope of man lies in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Everyman will have to face the cross of Jesus Christ.

John 14: 1-8,26; John 15:26; John 16:7-11

Jesus said to the men that were in the process of losing hope that he wouldn't leave them comfortless. He will send the comforter in his name. there will be something miraculous that will take place. When he was crucified the bible tells us as he hung on the cross the Bible says that the world was in darkness and the Centurian who saw these things said truly this is the son of God. When you see the sacrifice of Jesus you have to either receive or reject this revelation. The tomb was sealed and men guarded the entrance to the tomb for fear that the disciples would break the sealed tomb and tell folks he has risen. The time came on the third day that while the soldiers guarding the tomb of Jesus. that the bible tells us that there was a great earthquake (Matthew 28:2-7) We understand something miraculous took place. To everyone who has hope, they believe it by faith outside of the resurrection of JESUS THERE IS NO HOPE. it ts the power of the Church. if there is no resurrection then the life we live in him in vain. But we know that Jesus has risen. After rising from the dead the scripture says he showed himself to a doubting Thomas. (John 20: 24-31) After that Jesus said to his disciples not to worry but to wait until they receive power from on high. (Acts 1:7-8)

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We don't understand the sound of the spirit as Nicodemus did not understand the sound of the wind. But on the day of Pentecost man spirit received power from on high. the only way we can have resurrection power is to be born of the Spirit. there is coming a day where everyone will be resurrected some to death and some to eternal life only those with this power reigning in them will rise to live. The words Jesus speaks are spirit and they are life. Do you have the Holy ghost? - anyone who believes will receive. It is faith that brought them to that place - to produce the unity of the spirit and received when the holy ghost came. Some don't believe in the holy ghost but this bible believes in receiving the holy ghost. Faith in Jesus will cause you to repent of your sins and be baptized and filled with the Holy ghost. Some people believe that this was only for the Apostles but we are reminded of Cornelious in Acts 10 who was not an apostle or a Jew and was filled with the Holy Ghost. How can I receive it? - repent and be baptized and believe. give up your old life. if you live after this flesh you will die. We have to be crucified with him the old man has to die. when you repent and believe you will receive the gift of the holy ghost. This is a free gift, not of works, but by simply obeying and believing, being buried with him in the name of Jesus you will receive the gift of the Holy ghost. The spirit of God is coming into you to regenerate you so you can have access to the kingdom of God. Begin to Love him and worship Him and open your mouth by faith listen to what the Holy Ghost is saying to you now. Open your mouth and receive this very hour, the one who died until the earth quaked and the veil was rent in twain. Open your mouth and you will receive the gift of the holy ghost.

Receive the power of Life.