**The Resurrected Life**

The beauty of Christ’s resurrection.

* Not just a historical moment…A present reality.
* Not a symbolic moment…A literal work of God’s divine grace.
* Not just a static moment…An ongoing, life-giving event available to all.

**2] *Philippians 3:10: That I may know him and the power of his resurrection,***

That I may *know...*

**3] A Resurrected Life** has purpose.

* This goes beyond knowledge, and enters the realm of relationship.

***4] Philippians 3:8: Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ.***

We are not built with a limitless supply of:

* Intention
* Determination
* Priorities

What are you spending it on, and in pursuit of what end goal?

Have you ever thought…”there’s got to be more to life than this?”

There is…and His name is Jesus…the Resurrected King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Living a resurrected life means choosing to do so, on a daily basis.

We are all serving something, but to live a Resurrected life, we need to be serving a resurrected King.

***5] Joshua 24:15: But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.***

Not just for me…but I will lead others to Jesus.

Consider all of the issues in our life that we say…”nobody is going to tell me how to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” And yet, so often, our attitude towards eternity is incredibly passive, and we allow the actions of others to determine our attitude towards God.

(That I may know) **Him…**

**6] A Resurrected Life** always points to the Lord.

If I’m resurrected, then why would I keep it to myself? The Good News…The Gospel.

***Luke 14:23: Go out, and compel them to come…that my house may be full.***

Let the House of God be full, not just of the resurrected, but of all those in need of resurrection.

As imperfect people, we often cannot help ourselves, but God is no respecter of persons. All are welcome at the foot of the Cross, to behold the glory of the Empty Tomb.

***7] John 12:32: And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.***

A resurrected life…will point people to the source of their Resurrection, and will do so with a knowledge that all are in need of resurrection.

***Romans 5:18: Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men.***

***Romans 8:32: He did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up graciously for us all.***

***I Timothy 2:6: He gave Himself as a ransom for all.***

***Hebrews 2:9: So that He might taste death for everyone.***

***1 John 2:2: He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.***

***8] 2 Corinthians 5:15: and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.***

Today…Let me point you to Jesus. He is the Lamb for sinners slain. There is none other like Him!

(That I may know him) **and the power…**

**9} A Resurrected Life** will be powerful.

The resurrection didn’t happen, just so that we could live defeated, despondent, powerless lives.

***10] Matthew 28:2-4: And behold, there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven and came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. 3 His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. 4 And for fear of him the guards trembled and became like dead men.***

To this point, Jesus’ time on earth had been marked by:

* Simplicity
* Meekness
* Humility

But He arose with power and authority.

So it is, that we would come in humility, to the Cross. And that we would live an empowered, resurrected life.

***11] Romans 8:11: If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.***

What does this mean?

* We’re not living in a different world or reality.
* We have a different object of faith
	+ Not temporary, fallible.
	+ Eternal. Almighty. Ever-present.

Our faith is in the Risen Lord. The one of whom the angel said…Come and See. Go and Tell.

* Let us daily see His resurrection power at work in and through our lives.
* Let us daily declare that He is risen, to a world that is in need of life.

As glorious and astounding as His resurrection, so can be the resurrected life that we have in Him.

***12] Romans 6:5: For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.***

(That I may know him and the power) **of His resurrection.**

**13] A Resurrected Life** must be preceded by death.

One cannot be resurrected, unless they first admit that they are dead.

***14] Ephesians 2:1: And you were dead in the trespasses and sins.***

So many don’t have life with Christ because they’ve never admitted that they have no life without Him.

* We can’t have resurrection without repentance.
* Without a relationship with Jesus, this is just empty religion.
* In Matthew 25, Jesus warns of the dangers of empty religion.

***15] Ephesians 2:4-5: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—***

You cannot be saved unless you realize you’re lost. You cannot be resurrected unless you realize that you’re dead. There is salvation in Jesus, and in He alone.

**16] *Romans 10:9-10, 13: If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.***

***13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”***

Throughout our lives, there are moments, opportunities for salvation.

Today, this is that moment. You aren’t here, just because it’s Easter. You’re here because the Resurrection and the Life is available to ALL. Purpose. Forgiveness of sins. A new heart. A resurrected heart.

Will you do that today? Will you pray that prayer of salvation? Putting your faith in the Risen Savior, Jesus. Trading an empty heart, for an empty tomb…for the Savior of all mankind to come in and live in you. Let me introduce you to Him today. He is the One who makes all things new.