

# HE IS RISEN AND ALIVE

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## INTRODUCTION

There are four of our most important needs that are met only by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. We will share them shortly. First let us look at the Resurrected Christ as they saw Him in scripture.

- His appearance on Earth

Looked like any other human

*John 20:15 NKJV Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" She, supposing Him to be the gardener, said to Him, "Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have laid Him, and I will take Him away."*

Looked like any other except for the piercings

**John 20:24-29 NKJV** Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. **25** The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." **26** And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" **27** Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." **28** And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" **29** Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

- His appearance in Heaven - Revelation 1:8;10-18 in full Kingly regalia as we will see Him. Two conditions prepared John for this vision. "In The Spirit" on "the Lord's Day" "In Exile for His faith" uncompromising, he was the only apostle to die of natural causes.

**Revelation 1:8 NKJV** "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

**Revelation 1:10-18 NKJV** I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, **11** saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send it to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." **12** Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, **13** and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. **14** His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; **15** His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; **16** He had in His right hand seven stars, out

*of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength. 17 And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last. 18 I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.*

- Peter crucified upside down
- James son of Zebedee beheaded by Agrippa
- Andrew crucified on an x shaped cross in Greece
- Phillip martyred in Asia Minor by crucifixion or hanging
- Bartholomew flayed alive and beheaded in Armenia
- Thomas speared to death in India
- Matthew by sword in Ethiopia
- James the just stoned to death in Jerusalem
- Thaddeus martyred while preaching in Persia
- Simon the Zealot sawed in half in Persia
- Judas died by suicide
- Matthias stoned and beheaded.

#### 1. Peace With God

- Our need for forgiveness. We have offended God. How do we create offense and make an enemy? Violating their standards or principles. 10 Commandments.

**Romans 5:10 NKJV** For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

**Romans 4:25 NKJV** who was delivered up because of our offenses, and was raised because of our justification.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV** For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**1 Peter 2:24 NKJV** who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.

- God offers us forgiveness we must acknowledge our offenses.

**1 John 1:9 NKJV** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- “If I’ve done anything please forgive me. No acknowledgement, no sincerity.
- Jesus offered Judas forgiveness at the last supper.

**John 13:26 NKJV** Jesus answered, “It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it.” And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon.

**Ephesians 1:7 NKJV** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace

- God forgives and forgets

**Hebrews 8:12 NKJV** For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

- Restored to Peace with God, no more guilt, shame and fear.

***Romans 5:1 NKJV** Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,*

## 2. Power for living.

- All the power you will ever need.

***Ephesians 1:19-20 NKJV** and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His mighty power **20** which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places,*

- Power over temptation and sin. Power for your needs.

***Romans 7:15 NKJV** For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do.*

***Romans 8:1-2 NKJV** There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. **2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.*

- Power for all your needs - Gifts of Holy Spirit
- Power for ministry. Power for the needs of others.

***Matthew 10:1-2 NKJV** And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease. **2** Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother;*

**Mark 16:15-18 NKJV** And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. **16** He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. **17** And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; **18** they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

### 3. Position of Authority

- Raised and seated with Him, sharing His authority.

**Ephesians 2:4-6 NKJV** But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, **5** even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), **6** and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

- We are in Schooling for Ruling and Training for Reigning, man was originally “co-ruler” with God, that is still God’s plan.

**2 Timothy 2:12 NKJV** If we endure, We shall also reign with Him. If we deny Him, He also will deny us.

**Revelation 5:9-10 NKJV** And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, **10** And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth.”

**Revelation 20:4-6 NKJV** And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their

foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for [a]a thousand years. 5 But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

- Learning to use what we have been given prepares us for eternity.

**Luke 19:11-27 NKJV** Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. 12 Therefore He said: “A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, ‘Do business till I come.’ 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, ‘We will not have this man to reign over us.’ 15 “And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned ten minas.’ 17 And he said to him, ‘Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.’ 18 And the second came, saying, ‘Master, your mina has earned five minas.’ 19 Likewise he said to him, ‘You also be over five cities.’ 20 “Then another came, saying, ‘Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. 21 For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.’ 22 And he said to him, ‘Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. 23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?’ 24 “And he said to those who stood by, ‘Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.’

*25 (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')* *26 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 27 But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.'* ”

#### 4. Place In The Family of God.

- No longer orphans without proper parenting. I Belong! Church is Family.
- We come together to learn how to “get along”

***Ephesians 3:14-15 NKJV** For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named,*

- “abba - Daddy” not “Avinu- Our Father”

***Romans 8:14-15 NKJV** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. 15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.”*

***John 20:17 NKJV** Jesus said to her, “Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, ‘I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.’ ”*

- The privilege of sonship.

***John 16:23-27 NKJV** “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. 24 Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. 25 “These things I have spoken to you in figurative language; but the time is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figurative language, but I will tell you plainly about the Father. 26 In that day you will ask in My name, and I do not say to you that I shall pray the Father for*

*you; 27 for the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from God.*