

THE POWER YOU NEED FOR CHANGE

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*“And if Christ has not been raised...your faith is useless...But in fact, **Christ has been raised** from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life.” (1 Corinthians 15:14,20–22, NLT)*

THE CANCER THAT’S KILLING US...

“When Adam sinned, sin entered the world. Adam’s sin brought death, so death spread to everyone, for everyone sinned.” (Romans 5:12, NLT)

In the garden we died...

- **IMMEDIATELY**: Spiritual death

“It’s your sins that have cut you off from God.” (Isaiah 59:2a, NLT)

- **PROGRESSIVELY**: Physical death

“For sin is the sting that results in death...” (1 Corinthians 15:56a, NLT)

- **ETERNALLY**: Eternal death

“I saw the dead, both great and small, standing before God’s throne. And the books were opened, including the Book of Life...And anyone whose name was not found recorded in the Book of Life was thrown into the lake of fire.” (Revelation 20:12,15, NLT)

WHAT JESUS ACCOMPLISHED WHEN HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD

- 1) COLLAPSED THE **PARTITION** OF SIN.

“...Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.” (Ephesians 2:13, NLT)

- 2) CANCELED THE **PENALTY** OF SIN.

“But thank God! He gives us victory over sin and death through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:57, NLT)

- 3) CONQUERED THE **POWER** OF SIN.

“Sin need never again be your master, for now you are no longer tied to the law where sin enslaves you, but you are free under God’s favor and mercy.” (Romans 6:14, The Living Bible)

HOW TO EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

1. BELIEVE IN GOD’S GIFT.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16, NIV)

PRAYER OF SALVATION

2. RECEIVE GOD’S GRACE.

“Peter replied, “Each of you must repent of your sins and turn to God, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Then you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38, NLT)

BAPTISMS – Today!

3. ACHIEVE GOD’S GOAL.

“Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord...” (Romans 7:24–25, NLT)

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