

GOOD FRIDAY – Come Alive!

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I. MORE THAN 2000 YRS. AGO, GOD'S REDEMPTIVE PLAN CHANGED THE COURSE OF HUMAN HISTORY, ETERNALLY —

A. The *power of Sin & Death* were both broken through the Crucifixion & *by the Resurrection* of *Jesus Christ* on that 1st post-crucifixion morn —

B. *Death was defeated* — From *Jesus* going forward, *True Life (Spiritual Life [God-life])* would Triumph —

1. Through the *Crucifixion* & *Resurrection* of *Jesus*, God's Pre-Edenic Design for mankind was fully Recovered & *Satan's dark kingdom of Rebellion* was foreclosed on by the Light —

2. **God** always intended for **man** to be ruled by his *spirit*, with man's *soul* (mind, will, & emotions) following the *spirit's direction*, & man's body coming under the dominion of the *spirit & soul*.

C. On **Palm Sunday**, we entered *Passion Week* in the reality that every man, woman, boy, & girl **must take the Lamb unto themselves** — reference to **Exod. 12:3**

1. And **by His blood**, we can **live** again —

D. On this Good Friday, **we may be cast down** but we are not downcast, — 2 Cor. 4:8-10

1. **We may be persecuted, but we are not abandoned** — 2 Cor. 4:9

E. No sir, **we may be pressed on every side, but we not crushed** — on the contrary, we are wholly enthusiastic with our **heads held high** in the **redemptive work** of our **Savior** —

F. You see, we **rejoice** because **we carry about in our bodies the dying of our Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus might be made manifest in our body!"**

2 Cor. 4:10

G. Our **Hope** soars high because our *Focus* is on **His Cross - His Sacrifice** —

1. No wonder then that in 1836, the famed *Hymnologist* Edward Mote would write with pen: **"MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS"** —

Vs 1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood & righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Vs 2 When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
in every high & stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.

Vs 3 His oath, His covenant, His blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope & stay.

Vs 4 When He shall come with trumpet
sound,
O may I then in Him be found:
dressed in His righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the Throne.

G. *"We CARRY in our bodies the dying of our Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus (Seed) might be made manifest in our body (harvest)!"* **2 Cor. 4:10**

H. When we focus on the *Cross*, our *Suffering Savior* makes us **ALIVE** with *His Sacrifice* —

I. **"Surely He has borne our griefs & carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten of God, & afflicted."** Isa. 53:4

J. Why did **He** suffer so? *Isaiah* wrote:
"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, & by His stripes we are healed." Isa. 53:5

K. When we realize that the Horrors on this Friday would be *the reason* we would celebrate **Life** eternally — we are at once struck with the **truth** that **EVERYTHING God** does **begins with a seed**.

1. When we SEE **Jesus**, we understand that when **God** wanted a family, **He sowed the Seed of His only begotten Son!**

L. At *Calvary*, our faith is *aroused* to **believe in a New Day** —

1. We are provoked to **receive** the **supernatural blessings & benefits** of a **Passover-Resurrection** —

M. At *Calvary's* rugged *Golgatha hill*, we look upon the *Innocent Sufferer* suspended between heaven & earth on the Cruel Beam of Condemnation, hearing again the words of **Abraham**, **"God Himself will provide THE Lamb for an offering..."** Gen. 22:8

N. And **Jesus** would say, **"Come see the place where He lay."** Matt. 28:6

II. **I SEE SOMETHING HERE...**

A. I see the Eternal Principle of **Seedtime & Harvest** —

B. This **Truth** was established before the foundations of the world —

1. Script. **"While the earth remains, seedtime & harvest, summer & winter, day & night will not cease."** Gen. 8:22

C. God has a **Plan & a Purpose** for each of our **Lives** — & the **Blessing ON** our life is **already present IN** our life by **His Word OVER** our life —

1. Each of us already has our **SEED** —

2. And it is our **FAITH** that **activates** (germinates with) our **SEED** to yield to us **God's** ordained **Harvest** —

3. You see, every **SEED** already contains **a harvest** within it.

a. And it is in this **Supernatural Moment** that we meet **God's resurrection miracles**, & it is the **SEED He** has placed in **YOUR hand** that can unlock **a harvest of DOUBLE!**

D. Every *farmer*, when preparing for their harvest, knows that 3 things are vital:

1. The right soil. If you **sow** into stony ground, you'll **not** reap anything back.

2. The right seed. The *farmer* does not plant watermelon **seeds** & expect a harvest of **tomatoes**!

a. The **seed** you **sow** will reproduce after its own kind.

b. This is why we are instructed to **sow in faith**... our **faith** activates **God's miracle**.

c. Script. **"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, & whoever sows generously will also reap generously. We sow according to our faith. For God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."**

2 Cor. 9:6-8

3. **The right season**. There is no better time to *sow for our miracle* than in **the season** **God** gave us **His** very best gift - the gift *of His only begotten Son*, — *"for the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* Rom. 6:23

E. The only way **WE** can control the harvest we receive *is by the soil, seed*, & the **season we choose** & the *faith* required to **sow**.

F. When I think about what **God** has given me — the **gift** of **Jesus Christ** — my **Messiah-Savior**, my **Generous Redeemer**

1. My view of my **SEED** & the **SOWER** are forever changed —

2. When we understand **God's** process of exchange, **His** economy of miracles - everything looks different —

G. So, what kind of return does **God** promise us?

1. When our **seed** is **sown in good ground** we can expect a yield of **thirty, sixty** or a **hundred times as much**. (Mark 4:20)
2. You may ask, "**How is that possible?**"
3. **Because we're living in a different kingdom** – with a **RESURRECTED KING!**

H. This Biblical Law of Seedtime & Harvest is so sure, that when **William Colgate** (as in the popular toothpaste) started Colgate in **1806**, he committed to **donate 10% of all the companies income**. As the years passed & **God** blessed his work, he increased his giving to **20%**, then **30%**, then **40%**, & finally **50%** of all the companies income! All the while, **God** blessed his efforts. **William** simply could not out-give God, & neither can we.

I. Because of **God's** desire for a Family, & **His** very best gift given to us as a **Seed**, we hold our heads high & declare . . .

1. Script. ***"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me & gave Himself for me."*** Galatians 2:20

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