



# FRESH POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

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Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023

**Romans 1:3-4:** “Concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, [and] declared [to be] the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.”

The term ‘declare’ is translated as ‘horizo’ in Greek or ‘horizon’, which means a place on top, put above, and marked out. This was used to describe Jesus Christ, who resurrected from the dead and describes us, who are in Him.

As we start our Easter series, let us appreciate the ultimate **“Fresh Start”** event that Jehovah God performed for humanity: the public death and resurrection of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, for damaged, depraved and lost man!

God is inviting you into the enjoyment of the ‘Fresh Power of His Resurrection.’

### The Worldly System of Satan

The world we live in is a systematised order of things that serves the devil’s interests and agenda!

All pillars of society (family, government, business / economy, education, science and technology, media, sports, arts and culture, and religion - of which the church is a part) are under the influence of the worldly system of Satan.

**1 John 5:19** says: “We know that we are of God, and the ***whole world*** lies under the sway of the wicked one.”

Versions of **1 John 5:19** translate “lies under the sway” as “*under the rule of ...*”, “*under the power of ...*” and “*under the control of ...*”. These do not describe a condition of being under attack but rather reveal that the evil one rules, controls, has power over and sways the world!

News flash: many churches are included!!

This means that as a church, we need the fresh power of the resurrection more than we think.

### Church Issues and Scriptural Responses

#### **1. The Loveless Ephesian Church - Revelation 2:4**

The Scriptural response to this type of church is in **Galatians 4:9**.

#### **2. The Compromising Church in Pergamos - Revelation 2:14-15**

The Scriptural response to this type of church is in **Galatians 4:9**.

#### **3. The Corrupt Church in Thyatira - Revelation 2:20**

The Scriptural response to this type of church is in **2 Peter 1:3-4**.

There is also the dead church in Sardis (**Revelation 3:1**) and the lukewarm church in Laodicea (**Revelation 3:15**).

### Why Are Our Churches Like This?

1. Desire for pleasure – **James 4:1**
2. Lust and covetousness – **James 4:2**
3. Satisfying the lust of the flesh – **James 4:3**
4. Adultery: We are the bride of Christ, and Christ and God are our husband; so, we in turn, must be chaste. – **James 4:4**

God yearns for us jealously. When our churches exhibit these characteristics, it grieves Him greatly.

### Our Response

1. The Church is to match God and represent God in all the pillars of society.
2. The Church has only one goal on earth: to pursue God by the fresh power of the resurrected One.