

## **EASTER APRIL 1, 2018**

**John 3:16** For this is how God loved the world: He gave His one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent His Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through Him.

**For us to have life, Jesus had to come, suffer, & die.**

**Matthew 28:1** Early Sunday morning, the new day was dawning, Mary Magdalene & the other Mary went out to the tomb. Suddenly there was a great earthquake! An angel of the Lord came down from heaven, rolled aside the stone, & sat on it. 3 His face shone like lightning, & his clothing was as white as snow. 4 The guards shook w/ fear when they saw him, & they fell into a dead faint. 5 The angel spoke to the women. “Don’t be afraid!” he said. “I know you’re looking for Jesus, who was crucified. 6 He isn’t here! He’s risen from the dead, **(HE’S ALIVE!!)** just as He said would happen. Come, see where His body was lying. 7 Now, go quickly & tell His disciples He’s risen from the dead...

**John 11:25** Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying.

**Romans 4:25** He was handed over to die because of our sins, and He was raised to life to make us right with God.

**Romans 6:5** Since we’ve been united w/ Him in His death, we’ll also be raised to life as He was. 6 We know that our old sinful selves were crucified w/ Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We’re no longer slaves to sin. When we died w/ Christ we were set free from the power of sin. Since we died w/ Christ, we know we’ll also live with Him. 9 We’re sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, & He’ll never die again. Death no longer has any power over Him. 10 When He

died, He died once to break the power of sin. Now that He lives, He lives for the glory of God. 11 You also should consider yourselves to be dead to the power of sin & **alive to God through Jesus**. 12 Don't let sin control the way you live; don't give in to sinful desires. 13 Don't let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead, but **now you have new life**. Use your whole body as an instrument to do what's right for the glory of God. Sin's no longer your master, you no longer live under the requirements of the law. You live under the freedom of God's grace

**Romans 8:10** Christ lives **within you**, so even though your body will die because of sin, the **Spirit gives you life** because you've been made right with God. 11 The Spirit of God, who raised Jesus from the dead, **lives in you**. And just as God raised Christ Jesus from the dead, **He will give life to your mortal bodies** by this same Spirit living within you.

**Ephesians 1:19** I pray that you'll understand the incredible **greatness of God's power for us** who believe Him. This is the **same mighty power** that raised Christ from the dead...

**Romans 8:15 MSG** This **resurrection life you received** from God isn't a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God w/ a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits & confirms who we really are. We know who He is, & we know who we are: Father & children. We know we're going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance!

**Ephesians 2:1** Once you were dead (*but you're not anymore!*) because of your disobedience & your many sins. 2 You **used to live** in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil—the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He's the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God. 3 All of us **used to live** that way, following the passionate desires & inclinations of our sinful nature. By

our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. 4 But God is so rich in mercy, & He loved us so much, 5 that even though we were dead because of our sins, **He gave us life when He raised Christ from the dead.** (It's only by God's grace that you've been saved!) 6 **He raised us** from the dead along w/ Christ & *seated us w/ Him* in the heavenly realms because **we're united w/ Jesus.** 7 God can point to us in all future ages as examples of the incredible wealth of His grace & kindness toward us, as shown in all He has done for us who are united w/ Jesus. 8 God saved you by His grace when you believed. You can't take credit for this; it's a gift from God. 9 Salvation's not a reward for the good things we've done, so none of us can boast about it 10 **We are God's masterpiece.** He's created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things He planned for us long ago.

**2 Corinthians 4:14** We know that God, who raised the Lord Jesus, will also **raise us with Jesus...**

**Colossians 3:4** And when Christ, **who is your life,** is revealed to the whole world, **you will SHARE in all His glory.**

**1 Peter 1:3 (Good News Translation)** Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of His great mercy **He gave us new life** by raising Jesus Christ from death. This fills us w/ a living hope..

### **\*RESPONSE**

*God has given you **His life,** His power, His Spirit – the same Spirit/Life/Power that conquered the grave lives in you!!*

*Resurrection power to raise your dead soul, your marriage, your children, your health, your finances, your dreams...*

*You may be here and feel like your usefulness is dead, I believe God is stirring hope in you today. Your best days are ahead!*

*You may feel like you've made some wrong decisions & been distracted, & now you feel like your vision is no longer relevant... Do you remember what was in your heart, the vision you used to dream about?*

*God's resurrection power is raising some marriages today. God wants to raise up some dead dreams. The Lord still has life for you. As long as you have breath, God has life for you here.*

***Let's pray right now** that God is bringing **new life** into your vision, marriage, business, children, health/body, finances.*

*Submit/surrender to Jesus, receive His life today. Rise up and receive the new life, new season that Jesus has for you.*