

EASTER April 9, 2023
Resurrection Life!

John 10:10 The thief's purpose is to steal & kill & destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich & satisfying life. (*an Abundant Life!*)

"We have His abundant life because of His payment on the cross."

John 11:25 ... "I am the resurrection & the life. Anyone who believes in Me will live, even after dying.

Jesus died for us to receive eternal life

It's possible to have a life that doesn't appear successful to the world, but is faithful to God. That's the insaneness of the Cross.

The Cross looks like failure, but is the greatest act of faithfulness - it created the possibility of abundant life for you & me...

Ephesians 1:19 I pray that you will 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...

C.S. Lewis *"Jesus didn't come to make bad people good. Jesus came to make dead people alive."*

****PRAYER FOR HOLY SPIRIT AWAKENING****

****GRACE TO GRACE****

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 is risen from the dead... (*to life*)

Romans 4:25 He was handed over to die because of our sins, & He was raised to life to make us right w/ God.

Romans 6:5 TPT Since we're permanently grafted into Him to experience a death like His, then we're permanently grafted into Him to experience a resurrection like His & the new life that it imparts. Could it be any clearer, that our former identity is now & forever deprived of its power? We were co-crucified w/ Him to dismantle the stronghold of sin w/in us, so that we would not continue to live a moment longer submitted to sin's power. ⁷ Obviously a dead person is incapable of sinning ⁸ If we're co-crucified w/ the Anointed One, we know that we'll share in the fullness of His life. ⁹ We know since the Anointed One's been raised from the dead to die no more; His resurrection life has vanquished death & its power over Him is finished ¹⁰ By His sacrifice He died to sin's power once & for all, but He now lives continuously for the Father's pleasure. ¹¹ Let it be the same way w/ you!

Romans 8:10 TPT Christ lives His life in you! Even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, His life-giving Spirit imparts life to you because you're fully accepted by God. ¹¹ Yes, God raised Jesus to life! Since God's Spirit of Resurrection lives in you, He'll also raise your dying body to life by the same Spirit that breathes life into you!

Romans 8:15 MSG This resurrection life you received from God isn't a timid, grave-tending life. It is adventurously expectant...

Ephesians 2:4 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 are united w/ Jesus.

Response time - Why this matters

**God has given you His Resurrection Life/Spirit/Power to raise your dead soul, marriage, children, health, finances, to raise your dreams...*

**Do you remember the dream/mission that was in your heart; the life you used to dream about? God wants to raise up some dead dreams today.*

**God's resurrection power is raising some families & marriages today.*

**You may feel like you've made some wrong decisions & been distracted & now you feel like you've been passed over in your life...*

**You may feel like your usefulness is dead; I believe God is stirring hope in you today. The Lord still has life for you. Your best days are ahead!*

As long as you have breath, God has life for you here!

Let's pray right now that God is bringing new life & power to you...

1 Peter 1:3 GNT Let's give thanks to the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Because of His great mercy **He gave us new life** by raising Jesus from death. This fills us w/ a **living hope**...

LET'S GO

Moving Forward w/ God

Pursue Jesus

Experience Life

Fulfill Purpose

Make a Difference

***SALVATION PRAYER**

Some of you feel far from God. Or you've walked away from God, you don't even know where you are. But you're feeling drawn to Jesus today.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal **life** through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Your sins are mighty to destroy, but Jesus is more mighty to save.

I want to encourage you to give your life to Him. If you're ready to submit your life to Jesus & accept His life today - I want to pray for you to receive the new hope that Jesus has for you. Or you say, "I'm ready to come back to You Jesus" I want you to say right now, "Count me in!"

Each passing year increases my conviction that all I have is Jesus.

Today Father, I believe, Jesus is Lord, Lord Jesus, come into my life, make me a new person, give me peace in my heart, fill me w/ Your Spirit, I receive Your Resurrection Life, in Jesus name, Amen.