



THE WORD *Alive*

The Preaching Ministry of
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RESURRECTION REALITIES: *POWER FOR LIVING*

Eph 1:18-23 Phil 3:10-11

Eph 1:18-23 *"I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. 22 And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, 23 which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.*

Phil 3:10 *"I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead."*

The Apostle Paul states that the very power that transformed and resurrected the life of our Lord, is focused upon and appropriated to you to radically transform and resurrect your life MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY and SPIRITUALLY. It is the POWER FOR LIVING.

I. POWER IN THE MENTAL REALM

"I pray also that... you may know the hope to which he has called you," (v. 18)
"Peace be unto you". (Lk. 24:36)

The resurrection power brought tranquility and hope to the mind and soul of these first apostles and to every believer throughout the ages who has appropriated it.

II. POWER IN THE PHYSICAL REALM

"...That power is like the working of his mighty strength, 20 which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms," (v. 19-20)

Paul says the power at work within Christ during His life in the Physical realm by which he conducted miracles, healed sickness and even restored life and by which he was resurrected and exalted to the right Hand of God is the same power of God appropriated to you for living.

III. POWER IN THE SPIRITUAL REALM

20 "... when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, 21 far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come."

The resurrection has released Jesus Christ from all powers that would bind and enslave Him in the physical world and has given him all authority in the eternal spiritual realm as well.

Rev. 1:17 *"... Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. 18 I am the Living One; I was dead, and behold I am alive for ever and ever! And I hold the keys of death and Hades."*

Jn 14:19 *"Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live."*

Paul can use no greater superlatives to describe the authority and dominion of Christ even in the Spiritual realm. He is Lord of ALL.

CHALLENGE

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ was not simply a historical event but one with enduring effect which makes possible the transformation of life in every dimension. Paul earnestly prays that you know this resurrection power of Easter and specifically that you allow it to transform your life and give you Hope.

The greatest miracle ever is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the grave. The next greatest miracle is the transformation and resurrection of YOUR LIFE through the resurrection power of our Lord.

Have you experienced that Easter miracle in your life?

Paul prayed that you might know this power...the POWER FOR LIVING.

Would you make that prayer to receive it and appropriate it this day?