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The Power of Resurrection

Introduction

Apostle Paul had so many credentials as a devout Jew —
Phil 3:4-6; Acts 22:3; 26:5; 2 Cor 11:22.

In fact he had excelled others in his religion;
but he counted everything as “*rubbish*” for the pursuit
of the knowledge of the “*Power of Resurrection*” of Christ
(Phil 3:10)

He declared before the Jewish Council that he was judged
“*concerning the hope and resurrection of the dead*”—
(Acts 23:6).

His challenge before King Agrippa was also the same —
(Acts 26:7,8).

Have we understood the meaning and the practical
application of the “*Power of Resurrection*”
in our lives today?

Jesus promised that we can experience
the “*Power of Resurrection*” both before and after death —
(Jn 11:25,26).

Experiencing the Power of Resurrection today:

1. Justification by Resurrection

Rom 4:17-25 ... *Abraham ... righteousness ... not for
his sake alone ... also for us ... raised
because of our justification*

5:10 ... *reconciled thro' death ... saved by His life*

10:9,10 ... *believe ... God raised Him ... saved*

Eph 1:18-20 ... *power toward us ... raised Him ...*

2:1,4-6 ... *raised us together ... made alive ...*

Col 2:12,13 ... *buried ... raised ... baptism ... forgiven*

1 Pet 3:21 ... *baptism ... saves ... thro' resurrection*

2. Victory over sin by Resurrection

Rom 6:4-14 (Read the entire passage carefully.)

raised ... walk ... no longer slaves to sin ...

freed from sin ... alive to God ... present

your organs ... sin shall not have dominion

1 Cor 15:14,17 ... *If Christ is not risen ... preaching vain*

... faith vain ... still in sins

3. Ministerial gifts through Resurrection

Jn 7:39 ... *Holy Spirit not yet given ...*

Jesus not yet glorified

Acts 2:32,33 ... *God raised up Jesus ... received the*

promise of the Holy Spirit ... poured out

Rom 1:4,5 ... *resurrection ... grace ... apostleship*

Eph 4:7-12 ... *Christ's gift ... ascended ... gifts ...*

Acts 4:33 ... *great power ... resurrection ...*

4. Intercessory ministry thro' Resurrection

Rom 8:34 ... *Christ ... died ... risen ... intercession ...*

Heb 4:14-16 ... *High Priest... heavens... Throne of Grace*

7:25 ... *ever lives to make intercession ...*

Jn 14:13,14; 16:23,24 ... *ask the Father in My name ...*

5. Life for our bodies thro' Resurrection

Rom 8:11 ... *Spirit who raised Jesus ... life to mortal*

bodies through the Holy Spirit ...

2 Cor 12:9 ... *thorn ... grace ... power of Christ ...*

13:4 ... *crucified ... lives by the power of God ...
weak ... live by the power ...*
Rom 8:23 ... *firstfruits of the Spirit ... redemption
of the body ...*
1 Cor 15:42-50; 53-55 ... *sown ... raised ... natural ...
spiritual ... earthly ... heavenly ... immortality
i.e. glorified bodies*

6. Relationships thro' the power of Resurrection

Jn 20:17 ... Words of the Risen Saviour:
*"My brothers ... My Father and your Father
... My God and your God"*
We are all the children of the same family.

Rom 14:7-10 ... *live ... die ... Christ died ...
rose ... Why judge your brother?*

Acts 3:14,15 ... *you killed ... God raised ...
we are witnesses*
(Together in witnessing for Christ)

4:32-34 ... The power of Resurrection fused
the believers together.

7. Endurance of sufferings thro' Resurrection

Rom 8:34,35 ... *Christ died ... risen ... tribulation ...
distress ... persecution ... famine ...*

2 Cor 1:8-10 ... *trouble ... God who raises the dead ...
delivered ... delivers ... will deliver*

4:7 ... *earthen vessels ... power ... God
:11,14 ... delivered to death ... life of Jesus in
our mortal flesh ... raised Jesus ...
will raise us up ...*

2 Tim 2:8-11 ... *Christ raised ... trouble ... chains ...
endure ... shall live with Him ...*

Heb 11:35 ... *tortured ... better resurrection*

Only to the Church in Smyrna,
Jesus introduces Himself as the One
"Who was dead, and came to life" (Rev 2:8)

This Church was under severe persecution —
v9 ... *tribulation ... blasphemy ...*
v10 ... *suffer ... prison ... tribulation ...*

The Promise if "faithful to death" —
vv10,11 ... *crown of life ... no second death ...*

Sing: *He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives?
He lives within my heart!*

— Alfred H. Ackley, 1887-1960

The author composed this hymn in answer
to a challenging question:

"Why should I worship a dead Jew?"